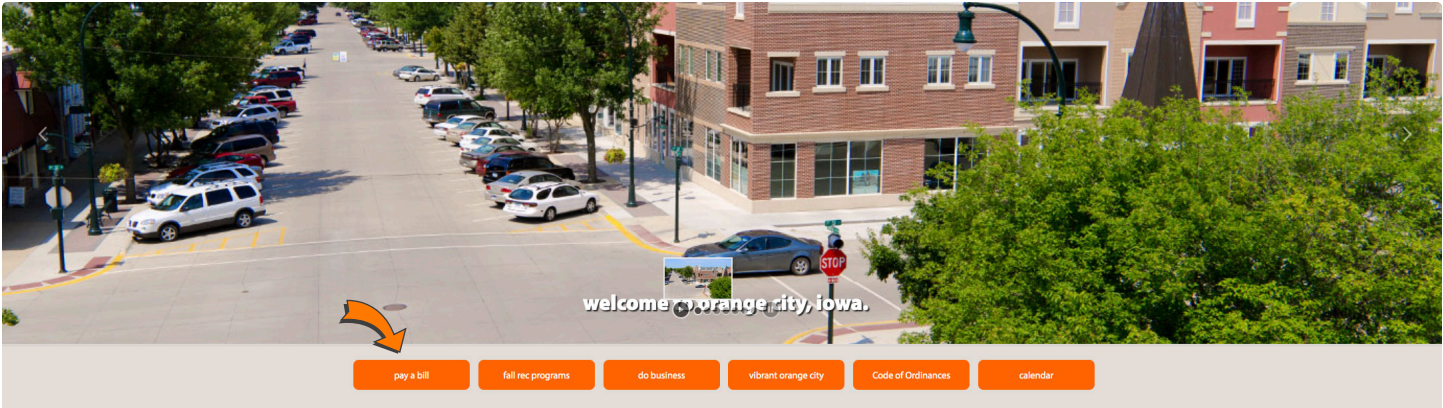


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new billing system software adds convenience

Office staff has been working hard upgrading our utility billing software. We are excited to share all the new features available to you!

On your last utility bill, you may have noticed the change in format, a new graph showing water usage, and a QR code. By scanning this QR code with your phone camera, you will be brought to the new online site where you can pay your bill or sign in/register to view your account. To register, you will need your utility account number and your last payment amount.

With the new billing software, we would like to bring a few things to your attention:

- If your email is on file, you will get a notification when your bill is processed. This is just a notification. You do not need to put in any information unless you would like to pay right away.
- If you do make an online account, you can see your history and make a payment, but you do not have to pay your bill that way.
- If you have had ACH before the new system, you do not need to make any changes or pay your bill a different way. This will continue the same being taken out the due date of the bills.
- If you pay through your bank online, please update your account number (see top right corner of your bill). This is to ensure we give credit to the correct account.
- If you send in payment, please ensure it is addressed to PO Box 406.
- Scan the QR code on your utility bill or visit us at orangecityiowa.com. Scroll down to find an orange button that says, "pay a bill". This brings you to our online payments' website.

Go check out the new features online!



snowmobiles

With the onset of winter, enjoying the new snowfall with our snowmobiles becomes a beckoning call for some. Whenever you are within the City limits of Orange City, please follow these rules:

- Snowmobiles cannot be operated on any streets, alleyways, public park grounds, trails, or sidewalks.
- Snowmobiles are allowed on City streets only in an "emergency" when snowfall has rendered vehicle traffic impractical. However, use of this equipment is at the discretion of local law enforcement.

For more information, please contact the Orange City Police Department at (712)-707-4885.

sinterklaas dag

Children aged pre-kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to be at Stadscentrum at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 3. Follow Sinterklaas and Piet in a parade to the city hall where they will learn the history of Sinterklaas through a puppet show and several new games. The activities will conclude at 11:45 AM with singing a song to Sinterklaas and receiving a Dutch chocolate treat.

For more information, go to: www.dutchheritageboosters.com or www.facebook.com/dutchheritageboosters



share your story

vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city

Have you moved to Orange City in the past few years? We would love to hear why you chose our vibrant community to call home! Use the QR code or follow the link to share your story!



upcoming mainstage event

November 26, 7:30-8:30 pm

Hollander Jazz Christmas
Join us for an evening of holiday jazz and swing music by Hollander Jazz. These jazz and Christmas songs will be sure to leave you feeling festive!

For more mainstage events, or to get involved with your OC arts, visit orangecityarts.org.

**the city offices are closed
december 26 & January 2**







look local first

The Orange City Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with many in the local business community, has announced it will promote local shopping this holiday season with their Look local first - Orange City program.



Our community continues to grow. We need you to do your part to help us continue to thrive. Orange City is filled with local small businesses that are run by our neighbors and friends. Our local entrepreneurs are following their passion, enriching your community, and are the lifeblood of a sustainable local economy. When you support their businesses, you enjoy the benefits of a local face, a personal experience, and friendly smile.

Looking local first has many benefits:

-  **KEEPING DOLLARS IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY** - locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.
-  **COMMUNITY WELL-BEING** - locally owned businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes.
-  **ENTREPRENEURSHIP** - Entrepreneurship fuels America's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the middle class.
-  **PRODUCT DIVERSITY** - A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

We have an opportunity to support these business owners that we continuously ask for donations to support our children’s causes, church group trips, and general fundraising campaigns. We must be even more aware and diligent to support those closest to us in any way we can. These small business owners need us now more than ever! If we do not support them, we will lose them.

The Orange City Chamber is encouraging a mindset of thinking locally first. We challenge you to look locally first for your next purchase, any purchase, and if you don't see it offered somewhere, ask a local small business owner if they can get the item you are looking for...chances are they can and would be happy to help you!

The Chamber is actively supporting our members through these opportunities and will continue to offer opportunities for all us to support an important part of our community.

recycle route change

Recycling will be Tuesday starting December 1st. Please have your recycling out at 7:00 am and leave out until 3:00 pm

- West side of Iowa Avenue
 - Everything west of Iowa Ave from south side of 7th St NW to Highway 10
- Questions? Call our office at 712-737-2645.



holiday events at the orange city public library

- December 10:** Las Posadas
11:00am at the City Hall (a Mexican Christmas celebration for children)
 - December 15:** Festive Flowers With Friends
6:30-8:30pm at the Prairie Winds Event Center (a creative adult event-please register on the library website by December 2)
 - December 17:** Festive Family Fun
10:00am-12:00pm at the Orange City Public Library (an open house event for the whole family)
- Check out our website for more details!
www.orangecitylibrary.org

keep your sidewalks clear

Orange City property owners are encouraged to keep their walkways cleared this winter, especially when you are out of town. When removing snow, never push or blow snow from the property, sidewalk, or driveway into the street.

Property owners are responsible for keeping their public sidewalks clear of snow and ice within 10 hours of accumulation. The City inspects uncleared sidewalks on a complaint basis, and if sidewalks remain uncleared upon inspection, the City will clear the snow and ice at the owner’s expense.

To report an uncleared sidewalk, please contact City Hall at [707-4885](tel:707-4885) and provide the address of the property.

