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orange city, iowa



Boston Brass: April 28th

ryan mcewen -new community development director

The City of Orange City and the Orange City Development Corporation (OCDC) are excited to introduce Ryan McEwen as the new Community Development Director for Orange City. Ryan and his wife Amy have lived a little longer than two years with their family in Orange City, and had previously lived in Orange City in the late 1990's and early 2000's when Amy completed her education at Northwestern and Ryan worked as a construction foreman for Bouma and Company. Ryan is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where he competed in gymnastics.

More recently Ryan and Amy lived and worked in Lincoln, NE, with a brief time in Houston, TX. In Lincoln, Ryan worked with his family construction business, and in sales for Voss Electric. Ryan currently serves as the Director of Facilities for Northwestern College and Amy manages the Scooters Coffee shop, which they own together.

Ryan begins his duties with the City on January 30 and will become a part of the employee leadership team while also working closely with OCDC and the Orange City Chamber of Commerce. As Community Development Director, Ryan will immediately become involved with current City and OCDC projects, with primary focus on housing, retail, commercial, and industrial development. In 2021 the City completed a Community Development Plan and much of Ryan's time will be spent assisting City staff, the City Council, and OCDC to execute the plan that has been developed and endorsed by both the City and OCDC.



Ryan McEwen - photo by Sharon Vermeer

City Administrator Earl Woudstra commented on Ryan's appointment. *"We are thrilled to have Ryan join the leadership team and look forward to his contribution to the continued growth and development of Orange City. He will bring fresh eyes and ideas on how we can continue to work together to help our citizens thrive."* Ryan shared, *"this position is very much recruiter, salesperson, construction management, a little bit of everything I've done my whole life. I am looking forward to getting started."*

welcome donna schaaap

Please join us in welcoming Donna Schaap as our new Accounts Receivable Specialist/Office Assistant. Donna lives in Maurice with her husband, Steve, and children, Ava and Caitlyn, along with grandson Liam. She also has a son, Christian, who lives in Washington. Donna has several years of experience working one on one with customers and with accounts receivable. You will be sure to connect with Donna, at some point, when you are contacting us as she works with the many different duties of our office.



orange city arts mainstage events 2023

Illusionist Jett Skrien

Join us for a captivating evening of mind-bending proportions with Illusionist Jett Skrien!

Jett's shows are more than just magic; they are intriguing, engaging, and captivating. Through stand-up and grand-scale illusions, Jett uniquely interacts with the audience personally and brings the entire experience with state-of-the-art illusions, dancing, and full-scale lighting and sound, making his show one to remember!

- March 25th, 7 pm
- Unity Knight Center

Boston Brass

Since 1986 Boston Brass has set out to establish a one-of-a-kind musical experience featuring colorful classical arrangements, burning jazz standards, and the best of original brass repertoire. Boston Brass treats audiences to a unique brand of musical entertainment that bridges the ocean of classical formality to delight regular concertgoers and newcomers alike with great music and boisterous fun.

- April 28th, 7:30 pm
- Northwestern College Christ Chapel

For tickets, and more information:
www.orangecityarts.org



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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!



high school seniors eligible for \$1,000 scholarships

Parents of high school seniors - Is your child planning to attend a college or technical college and interested in a line of study related to the electric industry? Missouri River Energy Services and Orange City Municipal Utilities are offering two types of scholarship opportunities:

\$1,000 scholarships:

for 2-year or 4-year undergraduate studies related to the energy industry. These awards may be renewed for up to three years.

\$1,000 scholarships

for 1-year studies to become a Power Lineworker at an eligible technical college in the upper Midwest region.



Scholarship applications for students graduating in 2023 are available from your high school guidance counselor or available at www.mrenergy.com. Check out this opportunity now! Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15.

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come to the orange city bridal show

Grab your best friend, fiancé, or mom and join us at the annual Orange City Bridal Show for a morning of sipping mimosas and sampling foods from the best caterers and bakers in the area; visit with professional photographers, DJ's, and other businesses here to help you with all your wedding day needs.

This event will be held on February 25th from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Prairie Winds Event Center. Each bride is encouraged to visit the registration table for a complimentary gift bag.


You do not want to miss seeing this year's trends for bridal dresses, tuxedos, reception attire, décor, and more!

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.

 for the most current information orangecityiowa.com

