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orange city, iowa



construction updates

14th Street Project:

Construction is nearing completion on the 14th Street project just west of the new MOC-FV Elementary School. The new trail from 14th Street to the Canals will begin in September. Please contact Kurt Frederes at City Hall to inquire about purchasing any available lot.

18th Street Project:

Construction on 18th Street just east of the old airport is underway and should be completed this winter. There will be four industrial lots available once construction is completed. Please contact Ryan McEwen at City Hall for lot information.

Hwy 10 Round-about

Construction on the Hwy 10 round-about is nearing completion and traffic is now flowing normally. There will be six LED street lights installed in the month of September that will conclude this state-funded project.

Commercieel Centrum

Orange City Development Corp. (OCDC) has signed a contract with Kwik Trip / Kwik Star for construction of a Kwik Star in the new Commercieel Centrum development. Construction will begin in the fall of 2024. Kwik Trip has over 800 convenience stores in the Midwest. For Commercial/Retail lot information contact Ryan McEwen at City Hall.

home energy assistance program

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP), offered through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc., may be able to help you pay your winter heating bill. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.

Your local Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications from November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Each applicant will need to furnish a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill; original Social Security or I-94 card for each household member; and proof of the household's income for the past month (4 weeks), the past twelve (12) months, or most recent tax return. Eligibility for participation is established according to the federal income guidelines listed in the chart above. Applicants eligible for an award will be paid on a first come, first served basis, and all payments are subject to availability of funds.

Household Size	Max. Annual Gross Income
1	\$29,160
2	\$39,440
3	\$49,720
4	\$60,000
5	\$70,280

*More than 5 members, add \$10,280 for each additional member.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact your local outreach office or phone: 800-859-2025, email: info@midsioux.org, hearing impaired call: 711



revealed the secret of great tulips

In the last couple of years, local volunteers have been tweaking the process of planting 15,000 tulip bulbs in Windmill Park in downtown Orange City.

Nora Mulder and John Buntsma, lead volunteers, have watched the beds get better each year , and have a few new ideas for this year.

“Our goal is to make next spring’s tulips look the best ever,” they said.

Up to a dozen volunteers have helped with planting the bulbs in the past. There is room for even more volunteers. Plans for this year are to plant bulbs late afternoon/early evening on Oct. 20 and the morning of Oct. 21. All the bulbs will find a home in their winter nests in just a few hours.

So, what’s the secret. Come to the park to find out on our planting dates. Be prepared to join a fun group of volunteers.

share your story

Have you moved to Orange City in the past few years? Use the QR code or follow the link to share your story of why you chose Orange City as home.



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emerald ash borer

Emerald Ash Borer has been making a significant impact to our tree canopy in Orange City.

The City is in the process of identifying diseased or dead trees in the right-of-way (ROW), and seeking bids for their removal over the course of the fall and winter. These trees will be marked and removed as contractors are available.

The City ROW is generally defined as the property between the sidewalk and the street – or where there are no sidewalks, the first 15 feet back from the curb.

Trees that are removed will have the stump ground out and soil replaced. We will be asking homeowners to seed the area after the trees are removed.



All removed trees will be taken to the tree and compost area on the west end of Orange City, where they will be ground into chips and removed.

For more information about the identification and removal of the diseased trees, please use this QR Code or go to:

<https://orangecityiowa.com/emerald-ash-borer/>

20th annual dutchmen field championships

The Pride of the Dutchmen Marching Band is proud to present the 20th Annual Dutchmen Field Championships at Korver Field on October 14. The event will take place from noon to 9:30 p.m. and feature a fireworks display to conclude the evening. We invite the community to come and enjoy the nearly 30 bands from around the Midwest. Tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$12 or in advance online for \$10. For more details, visit prideofthedutchmen.com.



Some important reminders for the community:

- Frankfort Ave by the high school will be closed for most of the day. (8th St. SE to 5th St. SE from roughly 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)
- Fireworks will be launched from the sandpit area behind ACE Hardware sometime around 9:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the event.
- There will be heavy bus, car, and pedestrian traffic around the stadium and high school. Please be extra vigilant and patient with out-of-town visitors.

did you know

We offer free automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings bank account. To sign up, you can either visit us at City Hall to fill out a form, or use the QR code to be directed to the form online. Once completed, please return to the city office in person, or email to saraha@orangecityiowa.com.

If you do prefer to send a physical check or cash payment, we kindly ask you to include the top portion of your bill to ensure payment is being applied to the correct account. Thank you!



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mezzo-soprano
melody wilson

October 18-19, 2023

Melody Wilson’s visit will be hosted by Orange City Arts (OC Arts) and Northwestern College Music Department (NWC). Melody will lead a 30-minute master class for local high school and college music students (Oct 18) and give a public performance accompanied by NWC professor and pianist Juyeon Kang. The concert titled “The Beauty of Colors” will reflect how the performers bring beautiful music embracing diversity. The concert will occur at Christ Chapel, NWC, on October 19 at 7:30 pm.

a conversation with
cheryl grey bostrom:
author of sugar birds

Thursday, November 2, 2023, 7pm

Vogel Community Room, DeWitt Library - Northwestern College

About the Author:

For most of her life, Pacific Northwest naturalist, photographer, poet, and author Cheryl Grey Bostrom has lived in the rural and wild lands that infuse her writing. Her work has appeared in a wide variety of print and online publications, currently including the American Scientific Affiliation’s God and Nature Magazine (for which she’s a regular photo essayist) and her blog titled Watching Nature, Seeing Life. A member of the Redbud Writers Guild, she has authored two non-fiction books and the award-winning novel Sugar Birds.

