

what's

# vibrant

orange city, iowa



## you are appreciated...and invited

The City of Orange City Customer Appreciation Picnic is planned for Wednesday evening, July 10, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the downtown Windmill Park. City Council and City employees will be serving up grilled sandwiches, chips, watermelon and ice cream treats. The meal is provided by Orange City Municipal Utilities and the ice cream by Casualty Insurance. Mark your calendars to be our guests to share a fun night with friends and family.

## spotlight series: meet the prairie winds event center team

We are excited to highlight the outstanding work of one City department each month. In June, we are recognizing Jess and Danielle from the Prairie Winds Event Center!

**Jess Kuehl** has been the Manager at Prairie Winds for the past 2.5 years. She has lived in Orange City for 7 years. She is married to Kody, and they have a 9-year-old daughter, two cats, and two dogs! Jess shared, "I enjoy being a part of special moments in Orange City citizens' lives, whether on their wedding day or at a Tulip Festival event."

**Danielle Zuidema** is the Assistant Manager and has served in this role for 2.5 years. She has lived in Orange City for the past 7 years and shared, "As a transplant to the area and a current City employee, I most enjoy welcoming outside visitors, hearing their stories, and educating them on the best places to eat and things to do in and around the area."



Danielle Zuidema & Jess Kuehl

Jess and Danielle's work has had a profound impact on our community and the surrounding areas. Their dedication, hard work, and positivity have made many special events possible, and we are truly grateful for their contributions.

Read more about Jess and Danielle on our website: <https://orangecityiowa.com>.



## got extra trash

If you have extra items that need to be disposed of, please call OC Sanitation at 712-737-2645 ahead of time to coordinate and review acceptable items. It is illegal to drop off anything outside of their business hours and/or without checking in with the office first. If you have extra trash to set out on your normal garbage pick-up day, please

stop in the City Office to purchase a tag for \$1 each. If you are needing a larger trash bin for your weekly pick-up, you are welcome to upgrade at any time for an additional charge on your monthly utility bill. For more information, please call OC Sanitation or visit their website: [www.ocsanitation.com/About.htm](http://www.ocsanitation.com/About.htm).

## ORANGE CITY arts onstage lineup in july

### July 3rd - Hollander Jazz:

Featuring favorite big band and combo jazz music with outstanding instrumental and vocal soloists.

### July 10th - Community Band:

About 40 members strong, the Community Band rehearses and plays together throughout the summer.

### July 15th - Shakespeare in the Park with Starling Shakespeare:

Starling Shakespeare Company's touring performances explore the playfulness, complexity, and humanity in the plays of William Shakespeare and his contemporaries.

### July 17th - Becky Schlegel:

Hailing from Minnesota, Becky's music is original, drawing on the influence of classic country, bluegrass, folk, and her own thoughtful spirit. (New Performer to our community)

### July 24th - Community Band:

Led by MOC-FV High School Band Director Dan Mangold, the Band is comprised of a wide range of ages and ability levels and is built on the philosophy that music can continue to be a regular part of life for all of us.

### July 31st - String Showdown:

Introducing The String Showdown, a thrilling dueling string act led by Greg Byers and Mike Lauer. Join them on a melodic journey spanning multiple decades and genres. (New Performer to our community)



## employment opportunity, including IPERS benefits

### Natural Gas Crewman position for the City of Orange City

The City of Orange City is seeking applications for a full-time Natural Gas Crewman position. This position works within the natural gas department, performing work related to the construction, maintenance, and operation of the City's underground natural distribution systems.

Join our team, and enjoy a comprehensive benefits package including Iowa Public Employee Retirement System (IPERS), health insurance, paid vacation, sick and personal leave, and work boot allowance.

Ideal candidates are those considered with relevant education and/or experience in the utility construction or plumbing industry. Previous experience in the natural gas field is not required; simply desire and ability to learn. Post High School education preferred. A valid driver's license and CDL is also required. Starting wage depends on qualifications.

Complete job description and online application are available on our website at: [vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/opportunities/employment](http://vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/opportunities/employment).



## reading, renewing, and repeating

We're in the middle of the Summer Reading Program here at the Orange City Public Library. Along with our reading challenge where you have the chance of winning prizes just for reading, we are also hosting weekly events for the whole family. From big bubbles in the park on June 25, bee keeping basics on July 2, or the grand finale of an outdoor movie night on July 12, there's sure to be something you might enjoy. Be sure to check in the library or on our website, [orangecitylibrary.org](http://orangecitylibrary.org), for information on all the events taking place. As our summer reading theme states, keep "Reading, Renewing, and Repeating!"



## give small. think big!

For as little as \$5 a month added to your OC utility bill, you can help build our community's future. Make a lasting impact by financially supporting the ongoing work of GrowOC (formally OC21 Foundation).

For more info about **Give Small. Think BIG!**, GrowOC, or how to donate, go to: [orangecityiowa.com/grow-oc](http://orangecityiowa.com/grow-oc).



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## reserve your favorite park

The arrival of summer means picnics, reunions, and outdoor birthday parties. After being inside all winter, we can all agree outdoors is the place to be. For a very inexpensive "get away", Orange City has four shelters which are available to rent for your group activities. Each of these City-owned facilities reserve for \$50, and have a refrigerator, stove, sink, and counters.

For descriptions of the shelter houses, or to reserve a shelter house, **ONLINE ONLY**, go to:

[orangecityiowa.com/shelter-houses/reserve-campsites-shelter-houses](http://orangecityiowa.com/shelter-houses/reserve-campsites-shelter-houses)

*Outdoor picnic areas can be used without a fee or reservation if the shelter house is not reserved.*

## landsmeer golf club hosts food trucks and mingo

Friday, July 26, Landsmeer Golf Club will be having a handful of food trucks, in the parking lot, available to the community! Then they will host a MINGO night in the clubhouse starting at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. Food trucks available at 4:00 pm.

## celebrate a safe 4th of July

The City Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, due to the Fourth of July holiday.

For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.