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# vibrant

orange city, iowa



## recapping another summer of fun in orange city

This year's summer recreation programming was a huge success, especially with the introduction of our new program, 'Crafting Connections'. Led by Dawn Steggerda and Leanne Bonnacroy, this program saw an impressive participation of 34 kids, fostering creativity and social interaction.

### Some fun statistics to highlight:

- 550 kids participated in this year's summer recreation programs.
- 262 kids took public swimming lessons
- 100 parent coaches helped with various programs
- 88 people attended the Movie in the Park
- Many local high school and college students helped coach, ref, and teach
- During July, the Orange City Pool saw over 5,250 admittances

A special activity was our bake sale put on by the 3rd-6th grade softball girls! They hosted this to support Hawarden and Rock Valley's recreation programs, raising over \$2,700! It was great to see the girl's excitement about helping others!

Park and Recreation director Noah Minnick shared,

*"I want to thank all the parents that helped volunteer to coach our summer recreation programs; without them, we would not be able to have our programs. I would also like to thank all the people who participated and made it a great summer!"*

## spotlight series: meet the water/wastewater department team

Each month, we take the time to highlight one of the city departments and the work they do for our community. In August is the Water/Wastewater Department and foreman Kirk Maasdam.

Kirk has lived in Orange City for 35 years and is married to Becky. They have three children: Josie, 24, Levi, 21, and Dylan, 17. He enjoys attending athletic events and coaching the MOC-FV football team.

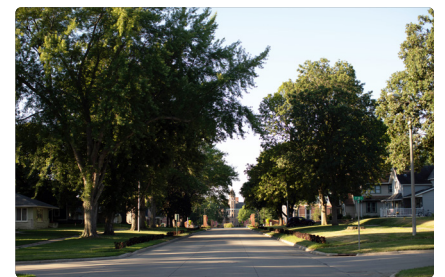


Kirk has served in this role for 16 years and worked with the street department for 8 years. His department oversees the operation and maintenance of the water/wastewater systems, including the water plant, wastewater plant, lift stations, and distribution systems for both areas. They ensure our town has clean, safe drinking water and the city's wastewater is treated and cleaned before discharge. The team includes Dave Sassman (21 years), Todd Klein (6 years), and Josh Kramer (5 years).

When asked about a typical day, Kirk shared:

*"It starts with daily testing at both plants to meet DNR standards and to check lift stations to ensure everything is operating correctly. After that, it will be locating our utilities for contractors, assisting on city projects, and maintaining our systems."*

Thank you for the work you do for our community!



## tree ordinance update

The city recently updated its Code of Ordinances, a practice that regularly happens every few years. As part of this process, the tree ordinance has been updated to clarify the responsibility for trees that are in the street right-of-way (the 10-20ft beyond the curb, typically between the street and the sidewalk). Below are the key parts of the ordinance.

- Homeowners should keep trees trimmed to a height of 15ft over the street and 8ft over the sidewalk.
- Trees that are damaged by wind or other weather are the responsibility of the homeowner to clean up and take away. City staff will assist with pushing debris from the roadway to minimize the impact on traffic. On occasion, as in the past with large damaging wind events, the city will coordinate curb pick up and disposal sites.

## falling into place at the orange city library

Keep an eye on the Orange City Public Library's website and social media to see what is falling into place for events this fall. Story times, Tech Tuesdays, English classes and more!





## building permits & code enforcement

### How Do I Get A Permit/Schedule An Inspection?

The City of Orange City is pleased to offer residents, builders, and the business community Cloudpermit – an online system to apply for and track your building permits.

The Cloudpermit building permit system allows you to apply for and to see the status of your application anywhere, at any time. You can start an application and finish it later, and receive email updates on the status of your permit application. You can even request building inspections!

To get started, scan the QR Code, or go to: [us.cloudpermit.com](https://us.cloudpermit.com).



### Inspections need 24 hours' notice.

If you have questions about permits or inspections contact Code Enforcement Officer, Kurt Frederes at 712-707-4885.

### Here are some items that would require a permit:

- New house or commercial & industrial building
- Addition to house or commercial & industrial building
- New garage
- Garage addition
- Finish basement
- Interior remodeling
- Fence
- Signs
- Decks
- Lawn sheds

If you are unsure whether a permit is required check first by contacting the Code Enforcement Officer, Kurt Frederes at 712-707-4885.

### What needs to be inspected:

- Footings
- Foundation walls
- Electrical rough in
- Framing rough in
- Plumbing rough in
- Final inspection

### Code Enforcement/Complaints

To file a Code Enforcement Violation/Complaint, go to: [us.cloudpermit.com](https://us.cloudpermit.com).

## 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](https://orangecityiowa.com/grow-oc).



## share your story [vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city](https://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!



## flag football for youth 1st-6th grade

Orange City Recreation Department is sponsoring Flag Football for 1st-6th grade. The program will run Thursdays from September 12 - October 17.

- Registration due Wednesday, September 12
- Cost: \$30 per participant (\$35 after September 12)
- Sign up online at: [orangecityiowa.com/details/youth-flag-football/](https://orangecityiowa.com/details/youth-flag-football/)
- Contact Noah with questions: [prdir@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:prdir@orangecityiowa.com) or (712)707-4885

## employment opportunity including IPERS benefits

The City of Orange City is seeking applications for a full-time Street Crewman position. 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.

For more info: [vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/opportunities/employment](https://vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/opportunities/employment)



## dahm presents: the antiquity of policing

Tuesday, September 17

### Dutch American Heritage Museum

Del Walinga will show the rich history of the development of the law enforcement profession by looking at significant milestones both internationally and locally. Who knows what you might learn about the underbelly world of crime in Orange City?



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