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orange city, iowa



veterans memorial improvements

In late August, the American Legion Post completed an enhancement project at the Veterans Memorial, improving the lighting and landscaping around this important landmark. The \$20,000 update was made possible through a request approved earlier this year, thanks to the GrowOC initiative, which provided funding assistance for this meaningful project.

When asked about the project, Colby Vlietstra shared,

"Pressman-Kosters American Legion Post #329 has been blown away by the support of the GrowOC Board. We weren't sure where we would get our funding, or if we would need to fundraise, but after sitting with the board members, they were just as excited as we were about being able to serve our community and military veterans with this project. New landscaping, retaining walls, privacy screens, and trees have helped set our Orange City Veterans Memorial apart. It was a blessing that we could move forward to enjoy the beautiful changes. We are so thankful to them for helping fund this project!"

About GrowOC

GrowOC is a community-driven initiative designed to support local projects that enhance the quality of life in Orange City. Through citizen donations to their monthly utility bill, GrowOC helps fund public improvement projects like the Veterans Memorial. For more information on how you can contribute to future projects and to make a donation, visit: orangecityiowa.com/grow-oc.



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 Health and Human Services 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, 2024 through April 30, 2025. 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	\$30,120
2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5	\$73,160

*More than 5 members, add \$10,760 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

automatic withdrawal

Did you know that 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.

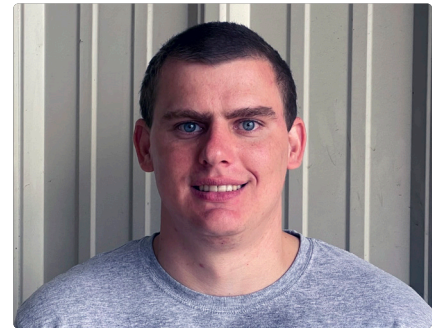


Once completed, please return to the City office in person, or email to saraha@orangecityiowa.com.

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!

water service line material inventory

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with the assistance of the Iowa DNR, has instituted each public water supply to create an inventory of every service line and the material of which it is made. This rule relates to the potential dangers of lead service lines experienced by some US cities, such as Flint, MI. The City of Orange City has been noting service line material over the last few years as water meters have been replaced and as new homes have been constructed. Fortunately, we have found no lead services thus far, and believe there are minimal, if any, lead services in our system. Once the inventory is complete, each community must develop a plan to eliminate and replace all lead services. Over the next few months, we will be contacting the property owners whose lines are unknown in an effort to complete the service line inventory.



spotlight series: meet the police department

Each month, we take the time to highlight one of the City departments and the work they do for our community. This month, we are highlighting the Police Department. Chief Jim Pottebaum and his dedicated team work every day to make sure Orange City is a safe and thriving community. Learn more about the team below.

Trey Niemyer: Trey serves as the Police Department's investigator. He appreciates having a community that is very supportive of the department and an administration that helps to provide the resources and equipment they need to do their jobs properly and effectively. Trey and his fiancé live in Orange City and enjoy using the trails and taking their dogs to the dog park!

Audley De Jong: Audley has been a police officer for the past nine years. Protecting and serving our community and meeting many new people are his favorite parts of his role. He and his wife enjoy having some of their kids and grandkids living in Orange City. They spend their free time walking the trails, fishing, and enjoying the parks.

Bruce Jacobsma: Bruce has served Orange City as a police officer for the past 23 years. Bruce currently serves in the role as assistant Chief.

Darren Wielenga: Darren has served the Orange City Police Department for 5 years. He lives in Orange City with his wife, Ashley, and their 3 kids. In his free time, he can be found golfing, riding bikes around town with his family, or camping! His favorite parts of serving as a police officer is meeting new people, offering answers to community questions, and helping those in need. Darren shares

"I enjoy the small-town feel of Orange City and how friendly everyone is. I also love how kind and caring so many people in the community are."

Brent Van Leeuwen: Brent is a reserve police officer in Orange City. He has served in this role for 2.5 years and has also worked with the Orange City Fire Department for 19 years as a student and full-time member. He is married and has two daughters. They enjoy the close community Orange City provides.

Trey Schiebout: Trey has been a police officer in Orange City for two years. He enjoys helping residents who may find themselves in challenging situations. He also enjoys living in a friendly community that provides great opportunities and activities. He enjoys spending time attending various athletic events, going out to eat, and attending downtown events!

Ryan Sandbulte: Ryan has been a police officer for 10 years and has lived in Orange City for the past 2 years. He appreciates the supportive community and the City leadership that stands behind its employees. He is dad to Gavin and Charlie and enjoys spending time outdoors with them. He is also an avid hunter and can often be found at the gym.

Dalton Vogel: Dalton recently joined the Orange City police department. He and his wife Lexi enjoy walking the trails with their dogs or relaxing outside with friends and family. He appreciates the people he works with daily and enjoys helping the public in their time of need.

Trevor Gries: Trevor became a part of the department last year after previously working as a sheriff deputy in Osceola County. He shared,

"The support that the police department gets from the Orange City community makes it a great place to work and you always have opportunities to grow."

In his free time, Trevor enjoys going to the gym, or hunting and fishing with his dad and brother.

Thank you all for the work you do for our community!

welcome our new employee

We welcome Louis Vander Velde to our natural gas department. Louis graduated from the powerline program at NCC. He has worked for H&D Underground and most recently with the City of Sioux Center in the gas and water departments. Louis and his wife Emily have two boys and are looking forward to becoming a part of the Orange City community.

21st annual dutchmen field championships

The Pride of the Dutchmen Marching Band is proud to present the 21st Annual Dutchmen Field Championships at Korver Field on October 12. The event will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and feature a fireworks display to conclude the evening. We invite the community to come and enjoy a variety of bands from around the Midwest. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or in advance online for a discounted price. Visit www.prideofthedutchmen.com for exact details.

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 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.)
- Fireworks will be launched from the sandpit area behind ACE Hardware sometime around 9:45 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.

fall e-recycling date set

E-recycle will be held at the Orange City Street Department. (809 Concord Place SE) on October 18, 4-7 pm, and October 19, 9 to noon. For more info: orangecityiowa.com.

