

what's

vibrant

orange city, iowa



date set for sinterklaas dag

Children aged pre-kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to be at Stadscentrum at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 7. Follow Sinterklaas and Piet in a parade to the City Hall where they will learn the history of Sinterklaas through a puppet show and many carnival games. The activities will conclude at 11:45 AM with singing a song to Sinterklaas and receiving a Dutch chocolate treat.



For more information, scan the QR Code, or go to: www.dutchheritageboosters.com
www.facebook.com/dutchheritageboosters

library's festive family fun

The Orange City Public Library will be hosting their annual Festive Family Fun on Saturday, December 14 between 10am-12pm. Come enjoy a fun-filled time with an Elf-on-the-Shelf scavenger hunt, winter crafts, games, and a visit with Santa. Come for a while or stay for the entire event.

For the tweens and teens (5th-12th grade) that have outgrown Festive Family Fun, we invite you to join us for an evening of holiday crafting on December 12, 6:30-7:30pm. Registration is required for this so please sign up on our website.



youth basketball skills sign-up begins december 9

Program consists of six weekly sessions. The first three sessions teach basic skills and some fun games.

The final three sessions introduce the game of "4-on-4" for the 1st and 2nd grade girls & boys, and "5 on 5" for the 3rd and 4th grade girls & boys.

- Registration begins December 9, at 8:00 am
- Programs start the week of January 6 and end the week of February 10
- All sessions will take place at City Hall Gym
- Fee: \$30 per participant. \$35 after Monday, January 6
- Register online at: orangecityiowa.com/details/youth-basketball-skills/
- For more information you can contact Noah at 707-4885 or prdir@orangecityiowa.com
- Weather cancellations will be communicated through email

help build our community's future

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.



friends of the tulip festival

We are grateful for the chance to serve on the Tulip Festival Steering Committee over the past five years. It's inspiring to see how our community comes together each year to celebrate our heritage.

As we plan for the 2025 festival on May 15-17, we seek your support for two key projects: expanding announcer coverage along the parade route and sending our costume committee to the Netherlands for a research trip to enhance our authentic costumes.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of the Festival Foundation. A gift of \$100 or more provides "early access" to reserve tickets for the 2025 Night Show, The Wizard of Oz, starting December 1, 2024. Donations can be made at:

octulipfestival.com/2025-friends-of-the-festival-campaign

Thank you for your ongoing support! Tony & Kolbie Vande Brake, Volunteers.

we care about what you think

Please take this quick 5-minute survey for a chance to win a copy of the 2025 One Book, One Sioux County selection.

One Book, One Sioux County is gathering community feedback to help shape their future programming, and we'd love your input! Take a few minutes to complete the confidential survey, and you'll be entered to win a FREE copy of this year's book selection!

<https://buff.ly/4ejEHCF>

The survey is open throughout November.



winter fun on ice

Winter fun right here in Orange City: grab your friends and lace up your skates! The City is happy to offer a chance to enjoy movement and community this winter at our local ice rink.

Vets Park will transform a 100-foot area into a frosty playground where residents can enjoy skating and hockey! To ensure your comfort, we've provided an on-site warming shed where you can take a break from the brisk chill.

This will be available from late December through February and is free to use.

keep your sidewalks clear

Orange City property owners are required 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, Scan the QR Code, or go to: orangecityiowa.com/building-permits-code-enforcement-licensing and follow the **Code Enforcement/Complaints** instructions.



look local first this holiday season

The Orange City Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with many in the local business community, has announced it will promote local shopping this holiday season with their Look local first - Orange City program.

Our community continues to grow. We need you to do your part to help us continue to thrive. Orange City is filled with local small businesses that are run by our neighbors and friends. Our local entrepreneurs are following their passion, enriching your community, and are the lifeblood of a sustainable local economy. When you support their businesses, you enjoy the benefits of a local face, a personal experience, and friendly smile.

We have an opportunity to support these business owners that we continuously ask for donations to support our children's causes, church group trips, and general fundraising campaigns. We must be even more aware and diligent to support those closest to us in any way we can. These small business owners need us now more than ever! If we do not support them, we will lose them.

The Orange City Chamber is encouraging a mindset of thinking locally first. We challenge you to look locally first for your next purchase, any purchase, and if you don't see it offered somewhere, ask a local small business owner if they can get the item you are looking for...chances are they can and would be happy to help you!

seasonal parking

Be advised! From Oct. 15 - April 1, the City of Orange City does not permit on-street parking between 2:00 am – 6:00 am.



share your story

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!

vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city



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closed for the holidays

- Tuesday, December 24 at 11:00 am
- Wednesday, December 25
- Wednesday, January 1