

Welcome to the Mayor's Update October, 2013

The Mayor's Update is an attempt, on a monthly basis, to better inform Orange City's citizens and others on the progress and activities occurring within the community. City Council decisions, retail and commercial development progress, business activities and other actions affecting the community are included in a brief and, hopefully, informative manner.

Daycare Expansion

Construction costs for expanding the present daycare facility are estimated at \$1.2 million. The City is prepared to issue bonds for \$700,000; the application process for a \$300,000 block grant is underway; and a community wide fundraising effort will, hopefully, provide the needed funding.

Project Completions

The month of October will see the completion of a couple of major construction projects in the community:

- Sunday, October 6, an open house is planned for Trinity Reformed Church.
- Ribbon cutting ceremonies are scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, for the Prairie Winds Care Facility.

Dutch Colony Inn

The Dutch Colony Inn will remain open through the end of this year. The months of January and February will be used to demolish the motel and provide an appropriate site for the new Casey's General Store. Construction on the new Casey's General Store will begin late spring, 2014.

The Casey's General Store will be located on the eastern part of the Dutch Colony Inn property along Hartford Avenue. Approximately two acres of the site will remain for additional commercial development

Update on Puddle Jumper Addition #5

1. Infrastructure in PJ #5 is nearly installed, and house construction could begin immediately.
2. Lots, priced at \$20,000, are available for purchase at anytime. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Ken Meendering at the City Office, 707-4885.

City Housing Incentives Reminder

Housing incentives in Orange City, approved by the City Council, include:

- First time home purchase in Orange City:
 - 1% of purchase cost of home - Up to \$1,000 total savings from City.
- New housing construction - Tax abatement options:
 1. Two year tax abatement:
 - ✓ A newly constructed home valued at \$200,000 – approximately \$3,158 per year, \$6,316 total savings

2. One year tax abatement and \$2,000 cash:
 - ✓ Approximately a \$3,158 tax abatement + \$2,000 cash for an approximate \$5,158 savings
3. Additional savings - A 3.95% construction loan @ Orange City lending institutions available with no origination fees.

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Hampton Inn Hotel

Construction work has begun at the Hampton Inn site. The anticipated completion date for this exciting project is late April, 2014.

Bomgaars' Building

Completion date for the building in the Industrie Centrum has been moved back a few weeks to early November. Moving date to, from the downtown building, has been projected to be mid-November.

Once again, thank you citizens of Orange City for making our community a special place to live, work, worship, and play.

Les Douma
Mayor, Orange City