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orange city, iowa



mark your
calendars



Sinterklaas Day

Date: Saturday, December 5

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Meet at Stadcentrum and walk to the City Hall for Dutch stories, games, treats, and photos with Sinterklaas.

[facebook.com/dutchheritageboosters](https://www.facebook.com/dutchheritageboosters)



Star Wars Party

Date: Thursday, December 17

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Orange City Public Library
Get ready for Star Wars: Episode VII – The Force Awakens by attending our library celebration! We'll have Star Wars themed games, activities, and snacks! Costumes encouraged but not required!

Additional Info:

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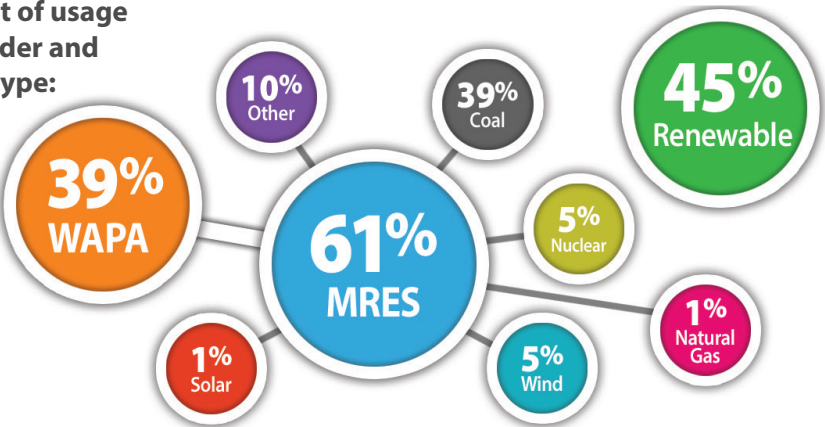
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orange city's electric portfolio

Orange City Municipal Utilities purchases power from a wide variety of resources. A large share of the electricity used by our customers (39 percent) is generated by the hydroelectric dams on the Missouri River. Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) operates the dams and contracts with Orange City to provide us with an annual set allocation of power from this renewable resource.

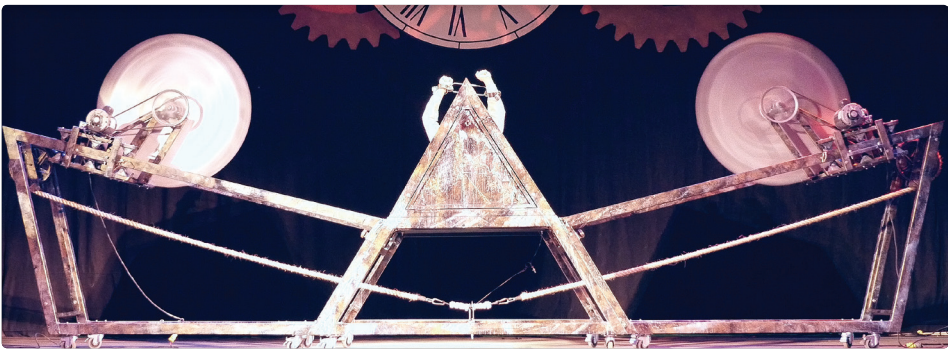
The remaining 61 percent of the power used by Orange City's businesses and residents is provided by Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), a joint action agency serving 61 municipal electric utilities in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota. MRES provides Orange City with all our power needs above our set allocation from WAPA. Most of the power provided by MRES is generated at Laramie River Station, a coal-fired plant near Wheatland, Wyoming. MRES also obtains power from a nuclear facility in Wisconsin and wind towers in North Dakota and Minnesota. When necessary, MRES purchases additional power from the energy market.

**breakout of usage
by provider and
energy type:**



The Red Rock Hydroelectric Project, currently under construction on the Des Moines River near Pella, will be operational in 2018, making the MRES power portfolio even more diverse.

The Bright Energy Solutions program offered by Orange City Municipal Utilities and MRES encourages customers to save energy, especially during peak usage times. The program has been successful in reducing the need for additional power supply resources, which helps MRES and its members keep rates as low as possible.



the nutcracker & nelson illusions...the perfect gift

It's a winter wonderland featuring the "wondrous wizards" of Ballet Quad Cities. That's Saturday, December 19—two shows: 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

On Saturday, January 23, Orange City Arts is bringing another world-class performance to the Unity Knight Center: the "electrifying" Nelson Illusions — the largest touring illusion show in the States. Two shows: 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

Reserved seating for Nutcracker tickets at \$15 adult and \$10 student in advance, are available at the Orange City Chamber office. (At the door: \$20 and \$15)

Nelson Illusions general admission tickets will soon be available at the Orange City Arts office and Dove Bookstore at \$12 adult and \$8 student in advance. (At the door: \$15 and \$10).

Get your tickets SOON for yourself, or a gift for someone you'd like to mesmerize!

For additional information: orangecityarts.net.



3rd Annual Festive Family Fun

Dates: Saturday, December 19

Time: 9:00 am - noon

Location: Orange City Public Library

Join in the fun at the library's 3rd annual Festive Family Fun Day! Hot cocoa, coffee, and an Elf-on-the-Shelf scavenger hunt will be offered all day with scheduled activities from 9 am - noon.

9:00 am – Crafts

9:45 am – Story Time

10:00 am – Book Drawing (must be present to win)

10:00 am – Balloon Artist

10:30 am – Santa Cookie Decorating

11:00 am – Book Drawing (must be present to win)

11:00 am – Classic Holiday Movie

Noon – Book Drawing (must be present to win)



The City Offices will be closed on November 26 and 27

For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at 707-4251

For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.



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keep your sidewalks clear

Property owners are encouraged 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 24 hours of accumulation. The City inspects uncleared sidewalks on a complaint basis, and property owners are notified of violations and given 24 hours to clear their sidewalks. If sidewalks remain uncleared upon re-inspection, the City will clear the snow and ice at the owner's expense. To report an uncleared sidewalk, please call 707-4885 and provide the address of the property.

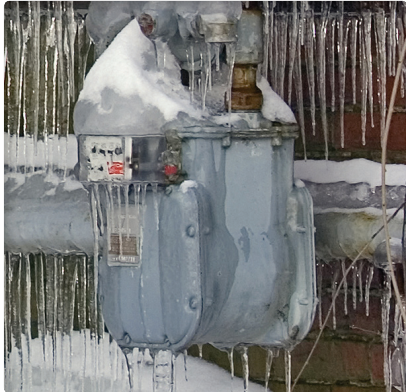
please keep meters clear

When the snow piles high, we know it can be a challenge to keep the driveway, sidewalks, and stairs clear. OCMU asks you to keep one other area free of snow and ice - your gas meter and the path to it.

Heavy or hard-packed snow and ice on your gas meter may present a safety hazard. Heavy, deep snow and ice can limit ventilation and affect the regulator on your gas meter.

Please use these guidelines for helping OCMU staff access and accurately read and service your home's meter:

- ✓ Keep meters easy to reach. OCMU's meter readers need access each month and quick access in an emergency can be critical for your safety.
- ✓ Remove snow and ice from your meter. Never let it get completely covered. Do not shovel snow up against your meter.
- ✓ NEVER kick or hit the gas meter or its piping to break away snow or ice. Use a broom to gently sweep it away.



final centennial celebration

The final celebration of the Orange City Public Library's centennial year will be a reception held at the library for all current and former library staff and board members. Attendees will have the opportunity to reminisce with former co-workers while enjoying refreshments. If you know of former staff who no longer live in the Orange City area, please pass this information along to them. All attendees are asked to RSVP by December 1 by online form or email message to Director Sue Kroesche at kroesche@orangecity.lib.ia.us.



Starting December 1, there will be no exceptions to not presenting your library card or barcode when checking out library materials. Don't forget your library card! If you always have your phone on you, use a smartphone app like Mobile Pocket or Key Ring to store your barcode so you don't have to carry your card with you.