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orange city, iowa



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Onstage OC: Moon Hooch
Date: June 3, 7:00 pm
Location: Windmill Park
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



Onstage OC: Summer Suites
Ticketed event
Date: June 10, 6:30 pm
Location: Backyard gardens
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
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Onstage OC: Community Band
Date: June 17, 7:00 pm
Location: Windmill Park
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Onstage OC: Festival Latino
Date: June 24, 5:00 pm
Location: Windmill Park
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stadscentrum celebrates grand opening with ribbon cutting

Stadscentrum opened its door to the public for the first time on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, with an open house and ribbon cutting. The evening started out with an open house starting at 5:00 pm, then a ribbon cutting at 5:15 with the Chamber Ambassadors. As an additional highlight to the evening, the Tulip Festival Steering Committee auctioned off signed print number 1/75 by artist John E. Vander Stelt at 6:30 pm. The art piece, entitled "A Faithful Walk," was commissioned for the 75th annual Tulip Festival. It sold for \$800 to Arlyn and Bea Schaap.



Stadscentrum, located on the corner of Central Avenue and Second Street, is the newly constructed home to Orange City's Dutch street organ and wooden shoe-making equipment. Two kiosks in Stadscentrum also depict the history of Tulip Festival through photos, narrative, and artifacts. "Stadscentrum" means "city center" in Dutch.

Following the grand opening, Stadscentrum will be open during Tulip Festival and throughout the year for special events and tours for both the Orange City community and visitors.

summer reading program begins june 1st

Come in on June 1st to get started with this year's Summer Reading Program for all ages! With separate programs for kids, teens, and adults, there are great activities for all ages! We'll have our annual Kick-Off with Lisa Laird and an ice cream social on June 1st at 6:00 pm. Sign your K-5th graders up for Fun Shops, a weekly activity and craft time. Stop in for preschool story times on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Adult movie matinees will be shown on Monday afternoons. Family movies will be shown Thursday evenings, with adult programs being held at the same time. Adult programs include Iowa's Hidden Treasures, Genealogy Basics, and a Volunteer Fair. Special programs for kids are held weekly featuring Tim Read, illustrator; Taekwondo Tricks; the Great Plains Zoo; and more! Mark your calendars for the July 15 carnival in Windmill Park! Earn tickets by reading and attending programs. See our website for more information.



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The Copoetics

summer suites

The gardens are in bloom, and you're invited! It's Orange City Arts' annual progressive garden/music/art tour, with desserts! Wed., June 10, is the day at 6:30 pm.

The Copoetics from Sioux Falls (thecopoetics.com) will present their beautiful and haunting harmonies featuring guitar, ukelele, and vocals, at the home of Laird and Sally Edman. An area flute choir will perform a variety of pieces, including Irish lilt, at the home of Jack and Anita Vogel. At Kent and Jodi McDonough's home, several visual artists will work while you watch, with Bethany Dykstra gracing the garden with her violin music.

Advance tickets are necessary. Purchase from the Dove Bookstore and OC Arts by June 6 for early bird discount. Check orangecityarts.net.

No performance in Windmill Park that week. The performers will be in backyard gardens!



garbage fees rising

The Northwest Iowa Landfill tonnage fees will be increasing by \$2.50/ton beginning July 1. Per our residential refuse rate ordinance, the trash fee will increase \$.10 for every \$1.00 increase in the tonnage fee above the \$30.50/ton, so beginning on the June utility bill, the trash fee will be increasing by \$.25/month.

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summer rec

Once again we are excited for an eventful summer full of great activities from arts and crafts to baseball and softball. We will have some great performing arts in windmill park as well as weekly youth baseball and softball games to enjoy. There are programming options throughout the day for different age groups. We have made one significant change to our programming this year by offering the younger baseball and softball programs to be played at night. This will allow for parents to become more involved with some of the coaching of these age groups. As we speak, the municipal swimming pool is being filled up. We expect it to be a great season for lessons as well as for open swim times. So as the kids finish up with school, start getting ready for some fun for the summer with the summer recreation season.

Mitch Aalbers - Recreation Director



addressing a need

Have you ever needed to find a building when you're not familiar with the neighborhood? It's both frustrating and time consuming when there are no address numbers on homes or businesses. Imagine you're an EMT, police officer, or fireman responding to a call for help. Time is wasting while you look for the correct

address. Street address numbers are not only valuable in an emergency, it's also Iowa Law. The Code of Iowa in Section 364.12(3d) and the Orange City Municipal Code of Ordinances both require homes and buildings be numbered. The numbers must be "in a conspicuous place to the street in figures not less than four (4) inches in height". Check if your house or building has address numbers and that they're visible from the street. If you don't have address numbers, install them for your safety. If you're not sure on the exact number, contact City Hall. We'll help confirm the correct number. It's a recipe for disaster when you need help and emergency personnel can't find you.

sewer rates to increase june 18, 2015

On June 18, 2015, Orange City residents and businesses will see an increase to their monthly sewer rates. Below is a couple of frequently asked questions related to the sewer rate increase.

Q: Why are the rates going up? A: The largest portion of the rate increase will be spent on upgrades to the sewer treatment plant. The City has been mandated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency to make upgrades to the existing system to meet new water quality standards for the water discharged from the treatment plant. The cost to complete this project is estimated at \$6 to \$10 million. We will have a closer dollar amount by year end. Regardless, this is a large investment to our treatment system and an increase in cost to you the customer.

Q: What are the new rates? A: The new rates shown below reflect a 20% increase. These rates are used for residential and commercial accounts.

Current Rate:

Residential - Customer Charge \$13.00 / Volume Charge per 100 CF \$ 1.41

Commercial / Light Industry: Customer Charge \$ 20.50 / Volume Charge per 100 CF \$ 1.41

New Rate: Effective June 18, 2015

Residential - Customer Charge \$ 15.60 / Volume Charge per 100 CF \$ 1.69

Commercial / Light Industry - Customer Charge \$ 24.60 / Volume Charge per 100 CF \$ 1.69