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summer rec registration opens may 1

As the weather starts to warm up, your Orange City Rec. Department is busy organizing the 2026 summer rec programs, with a goal of having program information available online in early April.

Some programs are limited, so look for the program descriptions to become available in early April at: orangecityiowa.com/activities/rec-programs/ and view the many different options that will be offered.

Online registration opens Friday, May 1, at 8:00 am. Can't wait to see you all out there this summer! Noah Minnick - Orange City Recreation Department.

summer employment opportunity

The Cities of Orange City and Alton will be looking to hire Lifeguards for the 2026 pool season. Applications are due April 17. Applications can be downloaded at: orangecityiowa.com/city/employment-volunteer-opportunities

Letters will be sent out April 24.

For more information, call 707-4885 (ask for Jaaron) or email parkrecasst@orangecityiowa.com



the city of orange city welcomes two new employees

We are excited to introduce two new skilled team members joining our City staff.

Shane Schuller:

Shane recently joined the Gas Department. Shane lives in Orange City with his wife Denise and children Autumn, Carter, and Owen. He comes to us from Boer & Sons where he was driving truck and running equipment.



Shane Schuller

Brett Keunen:

Brett recently joined the Gas Department. Brett lives in Alton with his wife Amber, and children Grant and Kelsi. He previously worked for Sioux County operating equipment, snowplow and driving truck.



Brett Keunen

give small. think big!

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.



national library week

National Library Week, April 19–25, 2026, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning. From books and digital resources to computer assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

We invite everyone to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron, a new neighbor, or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Our library provides events for all ages and services, such as free Wi-Fi, printing and faxing, Spanish assistance, and of course physical and digital book lending, ensuring that everyone has access to resources that educate, inspire, and connect.

Join us for these events to celebrate National Library week:

Bingo Night: (all ages), Tuesday, April 21, 6:30-7:30 pm

Story Time: Wednesday, April 22, 9:30 am

Trivia Night: (teams of 4 adults), Friday, April 24, 6:30-8:00 pm at Kweken Co. Registration Required at orangecitylibrary.org

The Library will also be holding another celebration of books on May 2 for Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Books Day). Join us for activities and free books between 10am-12pm.



it's time to shine

OC's annual Spring Clean-Up, sponsored by the City of OC and OC Sanitation, will be held April 20-24. OC residents must purchase a \$15 lawn flag (one for each household) from the City Office (125 Central Ave. SE) or OC Sanitation (710 Ohio Ave. SW). Sanitation crews will only remove those items that have a special lawn flag displayed nearby. All disposed items must be placed at your usual pick-up site on your regular garbage pick-up day. Please keep garbage totes 3-5 feet away from any piles or obstacles.

Allowable items:

Normal household trash and home cleanup, furniture, wood items, mattresses, and carpets.

Non-allowable items:

All appliances/white goods, TV's (may dispose of with e-recycling), building/remodeling materials, wood chips, auto parts (tires, batteries, etc.), concrete, steel/metal/iron, yard waste, tree branches, oil, yard chemicals, or wet paints.

For non-allowable items, contact OC Sanitation at 712-737-2645 to get options for proper disposal of these items.

april is national safe digging month (811)

The State of Iowa, along with the City of Orange City, officially recognizes the month of April as National Safe Digging Month. For the past several years in Iowa, Common Ground Iowa and Iowa One Call have partnered together to promote Safe Digging Month in Iowa and National Safe Digging Month. Orange City Utilities would like to also join in this effort to make sure all of our residents remember Iowa One Call.

Please keep in mind that designating April as Safe Digging Month doesn't mean that excavation safety awareness and underground facility damage prevention practices shouldn't be embraced year-round. Good safety and damage prevention practices are always important to the wellbeing of everyone in Orange City and Iowa.

free residential e-recycling program requires tag

The Cities of Orange City & Alton are co-sponsoring a free residential e-recycling program on May 1 & 2, 2026, in Alton, Iowa.

All citizens of Orange City and Alton who would like to utilize the e-recycling program will need to go to the City Office to pick up a free tag. You will need one tag regardless of the number of items. If you do not have a tag, you will be asked to provide identification.

The following items are accepted:

- Computer monitors
- CPU's
- Keyboards
- Printers and mouse(s)
- Smaller batteries
- TV's

Items can be dropped off at Alton City Hall, 905 3rd Avenue, on Friday, May 1, 4:00-7:00 pm and Saturday, May 2, 9:00 am -12:00 pm.



city council identifies sidewalk repair as important goal

The Orange City Council has identified the repair, reconstruction, and new construction of sidewalks in the City as an important goal and will create a more pedestrian-friendly "walkable" community. The Council has allocated \$20,000 for property owners to aid in the repair, replacement, or construction of sidewalks pursuant to the grant program terms.

Reimbursement for a new sidewalk or sidewalk repair in the city right-of-way will be determined by the yearly concrete rate on July 1 of each year. Square foot reimbursements for repairs or new sidewalks will be \$3.75/square foot up to \$1,000 per project and \$3.00/square foot for mud jacking a sidewalk up to \$1,000 per project for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Download the sidewalk reimbursement application:

orangecityiowa.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Sidewalk-Reimbursement-Application-Fillable-1.pdf

