

what's

vibrant

orange city, iowa



the community appreciation picnic is a wonderful reminder

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Community Appreciation Picnic on July 9. It was a joy to serve so many smiling faces, enjoy a beautiful evening in our downtown park, and celebrate the talents of our community through the band's performance.

Over 1200 sandwiches were served! - Shared City Administrator Earl Woudstra

It was a wonderful reminder of why we love calling Orange City home.

We're grateful to live and serve in such a vibrant place!



onstage continues with an exciting august lineup

August 1 - High School Musical Jr Youth Workshop Performance

Unity Knight Center

Local youth will be performing Disney's High School Musical Jr!

Class is back in session and the gang at East High will never be the same again thanks to this newly-released Broadway, Jr. edition of the musical sensation that's sweeping the nation.

August 6 - Kate Voss & the Hot Sauce

Windmill Park

A vintage-inspired band led by award-winning vocalist and bassist Kate Voss. Blending Hot Club, Western Swing, Blues, and classic hits from the '50s and '60s, the band delivers a lively, feel-good experience that gets the whole room dancing.

August 13 - The Kley DeJong Band

Windmill Park

Local Musician, Kley DeJong and his band will bring a set filled with familiar hits blending pop, rock, blues, jazz, and funk with some blistering electric guitar.

August 20 - Arts on Central

Windmill Park

A joint effort of the Chamber, local businesses, and the Arts Council bringing food, music, and fun!

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 the City Office. We'll help confirm the correct number. It's a recipe for disaster when you need help and emergency personnel can't find you.



need a building permit or want to report a code violation

We have moved to online permitting! For your convenience you can now apply for a building permit or report a code violation online at anytime from anywhere at:

orangecityiowa.com/building-permits-code-enforcement/



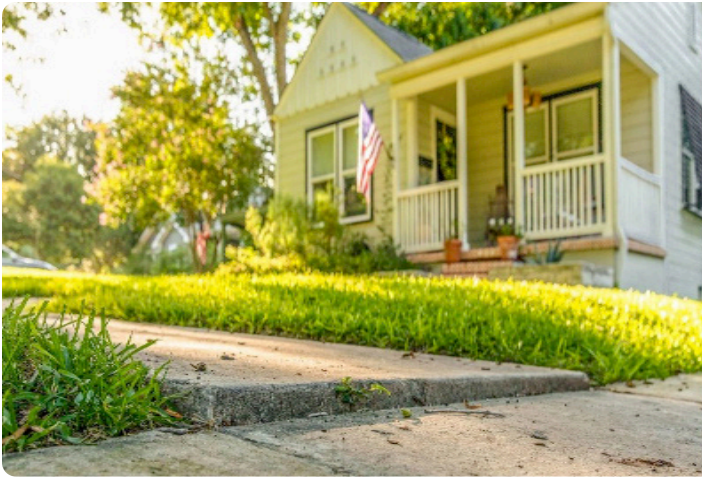
With this cloud-based software you can also check the status of your building permit or building inspection (when your application status changes, you'll automatically receive an email letting you know), schedule or cancel building inspections, communicate with your building department with time-stamped messages, pay for your building permit with a credit card, and request and submit changes to an existing building permit.

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.





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.

Scan the QR Code and download an application, or go to:

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



why orange city

Why do our residents choose Orange City? These stories, filled with personal moments and deep connections, remind us why Orange City is more than just a place; it’s a community. Read what Bret and Grant have to say below:

“While Orange City has all the benefits of small-town living, I continue to be impressed with what it offers not only to its residents but also to people beyond our community. We have incredible schools, churches, and activities for people of different age groups and varying interests. We also offer diverse restaurants, retail options, entertainment, leisure/hobbies/activities, and employment opportunities.”
- Bret Walinga



“We love that the community is growing and taking initiative in economic development. The growth we’ve experienced over the past 40 years hasn’t diminished the “small-town feel.” Many rural towns are shrinking, yet we are defying that trend.”
- Grant Hegstad



Share your Story

Do you love living in Orange City? Whether you’ve lived here your whole life, recently moved here, or returned after time away, we’d love to share your story! Share why you chose our vibrant community and what you enjoy most! Use the QR code or follow the link to share your story! vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city



firepit tips

As you enjoy your backyard this season, be a safe and courteous neighbor!

- **Keep It Recreational:** Firepits are for recreation only.
- **Stay Attentive:** Always keep an eye on your fire and never leave it unattended.
- **Extinguish Completely:** Before heading inside, ensure your fire is fully out.
- **Be Neighborly:** Remember, your neighbors might desire to have their windows open to enjoy the fresh air.

Enjoy your evenings while keeping our community a safe and pleasant place!

oc library hosts back to school book sale

Be the first in line for the Orange City Public Library’s Back to School Book Sale! The sale runs August 11 - August 23, during the library’s regular open hours. Hard cover books will be \$1, paperback 50¢, and all kids books 50¢. There will also be craft and arts supplies for sale for friends and families to buy and use. (Items are not intended for resale.)

We are currently accepting donations for our awesome book sale. We would never look a gift horse in the mouth, and yet if you wouldn’t buy it or give it as a gift to a friend, maybe think twice about donating it to the library. Condition does matter. We are also accepting your overstocks of craft and art supplies. If you need more information, just ask! We are looking forward to this event, because who can’t resist a good deal on a good book.



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