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windmill park playground to receive new equipment this spring

Following the July derecho, the City of Orange City has taken important steps to address storm damage at Windmill Park, including the removal and replacement of the park's main playground structure.

The severe storm extensively damaged the playground when falling trees and branches struck the equipment. A certified playground inspector assessed the structure and determined whether repairs were possible. After evaluating the damage, the inspector deemed the equipment unsafe and unusable and outlined options to either restore it to code or replace it entirely.

Because the damage was extensive and the structure was aging, the City worked with its insurance provider to evaluate next steps. Insurance approved funding to replace the damaged playground equipment.

After reviewing the findings, the City Council approved replacing the playground rather than repairing it. The Council authorized the purchase of a new playground structure from Boland Recreation, which will also complete the installation. The total cost of the new equipment is approximately \$100,000.

"We're excited about what this new playground will bring to Windmill Park," Minnick added. "It will offer more ways for kids to play and families to spend time together, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back this spring."

welcome three new city employees

Orange City is pleased to welcome three new employees who bring a wide range of experience and skills to our City staff.

Jason Budden: Jason brings more than 20 years of leadership experience across technical, maintenance, reliability, and multi-disciplinary engineering roles. Most recently, he has served as Director of Engineering Design & Support at Wells Dairy, overseeing facility infrastructure and complex manufacturing processes.



Jason Budden:

Chase Williams: Chase recently joined the Electric Department. Chase graduated from the NCC Powerline Program and has been working as a lineman for the last three years. He is originally from the Grinnell area and enjoys gaming and watching movies.



Chase Williams

Ty Taylor: Ty joins the Water/Wastewater Department. Ty is moving to Orange City with his girlfriend Erika and newborn daughter Quinn. He comes to us from the City of Broken Bow, NE where he worked for the public works department operating equipment and performing maintenance for the community's streets and parks.



Ty Taylor

Please join us in welcoming Jason, Chase, and Ty to the City of Orange City team. We look forward to the contributions they will make in the months ahead.



spend time at the orange city library in february

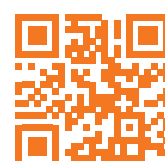
There's something for everyone at the Orange City Public Library this February! Adults can kick off the month with **Super Bowl Snacks**, then slow down and have some fun at **Legos & Eggos**, a creative (and tasty) morning just for grown-ups. Tweens and teens are invited to put their problem-solving skills to the test in our exciting **Escape Room**, while younger readers can create their own stuffed friend at our **Reading Buddy Workshop**.

The rest of the month is filled with story times, chess, art workshops and more. Visit orangecitylibrary.org for dates, details, and registration information.



share your story

Have you moved to Orange City in the past few years? We would love to hear why you chose our vibrant community to call home! Use the QR code or follow the link to share your story!



vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city



looking ahead to the 2026 orange city tulip festival

The Orange City Tulip Festival is just 3 months away; as we prepare and plan, here are three things we want you to know:

Tickets for the 2026 Night Show: Tickets for Anastasia are on sale now! This enchanting story explores themes of identity, home, love, and family, as Anya searches for who she is and who she is meant to be.

Volunteers Needed: The Tulip Festival is powered by volunteers, and we need your help to make 2026 a success! There's a role for everyone -- whether you're a student, retiree, or someone looking to give back to the community, we'd love for you to join us. Visit octulipfestival.com/volunteer/ to learn more or sign up.

Save the Date: Tulip Festival Extravaganza. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 18, 2026!

Join us for a luncheon where the Queen and Court will reveal their costumes and debut their road show performance. This afternoon is the perfect way to kick off the excitement for this year's festivities and this is a never-before-seen costume reveal you won't want to miss.

We can't wait to celebrate the 85th Annual Tulip Festival with our community and visitors! For more information, visit www.octulipfestival.com.

keep your sidewalks clear

Orange City property owners are required 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 10 hours of accumulation. The City inspects uncleared sidewalks on a complaint basis, and if sidewalks remain uncleared upon inspection, the City will clear the snow and ice at the owner's expense.

To report an uncleared sidewalk, go to orangecityiowa.com and file a nuisance complaint or scan the QR Code. orangecityiowa.com/building-permits-code-enforcement-licensing/#file-complaint



seasonal parking

Be advised! From Oct. 15 - April 1, the City of Orange City does not permit on-street parking between 2:00 am – 6:00 am.

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enjoy the arts in february

Acrylic Tulip Painting Workshop

Saturday, February 7, 2pm-4pm

Copper Street Brass:

Thursday, February 26

More information can be found at www.orangecityarts.org



winter fun on ice

The City is happy to offer a chance to enjoy movement and community this winter at our local ice rink.

Vets Park will transform a 100-foot area into a frosty playground where residents can enjoy skating and hockey! To ensure your comfort, we've provided an on-site warming shed where you can take a break from the brisk chill.

This will be available from late December through February and is free to use.

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.

