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orange city, iowa



welcome two new council members

The City of Orange City is pleased to welcome two new members to the City Council: Andrew Bloemendaal and Mark Scallon. Both bring strong local ties, professional experience, and a shared commitment to serving our community. We're grateful for their willingness to serve and look forward to the ideas and energy they'll bring to City Council.

Andrew Bloemendaal:

"I was born and raised in Orange City, graduating from MOC Floyd Valley and later Northwestern College. From 2009-2022, job opportunities took me to Minnesota, Colorado and South Dakota. In 2021, I married Juliana, another Orange City native. We have 2 kids, Kaatje is almost 3 and Hans is 1. I work for Mulder Auto, primarily in sales. I'm excited about getting started on the city council and look forward to the opportunities ahead of the community."

Mark Scallon:

"My wife, Jenon, and I have lived in Orange City for the last 12 years. We have four children: Caroline (8), Rory (6), Anna (4), and Julia (2). I grew up on a hog and chicken farm in Iowa Falls. Next, I graduated from Iowa State University with a B.S. in Kinesiology and Health, and then from the University of Iowa as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. After graduating, I started working at Orange City Dentistry as a general dentist and have been sole owner since 2020. While in Orange City, I have been involved with many different organizations such as Tulip Festival Chairperson, Trinity Reformed deacon, Orange City Area Daycare Board, RAGBRAI, and OCCS Community partner. In my free time, I enjoy running and attending area school events."

Please join us in welcoming Andrew and Mark as they begin this new chapter of service to Orange City.

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.



orange city library's winter reading program

Feed your mind this winter by joining in the Orange City Public Library's Winter Reading Program!

We have a buffet of events for all ages and tastes, including:

- Story times
- Domino and Lego building
- Author talks
- Puzzle challenges
- Lego & Waffles for adults

You'll also find creative outlets like:

- Artwork-in-progress nights
- Makerspace
- Crafter-noons
- Peeps diorama exhibition

Check our website, orangecitylibrary.org, for a full list of events with all the details and registration. And don't forget to feed your mind with reading too! For a chance to win prizes, pick up a reading log at the library and track your books read between January 19-February 28.

For more library events, visit: www.orangecitylibrary.org/events/



join us for books at the museum!

- Led by Dr. James Schaap & Dr. Keith Fynaardt
- \$50 registration includes snacks & discussion
- Email dutchamericanheritagemuseum@gmail.com to sign up

The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl - By Timothy Egan

Tuesday, January 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Timothy Egan’s historical account of the greatest environmental disaster in North America reads like a novel. His focus on the stories of particular individuals who lived through the Dust Bowl makes this history personal.

The Children’s Blizzard - By David Laskin

Tuesday, February 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

On January 12, 1888, a winter storm killed several hundred pioneers, many of them children, who couldn’t make the walk home from their country schoolhouses. This book draws on a multitude of records to show how the weather unfolded that fateful day.

Great Plains Bison - By Dan O’Brien

Tuesday, March 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Writer, biologist, and bison rancher, Dan O’Brien, is uniquely qualified to explore the myriad ways in which bison created and defined the Great Plains until they were hunted down to the razor’s edge of extinction.

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



mayor and council members contact info

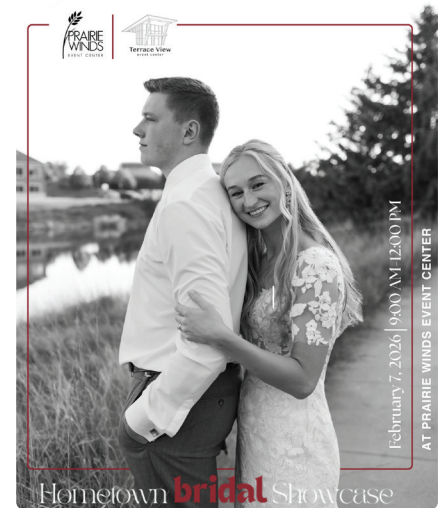
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an evening of dance 2025

Feb 01, 2025, 7 - 8:30 pm
Unity Knight Center

Join us for another amazing dance showcase featuring regional dancers!

For more information:
orangecityarts.org/inspire_events



hometown bridal showcase

The Hometown Bridal Showcase is a collaborative event co-hosted by Prairie Winds Event Center and Terrace View Event Center.

Mark your calendars for our next bridal showcase happening Saturday, February 7, 2026, 9-12pm at Prairie Winds Event Center!



the city offices will be closed for the holidays

- Close at 11:00 AM on December 24
- Closed December 25
- Closed January 1

For OC utility emergencies, please call [707-5000](tel:707-5000).

