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orange city, iowa



## things to know when the sirens blow

Orange City has seven tornado sirens placed throughout the community to provide adequate coverage to warn residents of impending weather. The sirens are considered outdoor warning sirens, and are intended to warn those who are outside at the time of severe weather. They are not intended to warn people inside their homes and businesses.

Tornado sirens are controlled by the communications/dispatch personnel at the Sioux County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). When bad weather arises, they monitor information from the National Weather Service and trained weather spotters.

### Personnel from the EMA trigger the sirens when:

1. A tornado warning has been issued for Orange City.
2. Or, a funnel cloud has been identified by the trained weather spotters.

Because the sirens have built-in timers to save battery life and wear on the siren, they will turn off after a few minutes, requiring the EMA personnel to trigger them again if the threat is still active.

## reserve your favorite park

The arrival of summer means picnics, reunions, and outdoor birthday parties. After being inside all winter, we can all agree outdoors is the place to be. For a very inexpensive “get away”, Orange City has four shelters which are available to rent for your group activities. All of these City-owned facilities have a refrigerator, stove, sink, and counters.



Vets Park Scout House (\$50/day)



Vets Park Shelter (\$50/day)



Swimming Pool Shelter (\$50/day)



Windmill Park Shelter (\$50/day)

For descriptions of the shelter houses, or to reserve a shelter house **ONLINE ONLY**, scan the QR code, or go to: [orangecityiowa.com/shelter-houses/reserve-campsites-shelter-houses](http://orangecityiowa.com/shelter-houses/reserve-campsites-shelter-houses)

Outdoor picnic areas can be used without a fee or reservation if the shelter house is not reserved.



## level up at your library this summer

Get ready to Level Up at Your Library with the Orange City Public Library’s Summer Reading Program! From June 2–July 11, we’re celebrating reading with fun events, activities, and chances to win great prizes for all ages.

We’ll kick things off with Bubble Stations in Windmill Park on Monday, June 2 from 6–8pm—bring the whole family and get ready for some bubbly fun!

There’s so much more in store this summer, including story times, hands-on crafts, animal programs, cooking and preserving workshops, and chances to learn about prairie plants—and even explosions! There’s something for every age and interest! Check out our calendar at [orangecitylibrary.org](http://orangecitylibrary.org)

Don’t forget to stop by the library to pick up your reading log—track your reading and enter to win exciting prizes. Let’s make this summer one to remember!

## celebrate a safe holiday

The City Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.

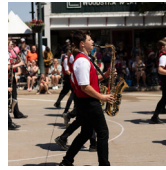


## orange city continues to grow thanks to the generosity of our community

Through GrowOC's Utility Checkoff Program, residents like you are making local projects possible. Whether you're already a donor or just learning about the program, we're excited to share the latest updates. Here are five initiatives funded this year:

### New Dutchmen Marching Band Uniforms

The Pride of the Dutchmen Marching Band Boosters received \$20,000. After 35+ years, the Middle School band will purchase new uniforms. These uniforms will follow the traditional Dutch style that the band can continue to use at both the Orange City and Pella Tulip Festivals.



### Support for OC Arts 2025 OnStage Orange City

Orange City Arts received \$25,000 for the 2025 OnStage productions. Orange City Arts supports local and regional talent by showcasing artists during their summer OnStage events. This free concert series is held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Windmill Park. In addition, each month will host featured artists' shows inside Stadscentrum, pre-event family activities, and arts and crafts from 5 to 7 pm. A variety of food trucks will also be present throughout the summer.



### Funding to help with Hosting the Start of 2025 RAGBRAI

OC RAGBRAI received \$20,000. Orange City will host RAGBRAI in July 2025. We will be host to approximately 25,000 riders as we kick-off the event. Many local organizations and businesses will benefit from the influx of people and the opportunity to sell goods to our guests. There are hundreds of volunteers planning all of the logistics.



### Helping Fund a variety of Tulip Festival Projects

Tulip Festival received \$25,000 for a wide variety of upcoming projects. A few of these include:

- *Float maintenance, repair, and creation*
- *Improving our speaker system and offering an FM transmission option for our accessible parking area*
- *A costume and history research trip to the Netherlands*
- *Updating our website.*



### Crittenton Center Receives Funds to Enhance Outdoor Learning Space

The Crittenton Center received \$25,000 to enhance Child Development through Outdoor Learning Spaces. These spaces will serve as extensions of the indoor learning environment, providing additional play-based and child-focused learning opportunities. Specifically, this will fund permanent shade structure and items such as water tables, sand and mud tables, a large sandbox, and outdoor play kitchens.



The projects funded this year are just the beginning. With continued support from residents like you, we can continue to make positive changes in our community! We invite you to sign up for a small monthly donation through your utility bill. To learn more or to become a GrowOC donor, visit: [orangecityiowa.com/grow-oc](http://orangecityiowa.com/grow-oc).

## orange city arts june lineup

Summer is back, and so is OnStage, kicking off June 4 with an electrifying performance by Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s!

Get ready to relive the golden age of Rock 'n' Roll with hits from Buddy Holly, Elvis, the Beatles, and more! Richie Lee brings an authentic, high-energy show that'll have you dancing from start to finish.

Windmill Park, Orange City

5 - 7 pm - Family Fun: Crafts, inflatables, food trucks & more

7 pm - Concert begins!

The Orange City Arts June 2025 Lineup continues:

**June 11: Community Band**

**June 18: Hollander Jazz**

**June 25: Omaha Street Percussion**

All concerts are free & start at 7:00 pm in Windmill Park, downtown OC.

Presented by Orange City Arts – Free and open to all!

## dutch american heritage museum's natm series

**Bob Boerigter: Forgotten Stories that are Unforgettable**

**June 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm:**

From "The touchdown pass that started a tradition" to "The Forgotten Footballs" and "The history of the Tri-State and GPAC Conferences", explore some of the most significant moments in Northwestern's sports history.

Additional upcoming events:

**July 22:** 1882: Disease, Conflict, and the Rivalry Between Orange City and Alton

**August 12:** The Ku Klux Klan in Northwest Iowa: The Local Menace of the 1920's Klan

**Sept 9:** "Remembering Charley Dyke as he remembers the Colony."

