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# vibrant

orange city, iowa



## spotlight series: meet the street department

Each month, we shine a light on one of our city departments and the vital work they do for our community. This month, we're featuring the Street Department—the team that keeps our roads safe, our town clean, and so much more. Team members include Luke Horkey, Breckin Bomgaars, and a recent addition to the department, Wyatt Dagele.

At the helm is Luke Horkey, who has served as Street Department Supervisor for the past three years. Before that, he spent 14 years as a street crewman. His team's responsibilities go far beyond just maintaining roads—they remove snow, sweep streets, mow city property, manage the grass and tree piles, trim trees, haul dirt for city projects, and handle signage repairs.

Luke jokes that their crew is often called the "Catch-All Department" because of their wide range of tasks!

From sanding icy roads to clearing snow, the Street Department plays a crucial role in keeping Orange City's roads safe, especially in winter. And if you've ever admired how clean and well-kept our town looks, you have this hardworking crew to thank!

No two days are the same for Luke and his team. Each morning starts with Iowa One Call locates before they jump into a variety of tasks—whether that's road maintenance, weed control, street sign repairs, or seasonal projects.

Luke loves the variety his job offers and enjoys seeing residents appreciate the work his team does to keep Orange City vibrant. He and his wife, Katie, live in Alton with their three kids—Lane, Riley, and Aubrey. They love small-town life and the sense of community that makes Orange City special. Outside of work, Luke enjoys coaching his kids' sports teams, helping on the family farm, and spending time hunting and fishing.

## it's time to shine

OC's annual Spring Clean-Up, sponsored by the City of OC and OC Sanitation, will be held April 21-25. 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.



## flowers with friends

March 10, 6:30 pm

Gather your friends and get creative at our Flowers with Friends event held at the Gezellig Event Center!

Join us for a hands-on workshop led by Joie Floral Design where you'll craft a stunning floral centerpiece to brighten your home. Supplies need to be ordered, so be sure to sign up by March 1 through the library website: [www.orangecitylibrary.org](http://www.orangecitylibrary.org).



Ton Sels

## ton sels | the 1898 visit of abraham kuyper to orange city and pella

Thursday, March 27, 7-8:00 pm  
Dutch American Heritage Museum

Please join us for a special lecture by Ton Sels, a dedicated volunteer at the Abraham Kuyper Center located in Maassluis, The Netherlands. Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920) was a Dutch politician, journalist, statesman, and theologian. He served as prime minister of the Netherlands from 1901-1905. In November 1898, Kuyper visited Orange City and Pella. The local paper described having such a distinguished visitor as "really quite an event in the history of our community." Over 1000 people came to listen to his two-hour lecture. Learn about Kuyper's speech to Orange Citians and how this famous Reformed Leader viewed the Iowa Dutch.



### boys and girls youth soccer registration opens March 3

Orange City Parks & Recreation Boys and Girls Youth Spring Soccer sign-up will begin on March 3. Registration will begin at 8:00 am.

Be sure and register your boys and girls for this fast-paced, action-packed program! We have programming for ages five all the way to 12 years of age. Youth will be taught the skills of the game, as well as participating in some fun weekly games.

**Registration deadline is March 30**

**Program start date is the week of April 3**

**Program runs through May 10**

For more info, go to: [orangecityiowa.com/details/spring-boys-girls-soccer/](http://orangecityiowa.com/details/spring-boys-girls-soccer/)

If you have questions, contact Noah at: 712-707-4885 or [prdir@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:prdir@orangecityiowa.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](http://orangecityiowa.com) and file a nuisance complaint or scan the QR Code. [orangecityiowa.com/building-permits-code-enforcement-licensing/#file-complaint](http://orangecityiowa.com/building-permits-code-enforcement-licensing/#file-complaint)



### pool employment opportunity

The Cities of Orange City and Alton will be looking to hire Lifeguards for the 2025 pool season.

- Applications due April 18 (after April 18th will be by discretion only)
- You will be contacted by April 25
- Applications can be downloaded at: [orangecityiowa.com/city/employment-volunteer-opportunities](http://orangecityiowa.com/city/employment-volunteer-opportunities)

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

### mayor and council members contact info

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### orange city library hosts spot, stop, & avoid fraud

March 25, 10 am at the Library

Protect yourself and your loved ones from scams with expert guidance from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. This informative session will teach you how to recognize and prevent fraud before it happens. Stay informed, stay safe!

For more details and to register, visit our [www.orangecitylibrary.org](http://www.orangecitylibrary.org) or stop by the library today!

### call for art – regional art exhibit 2025

April 05, 2025 9:00 am—May 03, 2025 8:00 pm

Location: NWC DeWitt Theatre Arts building 721 Albany Ave SE Orange City, IA 51041

The 2025 Regional Art Exhibition showcases various works by regional artists from Iowa, South Dakota, and Minnesota from April 5 – May 3 at the NWC DeWitt Theatre Arts Building. Cash prizes will be awarded to 'Best in Show' and 'Honorable Mention' at the closing reception on May 3, 2025.

\*Submission deadline March 21st, 2025\*

Submissions can be made at: [regionalartshow2025.artcall.org/](http://regionalartshow2025.artcall.org/)

The show and reception is free to the public. Viewing hours are M-Sat, 9 am to 10 pm.

The show runs in conjunction with the NWC Theatre show 'An Enemy of the People'. Tickets for the show can be purchased at the NWC Box office online or call 712-707-7096.

Additional group and solo show opportunities will be available in the summer 2025 (June, July & August), please contact us if interested.

