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orange city, iowa



boys and girls youth soccer registration opens March 2

Orange City Parks & Recreation Boys and Girls Youth Spring Soccer sign-up will begin on March 2. 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 31

Program start date is the week of April 2

Program runs through May 11

For more info, go to: orangecityiowa.com/details/spring-boys-girls-soccer/

If you have questions, contact Noah at: 712-707-4885 or prdir@orangecityiowa.com.



visit the library this spring

Spring is coming and March at the library is full of fun, learning, and community! Check out our featured events below and visit the full calendar at orangecitylibrary.org/events for details and registration.

Pizza, Puzzles, & Pitchers

Sign up by March 12

- *Get your team of 4 together for this fun night at the Gezellig Event Center!*
- *Teams of four will compete to finish a pizza, a pitcher, and a puzzle for the chance to win a prize.*

Author Talks & Literacy Programs

We're excited to bring book-related programming to our community:

- *Author presentations and discussions featuring visiting authors, Scott Culpepper and Oksana Baranovska (cookbook author).*
- *Movin' & Groovin' Sensory Story Time (Wednesdays) — Songs, stories, and play for the littlest crew.*
- *Preschool Story Time (Thursdays) — Books and activities for little ones.*

Other March Activities

- *Art Club — Bring your creativity and current projects.*
- *Chess Club — Friendly play and strategy building for all ages.*
- *LEGO, dominoes, craft sessions, and more!*

it's time to shine

OC's annual Spring Clean-Up, sponsored by the City of OC and OC Sanitation, will be held April 20- 24. 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.



landsmeer golf club - public annual meeting

Thursday, February 26th. Social: 5:45 pm - Meeting: 6:30 pm.

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.





pool employment opportunity

The Cities of Orange City and Alton will be looking to hire Lifeguards for the 2026 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

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

new online tools now available for west lawn cemetery

The City of Orange City is pleased to introduce new online cemetery software designed to make it easier for residents to access information and plan ahead at West Lawn Cemetery.

Residents can now view an interactive lot selector that displays available cemetery lots for purchase. This tool allows users to explore available spaces and submit an online request to purchase a lot. Submitting a request will notify City staff for review; availability is not guaranteed until the request has been confirmed. Those who prefer may also contact City staff directly for assistance.



Interactive Lot Selector

In addition, an online burial records search is now available. This tool allows users to search for records and view burial locations marked with a pin on a map, making it easier to locate gravesites when visiting the cemetery.



Burial Records Search

In the future, this system will also include a mobile app that will help visitors navigate directly to burial locations with step-by-step directions.

These new tools are part of the City's ongoing efforts to improve access to information and better serve our community.

share your story vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city

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!



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dutch american heritage museum open on third thursdays

Beginning in March, the museum will be open for visitors on "Third Thursdays" from 10 am - 3 pm.

code enforcement 2025 year-end recap

In 2025, the City of Orange City's Code Enforcement Department remained active, helping our community thrive through permitting, inspections, and close collaboration with City boards and committees.

Our Board of Adjustment met five times during the year, and the Planning and Zoning Commission gathered four times, collaboratively reviewing development requests, zoning matters, and decisions impacting properties throughout Orange City.

In 2025, the department issued 88 permits, including 2 commercial properties, 9 single-family homes, 7 duplex units, and 8 apartment buildings, totaling 94 new housing units. Additionally, 24 food truck permits were issued, supporting local events and business activity throughout the community.

These permits represented a combined construction value exceeding \$26 million, with total permit fees collected during the year totaling \$109,357. As Orange City continues to grow, the Code Enforcement Department also monitors 522 active rental properties across the community.

Through its work, the department plays a key role in ensuring development meets City standards while supporting responsible growth that enhances the quality of life in Orange City.

