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orange city, iowa



(Left to right: Janet Brown, Sarah Anderson, Shawn Lancaster)

spotlight series: meet the front office

Each month, we highlight one of our City departments and the important work they do for our community. This April, we're celebrating the amazing front office staff—the team that keeps our City departments running smoothly and serves as the welcoming face of Orange City!

Meet the team:

Janet Brown – City Clerk & Office Manager

Janet has been with the City of Orange City since 1992 and has served as City Clerk for 27 years. Her role covers a wide range of responsibilities, including utility billing, payroll, benefits, records management, licensing and permits, cemetery records, election coordination, and preparing council meeting proceedings.

"Our team is the first to meet and greet the public, handling a broad range of tasks—all with understanding and patience," Janet shares.

She loves the variety of her work and getting to know Orange City residents.

Janet's husband Mark is the General Manager at GCC Alliance Concrete, and they have two daughters, Brianna and Alyssa. Janet is grateful to be part of such a clean, safe, and welcoming community.

Shawn Lancaster – Deputy City Clerk

Shawn has been part of the City Office team for the past three years. She enjoys getting to know community members and welcoming new residents as they sign up for utilities.

"We have a great staff in the City Office, so it's enjoyable coming to work every day," she says.

Shawn and her husband, Jim, live in Alton with their two children, Marisa and Luke. Marisa will be attending USD in the fall, and Luke will be a junior at MOC-FV. In her free time, Shawn enjoys walking her two dogs, golfing, attending local sporting events, and spending time with family.

Sarah Anderson – Accounts Receivable Specialist & Office Assistant

Sarah joined the City of Orange City 18 months ago. She met her husband, Kyle, while attending Northwestern College, and they have called Orange City home for the past three years.

Sarah enjoys learning more about what makes this community so special and appreciates being close to family. Outside of work, she and Kyle love walking their two mini Goldendoodles, golfing, and running.

Next time you visit City Hall, be sure to say hello to these dedicated team members who help keep Orange City running efficiently every day!

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!



bluey story time at the oc public library

Calling all Bluey fans! Mark your calendars for a fun-filled morning at the Orange City Public Library during Tulip Festival! On Friday, May 16, from 10 AM to 12 PM, we're hosting a special Bluey Story Time—and guess what? Bluey will be here for a meet and greet!

At the start of the event, Bluey will be available to meet and take pictures with her friends here in Orange City. Then, at 10:30 AM, she'll join us for a read-aloud, crafts, and games inspired by her show—a perfect way to start a festive day!

If you love Bluey, you might also enjoy another tail-wagging friend who visits once a month for our Dog Therapy Time. Stop by on Monday, May 12, from 4–5 PM, and spend some time with a friendly, four-legged companion!

orange city cemetery decoration reminder

The Orange City Cemetery has a policy that flowers and decorations need to be removed by June 15 of each year. This is to allow efficient mowing and maintenance of the cemetery. This applies to anything that is not permanently attached to the base or gravestone. Flowers and decorations may be placed at grave sites from May 20 - June 15. Thanks for your understanding and compliance.



summer rec registration opens may 1

Your Orange City Parks and Recreation staff has been busy gearing up for the 2025 summer rec program season!

May 1 at 8:00 am online registration will start, but families are currently able to go to orangecityiowa.com/activities/rec-programs/ to view the many different options that will be offered.

Program options include:

- 4 on 4 Co-ed Sand Volleyball Tournament
- Adult Pickleball
- Aquatic Fitness
- Bags League
- Baton
- Blastball
- Bubble Ball
- Disc Golf
- Dordt University Camps
- Elite Dance & Tumbling
- Family Free Fish Day
- Fit Family Summer Challenge
- Flags
- Frisbee Golf League
- Kickball League
- KidZone Summer Camp
- Kite Extravaganza
- Landsmeer Junior Golf
- Library Programs
- Mighty Kids Triathlon
- Northwestern College Sports Camps
- Northwestern College Summer Art Opportunities
- Orange City Arts Summer Workshops
- Outdoor Youth Connection
- Pool Events
- Runners Club
- Sioux County Summer Camps
- Sports Central
- Swimming Lessons
- Tennis League
- Wrestling Recreation
- Youth Baseball
- Youth Coed Summer Kickball
- Youth Softball
- Youth Tennis/Pickleball

Summer Recreation begins June 2, we can't wait to see you all out there this summer!
~ Your Orange City Recreation Department

pool to open on memorial day

The pool will be open from 1-5 pm on Monday 26th of May.

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nights at the museum

Bob Boerigter "Forgotten Stories that are Unforgettable"

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

Join us for a historical reflection about some of the most significant moments in Northwestern's sports history. "The touchdown pass that started a tradition," "the Forgotten Footballs," "He only scored 56" and "The history of the Tri-State and GPAC Conferences" will be among the stories shared on this night.

oc arts youth theater workshop - high school musical jr.

Class is back in session and the gang at East High will never be the same again thanks to this newly-released Broadway, Jr. edition of the musical sensation that's sweeping the nation. Now Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay, Ryan and the rest of the Wildcats can bring their special brand of school spirit to Orange City!


- Cost: \$75
- Registration Deadline: May 5
- Open to youth entering grades 5 to 8
- Registration includes a t-shirt.

A public performance will be on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm.

For more info: orangecityarts.org

regional art show closing reception may 5

The closing reception for Orange City Arts Regional Art Show will be held at the NWC DeWitt Theater Building on May 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Show winners will be announced by jurors Amy Williams (Art Professor at NWC) and Roberta Pottebaum (MOC FV teacher and artist).

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