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orange city, iowa



matt van schouwen appointed as new city administrator

The City of Orange City is pleased to announce that Matt Van Schouwen has been selected as the next City Administrator. Van Schouwen currently serves as Orange City's Director of Public Works, a role he has held since March of 2019. He will officially begin his new position in November.

Mayor Deb De Haan shared her enthusiasm for the appointment, saying,

"We are thrilled to have Matt Van Schouwen step into the role of City Administrator. Matt is a person of integrity who leads with care, respect, and a deep commitment to our community. His proven leadership and dedication to both our employees and residents make him an outstanding choice to guide Orange City into the future."



As Director of Public Works, Van Schouwen has overseen numerous community projects, infrastructure improvements, and public service initiatives. His experience and relationships within the community will serve him well as he transitions into the city's top administrative role.

Reflecting on his new position, Van Schouwen said,

"I'm honored by the opportunity to continue serving our great community. Orange City is a unique place with strong leadership, dedicated staff, and residents who genuinely care about one another. I look forward to working with the City Council, staff, and citizens to continue building on the positive momentum and vision that make Orange City a vibrant place to live, work, and thrive."

The City of Orange City extends appreciation to all who have served and supported the community's ongoing growth and success. The appointment of Van Schouwen represents both continuity and renewed energy for the city's mission to provide quality services, foster vibrant connections, and promote sustainable progress for generations to come.

orange city public library hosts november events

There's something for everyone at the Orange City Public Library this November—come learn, create, and connect! Honor our heroes at a moving Veteran's Day presentation on November 10 at 6:30 p.m., where stories from 22 local veterans will be shared. Get crafty with our Flowers with Friends event held at the Gezellig Event Center and led by Erika from The Floral Market where you'll make two beautiful silk floral decorations for the holidays, or try your hand at Gelli Printing in a creative art class led by Amy Sharar (both events require registration). Tweens and teens can team up for Pizza, Puzzles & Pop competition, while younger readers can enjoy story times and after-school activities. Warm up your month with a visit to the library—you never know what you'll discover! Be sure to sign up for these events now at www.orangecitylibrary.org

recyclable or not

Have you ever wondered if something can be recycled? Use this QR code to find out!

The link also provides the recycle and trash collection schedules, as well as downloadable maps and reference guides.

orangecityiowa.com/city/city-services/recyclable-non-recyclable-material/



fall into creativity with orange city arts

Orange City Arts invites you to gather, create, and celebrate the season with us. Our fall lineup is filled with hands-on workshops designed to inspire and connect our community through the arts.

Recorder Workshop

November 4, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

A fun and engaging introduction to this timeless instrument for adults. Includes a quality recorder and instruction booklet. \$30

Watercolor Botanicals

November 13, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Local artist Kaarina Van Berkum will demonstrate her watercolor process before guiding participants in creating their own botanical-inspired pieces. \$10

Hollander Jazz Holiday Concert

November 29, 7:30 pm

Celebrate the season with a spirited evening of jazz featuring local favorite Hollander Jazz.



dear friends of the tulip festival

Each year, the Orange City Tulip Festival reminds us of the incredible spirit of community that makes this tradition possible. From the volunteers who give their time to the supporters who share their resources, it is remarkable to see how our town comes together with commitment, hospitality, and a sense of pride. It is truly a gift to gather and celebrate our cherished Dutch heritage — honoring our history while also looking forward to our future.

We have begun planning for the 2026 Tulip Festival, scheduled for May 14-16, 2026. We kindly ask for your continued support of the Friends of the Festival Foundation.

This year's focus is on expanding the presence of tulips throughout Orange City. We are collaborating with the City of Orange City to add more tulips to existing beds and to create new beds in high-traffic areas, ensuring more beautiful tulip displays for residents and visitors to enjoy each May. Because this effort requires both an investment in bulbs and sustainable funding for ongoing care, your generosity will help create a lasting impact that enhances the viewing experience for years to come.

Please consider making a tax-deductible year-end gift to the **Friends of the Festival Foundation** to support these projects. With a minimum contribution of \$100, you will receive "early access" to purchase and reserve seating for the 2026 Night Show production of **Anastasia**, starting December 1, 2025. Public ticket sales begin on January 1, 2026.



Thank you for considering a gift and for your continued support of the Orange City Tulip Festival!

Todd and Mandy Vande Griend, Volunteers
Friends of the Festival Foundation Chairperson



orange city sanitation thanksgiving schedule 2025

All Thursday routes will be picked up on Wednesday November 26.

sump pump reminder

Orange City ordinances allow sump pumps to drain into sanitary sewers from October 15 through April 15.

heading south for the winter

We know you don't want to miss out on any of your important mail while you are vacationing in warmer climates. To receive your monthly utility bill directly, please contact the OCMU office at 707-4885 with your forwarding address. Our staff will make a temporary change to your billing address for the months you are away.



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



seasonal parking

Be advised! From Oct. 15 - April 1, the City of Orange City does not permit on-street parking between 2:00 am – 6:00 am.

celebrate a safe holiday

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the City Office will be closed on Thursday, November 27, & Friday, November 28.

For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.

