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orange city, iowa



volunteer opportunity: help plant tulip bulbs

Each spring, Orange City bursts into color, and it all begins with tulip bulbs planted this fall! This October, volunteers will once again plant 40,000 tulip bulbs throughout the city, ensuring beautiful blooms come May. Leading the way are Nora Mulder and John Buntsma, who will gather helping hands in Windmill Park on October 24 at 1:00 pm and October 25 at 8:30 am. Rain dates are October 31 & November 1.

We'd love for you to be part of this Orange City tradition! Grab your gloves, bring a friend, and join us (no garden knowledge or experience required)!



fall into creativity: orange city arts' new fall workshop series

As the vibrant colors of summer give way to autumn's cozy hues, Orange City Arts is offering a fresh lineup of fall workshops and experiences to fuel your creative soul. From painting to sewing, these one-of-a-kind sessions are perfect for discovering - or expanding—your artistic spark.

What's on the Fall Lineup?

Our MainStage events run from September through April, featuring compelling performances from local and national artists. Complementing these, our hands-on Fall Workshops bring more learning and art-making opportunities to the community.

Some workshops scheduled for Fall 2025 include:

Coffee & Canvas: Painting Landscapes with April Benson

Dates: September 27, 2025, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm & November 22, 2025, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Kweken Co., 113 3rd St NW, Orange City

A relaxed and inspiring session where participants paint landscapes over coffee in the company of fellow creatives.

Sewing for Beginners

Dates: October 9–11, 2025

Time: Thursday at 6 – 7 pm, 7 – 8 pm; Saturday at 10 – 11 am, 11 am – 12 noon

Location: City Hall, 125 Central Ave SE, Orange City

Beginner-friendly workshop to learn essential sewing skills—think hem-mending, basic stitching, and more.

Paint the Seasons: Fall

Date: October 23, 2025, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: City Hall, 125 Central Ave S, Orange City

Capture autumn's essence as you paint scenes inspired by the season—think falling leaves, golden light, and harvest tones or Halloween!

Feeling inspired but not sure which workshop fits you best? I'd be happy to help you decide or brainstorm how to make that painting or sewing project uniquely yours. Contact us at: info@orangecityarts.org. Or call 712-707-4510.



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Nights at the Museum

Thursday, Oct. 2 | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Disquieted Dutch: What the Upcoming Netherlands Election Reveals About Europe

Join us for an engaging evening with Dr. James Kennedy, noted historian and Professor of Modern Dutch History at Utrecht University. A native of Orange City, Kennedy graduated from Unity Christian School and attended Northwestern College before going on to an accomplished academic career in the Netherlands. He is the author of A Concise History of the Netherlands.

Museum Opened | Raider Nation Celebration

Saturday, October 4 | 9 am - noon

Authors at the Museum

Tuesday, Oct. 7 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Pursuing the Light: A History of Northwestern, 1882-2024

Join Doug Anderson, Duane Beeson, and the editors of a brand new history of Northwestern College for a panel discussion about how this book was planned, researched, and created. They'll also share short readings from the book. Authors will be signing books, available to purchase for \$25.



home energy assistance program

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP), offered through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc., may be able to help you pay your winter heating bill. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.

Your local Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications from November 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. Each applicant will need to furnish a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill; original Social Security or I-94 card for each household member; and proof

Household Size	Max. Annual Gross Income
1	\$31,300
2	\$42,300
3	\$53,300
4	\$64,300
5	\$75,300

*More than 5 members, add \$11,000 for each additional member.

of the household's income for the past month (4 weeks), the past twelve (12) months, or most recent tax return. Eligibility for participation is established according to the federal income guidelines listed in the chart above. Applicants eligible for an award will be paid on a first come, first served basis, and all payments are subject to availability of funds.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact your local outreach office or phone: [800-859-2025](tel:800-859-2025), email: info@midsioux.org, hearing impaired call: [711](tel:711)

A walk-in sign up time will be held at City Hall on Thursday, October 16 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

free household e-recycling program october 17 and 18

The Cities of Orange City & Alton are co-sponsoring a free e-recycling program on October 17 & 18, 2025, in Orange City.

All citizens of Orange City and Alton who would like to utilize the e-recycling program will need to go to the City Office to pick up a free tag. You will need one tag regardless of the number of items. If you do not have a tag, you will be asked to provide identification.

The following items are accepted:

- Computer monitors
- CPU's
- Keyboards
- Printers and mouse(s)
- Smaller batteries
- TV's

Items can be dropped off at the Orange City Street Department Building (Just south of Ace Hardware. 809 Concord Place SE.)

Friday, October 17, 4:00-7:00 pm

Saturday, October 18, 9:00 am - noon

22nd annual dutchmen field championships

The Pride of the Dutchmen Marching Band is proud to present the 22nd Annual Dutchmen Field Championships at Korver Field on October 11. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and feature a fireworks display to conclude the evening. We invite the community to come and enjoy a variety of bands from around the Midwest. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or in advance online for a discounted price. Visit www.prideofthedutchmen.com for exact details.

Some important reminders for the community:

- Frankfort Ave by the high school will be closed for most of the day. (8th St. SE to 5th St. SE from roughly 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.)
- Fireworks will be launched from the sandpit area behind ACE Hardware sometime around 9:45 p.m. at the conclusion of the event.
- There will be heavy bus, car, and pedestrian traffic around the stadium and high school. Please be extra vigilant and patient with out-of-town visitors.

share your story

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!



vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city



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.

Snow plows will be heading your way before we know it.



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