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orange city, iowa



things to know when the sirens blow

Orange City has seven tornado sirens placed throughout the community to provide adequate coverage to warn residents of impending weather. The sirens are considered outdoor warning sirens, and are intended to warn those who are outside at the time of severe weather. They are not intended to warn people inside their homes and businesses.

Tornado sirens are controlled by the communications/dispatch personnel at the Sioux County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). When bad weather arises, they monitor information from the National Weather Service and trained weather spotters.

Personnel from the EMA trigger the sirens when:

1. A tornado warning has been issued for Orange City.
2. Or, a funnel cloud has been identified by the trained weather spotters.

Because the sirens have built-in timers to save battery life and wear on the siren, they will turn off after a few minutes, requiring the EMA personnel to trigger them again if the threat is still active.

reserve your favorite park

The arrival of summer means picnics, reunions, and outdoor birthday parties. After being inside all winter, we can all agree outdoors is the place to be. For a very inexpensive "get away", Orange City has five shelters which are available to rent for your group activities. All of these City-owned facilities have a refrigerator, stove, sink, and counters.



Vets Park Scout House (\$50/day)



Vets Park Shelter (\$50/day)



Woudstra Family Park Shelter (\$50/day)



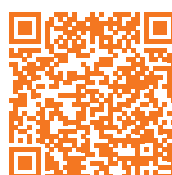
Swimming Pool Shelter (\$50/day)



Windmill Park Shelter (\$50/day)

For descriptions of the shelter houses, or to reserve a shelter house **ONLINE ONLY**, scan the QR code, or go to: orangecityiowa.com/shelter-houses/reserve-campsites-shelter-houses

Outdoor picnic areas can be used without a fee or reservation if the shelter house is not reserved.



nights at the museum

June 23, 6:30–7:30 pm

Cora Vander Broek: Behind the Scenes

The museum is pleased to welcome Cora Vander Broek, an MOC-Floyd Valley and Northwestern College graduate, as the opening speaker for our 2026 Nights @ the Museum summer series.

Cora is an award-winning actor, writer, and filmmaker based in Los Angeles with more than 25 years of professional experience. In 2020, she received a Tony Awards nomination for Best Featured Actress for her Broadway debut performance in Linda Vista. She also has a recurring role on the Netflix series Grace and Frankie.

Join us as Cora shares stories from behind the scenes of her career in theater, television, and film.

Doors open at 6:00 pm.

siren test

The City of Orange City will be conducting its monthly siren test on Friday, June 5.



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woudstra family park dedication ceremony

The City of Orange City had a dedication of Woudstra Family Park on Wednesday, May 27, at 11:30 am.

In September, the City Council officially approved renaming Puddle Jumper Park to Woudstra Family Park in honor of their generations of service to Orange City.

The park sign recognizes three generations of Woudstra family members who served on the Orange City City Council:

James Woudstra

served from 1964–1974

Leroy Woudstra

served from 1976–1994

Earl Woudstra

served from 1999–2019



grow into a great summer of reading

The Orange City Public Library is ready to help you grow into a great summer of reading! Our 2026 Summer Reading Program, themed “Plant a Seed, Read,” kicks off on June 1, from 6-8pm, with a Carnival of yard games and fun at Windmill Park—a perfect way to start a season full of stories, discovery, and community.

Our Summer Reading Challenge encourages readers of all ages to plant the seeds of a reading habit, with chances to win prizes along the way. Whether you’re just beginning your reading journey or are a lifelong book lover, there’s something for everyone to enjoy. Pick up a reading log at the library or at our Kick Off event, to keep track of your reading journey.

Be sure to check out our full lineup of summer events on our website, www.orangecitylibrary.org, with activities and programs for all ages. Registration is required for many, so be sure to sign up soon. We can’t wait to grow, read, and have fun together all summer long!

Here’s a listing of some events happening in just the first week of Summer Reading (there are 5 other weeks of events too!):

- *Alice in Wonderland Escape Room* (Grades 5-12)
- *Book Bedazzling* (Adults)
- *Movin’ & Groovin’ Sensory Story Time*
- *Mahjong* (Adults)
- *Cookie Decorating* (K-Grade 4)
- *Bonnecroy Farm Story Time*
- *Chess Club*



oc arts summer events

Orange City Area Community Choir Registration

April 14, 2026 - July 20, 2026

Community Choir: organized by Terra Falkena and called “Gemente Koor”. Preparations for choir are underway this summer, while workshops (and hopefully practices) will follow this fall.

“So Sioux Me!” Improv Night

June 12, 2026 - June 13, 2026

This summer, So Sioux Me is coming to Orange City! The local improv group will be performing two shows at the Verborgen Kamer speakeasy on June 12 and 13 at 7:30 pm. Hosted by David Janssen, the So Sioux Me group knows how to fill a room with gut-busting laughter!

For more information, visit:

<https://www.orangecityarts.org/>

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