CITY OF ORLEANS NEWSLETTER

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Mayor: Bill Maas 712-320-6227 Term expires 12/31/2023
Council: Keith Ostrum 712-336-0663 Term expires 12/31/2025
Council: Stanley Gable 712-363-3280 Term expires 12/31/2025
Council: Kristine Hoss 712-330-4510 Term expires 12/31/2023
Council: Ben Radcliffe 712-330-1575 Term expires 12/31/2025
Council: Terry Wilts 605-351-3768 Term expires 12/31/2023
City Clerk: Kay Cmelik 712-336-8156 Appointed 1/1/2023.

City Administration

The city council meets on the second Monday of each month starting at 7pm at Orleans City Hall. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting notices posted at City Hall, on the city website and announced on KUOO. The city publishes public hearing notices in the Dickinson County News as well as the city website.

Orleans City Clerk does not have office hours. It is a part-time position. She is available by phone, email, and appointment. No weekend or evening (after 5:30 p.m.) calls please.

Building Permit Requirements

Orleans has a Zoning Ordinance in place as to the proper use of land within the City Limits. City of Orleans requires building permits for all construction projects such as decks, patios, fences, additions, yard sheds, buildings, moved in structures, signs, etc. **Permits must be approved PRIOR to any construction and permit fees must be paid at the time of application**. Staff will return any incomplete building permit applications. All permits are reviewed by NW IA Planning so please allow up to 5-7 working days for permits to be processed. To assist in the permit process, please have property lines marked and the proposed area of construction staked out.

Violations of permits/ordinances may result in fines of $100 per day per violation. Permits are required for driveways and any excavation in City streets or City right-of-way PRIOR to improvements being made. Our ordinance is posted on the City's website along with applications and current fee schedule.
NOTE: We currently have a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact City Hall.

Iowa One Call

Iowa law requires that any person, homeowner, professional, public, or private entity, planning to engage in any form of excavation within the state of Iowa must notify the Iowa One Call notification system at 1-800-292-8989 or 811 at least 48 hours prior to excavating.

Lift Station alarm

If you hear the alarm, please be courteous and report by calling 712-336-2525.

Garbage Service

Garbage pickup: Mondays & Thursdays – May – September
Mondays only – October – April - set at curb by 7:00 am

The garbage containers provided by Town & Country are the only containers allowed for waste pickup. The city-owned garbage containers MUST remain with the property. The city will bill you for the cost of a replacement container. Garbage service is for household waste/refuse only, **no** commercial or construction materials, landscape waste or hazardous materials allowed. To assure pickup of these containers, garbage must be contained placed completely inside the container & the lid completely closed. **Containers are to be set at the curb by 7AM with the wheels away from the curb.** Four feet of clear space should be provided on both sides of the container. This service is provided to Orleans residents thru property tax revenues at **no** additional cost to residents. Residents engaged in construction/remodeling projects should contact Town & Country directly at 712-472-2493 for a bin to dispose of your construction waste at your own expense.

Landscape Waste

The Cities of Orleans and Spirit Lake offer the landscape waste site located East of Orleans on 140th St (on North side of road) **The site hours of operation are Saturdays 9-5, Sundays 1-5, & Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-7 and will have an attendant on site.** You will need your Water Utility billing showing your address to utilize this site. You MUST be a resident to access the site. **No large branches, trees, or tree trunks greater than six" will be accepted. (**These larger items can be taken to the Dickinson County Recycling Center and A34 East of Milford.) There is no cost for **Orleans residents** and **property owners** to use this facility so please use it responsibly. **NO COMMERCIAL USE ALLOWED**. Questions? Please contact City of Spirit Lake at 712-336-1871

Recycling

The city provided recycling bin is located on 140th St. one block South of City Hall & one-half block East. **This is for residential use only for Orleans and Dickinson County Residents.** Plastic, metal, glass & cardboard items are accepted. **Please DO NOT leave anything on the ground or around bin**.

City Website

Be sure to check out the city website at www.orleansiowa.gov , it has been updated for easier navigation.

Fireworks

City Code 41.14 prohibits the use of **"Display Fireworks"** within the city limits of the City of Orleans.

A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks on days other June 1 through July 8 and December 10 through January 3 of each year, all dates inclusive. A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks at times other than between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., except on July 4 and the Saturdays and Sundays immediately preceding and following July 4. People should not use **public trails and streets** for consumer fireworks. Anyone using consumer fireworks should dispose of them properly and not let the debris blow into your neighbors' yards or on city streets and rights-of-way. **First be respectful of your neighbors, pets and others that are not comfortable with fireworks.**

Big Spirit Lake Protective Association and East Okoboji Lakes Improvement Corp.

These groups have provided marker buoys, sponsorship of fireworks, beach cleanup, input at water safety and dock regulation meetings, and supports water quality testing & improvement, rain garden projects, etc. Further information is available at http://www.theslpa.org/ and http://www.eastokobojilakes.org/wp/

Public Parks

The City of Orleans owns Sunset Park and has made improvements to the park with new playground equipment and benches. Please do your part in keeping in clean. Note: the park next to the spillway is not owned by the City of Orleans.

Dogs

All dogs are to be leashed whenever not on the owner's property and especially if taken to the City Park/access, where they must be leashed and cleaned up after. Nuisance barking/howling complaints will be dealt with by a warning notice. Further complaints will result in a police call, and you could be billed for this service call. Please always respect your neighbor's rights and do not allow your pet to bark, howl, or run at large. Residents finding stray dogs may transport them to the Animal Shelter located west of the Wastewater Treatment Plant north of Milford. Some folks notify KUOO radio with a description and location of the stray to try to find the owners.

Police Protection

Orleans has a contractual agreement with the Spirit Lake Police Department for law enforcement. The need for police action should be directed to them at 336-5776 or 911 in an emergency. The city is charged a fee for each police call. This fee may be billed to the person responsible for causing the nuisance or criminal action which initiates the call, those who initiate false 911 calls, or frivolous calls. Please be alert regarding any suspect behavior and vehicles, write down the license numbers and dates for reporting to police.

Quiet Hours

The hours between 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. are designated**,** by Ordinance, as "quiet hours" in all City parks, camping areas, and public accesses. Noise shall be kept to a minimum, there shall be no shouting, yelling, singing, electronically produced sound, or activities that produce levels of noise disturbing to nearby residents. During quiet hours internal combustion engines shall be operated at idle or the lowest practical speed.

Open Burning

The disposal by open burning of landscape waste originating on the premises shall be allowed from **Sept. 10-Dec. 15 and April 2-May 31, during the hours of dawn to dusk.** Please do not burn within 25 feet of a building or on the lakeshore. Burning on city streets is also prohibited. An alternative to burning, landscape waste may be taken to the landscape site one half mile East of Orleans on 140th Street. Please be considerate of neighbors with any respiratory issues or who place laundry outside for fresh air drying.

Public Docks

The City of Orleans owns two docks that are located at Sunset Park and Beach Ave. (south of the Fish Hatchery). These are provided for the enjoyment of the lakes by all citizens. Overnight parking of boats, trailers, etc. more than 24 hours on City property is prohibited and boat hoists are not allowed to be stored on City property and must be removed within 24 hours of removal from the lake for the season.

Parking

Please be aware of the no parking ordinances and the location of no parking signs in designated areas. No overnight parking or camping is allowed in the City Park. South shore neighborhoods are not allowed to block the sidewalk to pedestrian traffic and NO PARKING in City Right-of-Way except in designated areas. No parking is allowed within five feet of any fire hydrant. **Parking violation citations WILL be issued for anyone violating current parking regulations.**

The City *DOES NOT* allow storage of boats, boat trailers or materials on City Right of Way. No boats or trailers are to be parked on the green space along the bicycle trail north of Reeds Run and no parking any time on green space between Rail Trail & 140th St.

Temporary parking on city streets/right of way is only for a period of 72 consecutive hours in areas where parking is not restricted. No fences, landscaping, gardens, or signs are to be constructed on city street right of ways.

For more detailed information regarding Orleans Parking Ordinances, please refer to the City's Website Page regarding City Zoning & Regulations tab at www.orleansiowa.gov .

RV and Campers

Travel trailers and campers are not allowed to be parked long-term on vacant lots without approval by the Board of Adjustment. Please review the City Zoning Ordinance for definitions, requirements, and time limits for parking RVs and campers within areas zoned residential and specifically R-1 Lakeshore Residential District before considering the same.

Snow Removal

The City contracts with 4 Evergreen Landscaping for snow removal on the South and East sides of Orleans, & an agreement with Dickinson County takes care of the West side of the City. *NOTE: Mailboxes are placed in city right-of-way at the risk of the owner. City of Orleans assumes no liability for any damage caused by snow removal efforts.* **Piling or pushing of snow from your property on to city streets or city right-of-way is prohibited.**

Mowing

The city has several areas that it takes responsibility for in mowing, picking up sticks/litter, and keeping weeds under control. The areas on the south shore between the old railroad and the street have been improved with a shallow swale to facilitate the flow of storm water. To maintain this swale, the City does not allow gardening on that property.

The city does have an ordinance limiting the height of grass in town to nine (9") inches or less. Please keep your lawns maintained throughout the mowing season to avoid ordinance violation penalties.

The city asks that you consider mowing grass in the right of way areas adjoining your property as well. This helps keep your property taxes down. We also ask you to consider adopting any fire hydrant near you to mow around and keep it visible and accessible. **Do not mow into the city streets.**

Streetlights

Anyone desiring to report the outage of a streetlight is asked to call Alliant Energy, at 1-800-255-4268, or report online at www.alliantenergy.com/streetlights to give them the street address nearest the outage. Please be aware that Alliant is continuing the transitioning to LED lights for street lighting.

Sidewalks/Bike Trails

Please be courteous on bike trails and do not litter. If there is a sidewalk in front of your property, please inspect for deterioration. Orleans sidewalk Regulation 820-2 states that it shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owners to maintain in a safe and hazard free condition any sidewalk outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines or traveled portion of the street.

Parking on sidewalks and bike trails is prohibited. These are for pedestrian use only! Please keep all landscape waste and garbage off trails and city right-of-way. Let us all do our part to keep Orleans clean.

Water

Iowa Lakes Regional Water (ILRW) through a 28E Agreement is now responsible for the maintenance of water mains and has the right to use easements to enter property to do so. Your water bill will come from the City of Spirit Lake until November 2024. Fire protection is not affected by these changes.

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), ORV and Golf Cart Usage

The City has adopted Ordinances regarding the usage of these vehicles upon City Streets. All-Terrain Vehicles as defined in Section 3211.1 of the Iowa Code may be operated on all City streets under the authority of the City of Orleans except primary road extensions or state highways. All Traffic Laws Apply

Dickinson County Alerts

Residents are encouraged to sign up to receive emergency alerts through Dickinson Alert, the notification system provided through Dickinson County Emergency Management, by accessing their website at www.dcem.us.

House Numbers

Please be responsible and realize what a tremendous advantage it is to public safety to make sure your house number is visible.

Wishing you a safe Summer Season at the Lakes