CITY OF ORLEANS NEWSLETTER

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CITY ADMINISTRATION

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

The Orleans City Clerk does not have office hours as it is a part-time position. The City Clerk is available by phone, email, and appointment. Please do not call after 4:30 p.m. or on weekends.

BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Orleans enforces a Zoning Ordinance regulating land use within the City Limits. **Building permits are required for all projects**, including decks, patios, fences, additions, sheds, buildings, signs, landscaping, tree placement, and driveway/sidewalk replacements. Contact City Hall or our zoning officer if unsure.

Permits must be approved before construction begins, and fees are due at application. Violations may incur fines of $100 per day per violation.

RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS REQUIREMENTS.

Permits are needed for driveways and any excavation in City streets or right-of-way prior to improvements. The ordinance, applications, and fee schedule are available on the City's website. The council approval required for all permits.

NO FENCES, LANDSCAPING, GARDENS, OR SIGNS ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON CITY RIGHT OF WAYS.

IOWA ONE CALL

Anyone planning to engage in an excavation in Iowa must notify the Iowa One Call notification system at 1-800-292-8989 or 811 at least 48 hours before starting the excavation.

LIFT STATION ALARM

If the alarm is heard, report it by calling 712-336-2525.

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 May 28, 2026. Fire protection is not affected by these changes.

GARBAGE PICKUP:

Mondays & Thursdays – May to September

Mondays only – October to April - set at curb by 6:00 am

Town & Country-provided containers are the only ones allowed for waste pickup. City-owned containers must stay with the property; you will be billed for replacements. Garbage service is for household waste only—no commercial, construction, landscape waste, Christmas trees, or hazardous materials. Do not overload containers; they must be fully closed. **Set containers at the curb by 6 AM with wheels away from the curb** and provide four feet of clear space on both sides. This service is funded by property tax revenues at no extra cost.

For construction/remodeling projects, contact Town & Country at 712-472-2493 for a disposal bin at your expense. Do not overload dumpsters and tarp them, if possible, to prevent debris from blowing away.

RECYCLING

Recycling pickup: 1st and 3rd Friday of each month

Orleans provides a single-stream recycling program through Town and Country Disposal using 95-gallon containers, which must stay at the property. Replacements incur a fee. Recycling is collected curbside on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Containers should not be overloaded, must fully close, and be by the curb by 6 am with wheels facing away from the curb and four feet of space on both sides. Services are funded by property taxes. **DO NOT PUT GARBAGE IN RECYCLING CONTAINERS. It will not be picked up.**

LANDSCAPE WASTE

The Cities of Orleans and Spirit Lake offer the landscape waste site found 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 use 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.

Do not blow or dump leaves, acorns, or walnuts onto other properties, such as county ditches or farm fields. Inform your lawn service providers of this rule and ensure they do not blow leaves across the street onto another property. Dumping leaves into the lake is illegal. Follow the rules to avoid contact by the DNR.

Do not burn leaves on another property. This is governed by the city ordinances.

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, city right-of-way or unto another property is prohibited.**

Property owners must perform snow removal on their sidewalks whether they are here in the winter or not. Please plan accordingly.

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 ease the flow of storm water. To support 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. Do not mow into the city streets or blow leaves into the ditches.

FIREWORKS

City Code 41.14 prohibits the use of **"Display Fireworks**" within the city limits of the City of Orleans. Consumer fireworks are allowed only between June 1 through July 8, and December 10 through January 3 of each year, all dates inclusive. They can be used from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except on July 4 and the weekends surrounding it. Do not use them on public trails or streets. Properly dispose of fireworks debris and avoid letting it blow into neighbors' yards or city areas. Always respect neighbors, pets, and others who might be uncomfortable 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/

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 found 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.

CHICKENS AND WILDLIFE

You must submit a request to the city council for approval to have chickens, geese or ducks at your residence. If you have chickens, ducks, or geese on your property without permission of the city council, you are in violation of the city code.

Snakes which are naturally venomous or poisonous, or constrictors are not allowed per city code.

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.

HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS

Property owners with home security systems are allowed one false alarm. All other calls will be billed to the homeowner.

OPEN BURNING

The disposal by open burning of landscape waste originating on the premises shall be allowed **from April 2 – May 31 and Sept. 10-Dec. 15, 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 or rights-of-way 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. Be aware of red flag warnings as well. Do not leave any fire unattended.

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. City Code section 69.08 provides the no parking zones in Orleans. **NO PARKING** on 253rd Avenue, on both sides of the road from 140th Street to north corporate line at any time. **This includes the green space along the bicycle trail north of Reeds Run.**

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 or ditches. Please be sure and plan accordingly with your contractors as well. They should be made aware of our parking regulations.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV), UTVS AND GOLF CART USAGE

The City has adopted Ordinances regarding the usage of these vehicles upon City Streets. All-Terrain Vehicles as defined by the *Code of Iowa, Sec. 321I.1)* may be operated on all City streets under the authority of the City of Orleans except primary road extensions or state highways. They shall not be driven on bike and walking trail. All Traffic Laws Apply. Must be 16 years of age to operate.

Airbnb and VRBOs, VACATION RENTALS

Homes used partially or full-time as a vacation rental are subject to Hotel and Motel Sales Tax. Be sure you are governing yourselves accordingly to avoid any repercussions. All taxes collected from Orleans are used for our parks.

SUMMER ROAD AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

140th Street Construction and Utility Improvement Phase 1 will begin in April which will be from 240th Ave to Hill Ave with a detour for those living on the west side of Big Spirit until the intersection is completed at Peoria Ave and 140th Street. We ask for your patience and cooperation with construction crews during this time.

RV AND CAMPERS

No storage or parking of travel trailers and campers on vacant lots in residential zoned districts. Please review the City Zoning Ordinance for definitions, requirements, and time limits for parking RVs and campers within residential zoned districts and specifically R-1 Lakeshore Residential District before considering the same.

For more detailed information please review our website at www.orleansiowa.gov.

STREETLIGHTS

Anyone wishing 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 Section 136.04 states that it shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owners to keep in a safe and hazard free condition any sidewalk outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines or traveled part of the street.

Parking on sidewalks and bike trails is prohibited. Do not drive a motor vehicle on the bike trail. 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.

PUBLIC DOCKS

The City of Orleans owns two docks that are found 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. It is not intended for commercial use.

PUBLIC PARKS

The City of Orleans manages Sunset Park. The park is found off 253rd Ave., with city parking available on the east side of the road. The park includes a public dock, playground equipment, picnic tables, and benches. The city intends to upgrade Sunset Park and Beach Avenue Access by incorporating a handicapped-accessible dock, kayak launch, and paved parking with designated handicapped parking.

Ainsworth-Orleans Beach is overseen by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and is found on 140th Street. It offers docks/launches and parking spaces.

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.

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 AND BUILDING NUMBERS

Please be responsible and realize what a tremendous advantage it is to public safety to make sure your house number is visible. If you have a storage building on the south side of 140th St., they need address numbers too.

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

Wishing you a safe Summer Season at the Lakes

Please keep this notice for future reference