

Fall

2019



THE CITY OF ORONOCO

THE GOLDEN EXPLORER

A Message from the Mayor

You may have noticed the street improvements that have been completed the last couple of weeks on Lake Shady Ave. S., 12th St. SW and 3rd Ave. SW and parts of 1st St. NE recently. The contractor applied an oil emulsion over the seal coating to give the street a longer life before we need to seal coat again. A couple of these streets will have striping done soon to complete the project.

Oronoco Park's entrance and loop was paved this year also, so you don't need to dodge the potholes anymore as you come into the park...looks really nice!

Didn't we just have Halloween Trick or Treating a couple of months ago...man, has time flown by! Please watch for kids and parents on the streets as they go house-to-house! Take your time driving in the neighborhoods. Thanks!

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year! It's cool, trees are turning colors, finishing up yard work, reflecting on what I didn't get done this summer and planning for next years activities! Have a great fall and get ready for winter...it will be shorter than last years winter, right!



DOWNTOWN ORONOCO GOLD RUSH DAYS

August 21-23, 2020

This years 2019 Gold Rush event, August 16-18, was met with 3 days of great weather, something that has not happened in the recent past! The vendors and shoppers enjoyed the weather and the shopping. There was a car show Saturday afternoon that had 52 cars registered and was enjoyed by many. Watch next year for the car show! The 2nd 5K had 99 runners signed up and the race course started and finished in downtown Oronoco in the middle of Gold Rush. A couple won the men and women's 5K event, just to keep it in the family...not too competitive!

Members of the Gold Rush Committee conducted an iPad survey of shoppers during the show. Interesting results regarding how far people travel to see the show and what they are looking for at the show. There was also an email survey to the vendors after the show that indicated that the far majority of the vendors had a great weekend and would recommend it to other vendors. They are looking forward to next year's Gold Rush!

Thanks to all the volunteers that signed up to help and members of the Downtown Gold Rush Committee for their support and participation this year! Paul Pendergrass, Nancy Quimby, Trish Shields, Dana Bergner, Marci Goodman, Lori Novak, Ryland Eichhorst and Carol Olsen, Event Coordinator, Alyssa Simons, Accountant and Joanne McDermott for helping at the Information booth.

The committee is starting to plan for the 2020 Gold Rush event the first full weekend in August starting on Friday, August 21 – 23! It will be here before you know it!

A reminder that this years Gold Rush donation requests are due Friday, Oct. 11th at City Hall, prior to our Oct .14th Gold Rush Committee meeting where we will review the requests.

The Gold Rush Committee meets the 2nd Monday of every month, 6 PM at City Hall. Please join us to learn more about the Gold Rush committee discussions and ask questions you may have.

Public Works

Sealed Bid City of Oronoco

Bidding Item: 1996 Ford Truck

Conditions of Bidding:

Truck inspection may be conducted on October 4th, 2019 from 10 am to noon.

Closing date of October 11th, 2019 at noon.

Bids will be opened and awarded after bid close.

Bids:

Only one bid per envelope.

Must be in a sealed envelope.

Envelope must be marked "sealed bid".

All bids must be received no later than the closing date listed on the original bid to be honored.

Item Condition:

1996 Ford F250 XL 4x4 Regular cab

8-foot box

dual tanks, 5.8-liter engine

AT/PS/AC

92k miles

Comes with a 7'6" Hiniker 2-way snow plow

All items will be sold "as is - no warranty - no returns".

Terms of sale:

Please see the full post on the Oronoco website at www.oronoco.com or on Facebook.

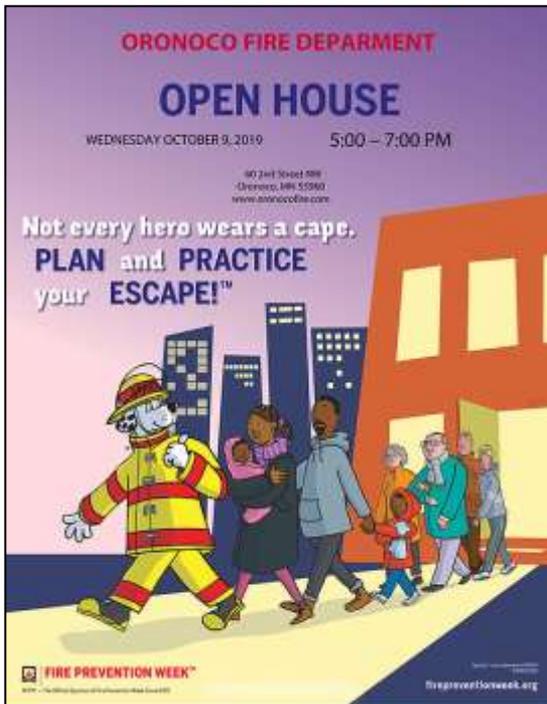
Notice:

Ongoing flushing of the hydrants into October.

Greetings from the Oronoco Fire Department

Welcome to fall. We are happy to announce two new members on our fire department. Michael Vreeman and Sam Jensch both just joined, so make sure you say hello the next time you see either of them.

Fire Prevention Week (FPW) is coming up and our yearly open house is Wednesday, October 9th from 5-7 PM. This year's FPW campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" is designed to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. Plan ahead for your escape by making your home escape plan, and practice today.



Call the firehall at 367-4440 if you would like to leave a message with any questions or if you are interested in joining, and check out our website <http://www.oronocofire.com> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/oronocofire> for more information.



1st Responder's

Fire Department

***We are looking for members!
Applications are on our website
at www.oronocofire.com***

***City Notice
Outstanding Citizen***

A committee has been formed to recognize outstanding Oronoco citizens, past and present.

If you would like to honor someone who is deserving of this recognition, the City is now accepting nominations.

Please submit their name and why you think that person deserves recognition to City of Oronoco, City Hall at 507-367-4405 or at oronococityhall@gmail.com

We appreciate all that you have done for Oronoco!

Oronoco Area History Center

Find us on Facebook!

1918 – The new arch bridge at Oronoco on the direct road from Rochester to the Twin Cities has been completed. Many making this trip this year had to detour over a temporary bridge during construction. The new bridge cost \$34,875.

1938 – For the first time in 80 years, gold mining will **begin in Olmsted county**. The **“Princess Louise” mine** has been registered and is located on the Zumbro River west of Oronoco, in the Stussy brothers gravel pit. Tests of the free gold in the sand taken from the pit show a value of \$1.60 a ton.

We were happy to have first-time visitors to our **annual “Pie Night”, on Aug. 29, at the History Center**, where we had a choice of 8 different pies made by President Mary Fuller. We enjoy sharing Oronoco History with those who have lived here just a short time, as well as long-time citizens.

The next meeting will be on October 8, at 7:00pm, and our next time open will be October 12, from 10-12. If you have not visited us before, this will be the opportunity to do so.

***Oronoco is looking for
Election Judges***

If you are interested in being an election judge for 2020, please contact City Hall. You may work one election or all, part-time or the full day.

Election judges are paid!

2020 Elections:

- March 3, 2020 - Presidential Nomination Primary Election
- August 11, 2020 - Primary Election
- November 3, 2020 - General Election

All elections are held at Oronoco City Hall,
115 2nd St NW

If interested, please contact
oronococityhall@gmail.com or at 507-367-4405

Thank you!

Water & Sewer

The Water & Sewer committee have been reviewing documents/permits and applications that have been submitted to the MPCA for the City's wastewater project. Stantec and I continue to meet with MPCA representatives from Rochester and St. Paul monthly to review the status and progress of the seven different applications that have been submitted. Work is progressing towards the Public Comment time period in December & January for the Wastewater Permit.

The House Capital Investment Committee will be stopping in Oronoco October 22nd for a quick tour of the City and a brief presentation regarding the Wastewater Project by Stantec and the Mayor. This will aid in our exposure to the Capital Investment Committee members regarding our \$20.4 million funding request for the City's Wastewater and Water Improvement project during the 2020 Legislative Session.

The Water & Sewer committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend, hear what is going on and answer questions you may have regarding the project.



Presbyterian Church of Oronoco

20 -3rd Street S.W., P.O. 118
Phone 507-367-4711
website: www.oronocochurch.org
Pastor: Lisa Johnson
Email: pastorlisaj@gmail.com
Phone: 507-995-7310



Sunday Worship 10:00a.m.

Followed by coffee and fellowship.

The Food Shelf is housed at and sponsored by our church together with Channel One.

The food shelf is open the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

The food shelf will be open from 5-7:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events:

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Vigil

October 15 is designated as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day – a day set aside to remember all of those precious angel babies that have been held in the hearts of their loved ones, even if they never got to hold them in their arms. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month in 1988, and October 15th has grown into a specific day for families to remember together, grieve together, and honor their littlest loved ones together.

This year, we're going to host a vigil to honor all those who have experienced this terrible kind of loss. We're planning a short service (outdoors, if the weather permits) as well as a walk down to the river to release white carnations into the Zumbro River. Following the service and walk, there will be coffee and cookies available at the church for any who would like to stay and spend some time either with others or in prayer in the sanctuary.

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Painting Fundraiser

Date: Tues., Oct. 15

Time: 5:30 p.m.

We will be holding another painting fundraiser, and this time, kids are welcome!! We're inviting kids age 9 and up (must be accompanied by an adult). We'll be working with Sunshine and Roses Canvas Painting.

Date: Sat., Nov. 9

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per seat

Pre-registration is required. For the registration link (and a sneak peek at the picture we'll be painting!), visit our church website:

<http://www.oronocochurch.org>.

Trunk or Treat

We're going to host a Trunk or Treat for the community this year! Trunk or Treat is a great way for kids to have some fun in their costumes and get a bunch of treats all in one safe, contained space.

Date: Sat., Oct. 26

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Presbyterian Church of Oronoco

* We will host this event RAIN OR SHINE. If it's raining, we'll move indoors.*

Lunch will also be available for purchase inside the church:

Hot dogs & chips: \$2

Water/juice: \$1/bottle

We're also asking various Oronoco businesses and organizations if they would like to participate as well. Please consider bringing treats to hand out to the kiddos! If your business or organization is interested, please visit our church website and look for the "Contributor Form" link. The more trunks we have, the better!

Christmas Cookie Sale

It's coming back! The Presbyterian Church of Oronoco is doing our Christmas cookie sale again this year!

Date: Sat., Dec. 7

Time: 9:00a-12:00p

Thousands of cookies! Fill a box (or two ... or three!). Just \$5 per pound! Coffee and hot chocolate available for anyone that wants to sit a while and share some holiday cheer.



Young at Heart Exercise Group

The Oronoco Young at Heart Exercise Group meets Wednesday mornings; 9 a.m. at the Oronoco Community Center. Following at 10:15 there will be yoga for those interested.

It is important to have a good balance of exercise and not focus on just one thing. Our group focuses on various types of physical exercise: balance, flexibility, strength and endurance. Since everybody is different, participants are encouraged to work at their own ability level. Exercises are good for both physical and mental health.

Exercise is a great way to have fun and be with friends or make new friends. Join the group and keep moving.

Rosemary Van Houten



ORONOCO SENIORS GROUP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Join the Senior Citizens of Oronoco Seniors Group at the Oronoco Community Center every 4th Wednesday of the month April –November. They play Bingo, cards, and have a great social gathering with an occasional speaker on important topics to keep you informed. A catered noon meal is offered for only \$4.00. Call Carole at 367-4717 with any questions you may have or if you are interested.

CITY OF ORONOCO MEETINGS

City Council:

3rd Tuesday each month @ 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning:

2nd Thursday each month @ 7:00 pm

1st Responders:

1st Monday each month @ 6:30pm

Fire Department:

2nd Monday of each month @ 6:30pm

4th Monday of each month @ 6:30pm

Parks & Trail Committee:

1st Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm

Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush:

2nd Monday each month @ 6:00 pm

Water & Sewer Committee :

2nd Tuesday each month @ 6:30 pm

CITY CONTACTS

2019 Mayor:

Ryland Eichhorst (993-9045)

2019 Council Members:

Trish Shields (367-2525)

Carl Krause (358-5330)

Nancy Quimby (319-4328)

Lori Novak

City Clerk / Treasurer:

Sandy Jessen (367-4405)

Deputy Clerk:

Rebecca McGuire (367-4405)

Maintenance:

Dan Howard (367-2281)

Jim Ackman

Fire Department:

Dan Sundt (367-4440)

1st Responders:

Chris Inman

Emergency Operations Center:

Pat McGovern (367-2277)

Planning & Zoning:

Paul Jannetto

Gold Rush Committee:

Carol Olson (367-2111)

Park Committee:

Katie Dudley (367-2744)

Cemetery Association:

John Tilford (507)273-1661

Oronoco Township:

Lucy Shonyo (367-2665)

CITY HALL INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday

9AM-3:30PM

Friday

9-1pm

(507) 367-4405

oronococityhall@gmail.com

www.oronoco.com

**Please remember that
all dogs and cats
must be current on shots
and licensed with Oronoco
per City Ordinance. License
are \$5.00 a year per pet.
Please renew your license
every December at City Hall
with a copy of your animals
vaccination record.**

Thank you!



Need A Document Notarized?

If you need a document notarized, contact City Hall. Your City Clerk is a Notary of the Public. This is a service provided FREE by the City.



Please visit our website for notices, events, applications, permits, meeting minutes, and more.

WWW.ORNOCO.COM



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WATER TEST KITS

Available at City Hall. It tests for coli form, bacteria, nitrate, chloride, sulfate, nitrite and fluoride.

COMMUNITY CENTER AND CITY PARK RENTALS

CC Room Rental:	\$75 - \$150
Meeting Room Rental:	\$25
Chairs:	\$35
Picnic Tables:	\$50
Camp Sites:	\$15
City Shelter:	\$30





Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Synod (WELS) - wels.net

45 First Avenue NE, PO Box 238

Oronoco, Minnesota 55960

Office: (507) 367-4329

gracelutheranoronoco.com

follow us on Facebook

Pastor Roger Riedel – Cell: (507) 601-8541
riedels.1999@gmail.com

*Please join us in worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ, our
Savior and our King.*

Sunday schedule:

- 8:15-9:45am Youth confirmation/catechism class with Pastor
- 8:45- 9:45am Sunday school
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:15am Family Bible Time & Fellowship Hour

Sunday morning Bible class meets after Sunday worship in the church basement “fellowship hall.” In our current study, “Back to the Basics,” we are having an in-depth discussion of “The Ministry of the Keys and Confession”. In the future, we will study the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Wednesday evening Bible class meets in the church basement near the fire place. (You may enter through the double doors upstairs or the glass doors downstairs.) Our fall study, from October 2nd to Thanksgiving, is “A Christian View of Death.”

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For information regarding monthly Friday Fun Nights, Youth Group and church membership, or additional information about Sunday worship and weekly Bible study, please call Pastor Riedel.



Come and grow with us in Grace!

Coming Attractions at Grace Lutheran Church, Oronoco, MN:

- Friday, September 27 – 6:00 pm Friday Fun Night
- Friday, October 18 – 6:00 pm Friday Fun Night
- Saturday, October 26 – Men of His Word Conference at the Rochester Civic Center (pre-registration required) – theme: “Built on the Rock”
- Friday, November 15 – 6:00 pm Friday Fun Night
- Wednesday, November 27 – 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Grace

Advent & Christmas

- Sunday worship theme in Advent (December 1, 8, 15) “Isaiah's Christmas”
- Children's Christmas Service – Sunday, December 22 10:00 am – theme: “Pictures of God's Promises”
- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24 – 7:00 pm Candlelight Worship



Notice:

Tags are required by
Oronoco
City Code 91.

2020 Pet Tags
will be ready
November 1st
for purchase.

2019 tags
expire Dec. 31st.

Please call City Hall
with any questions
you may have.

***Book Exchange at
Oronoco City Hall***

We have had a great turn
around in books,
acquired CD's, and
movies as well.

Feel free to bring
books in
or take books out!

The logo for National Night Out 2019 features the words "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" in a stylized, outlined font. Above "NATIONAL" is a banner with three stars. Below "NIGHT OUT" is a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. The year "2019" is written in a large, elegant, serif font below the main text.

*NATIONAL
NIGHT OUT
2019*

NNO would not be possible without the help and donations from the following businesses, volunteers, good neighbors, and friends:

*Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush , Oronoco Fire Department,
Oronoco First Responder's, Olmsted Sheriff's Department,
Zumbrota Dairy Queen, Custom Alarm,
Ottman Excavating, Animal House Boarding,
Pine Island Bank, Northland Buildings,
Domino's, Deer Creek Speedway,
Bowlocity, Stantec, Arborists of Rochester,
Schad Tracy, Culvers, Newt's,
Moto Proz, Lance Sorensen, Casey's General Store,
Haircut Hill Salon, Boulder Dam Canoe, and
Buy RV Sell RV*

THANK YOU!



Pine Island Area Home Services
A Living at Home/Block Nurse Program

Web site: www.pineislandareahomeservices.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pineislandareahomeservices

Office hours: Monday through Thursday from 9:00-1:00

Pine Island Area Home Services provides volunteer services to promote independent, home-based living for adults 65 and older in the Pine Island and Oronoco area.

Transportation, handyman services, light housekeeping, friendly visits and other services are available to help elders remain safe and comfortable in their home. Home visits are available to adults 65 and older who would like more information or need assistance.



UPCOMING EVENTS

A Matter of Balance Classes: Beginning September 30th and finishing on November 25th. This is a nationally recognized evidence-based program designed to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels among adults age 60+. This class has already been offered twice in the past and is being offered again due to continued interest and need. The workshop includes eight 2-hour sessions for 8-15 seniors led by two trained coaches. The maximum number of participants is 15. We hope you will join us!

Fund Raiser Dinner: Join us on **Friday, October 25th from 5:00 to 7:00** at the Pine Island American Legion for our dinner. This dinner is sponsored by the Pine Island Odd Fellows. The menu will include a ribeye steak or a smoked pork chop with garlic mashed potatoes, veggies, a bun and dessert.



Current and Ongoing Services are as follows:

Transportation

Transportation services are provided by our volunteer drivers. Please call the PIAHS office (356-2999) to request transportation. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver, we would welcome your help. We are always in need of more volunteer drivers!



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Exercise Classes

One-hour exercise classes are held at the Pine Island Senior Citizen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30a.m. Oronoco holds an exercise class at 9:00 on Wednesdays at the City Hall. The exercise classes incorporate weights into the regular exercise program to improve strength and balance. This class is designated to prevent or reverse bone loss. This class is recommended especially to those concerned about osteoporosis prevention or reversal.



Yoga Class

Gentle Yoga classes are held in Pine Island on Wednesdays at 9:30. The sessions are held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Foot Care Clinic

A foot care clinic is provided on the 3rd Thursday each month. An \$18 fee is paid directly to the nurse. Call Pine Island Area Home Services at 356-2999 for appointments. In-home appointments are available for elders having difficulty leaving home.



Blood Pressure Clinics (open to anyone)

You are welcome to have a blood pressure check at 11:00 a.m. on the following dates and locations:

2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at the City Center.

4th Wednesday each month at 11:30 at the Oronoco Community Center (Not held January thru March)

In-home blood pressure monitoring is available for elders having difficulty leaving home.

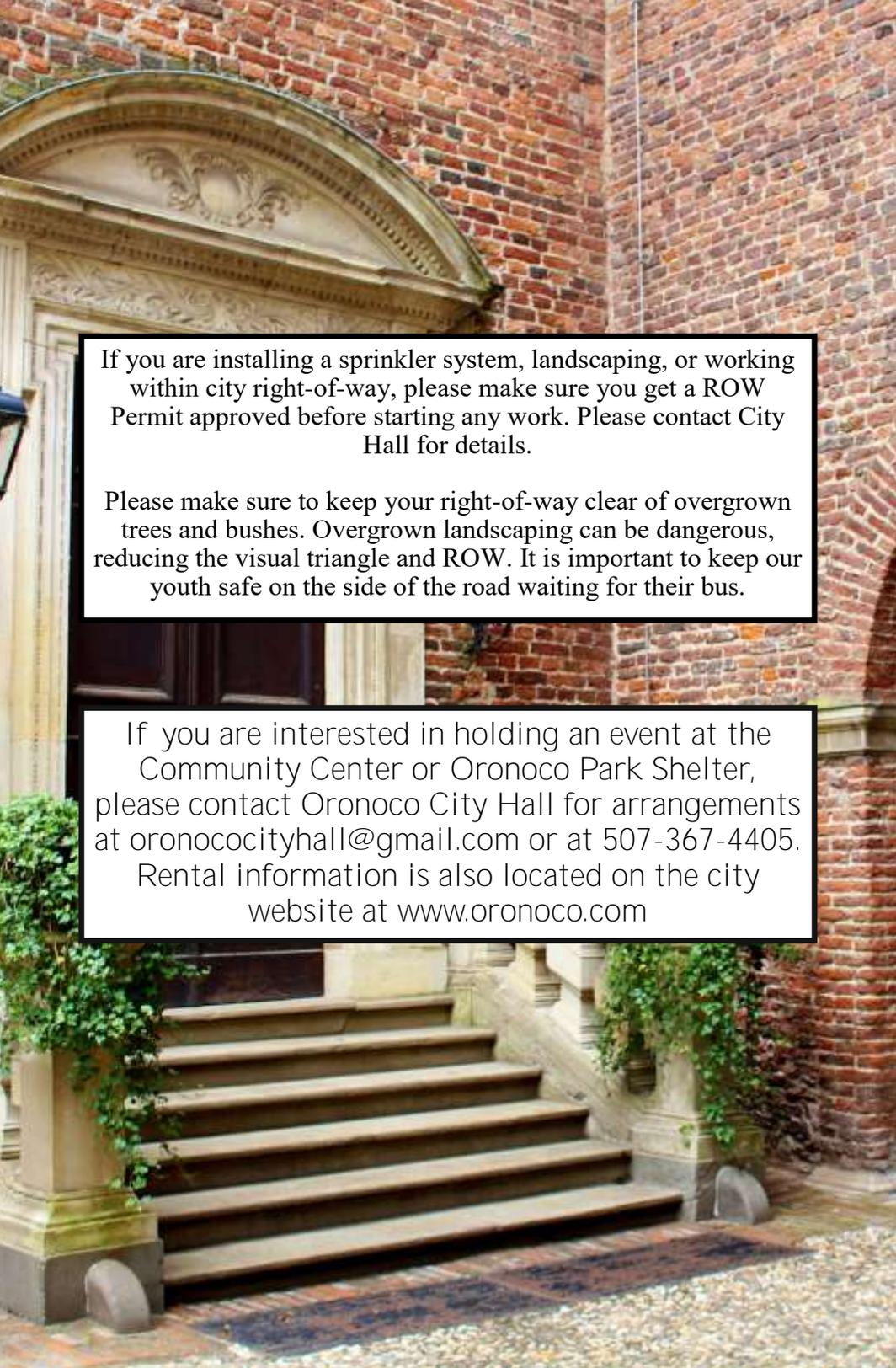
Shopping Trips

Twice a month you may take our bus to Walmart for your shopping needs. Call for dates and time.



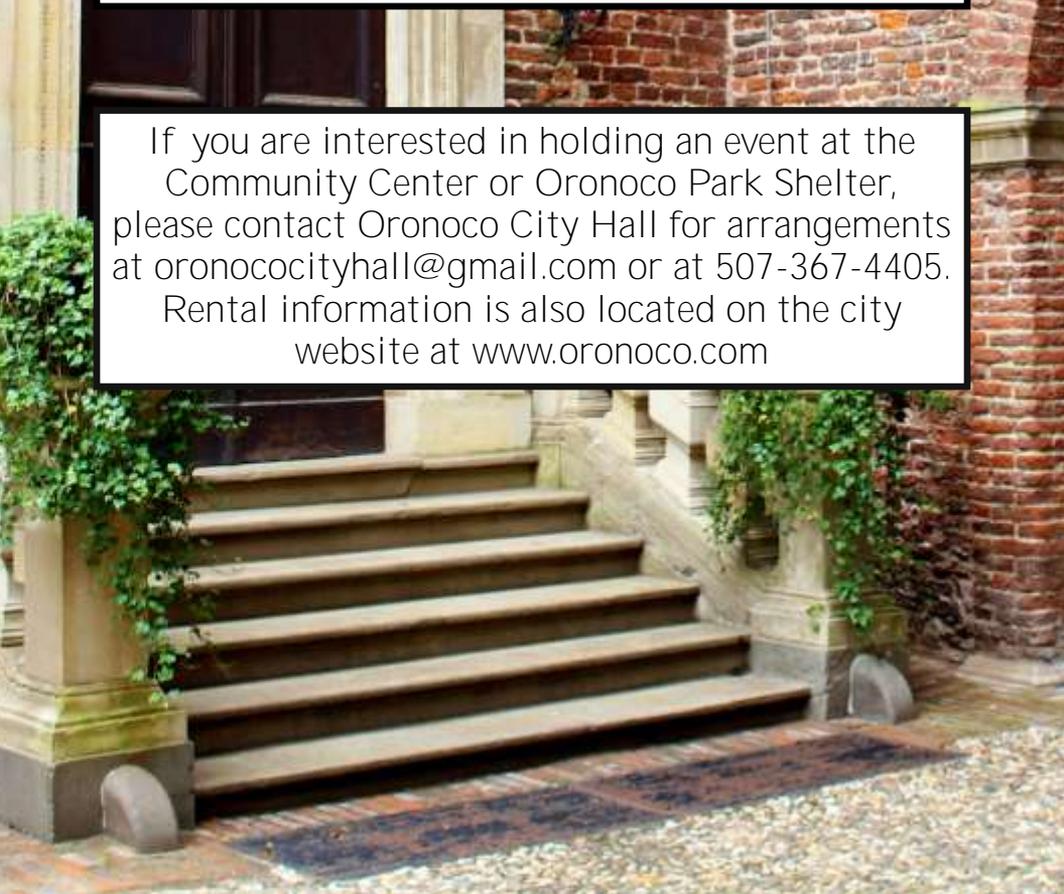
We are always looking for new volunteers to assist our seniors. **We especially need volunteer drivers.** Please contact us if you are interested.





If you are installing a sprinkler system, landscaping, or working within city right-of-way, please make sure you get a ROW Permit approved before starting any work. Please contact City Hall for details.

Please make sure to keep your right-of-way clear of overgrown trees and bushes. Overgrown landscaping can be dangerous, reducing the visual triangle and ROW. It is important to keep our youth safe on the side of the road waiting for their bus.



If you are interested in holding an event at the Community Center or Oronoco Park Shelter, please contact Oronoco City Hall for arrangements at oronococityhall@gmail.com or at 507-367-4405. Rental information is also located on the city website at www.oronoco.com

Parks and Trails

The River Park/Cedar Woodlands trail and River Park park will be closed the rest of the season due to the additional flooding.

Do not pass the barricades, or the locked gate due to the present hazards. Please respect the closed signs to keep yourself and your children safe.

Planning & Zoning

We have a new member.
Please welcome Jose Cornejo to P&Z!

Coloring Corner





City of Oronoco ~ 2019 Calendar

October 7 - 5:30 pm - Oronoco Township

October 7 - 6:30 pm - Parks

October 7 - 6:30 pm - 1st Resp.

October 8 - 6:30 pm - Water & Sewer

October 10 - 7 pm - P&Z

October 10 - 7:05 and 7:10 pm - Rezone Public Hearings

October 14 - 6 pm - DOGR

October 14 - 6:30 pm - FD

October 15 - 7 pm - Reg. Council Mtg.

October 21 - Utility Auto Draft

October 23 - Noon - Seniors

October 28 - 6:30 pm - Fire Department Training

October 28 - Water Bills Due

October 31 - Halloween

**Seniors Exercise Class - Every Wednesday Morning,*

9am at Oronoco City Hall

**More than 2 City Council Members may attend committee meetings creating a quorum.*

*Thank you to everyone who makes this
newsletter possible!*