Message from the Mayor

Welcome to Orange City

Orange City was established in 1882 and since has grown to be the commercial, medical, recreational, and shopping hub of West Volusia County. I encourage you to visit, live and invest in our growing city. People often tell me that they moved to Orange City because of the friendly atmosphere as well as the modern conveniences. Our proximity to I-4 and the Orlando metropolitan area to our south, beaches to our east, and the St. Johns River and Ocala National Forest to our west, make Orange City an ideal place to work, live and play.

As a City, we provide many cultural events such as the Fireworks and Fun celebration at Valentine Park, the Halloween Block Party at Mill Lake Park, and our holiday Light Up and Christmas Parade in the historic downtown district. In addition, Movies in the Park and the Mayors Fitness Challenge in January provide multiple opportunities to help you relax or shed those extra holiday pounds. For the seniors, we have Wava Hall which is always bustling with activity. Your K-9 will enjoy Waggin’ Trail Dog Park which has shade structures and restrooms for their humans. Mill Lake Park and Veterans Memorial Park have splash pads to keep the youngsters cool on
those hot summer days. Skateboarders, rollerbladers and BMX bikers have Colin’s Dream at Coleman Park to perfect their skills. Music lovers will appreciate the Orange City Orchestra that performs at the Orange City Library. Let’s not forget The Orange City Blue Spring Manatee Festival on the fourth weekend of January every year at Valentine Park. If you want to see the manatees, that’s a great time to do it.

We are constantly trying to improve our city. Our CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) is helping revitalize our downtown area with the Holly Ave (and the surrounding area) streetscape, drainage and utility improvements that should be completed by fall 2020. The City is working with Volusia County and other neighboring cities to investigate if a borrow pit, located near Blue Spring, can be converted to a wetland system using treated storm water and waste water to help restore the water flow at Blue Spring through increased percolation. Much testing will be done to see if the wetland creation is a viable option. The nice thing about a lot of these projects is that they are being done with the help of county, state and federal grants.

I am so proud to be serving as Mayor of this progressive city. Everything we’re doing couldn’t be done without our forward thinking City Council, City staff (who are, in my mind, second to none) and you, the supportive citizens. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. Please feel free to contact me anytime gblair@ourorangecity.com or 386-804-7090.