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COVER: Webber Elementary student Asher V. enjoys the rock climbing wall at the Orion Township Public Library’s 2022 Summer Reading Kickoff. This year’s kickoff is Saturday, June 10.

Background photo courtesy of Lake Orion DDA
Welcome you to the latest edition of 
Orion Living, now officially an award–winning magazine! We earned Hermes Creative Gold awards in two categories: one for the magazine and one for the design. Receiving these awards is a testament to everyone’s hard work and dedication to making this a valuable publication for the community. On behalf of everyone who works hard to make this happen, thank you for your continued support and readership.

This issue is packed with fun things to do around town this summer—a charity kickball tournament, Wildwood and Children’s Park concerts, the Library’s Summer Reading Program, a Food Truck Festival, the Big Rig Gig, the Lions Club Jubilee, Independence Day activities, Dragon on the Lake and much more. There is truly something for everyone. Check out our Calendar of Events for a list of Orion happenings.

Additionally, get out to enjoy our parks, lakes, and trails. We have some of the best around! If you haven’t been to Camp Agawam yet, I highly suggest you get there. There is a one-of-a-kind playground, beautiful beach, hiking trails, disc golf course, and more. It is still one of the “hidden gems” of Orion. Here’s to a bright, sunny summer ahead for all our residents!

Chris Barnett
Orion Township Supervisor

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Celebrate our freedom with “flare” but caution

The US celebrates Independence Day every year on July 4th. It is a day to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, which declared the country’s independence from Great Britain. It is a day of national pride, patriotism, and celebration, marked with various parades, carnivals, concerts, and most importantly, fireworks displays.

Fireworks are a significant part of the celebrations held across the country, with millions of people enjoying vibrant displays of firework shows. However, as we celebrate the nation’s independence and freedom, it is essential to ensure the safety of ourselves, our families, and our communities. Fireworks can be dangerous if not handled properly, and that’s why it’s recommended to leave it to the professionals.

If you are going to light off fireworks at home, here are some essential firework safety guidelines:

- Buy fireworks from licensed and reputable sellers only.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near buildings, vehicles, or flammable objects.
- Always have a bucket of water and a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Follow the instructions on the packaging and use a long-handled lighter.
- Keep a safe distance from the fireworks after lighting them.
- Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Dispose of them safely.
- Keep children away from fireworks at all times and never allow them to handle them.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Avoid consuming alcohol while handling fireworks.
- Never aim fireworks at people or animals.
- Be mindful of noise levels, and be considerate of neighbors who may not enjoy the sound of fireworks.

By following these safety guidelines, we can enjoy the celebrations with a little more peace of mind. The last thing you want to do is end up in the emergency room on a holiday.

Independence Day is a day of celebration and reflection, remember to have fun, but be safe and exercise caution while celebrating!

Don’t miss the Lake Orion Fireworks Foundation annual fireworks display on Saturday, July 1 on Lake Orion. The festivities start at dusk on the Lake.

A fundraiser to help fund the 2023 fireworks display will be held Thursday, June 8 at Opa’s Food & Spirits, 600 S. Lapeer Road.

The Lions Club’s Flare Night is Friday, June 30. Purchase flares to light up your lakefront property at Wonders Cleaners and at Ed’s Broadway Gifts & Costume.
Keep your voter registration up to date

If you have recently moved, it is important to update your voter registration to ensure you are able to vote in the next election.

Updating your voter registration is a simple process and can be done at the Orion Township Clerk’s Office at 2323 Joslyn Road, Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 am and 4 pm.

Make sure to bring a valid form of identification with you, either a driver’s license or state ID card.

When you update your voter registration residential address, it signals the Michigan Department of State to mail you an address sticker to apply to the back of your driver’s license showing your updated residential address.

Other ways to update my voter registration

Visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at Michigan.gov/Vote to update your voter registration, register to vote, and find more information about voting.

If you have questions, contact the Orion Township Clerk’s Office at 248–391–0304, ext. 1 or email Elections@OrionTownship.org.

Lake Orion Lake Association

Looking out for Lake concerns

The Lake Orion Lake Association (LOLA) was founded in 1977 to address the safety and environmental concerns of Lake Orion.

Over the years, LOLA has:

- Spearheaded the weed management program on the lake
- Established and maintained the no-wake buoy program
- Monitored the water quality through the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association
- Petitioned for the Oakland County Sheriff Marine Division patrols
- Provided monitoring for the Dragon on the Lake boat races
- Sponsored the annual Lighted Boat Parade

LOLA’s latest efforts focus on boat over-crowding and boater safety on the lake.

If you are a property owner on Lake Orion, LOLA needs your support to amplify their voice. Please join LOLA in making Lake Orion the best it can be.

Scan this QR code or visit lolainfo.org for information and to become a LOLA member.
Small steps toward big change

Over the past few years, Zero–Waste Shops and Refilleries have been popping up all over the country and even the world. While at a traditional bazaar in India, for example, the usual way of shopping is by bringing your own carts, bags, and containers and buying textiles, spices and legumes by size and weight, here in America our methods of shopping and consumption are much different.

We are accustomed to throwing away an empty bottle and buying a new one when our shampoo runs out. Repeat with toothpaste tubes, spray cleaners, boxes of cereal, and pretty much everything else we buy. Our economy supports this prepackaged system that allows for easier transport across the country and the globe. But at what cost?

Plastic doesn’t biodegrade

As of last year, there were 200 million tons of plastic littering our oceans with that number growing. And while a banana peel takes two to three weeks to fully decompose until there is nothing left, plastic can never biodegrade. It can only photodegrade, which means the sun breaks it down into smaller pieces called microplastics. Ninety percent of the plastic in the oceans is microplastics (pieces smaller than your thumbnail)

One of the big problems with this is that microplastics absorb highly toxic chemicals like DDT & PCB, and it doesn’t take much for these to end up inside a sea animal and then, on our plate.

Better alternatives

There is an appropriate and necessary time and place for plastic use and proper recycling, but we can see how this entire cycle of plastics misuse is out of control and causing a need for sustainability measures at scale here and now. And utilizing a local zero–waste store, where they sell products with less packaging and safer ingredients for our use and disposal back into the environment, or refillery, where you can bring the same container back every time you need more laundry soap or dish powder for example, is a huge step in the right direction toward reducing the amount of plastic, pollution, and waste in general you’re creating each day.

Another simple thing you can do to reduce waste is to use your own tote bags when you go shopping. This seems especially helpful and simple while grocery shopping, but can be done at any store. It may feel weird when you first do it, but with many stores offering scan and pay options, you can often scan your items and bag them as you go through the store, so check out is faster and easier with your own bags.

Make it a habit

The setback for individual sustainability change really seems to be getting started and making it a habit. How many times have you been in line to check out and then remembered you had bags at home, or even in your car? The same happens with containers for the refillery. It is a new consumption process for many people and it starts when you are thinking about going shopping. It takes mindfully putting your bags and containers in your car (passenger seat at first, perhaps) and making an active effort to remember to bring them into the store with you. And just like tying your shoes or turning off a light when you leave the room, it only becomes a habit after you’ve thought about it and practiced it a few times.

It takes choosing one small change and creating that new habit to be a bit more sustainable and if we all do that, we are working together in the right direction for our community.

by Orion Living Contributor Cory Thompson. Cory is the founder and CEO of The Red Oak Refillery. To find the closest sustainable shop near you, go to the Refillery Collective Directory or check out The Red Oak Refillery, a refill station concept serving Northern Oakland County. Find out more at redoakrefillery.com.
Kicking For A Cause

A winning combination of fun and philanthropy

The 2nd Annual Kicking For A Cause Charity Kickball Tournament is just around the corner, and participants and attendees alike are gearing up for an exciting day of fun, fundraising, and community spirit.

Join us on Sunday, June 25th at Friendship Park. The event kicks off at 9 am. This year’s event promises to be even bigger and better than last year, with more teams, more players, and more opportunities to make a difference.

This tournament is a fun and engaging way to raise money for local charities with local municipalities competing against one another. First place, second place, and team spirit all win money for a charity of their choice.

Last year we were able to raise over $25,000 which went to different charities/causes in southeast Michigan. The day will be filled with kickball games with each team being guaranteed two games before the playoff rounds start, and a special exhibition game during lunch with Miracle League players.

In addition to a food truck, Easterseals will be cooking up hot dogs and have snacks available for a donation. The donations come right back to the Miracle Field and its mission to provide opportunities for children with disabilities to play Miracle League baseball regardless of their abilities.

Come on out for a day of fun and entertainment and cheer on your hometown team! You’re not going to want to miss the excitement. Let’s Kick Ball!

Stay tuned to facebook.com/oriontownship for updates as the event gets closer.

We are winners!

Orion Living Magazine has been named a 2023 Gold Winner by Hermes Creative Awards in two categories: Print Media/Publications/Magazine and Print Media/Design/Publication Overall.

Orion Living Magazine is a collaboration between Orion Township, Parks & Recreation, Orion Township Public Library, the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce, Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority, and Lake Orion Community Schools. This achievement recognizes each group’s exceptional work in serving the community and providing a platform for all things Orion.

These awards are a testament to our commitment to the community through insightful articles, feature pieces, events, and engaging photography. Since its founding in 2019, Orion Living has become the preferred source of information for residents who want to stay informed and engaged with the community.

The 2023 international awards competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing, and design of traditional media, recognizes outstanding work in the industry. Hermes Creative Awards is administered and judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP). The international organization consists of several thousand marketing, communication, advertising, public relations, media production, and freelance professionals.
What’s going there?

Kay Industrial Buildings
Located in the southern portion of the Township will be two new “spec” industrial buildings. One is located at the southeast corner of Kay Industrial Drive and will be 45,000 square feet. The other is further down on Kay Industrial Drive and will be 67,000 square feet.

Rigel Terrace
This new multi-family development will be rental units and will be comprised of 17 buildings containing a total of 101 two-story townhomes with garages. The development will be on the west side of Lapeer Road north of Home Depot.

Waldon Reserve
This new subdivision on the south side of Waldon Road just west of, and connecting to, Waldon Ridge subdivision will include 18 single-family homes.

Natural high
Spending time in nature can have a positive impact on your mental health. Orion has an abundance of lakes and parks to choose from. Here are ways the outdoors benefits mental health.

Reduces stress. Spending time in nature has been shown to reduce stress levels, lower blood pressure, and decrease heart rate. Being in natural surroundings can help calm the mind and reduce anxiety.

Improves mood. Being in nature can boost the production of serotonin, resulting in feelings of happiness and well-being.

Boosts self-esteem. Engaging in outdoor activities such as hiking or camping can increase self-esteem and confidence. Accomplishing physical challenges in nature can promote feelings of accomplishment and self-worth.

Enhances cognitive function. Exposure to nature has been shown to improve cognitive function, including memory, attention, and problem-solving abilities. This can improve overall mental performance.

Promotes mindfulness. Being in nature can help you become more mindful and present in the moment, leading to increased relaxation and reduced stress.

Provides social support. Participating in outdoor activities with others can provide social support and enhance feelings of connectedness and belonging.

Make time to connect with nature and incorporate outdoor activities into your daily routines to support your mental health and well-being.

Find out more about these and other projects at OrionTownship.org. Under the Community tab, locate Orion Township>Current Developments to find the listings.

Learn more at ORIONTOWNSHIP.ORG or call 248–391–0304

Photo by Jenny Bhatti
Lake Orion History

REMEMBERING KELLY PARK

Do you remember when there was a park on the east shore of Square Lake?

Kelly Park was named after the Kelly family, who owned over 200 acres stretching from the east side of Square Lake to the shore of Lake Orion. Kelly Park had a beach, picnic areas, ballfields, camping and a snack shop! It attracted hundreds of people most seasons. The lake frontage off of Heights Road is now comprised of homes. Lucien Kelly developed the park in 1930 and it lasted possibly into the 1970s.

WHO ARE THE KELLYS?

Let’s learn more about the Kelly family. John P. Kelly came from New York and settled in Lake Orion in 1857. He married Jane A. Ballou from Pontiac and they had two children, Lucien and Florence (pictured below). In 1875 John purchased the 200-acre farm, which remained in the family for 90 years.

Lucien helped run the farm. He married Sylvia Nelson in 1891 and they had one child, Homer J. Kelly. The family built a large farmhouse on the east shore of Square Lake in the early 1880s. Heights Road ran closer to the shore of Square Lake back then. The original farmhouse is still standing today at 1291 Heights Road, but the barns behind it were demolished.

Jane Ballou passed away in 1886 at age 50. John passed away at 80 in 1910. Both passed at their farmhouse and their funerals were held there as well.

Lucien continued running the family farm. He was instrumental in developing some of the land for summer resort use. In 1915, he subdivided 20 acres of the Kelly property on Lake Orion for summer cottages. He constructed a causeway out to Kelly’s Island. This formed what today would be the south side of Dollar Bay at the end of Shady Oaks Drive. In 1925, 40 acres on Joslyn Road were sold for the development of the Indianwood Golf & Country Club. Their property also included much of the north side of Dollar Bay, along with Pine Tree Road. At the turn of the century, this area was referred to as Locust Point.

Lucien Kelly was active in Lake Orion, holding various offices. He also passed away at the farmhouse in 1939 at age 82. His son Homer Kelly was left to manage the Kelly Farm. Homer, his wife Grace and their children Barbara and Homer Jr. also lived at the farmhouse.

WHAT BECAME OF KELLY PARK?

Kelly Park continued operations. In 1965 Homer Sr. sold 172 acres of the farm from which Marina Pointe subdivision was built in the 1990s.

Towards the end, much of the lake frontage on Square Lake, including the former Kelly’s Park, were also developed as single family homes in the 1980s and 1990s. Barbara Kelly–Keller was the last of the Kelly family to live at the farmhouse.

Do you have memories of Kelly Park? Share them with us by direct messaging our Facebook page @WhereLivingisAVacation.


Kelly Park 1940s photo courtesy of Barbara Kelly–Keller
Photos courtesy of Ingram Collection
Review our water quality report

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires Orion Township to publish an annual Water Quality Report. This report details the results of contaminant testing that is performed at the Lake Huron Treatment Plant, which is the source of the water that Orion Township receives.

Beginning July 1, residents can read the most recent Water Quality Report at oriontownship.org/WaterQualityReport2022 or under the Department of Public Services section of Orion Township’s website.

Contact the Department of Public Services at 248–391–0304, ext. 8500 if you would like a hard copy of this report mailed to you.

Prevent West Nile virus infection

Free larvicide and/or personal insect repellent to help prevent West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses is available at Orion Township Hall or Orion Center.

West Nile virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes then spread West Nile virus to people and other animals by biting them.

Since 2013, Orion Township participates in the Oakland County West Nile Virus Prevention Program, which allows for reimbursement from Oakland County for larvicides and personal insect repellent that is distributed for free to Orion residents.

The most effective way to prevent infection from West Nile virus is to prevent mosquito bites. Use insect repellent, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, treat clothing and gear, and take steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors.

Reducing breeding grounds for mosquitoes is another way to prevent West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illness in our community. Larvicides, used in retention ponds and catch basins, and draining areas of standing water can help reduce mosquito populations.

Filling your swimming pool?

How will filling your pool with water from your hose affect your water bill?

For residential customers, water usage is billed the same whether the water is used inside or outside your home. Water is billed in units. One unit of water equals 748 gallons of water. Using a per unit rate of $3.73, a 10,000-gallon pool equates to 13.36 units of water, or $49.83. This is in addition to your normal water usage.

Sewer billing is a flat rate, so if you use a considerable amount of water to fill a pool, your sewer bill will remain the same.

We hope this information is helpful when deciding whether to fill your pool using your hose.

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Treasurer’s Department

Property tax bills are headed your way

Summer and Village property tax bills will arrive the first week in July and are payable through September 14, 2023 without penalty. There are multiple ways to pay your bill:

- At Township Hall, 2323 Joslyn Rd., pay in person at the Treasurer’s counter by dropping it off in the box across from the main entrance by the flagpoles, or pay by mail.
- The Lake Orion branches of Oxford Bank and Genisys Credit Union accept payment.
- Pay online at bsaonline.com via credit/debit card or e-check (additional fees applied).
- By phone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a credit card (additional fee applied).
- Through your personal online banking site by setting up a separate payee for tax payments payable to Charter Township of Orion. Use your parcel ID number for the account number. Allow two weeks for delivery of the bank check to our office. Do not use the Water/Sewer payee account number or P.O. Box payment address for your tax payment.

See the back side of your tax statement for more details.

Beginning September 15, a 1% interest charge will be added to the unpaid balance, with an additional 1% per month added on the first day of each month thereafter.

If you do not receive your bill or have questions, call the Treasurer’s office at 248–391–0304 ext. 8000, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
Follow these summer watering restrictions

From May through September, a mandatory watering restriction applies to residents connected to Orion Township water who have an automatic sprinkling system.

**Monday through Saturday**: Water only between the midnight and 5 am.

**Sunday**: Watering may be done at any time.

No watering may not be done between 5 and 10 am, Monday through Saturday. If these restrictions are not followed, your water service could be discontinued.

If you are connected to Orion Township water, but do not have an automatic sprinkling system (**you water your lawn from a hose**), please water your lawn between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Saturday.

Abiding by the watering restrictions is very important for our community. During the summer, lawn irrigation systems put a strain on the system in terms of the volume of water being used and how that volume affects the water pressure. Restrictions allow for the demand on the water volume to be broken up. Orion experiences high demand in the morning. After the morning peak, the water tower fills to prepare for the same demands the system experiences each evening.

Orion Township randomly inspects for compliance of the watering restrictions. Notices of violations are sent out to residents who are observed watering outside of the designated times. Continued non-compliance could result in a ticket and penalties.

Please make sure your sprinklers are set for the designated times. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in following the mandatory watering restrictions.

Water Assistance Programs

Water bill help is available

Orion Township has partnered with two organizations to offer assistance to eligible residents.

**WRAP**: Water Residential Assistance Program through Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) provides assistance to eligible, low-income households who receive water service from GLWA member partner communities. Households can receive help with paying down past due balances and receive water payment assistance for up to two years. Eligible seniors and permanently disabled persons can obtain bill credit assistance without an expiration date.

Are you eligible? Households must meet these criteria: reside within the GLWA service area; household income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level; responsible for the water or sewer bill; and reside in the home they own or rent.

For more information contact the United Way for Southeastern Michigan at 248–983–5656 or uwsem.smapply.org/prog/utilities.

**MIHAF**: The Homeowner Assistance Fund was established under section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) to mitigate hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic by providing funds to prevent homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosure, loss of utilities or home energy services and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship on or after January 21, 2020 or for those homeowners who experience a coronavirus pandemic financial hardship that began before January 21, 2020 but continued after that date.

Homeowners who qualify have household incomes less than 150% of Area Median Income (AMI), own and occupy the property as their primary residence, and must have and explain a financial hardship directly related to COVID–19 on or after January 21, 2020.

For more information visit michigan.gov/mshda/homeownership/mihaf-homeowner-assistance.

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If a water or sewer emergency occurs:

Call 248–391–0304 Ext. 8500
(Union Township)
Monday through Friday during Township hours
or
248–858–4911
(Oakland County Emergency Dispatch)
during non-business hours

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Learn more at ORIONTOWNSHIP.ORG or call 248–391–0304
Storms can be a drain

Clearing your storm drains helps prevent flooding, which protects our neighborhoods and takes care of our environment.

Storm drains play a crucial role in keeping our communities safe and free from flooding during heavy rainfalls.

These drains are designed to collect and carry away excess rainwater, preventing it from pooling on streets and properties, causing damage and posing a hazard to pedestrians and motorists. However, storm drains can become clogged and obstructed by debris such as leaves, branches, trash, and sediment. When this happens, water cannot flow freely through the drain, and it can cause flooding and erosion. That is why it is essential to keep storm drains clear and free from debris.

When storm drains are clogged, they can lead to water pollution. Rainwater that cannot flow through the drain will collect pollutants and debris, such as pet waste, fertilizers, and oils from the street. This contaminated water can then flow into our rivers and lakes, harming aquatic life and affecting the quality of our drinking water.

Maintaining storm drains is a responsibility shared by everyone in the community. Homeowners can help by keeping their yards clean and free from debris, especially during the fall when leaves are abundant. Businesses can make sure that their parking lots are clear of trash and other debris that can clog drains.

By working together and taking proactive measures to maintain storm drains, we can make a significant difference in the health and safety of our communities.

Have roundabouts got your head spinning?

Roundabouts are a common traffic feature that is becoming increasingly popular in many parts of the world. As you know, we’ve had a “couple” added in Orion just a few years ago. They are designed to regulate traffic flow and improve safety on the roads, but they can be intimidating for many drivers.

Here are some tips for how to safely navigate a roundabout.

**Look for signs.** Before entering a roundabout, always check for signs that indicate which direction you should go. These signs are usually located near the entrance, and they will help guide your approach to the roundabout.

**Slow down.** As you approach the roundabout, it is important to slow down and be prepared to stop if necessary. Remember, the purpose of a roundabout is to keep traffic moving smoothly, and speeding through it will only cause more problems.

**Yield to traffic.** When approaching a roundabout, always yield to the traffic within the roundabout. This means looking to your left and only entering the roundabout when it is clear.

**Stay in your lane.** It is important to stay in your lane when navigating a roundabout. Typically, the right-hand lane is for turning right or going straight, while the left-hand lane is for turning left or going straight. Make sure to read the signs and markings on the road to ensure you stay in the correct lane.

**Use your signals.** Always signal your intentions when driving in a roundabout. This will help other drivers understand where you are going and avoid any potential accidents. Use your right turn signal when exiting the roundabout.

**Keep a safe distance.** As with any driving situation, it is important to keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. This will give you more time to react if the situation calls for it.

Roundabouts can be an efficient and safe way to regulate traffic flow, but it is important to understand the rules and regulations when navigating them.
Facebook Marketplace

Be a smart social media consumer

Social media has revolutionized how we interact and consume information. With so much information available at our fingertips, it’s more important than ever to be a smart consumer to avoid falling prey to misinformation, false advertising, or other scams.

Here are some tips to help you become a smart consumer on social media.

**Facebook Marketplace Tips**

**Be aware of paying outside of Facebook.** Facebook’s Purchase Protection policies only cover payments made through Facebook Checkout so there is no guarantee you will get your money back if you pay through another method or app. Remember, NEVER buy gift cards as a way to pay for an item.

**Don’t accept overpayment.** In this scam the buyer sends more money than requested, saying the overage is for shipping. They will ask you to send them the rest back. This is a red flag. The payment will ultimately be declined and you’ll be left with no item and stuck paying the bill while the criminals pocket the money.

**Don’t pay for an item before receiving it.** Instead, exchange the money and the item at the same time. If possible, meet the seller in person. Stay within the local area by using Facebook Marketplace’s filters to narrow your search to items available for local pickup. By meeting in person, you can examine the product before paying. For safety reasons, make sure this is in a well-lit, visible and public location.

**Research beforehand.** Verify who you are talking to. Check their profile for negative reviews. Is it a newly created page and does their location make sense to where you are buying from?

**Don’t share sensitive information.** In most instances, don’t give out your bank account, credit card, social security number, date of birth or phone number.

**Remember common sense.** If it seems too good to be true, it probably is!

**General Tips**

**Verify the information.** Before believing or sharing any information on social media, verify its authenticity. Cross-check the information on news portals or other credible sources. Don’t rely on one source of information. Assume what you see on social media is not necessarily true unless you have checked it yourself.

**Be wary of clickbait.** Social media is littered with headlines designed to attract users to click on a link or article. Typically these headlines are sensationalized and not backed up by the content they are promoting. If you come across clickbait, research the source to see if it is a reputable outlet. If it’s not, ignore it.

**Watch out for false advertising.** Be wary of ads that claim to offer miracle products or services at a dirt-cheap price. Remember, if something appears too good to be true, it probably is. Check product reviews and do some research before making any purchase.

**Protect your privacy.** Your privacy is paramount when using social media. Limit the personal information you share on your profile, and never share sensitive information like social security numbers, bank account details, or credit card information.

**Follow trusted sources.** Follow credible sources, such as reputable news outlets, blogs, and social media accounts to receive reliable information. Be cautious about following random accounts that have no background or reputation. Do research before following an unfamiliar account.

**Know your friends.** It is common to receive friend requests from strangers. While it may be tempting to accept every friend request that comes your way, exercise caution before accepting one from someone you haven’t met in person. That person could easily be a scammer or hacker looking to steal your personal information or compromise your online accounts.

Being a smart consumer on social media means being vigilant, staying informed, and using your common sense. Your safety and security on social media is your responsibility. Stay safe and enjoy the benefits of being a smart consumer on social media.
In between lakes and trails, our community is “where living is like a vacation.” You’ll find events and activities year-round for children, families and adults. Lake Orion offers choice shopping, dining, entertainment and a social district. We invite you to take a stroll through downtown to discover our unique traditions.

**EMBRACING SUMMER TRADITIONS**

A long running tradition is the *Jubilee Carnival* hosted by the Lions Club, coming up on 50 years! Kids and adults alike love to take part in the many attractions, including an evening beer tent with live music for those 21 and over. The Jubilee runs from June 22 to 25 through the streets of Downtown.

Start the Jubilee fun at the #StrongerTogether *Summer Social* on June 22 from 5 to 9 pm. Lake Orion will feature a scavenger hunt and Oxford presents their first gazebo concert. The Lions Club also hosts *Flare Night* on the lake on Friday, June 30. Flare night is a 77-year-old tradition where lake residents light up their lakefronts. The following night is the annual *Fireworks* on Lake Orion, presented by the Lake Orion Fireworks Foundation.

Another favorite is the Orion Art Center’s *Dragon on the Lake* celebration, held August 24 to 27. You’ll experience the fierce dragon boat races where teams of 22 row for the win in Green’s Park, a lighted boat parade, and a fire breathing dragon! Filling the streets you’ll find over 100 vendors, a chalk art competition, kid friendly dragons den, and the dragon pub with live music all day.

Our newest tradition is Michigan Wave Makers’ *Brave the Wave* jet ski competition hitting its seventh year this summer on August 5. Watch from Green’s Park as riders from around the country show off their tricks and flips.

**SHOP, DINE, LISTEN, REMINISCE**

You will enjoy our specialty boutiques where you are welcomed by friendly shop owners and employees. Shop ‘til you dropped? Sit down at one of twelve downtown restaurants offering indoor and outdoor dining options. If you have to wait for a table, ask the bartender for a “social district” adult beverage to enjoy on the sidewalks until you are seated.

Lake Orion wouldn’t be complete without live music! Every weekend you will find restaurants hosting local musicians or DJs during the evening. Our indoor concert venue at 20 Front Street is an intimate close up session with local and traveling artists. You can meet and have a personal experience with every musician.
Prefer to sit outside and listen? Every Wednesday in July and August bring your chair to the Children’s Park for the **LOLive! Music Series**. Enjoy the natural scenery of the creek while relaxing with your friends and family. The park’s newly installed playscape is the perfect place for your little ones to have fun and make new friends during the concerts and all summer long.

Need a blast from the past? Attend the **LOHS Multi Class Reunion** events July 14 and catch up with old friends. You can also explore Lake Orion’s past on our **Historic Signs Tour**.

Take your time as you enjoy our quaint village. Sit by the creek, swim at Green’s Park, stop to watch our celebrated cornhole league or meet friends for dinner. Don’t forget free parking is available throughout downtown, or park in Oxford and take the Downtown Trolley over on Friday or Saturday nights.

**Follow the Lake Orion DDA’s social media, @downtownlakeorion, to find additional information and other activities such as the StoryWalk, #StrongerTogether events and so much more!**

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**LOLive! Music Series Lineup**

*Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 pm  
Children’s Park in Downtown Lake Orion*

- **July 5**  Alicia Michilli  
- **July 12**  Cousin Curtiss  
- **July 19**  Chloe Kimes  
- **July 26**  The Pairs  
- **August 2**  Jon Tyler Wiley & His Virginia Choir  
- **August 9**  Phillip Michael Scales  
- **August 16**  Danni Nicholls  
- **August 23**  No event  
- **August 30**  One Ton Trolley

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*Photo by Lee Smith*
**ORION TOWNSHIP SAFETY PATH & TRAIL CYCLE CHALLENGE**

Orion Township | May 15–Sep 15 | $20R/$25NR

Improve your health and discover new safety paths and trails in our community to enjoy. Record your own miles and trips, post photos on social media with #OrionTownshipSafetyPathandTrailCycleChallenge. Start with a small distance loop and gradually work toward a larger goal. Shirt awards will be given accordingly, 40 miles and 4 loops Bronze, 62 miles and 7 loops Silver, 84 miles and 10 loops Gold. All participants will receive a shirt for participating. All completed miles must be submitted on or before Sep 15.

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

Orion Center | Sat, Jun 3 | Sat, Aug 19 | 9 am–3 pm

Free Parking & Admission

Shop from 40+ families with one of a kind household and personal items, tools, clothing, toys, everything including the kitchen sink, all outdoors, all at bargain prices. Vendor spaces $12R/$15NR

**ANTIQUE, TOY & COMIC EXPO**

Orion Center | Sat, Jun 3 | Sat, Aug 19 | 9 am–3 pm

Free Parking & Admission

Buy, sell or trade comic books, collectibles, antiques and memorabilia indoors at the Expo! Vendor setup opens at 8 am. Vendor tables $12R/$15NR

**COMMUNITY SHRED–IT EVENT**

Orion Center
Sat, Jun 3
11 am–1 pm

Free Parking & Admission

Shred your confidential household paper documents, not intended for business purposes. Collection will be outdoors, at the Shred–it truck. Participants are responsible for bringing documents to drop off site. Assistance with unloading is not available.

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK AT WILDWOOD**

Wildwood Amphitheater | Tue, Jun 13–Aug 22
7–8:30 pm | Free Parking & Admission

No matter what your taste in music you’ll be sure to find a performance to enjoy. Grab your lawn chairs and a blanket, gather up your family and friends, and join us for an evening of music on the hill. Sit back, relax, and enjoy. Great food & drink options will be available. Gates open at 6:30 pm.

Jun 13  North Oakland Concert Band  *concessions not available
Jun 20  Motown Eagles
Jun 27  Lake Orion High School Band  *concessions not available
Jul 11  Killer Flamingos
Jul 18  Bug Beddow & the Good Stuff
Jul 25  Itchycoo Park
Aug 1  The Stone Blossoms
Aug 8  Interstate 90’s—Detroit
Aug 15  Dirk Kroll Band
Aug 22  Southeastern Michigan Wind Ensemble

**SUMMER SIZZLE**

Orion Center | Thu, Jun 22 | 6–8 pm

Free Parking & Admission

Kick off your summer with a mini family staycation right here in Orion Township. Your kids will love the carnival games, face painting, bounce house, balloons, grilled hotdogs, and much more without breaking the bank to get there! All of this fun is free for everyone, a staycation that SIZZLES!

**SLOW ROW LO**

Join an informal social group of kayakers on area lakes. Each participant is required to provide their own craft, PFD and any user fees to gain access to boat launch. Visit SlowRowLO on Facebook for event dates, details and exact location. Parking permits/passes may be required for some locations.

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or call 248–391–0304, ext. 3500

1335 JOSLYN ROAD, LAKE ORION
Embrace your Inner Dragon! Tweens and Teens enjoy an afternoon of activities and learning about the great resources in our community to strengthen your mental health and be a fearless Lake Orion Dragon! Lunch will be provided. Events include: Live music from Lake Orion High School students, workout classes cardio drumming & yoga, rockwall, carnival games, crafts, photo booth, and much more! In partnership with Ascension Providence of Rochester, North Oakland Community Coalition, and Orion Area Youth Assistance.
Home Alone Training
Orion Center | Thu, Jul 13
10–11 am | Ages 9+ | $17R/$20NR
Is your young teen staying home alone this summer? Prepare yourself and your child for this new adventure with Home Alone Training. Instructor Merry Lowis presents the skills your child will need to be home alone safely. Includes walking home, key responsibility, securing the house, answering the phone, safe choices, and emergency procedures. Training follows the American Red Cross Curriculum. Certificate is presented upon completion of the workshop. Handouts are included.

Babysitter Training
Orion Center | Thu, Jul 13
11:30–2 pm | Ages 11–14
$20R/$23NR
Instructor Merry Lowis presents the skills needed to start your own babysitting business—basics such as meeting the family, setting appointments, age appropriate activities and safety instruction. Handouts are included. Certificate presented upon completion of the workshop. Program incorporates the American Red Cross guide and video into the curriculum. Suggested prerequisite class: Home Alone Training.

Horseback Riding Lessons
Times Square Riding Academy
Sat, Aug 5–Sep 9 | 1:30–2:30 pm
Ages 7+ | $180R/$190NR
Give your child the experience they have been dreaming of. Each lesson consists of basic grooming, riding and horse care for beginner riders in the English Saddle style with Times Square Riding Academy, located at 4835 Oakwood Road, Ortonville. All riders are required to wear long pants and hard sole shoes with 1 inch heel. Looking for that special time with your child? Take lessons together. A maximum of 5 riders per class, classes fill quickly. Register early for a rewarding and unforgettable experience. Participants MUST CALL before attending the first class by calling Paula at 248–431–0940 to confirm availability. Additional lesson times are available Mon–Fri evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Draw & Get Drawn!
Caricature Workshop
Friendship Park | Wed, Jul 26
6–8 pm | Ages 7–12 | $20R/$23NR
Is your child ready to learn to sketch cartoon faces quickly? Artist Andrew Sigman breaks down the process, making it fun and easy. Before class begins, he will do a souvenir drawing of each participant. Next, there will be a short class showing how to visualize the face in a simplified way, what is needed to capture a person’s likeness, and tips so one can make fast decisions. The remainder of time will be spent putting this new knowledge into practice, with participants drawing as many caricatures as they can with supportive and helpful critiques. Kids will leave with increased knowledge about drawing, a caricature of themselves, and the caricatures they created on cardstock and in plastic sleeves. All material will be provided. Instructor: Andrew Sigman

Strawberry Moon
Astronomy Night
Independence Oaks County Park
Sat, Jun 3 | 8:30–10:30 pm
Ages 5–Adult | $7R/NR
Join us for an astronomical evening in StarLab, our inflatable indoor planetarium, and learn about the constellations visible in the spring night sky. Then venture outdoors to experience the light and lore of the Full Strawberry Moon. Please call Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park at 248–625–6473 for reservations. Park is located at 9501 Sashabaw Rd, Clarkston.

Sew a Button, Take a Sip
Friendship Park | Jun 6, 20, Jul 11, 25
6:30–8 pm | Ages 8–Adult
$40R/$43NR
This one night class will be your beginning introduction to sewing with a relaxed approach. Sewing a button on, sewing a hem, and a straight stitch for putting two things together will be covered open to ages 8–80 both women and men. Hand sewing basics. A take home sewing kit is included...not a small one, a good size with the necessary things! Bring your own non–alcoholic beverage to sip on. Instructor: Peggy Barry Bartz

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**YOUTH FITNESS**

**Kiddie Kickers**
Friendship Park, Soccer Field #1
Wed, Aug 2–Sep 6 | 6–7 pm
Ages 3–4 or 5–6 | $57R/$60NR

Youth soccer is a great way to encourage an active lifestyle while enhancing your child's social and physical development. This program offers a fun and safe atmosphere for learning the basics of soccer, and incorporates fun activities and non–competitive scrimmages that promote sportsmanship and teamwork. Participants are encouraged to bring a size 3 soccer ball. Soccer balls are available for purchase at the time of registration for $12 (limit of 1 per registered participant). Rain date scheduled for September 13 if needed.

**Amazing Athletes Sports Discovery Track, Baseball, Basketball**
Civic Center Park | Mon, Jul 10–Aug 28
5–5:45 pm | Ages 4–6 | $128R/$138NR

Civic Center Park | Mon, Jul 10–Aug 28
6–7 pm | Ages 10–17 | $136R/$146NR

Amazing Athletes Sports Discovery is a game–based sports program designed to engage older children in active wellness through advanced physical fitness challenges and interactive sports lessons. Sports Discovery Clinics are centered around three major sports across an 8 week season.

**Instruction—Skill Development—Scrimmage Play**
Two weeks per sport, Weeks 7 & 8 are dedicated to game play of the three sports. Children between the ages of 4–6 and 7–10 display a wide range of physical abilities and strengths. Our coaches work with each child to help them strive for their personal best. Each 45—60 minute class engages athletes in non–competitive, sport–specific training for focused development. Athletes work in pairs to develop teamwork, motor skills, and patience. Our strength training activity is always done in pairs. Our fitness challenge relay at the end of class is also always done as a team. We provide our athletes with as many opportunities as possible to develop teamwork, friendships, and advance their social skills in addition to the athletic and academic advancements of the program.

**Amazing Athletes**
Friendship Park | Wed, Jul 6–Aug 24
6–6:35 pm | Ages 3–6 | $128R/$138NR

Our action–packed curriculum is endorsed by Early Childhood Expert, Bonnie Bruce who reviews each element of our program to ensure our Amazing Athletes get every possible advantage. Our programs show kids just how much fun fitness can be! During our 35 minute weekly classes, children learn the importance of patience, teamwork, and self–confidence in a non–competitive, learning–based environment that fosters a love of healthy living. Their excitement for structured physical activity promotes advancements and advantages that keep children on the path to personal well–being. Drop–in rates will begin the first day of classes, $16R/$18NR.

**Learn to mountain bike safely**
With the explosion in Mountain Bike Trails in Michigan, people often ask how to get started. Riding a trail system with roots and steep sections is not at all like riding a bike on a road. Recognizing that there are no existing programs to help, I have been trained to help introduce people to the skills needed to safely enjoy one of the fastest growing outdoor sports. The good news is that skills needed to ride safely can be learned quickly. For peace of mind, I urge new riders to learn the proper techniques for using brakes, gears and techniques to keep one safe and in control. Let’s explore those trails together! Learn more at mimtbinstructors.wixsite.com/website.

*Kevin Gorman*

**OAYA offers enrichment scholarships**
Orion Area Youth Assistance (OAYA) is offering enrichment scholarships of up to $100 to students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance to participate in extracurricular activities and/or summer camp. These scholarships are available once per calendar year per student and are awarded on a first–come, first–served basis, based on financial and special circumstances, until all funds have been exhausted. To apply visit lakeorionyouthassistance.com/skill–building–scholarships or contact oaya@lok12.org.
SUMMER CAMP

**Amazing Athletes Summer Break Camps**

Friendship Park | Mon–Thu, Jun 12–15 2–2:45 pm | Ages 3–6 | $64R/$74NR
Friendship Park | Mon–Thu, Jul 10–13 2–2:45 pm | Ages 3–6 | $64R/$74NR
Friendship Park | Mon–Thu, Aug 7–10 2–2:45 pm | Ages 3–6 | $64R/$74NR

Amazing Athletes Camps are the premier developmental physical fitness camps empowering children aged 3 to 6 years old to reach developmental milestones at an individual pace. Through our structured active play, Amazing Athletes advance 6 key areas of motor–development. During our 45 minute daily, one–week camps, children learn the importance of patience, teamwork, and self–confidence in a non–competitive, learning–based environment that fosters a love of healthy living. Their excitement for structured physical activity promotes advances and advantages that keep children on the path to personal well–being. Our fun, active camps encourage kids to explore and develop a variety of athletic skills through the introduction of 10 different sports. Coaches break the fundamentals of each sport–based skill down into simple steps based on each child’s age and ability.

**Kids’ Sculpture Class**

Orion Center | Mon–Fri, Jun 19–23 | 1:30–4:30 pm | Ages 7+ $160R/$165NR

Let’s spend these sunny afternoons creating splendid sculptures! We will make a clay architectural structure, i.e. teepee, faeries house, or mouse café with added bits of embellishment to show your artist’s individual flare! Exploration of paper sculpture including quilling elements will make for interesting results. We will learn how to construct 3-dimensional, artsy birds out of sawdust and found objects. These, along with other fabrications, will culminate in a “Viewing of Creations” of our students’ artwork that will be extended to families on the last day of camp. Limited spaces, sign up soon! Please bring a water bottle, snack, and wear clothes that are not precious, messy camp alert!

**Kids’ Colorful Art Camp**

Orion Center | Mon–Fri, Jul 10–14 9 am–12 pm | Ages 7+ $160R/$165NR

We will learn about the fracturing of light in a fun outdoor activity. Let’s get out our ROY–G–BIV (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet) colors and learn to paint a rainbow that looks real as seen in nature. Kids will work on landscapes and colorful animals like rainbow fish, chameleons, peacocks, iridescent beetle bugs, and fancy roosters. Colored pencils will be used, including shimmer colors, chalk pastels, paper quilling and paint. Let’s add some brilliant rainbow anime characters as well! Experimental practices like beautiful ink applications will be utilized. You will be impressed with our colorful art that will be presented in a Gallery Show following class on the final day!

**Drawing 101 Kids’ Summer Camp**

Orion Center | Mon–Fri, Aug 7–11 | 9 am–12 pm | Ages 7+ $160R/$165NR

So you like to draw, but you want to get better at it. Okay, let’s make that happen! Students will work on exercises involving negative space, value shading, portraits, contour lines, and perspective. We will introduce 2 or 3 projects daily with outdoor plein air experiences as well! These basics will help to build concrete grounds for an understanding of how to improve your artwork. We will work primarily in graphite, and if time permits, students can add color with the medium of their choice. A Gallery Show of our students’ artwork will be extended to families following class on the final day!

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**THE ARTIST’S APPRENTICE**

*Taught by Artist/Instructor Pamela Palmer BFA.*

$60 material fee payable to the instructor on the first day.

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Junior Golf Camp
Mulberry Hills Golf Course
Mon–Thu, Jun 19–22 | Jul 10–13
Jul 17–20 | 9:30 am–1 pm | Ages 7–15
$215R/$220NR
All aspects of the game are covered and the instruction is kept simple, fun and relaxed with games and contests. Camps begin with the basic fundamentals of the golf grip, stance, posture, aim alignment and moves through the swing plane and motion. Youngsters will be taught lessons in fairness, perseverance, self-control and self-esteem that will help them long after they have left the instruction tee. Camp includes; camp shirt, lunch, on-course instruction, practice balls, range use, essential gift bag, certificate reduced green fees all season, use of equipment (if needed), games, prizes and awards!

Young Scientist Youth Camp
Friendship Park | Mon–Thu, Jul 10–13
10 am–12:30 pm | Ages 4–7
$48R/$52NR
Civic Center Park | Mon–Thu, Jul 17–20
How are tornadoes formed? What is a fossil? What makes electricity? So much more to discover in our Young Scientist camp. Daily activities to stretch young minds and to make a mess in our space.

Go Wild! Youth Camp
Camp Agawam | Mon–Thu, Jun 19–22
Jun 26–29 | 10 am–12:30 pm
Ages 4–7 | $48R/$52NR
Does your little camper love to get dirty in the great outdoors? Join us at Camp Agawam for hands-on Growing Up Wild nature investigation! Use all five senses to explore animal habits, recycling for a cleaner environment, animal tracks and become aware that wildlife is everywhere!

Chess Camp with Chess Wizards
Camp Agawam
Mon–Fri, Jun 26–30
9 am–3 pm | Ages 6–13
$492R/$500NR
Half Day | 9 am–12 pm | 12 pm–3 pm
$325R/$333NR
Join us this summer for tons of challenging chess lessons, exciting games and cool prizes. Improve your chess skills, meet new friends and work out your most powerful muscle—your brain! Our clubs include fun team chess games (like bughouse), recess time, snacks, tournaments and puzzles. Participants receive a Chess Wizard t-shirt, trophy and puzzle folder. Unleash your brain power and spend some of your summer with Chess Wizards! Half day option also available.

SEW Much FUN Camp Youth
Friendship Park | Mon–Wed, Jun 12–14
Jun 19–21 | Jun 26–28 | 10 am–12 pm | Ages 8–12
$150R/$153NR
Sewing basics, hand sewing, and creating three items by the end of class. Pillow, reusable tote bag, and pet or doll outfit. Includes pattern making, basic sewing, buttons and decoration with applique. Materials included and includes a take home mini sewing kit. Instructor Peggy Berry Bartz, Designer/Seamstress and Carla da Silva, Fashion Designer/Stylist both from Lake Orion.

SEW Much FUN Camp Teen
Friendship Park | Mon–Wed, Jun 12–14
Jun 19–21 | Jun 26–28 | 1–3 pm
Ages 13–17 | $150R/$153NR
Basic sewing and hand sewing, creating 3–4 items (can choose which to complete) by the end of class. May include basic understanding of sewing machine use also. Materials included and mini sewing kit. Will included basic fashion principles and garment construction ideas. Peggy Barry Bartz, Designer/Seamstress and Carla da Silva, Fashion Designer/Stylist both from Lake Orion.

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MINDS IN MOTION CAMPS
RECO Robot
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, July 17–21
9 am–12 pm | Ages 8–12
$155R/$165NR
Build and take home your very own RE/CO Robot! RE/CO robot is a mechanical off-roading adventure! It comes equipped with an infrared sensor and artificial intelligence. Its ability to be controlled wirelessly, and its tank-like tracks, make it perfect for rugged conditions! With the wireless remote control added, RE/CO Robot can access new play modes like storytelling, singing, dancing, and even programming. Students can enjoy guiding it over all sorts of terrain or allow the friendly robot to lead the way, using its infrared sensor to find a clear path in patrol mode. For parents who look to get the most out of their children’s time, RE/CO Robot is a great all in one package! It combines assembling with 106 pieces, STEAM learning with infrared sensors, programming with easy directional commands, and having fun with the freedom of a handy wireless remote control!
Future Engineers
Friendship Park  |  Mon–Fri, July 17–21
12:30–3:30 pm  |  Ages 8–12
$155R/$165NR
If you like to create and build things, this program is for you! Take home your very own engineering kit! You will build up to 8 working models including a material lift, stationary bike, crane bridge, construction crane, and a windmill! With the aid of your instructor and the easy-to-follow manual, you will learn different scientific principles involving pulleys and mechanics. You will also learn about basic circuits as you construct a Maze Challenge, Flying Disc, Turbo Air, and Alarm System with our STEM Lab kit! As future engineers, the STEM lab will teach you how to comprehend a schematic diagram and interpret the flow of electricity. Design your own diagrams and watch your confidence soar as you transform wires, springs, and plastic parts into fully functioning circuits. Come obtain the necessary skills and experience to take on the technological challenges of the future!

Cybercrawler Robot
Friendship Park  |  Mon–Fri, July 24–28
9 am–12 pm  |  Ages 7–11
$155R/$165NR
Build and take home your very own CyberCrawler Robot! This smart coding robotics kit entertains and teaches programming skills to inquisitive young future robotic engineers! With the aid of your instructor, you will each assemble your own robot that consists of 76 pieces. Once completed, a simple press-button programming keypad embedded on its cranium will send your CyberCrawler on its way! You can design obstacles and maze courses with your classmates and see how far you can go. With a maximum storage capacity of 64 tasks, your CyberCrawler Robot will be a terrific starter tool to learn the joy of coding! This very cool robot’s LEDs illuminate as it executes whatever you command. Come and join this fascinating and educational robotic experience!

Crime Scene Investigation
Friendship Park  |  Mon–Fri, July 24–28
12:30–3:30 pm  |  Ages 7–11
$155R/$165NR
Come join our Minds In Motion Crime Team in this fun and interesting program! We will provide you with all the tools you need to become your very own crime scene investigator. Learn all about forensics, searching for evidence, and gathering clues and bring home your very own detective kit! Working in groups, you will conduct many science experiments in our crime lab to solve the mysteries at hand. You will learn all about fingerprinting and how to classify them and bring home your very own fingerprint classification sheet! You will also perform chemical analyses and observations working with powders, liquids, and much more! Be amazed at how much science plays a part in solving a crime. Come ready with your thinking caps and be prepared to use all the skills necessary to solve the crime of the century and help save the Minds In Motion Laboratory! We need you!

Chemical Creations
Friendship Park  |  Mon–Fri, Aug 7–11
9 am–12 pm  |  Ages 6–11
$155R/$165NR
Come experience a hands-on world of fun as you conduct a variety of scientific experiments! You will work on and take home your very own Chemistry Lab Kit complete with test tubes, safety goggles, and more! Learn and discover many different scientific concepts in an entertaining and innovative approach. You will be trained to work like a real scientist in the lab. You will also make and take home some really cool chemical creations! Learn all about energy and molecules, create a crazy bouncy glob from glue, and some scary green slime! Make your very own UV bracelet and watch it react to the sun. You will also get to witness some amazing scientific demonstrations from your instructor. Watch snow being created and feel how cold it is! Experience a really powerful magnet, magic sand, and many other exciting experiments in this fascinating and educational program!

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Outer Space & Physics Fun
Friendship Park
Mon–Fri, Aug 7–11
12:30–3:30 pm | Ages 6–11
$155R/$165NR
Come join an exciting world of space exploration as you build and take home your own Solar System Kit! You will assemble your own model, learn all about our planetary neighborhood, and watch the planets move around the sun powered by battery or solar power. Check out our real meteorite fragment samples! Take part in other exciting activities involving physics, air pressure, and density. Take home your own cosmic rocket and watch it shoot up fifty feet into the air! Be mesmerized as you assemble and take home your own stunt plane and learn about the four major forces of flight. You will also witness some really neat demonstrations from your instructor. Watch as an egg is magically sucked into a bottle, behold a tornado being created, and much more in this fun and exciting program!

Electricity & Magnetmania
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Aug 21–25
12:30–3:30 pm | Ages 8–12
$155R/$165NR
Learn all about electronics, magnetism, and more in this fun and educational hands-on workshop! Take part in our Minds in Motion electronic lab and take home your very own circuit kit. With the aid of your instructor, simply follow the colorful pictures in your manual to build up to 100 exciting projects such as a flying saucer, alarm, and doorbell! All parts are mounted on plastic modules and snap together with ease. You will also take part and witness many cool magnetic experiments including making and taking home the World’s Simplest Motor! Watch electricity being produced by a hand held generator and take part in a cool activity involving a very powerful magnet. Behold a special magnetic top levitating and much more!

Solarbot.14
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Aug 21–25
9 am–12 pm | Ages 8–12
$155R/$165NR
Come and take home your very own 14 in 1 educational solar robot kit! Every hour more solar energy reaches the Earth than humans use in an entire year! Learn how solar energy works and witness firsthand how this technology can harness the sun’s energy source. This kit contains unique components and parts that operate on land and water. Construct 14 different solar powered robots from functional to comical designs which include a tortoise bot, bug bot, paddle bot, tumbler bot, monster bot, big wheeler bot, car bot, surfer bot, and rowing bot! Working with its motor, gears, and solar panel, watch your solar bot come to life without any batteries as it uses the power of the sun. Take part in one of the alternative energies that is used most widely across the globe. Use your own creativity, put your mind in motion, and create your own designs!

ONTV Kids Video Camp
ONTV Studio | Mon–Fri, Jun 19–23
1–4 pm | Ages 10–12 | $145R/NR
During this week-long camp students will meet at the ONTV Studio daily to learn television production, filmmaking and more. The group will produce a program that will air on local cable TV. Camp includes: T-Shirt, Pizza Party and DVD. Classes held at ONTV Studio, call 248-393-1060 to register, deadline to register is June 8.

Archery Camp with Oakland County Parks
Independence Oaks County Park
Mon–Fri, Jun 26–30 | Jul 10–14
9 am–3 pm | Ages 8–12 | $175R/NR
This camp offers a week-long archery experience where archers learn about archery fundamentals and safety, along with a historical take on outdoor life and a look at hunting. Students will also learn outdoor living skills and about animals native to Michigan. Perfect for the beginner and intermediate archer. Equipment rental fee included. Limited spots available, students bring their own lunch. Please call Independence Oaks County Park at 248-858-0196 for reservations. Park is located at 9501 Sashabaw Rd, Clarkston.
LEAGUES

FALL YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Aug 7–Oct 14 | $20 Multi–Child Discount
Registration begins May 1 | $30 Late Fee after Jul 10
Registration Deadline Jul 17
League schedules finalized in July

Orion Girls Softball League (OGSL)
$90R/$100NR | Civic Center Park
The Fall season will consist of two nights during the week. Fee includes a jersey, hat, and socks.
8U Clinic Division | Coach Pitch
10U Intermediate Division | Player Pitch
14U Junior Division | Player Pitch

Lake Orion Youth Baseball League (LOYBL)
$90R/$100NR per player
The Fall season will consist of one night during the week and Saturday mornings. Fee includes a jersey, hat, and socks.

Tee Ball | Ages 4–6
Clinic | Machine Pitch | Ages 6–8
Junior | Player Pitch | Ages 9–10
Intermediate | Player Pitch | Ages 11–12
Senior | Player Pitch | Ages 13–15

Uniforms will be available to try on upon request during Orion Center business hours.

SUPPORT ORION RECREATION!
Youth Athletics Team Sponsor
Orion Girls Softball League (OGSL) and/or
Lake Orion Youth Baseball League (LOYBL)
$300/team or $250/2+ teams
(either league)
Call or email Jesse Sampson at 248–391–0304 x3506 or jsampson@oriontownship.org for more information.

LOYBL Umpire Program
Spring & Fall seasons | Ages 14+ | $10
Classroom Training | Orion Center | TBD
On–Field Training | Friendship Park | TBD

Are you interested in becoming a paid baseball umpire? LOYBL is seeking new and returning umpires for the 2023 Fall season. A $10 registration fee will get you an umpire shirt, hat, indicator, use of umpiring equipment, on–field training, and online certification. Game fees start at $30 per game! We will provide everything you need to get out on the field and start making calls and money!

Orion/Oxford Soccer League (OOSL)
Online registration available at orionparks.com

Aug 7–Oct 21 | $95R/$105NR per player | $35 Jersey if new player or replacement needed | Registration begins May 1
$30 Late Fee after Jul 10 | Registration Deadline Jul 17
League schedules finalized in July

Any child born between Jan 1, 2008 and Dec 31, 2020 is eligible and encouraged to play soccer in the OOSL Fall 2023 season. The season will consist of one practice during the week with games on Saturdays (weekday games if necessary based on number of teams in division).

*U–4 | Coed | 2020
U–5 | Coed | 2019
U–6 | Coed | 2018
U–8 | Coed or Girls | 2017 & 2016
U–10 | Coed or Girls | 2015 & 2014
U–12 | Coed or Girls | 2013 & 2012
*U–14 | Coed or Girls | 2011 & 2010
*U–16 | Coed | 2009 & 2008

*U–14 & U–16 have games on various days of the week and play surrounding communities. These divisions use a different OOSL jersey so a new jersey will need to be purchased.
*U–4 is only on Saturdays, consisting of a practice and game.

Soccer Referee
Civic Center & Friendship Park | Ages 14+
Come be a soccer referee with OOSL! All games are on Saturdays starting at 9 am. Pay varies based on the age division. All experience levels welcome! Contact Tyler Carpenter, tcarpenter@oriontownship.org, for more information.

Register for Parks & Recreation Programs at
1335 JOSLYN ROAD, LAKE ORION
or call 248–391–0304, ext. 3500

Volunteer Coaches Needed!
Visit orionparks.com for more information about our Youth Leagues.

YOUTH SOCCER
ADULT LEAGUES

2023 Adult Fall Softball League
Men's Rec League
Civic Center Park
Tue, Aug 1–Sep 26
6:20–9:50 pm
Ages 18+
Coed Rec League
Civic Center Park
Wed, Aug 2–Sep 27
6:20–9:50 pm
Ages 18+
$315/Team | $20/Non–Resident Player | Refundable Forfeit
Deposit: $100 | Umpire Fees: $20/Team/Game
Open Registration begins Jun 20 | Manager’s Meeting Jul 24 7 pm | Zoom

2023 Adult Fall Cornhole League
Coed Rec League | Orion Center | Mon, Jul 31–Sep 25
6–8:30 pm | Ages 18+ | $80R Team/$90NR Team
Nothing better to wind down summer with some friendly cornhole. Sign up your backyard team and show us your skills. Bring your own cornhole bags. Playoffs will be held the last week of the season. Each week you will play 3 teams. Each game is best 2 of 3 matches. Teams of 2, one registration per team.
ADULT FITNESS AND WELLNESS

TaikoFit Cardio Drumming
Orion Center | Thu, Jun 8–Sep 7
6:30–7:30 pm | Ages 16+ | $10R/$11NR
drop in only, space permitting
Japanese drumming uses big drums, big sticks and big moves. Combine the Taiko drumming style with high energy music and cardio and you have a really fun workout that reduces stress and is good for your mind, body, and soul. No drumming experience is necessary. No class Jul 6. Instructor: Cindi Carter

Hatha Gentle Yoga
Orion Center | Mon, Jun 5–26
Aug 7–21 | 4:45–5:45 pm | Ages 16+
$33R/$35NR
Mon, Jul 10–31 | $44R/$47NR
In this class you will learn the foundational poses of yoga and begin to experience all the wonderful benefits. Gentle stretches to increase flexibility and strength in the body. Breathing and relaxation techniques to calm the mind. Please bring a yoga mat, strap and firm blanket. Instructor Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga. No class Jun 19 Drop-in rate: $13R/$14NR space permitting.

Hatha Continuing Yoga
Orion Center | Mon, Jun 5–26
Aug 7–21 | 6–7:15 pm | Ages 16+
$33R/$35NR
Mon, Jul 10–31 | $44R/$47NR
We will review the foundational yoga poses learned in the Gentle class and continue to explore more variations to get in touch with the subtle energy in the body. Each class will include breathing techniques and relaxation. Please bring a yoga mat, strap and firm blanket. Instructor Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga. No class Jun 19 Drop-in rate: $13R/$14NR space permitting.

Hatha Open Yoga
Orion Center | Thu, Jun 8–29
Ages 16+ | $33R/$35NR
Exploring yoga asanas in a slow and subtle way to increase awareness in the body. Breathing and meditation techniques to calm the mind. Open to beginning or returning students. Please bring a yoga mat, strap and firm blanket to class. Instructor Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga. No class Jun 15 Drop-in rate: $13R/$14NR space permitting.

Zumba Gold Toning
Orion Center | Mon, Jun 5–Jul 24
9:30–10:30 am | Ages 40+
$60R/$63NR
Mon, Aug 14–28 | $26R/$28NR
Zumba Gold Toning blends the Zumba party you love at a slower pace with a redefining total body workout using Zumba Toning Sticks (1 lbs. weights recommended, no more than 3 lbs.) to shake up those muscles! Walk in ready to have a blast and tone up, leave exhilarated and empowered! Just want to dance without using the weights? No problem! Come to class for the same Zumba fun without using the weights and enjoy the party! No class Jul 5 Instructor: Cyndy DuVal. Drop in rate: $11R/$12NR space permitting.

Tai Chi Continuing
Orion Center | Tue, Jun 6–Aug 29
10–11 am | Ages 18+ | $120R/$128NR
Continue class is for students who have learned the 12–posture forms. Classes include warm-up and focused exercises, as well as learning the Wu Style form.

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of sequenced postures. Tai Chi Chuan is a soft-style Chinese martial art. Its slow, repetitive, and circular movements open internal circulation to improve strength, agility, and balance. The forms gently move every muscle of the body through a complete and natural range of motion. Over time, students will see a reduction of stress with an increase of natural energy, coordination, and power of concentration. Instructor Michael Dwyer. Drop in rate: $11R/$12NR space permitting No class Jul 4

**Tai Chi Beginner**

**Orion Center | Tue, Jun 13–Jul 18
11 am– Noon | Ages 18+ | $50R/$54NR
Jul 25–Aug 29 | $60R/$64**

Classes include warm-up and focused exercises, as well as learning the Wu Style form of sequenced postures. Tai Chi Chuan is a soft-style Chinese martial art. Its slow, repetitive, and circular movements open internal circulation to improve strength, agility, and balance. The forms gently move every muscle of the body through a complete and natural range of motion. Over time, students will see a reduction of stress with an increase of natural energy, coordination, and power of concentration.

Instructor Michael Dwyer. Drop in rate: $11R/$12NR space permitting No class Jul 4

**Pickleball Lessons**

**Beginner | Friendship Park | $45R/$47NR**

Beginner lessons will introduce you to the basic rules, proper grip, shots, scoring, and play of pickleball. Paddles and balls will be provided. Bring your own if you have one.

**Session 1: Mon, Jul 3 & Wed, Jul 5 | 9–11 am**
**Session 2: Mon, Jul 10 & Wed, Jul 12 | 6:30–8:30 pm**
**Session 3: Mon, Jul 24 & Wed, Jul 26 | 9–11 am**
**Session 4: Mon, Aug 14 & Wed, Aug 16 | 9–11 am**

**Intermediate | Friendship Park | $45R/$47NR**

Develop and improve your pickleball skills through drills and game situations. Learn advanced playing strategies to give you the edge over your opponents. Previous experience necessary.

**Session 1: Tue, Jul 11 & Thu, Jul 13 | 6:30–8:30 pm**
**Session 2: Mon, Jul 17 & Wed, Jul 19 | 9–11 am**
**Session 3: Tue, Jul 18 & Thu, Jul 20 | 5–7 pm**
**Session 4: Tue, Jul 25 & Thu, Jul 27 | 4–6 pm**
**Session 5: Mon, Aug 21 & Wed, Aug 23 | 5–7 pm**
**Session 6: Mon, Aug 28 & Wed, Aug 30 | 5–7 pm**

**Outdoor Open Pickleball**

**Friendship Park | Every Mon & Wed | 10 am–12 pm | Free**

Love to play pickleball, but don’t have anybody to play with? Register to play Open Pickleball at Friendship Park and you’ll always have a partner to play with every week! Registration is required.

**Advanced | Friendship Park | $45R/$47NR**

Advanced lessons will focus on strategy, advanced skill drills, movement, and do some informal skill rating overview and evaluation.

**Session 1: Mon, Jul 31 & Wed, Aug 2 | 5–7 pm**
**Session 2: Tue, Aug 8 & Thu, Aug 10 | 4–6 pm**
**Session 3: Tue, Aug 8 & Thu, Aug 10 | 6–8 pm**
**Session 4: Mon, Aug 14 & Wed, Aug 16 | 4–6 pm**
**Session 5: Tue, Aug 15 & Thu, Aug 17 | 5–7 pm**

*Please note for all Pickleball Lessons the player minimum is 4, if that minimum is not met the lesson will be canceled.

**Pickleball Mixed Exhibition**

**Friendship Park | $3R/$5NR per exhibition**

Mixed teammate exhibition style games. Play will be for a fixed time and score will be kept as a running score. The team with the highest score will move on and split up. The team with the lower score will also move on and split up becoming opponents. Registration is required and there are limited spots. For questions contact the Orion Center at 248-391-0304. ext 3500.

**Tue | Jun 27 | 10 am–12:30 pm**
**Thu | Jul 13 | 4:30–7 pm**
**Sun | Aug 13 | 3–5:30 pm**
**JUNE**

1. **Adult Battle of the Books** registration opens, [orionlibrary.org](http://orionlibrary.org)
2. **Community Garage Sale**, Orion Center, 9 am–3 pm
3. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
4. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
5. **Shred–it Collection**, Orion Center, 11 am–1 pm
6. **Toy & Comic Expo**, Orion Center, 9 am–3 pm
7. **Adult Battle of the Books registration opens**, [orionlibrary.org](http://orionlibrary.org)
8. **Community Garage Sale**, Orion Center, 9 am–3 pm
9. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
10. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
11. **Community Garage Sale**, Orion Center, 9 am–3 pm
12. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
13. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
14. **Summer Reading Kickoff**, Orion Library, 11 am–1 pm
15. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
16. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
17. **Summer Reading Kickoff**, Orion Library, 11 am–1 pm
18. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
19. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
20. **Summer Reading Kickoff**, Orion Library, 11 am–1 pm
21. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
22. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
23. **Summer Reading Kickoff**, Orion Library, 11 am–1 pm
24. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
25. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
26. **Summer Reading Kickoff**, Orion Library, 11 am–1 pm
27. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
28. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
29. **Summer Reading Kickoff**, Orion Library, 11 am–1 pm
30. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm

**JULY**

1. **LO Fireworks Foundation Fireworks** on Lake Orion at dusk
2. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
3. **Township, DDA, Chamber offices, Library closed**
4. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
5. **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Township Hall, 7 pm
6. **LOHS Graduation**, Pine Knob Music Theatre
7. **Summer Reading Kickoff**, Orion Library, 11 am
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**AUGUST**

1. Free Concert in the Park: The Stone Blossoms, Wildwood, 7–8:30 pm
2. LOLive! Jon Tyler Wiley & His Virginia Choir, Children’s Park, 6:30–8 pm
3. Motown Eagles Tribute Band Concert, Orion Library, 6:30 pm
4. Big Rig Gig, Friendship Park, 5–9 pm
5. Brave the Wave, on Lake Orion
6. Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm
7. Free Concert in the Park: Interstate 90’s–Detroit, Wildwood, 7–8:30 pm
8. Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group, Orion Library, 10:30 am
9. LOLive! Phillip Michael Scales, Children’s Park, 6:30–8 pm
10. Senior Social Hour, Orion Center Library Branch, 11 am
11. The Way We Worked Traveling Exhibit Opens, Orion Library
12. The Way We Worked Traveling Exhibit Opening Reception, Orion Library, 6–8:30 pm
13. Orion Historical Society Meeting, 7 pm
14. Free Concert in the Park: Dirk Kroll Band, Wildwood, 7–8:30 pm
15. LOLive! Danni Nicholls, Children’s Park, 6:30–8 pm
16. Watch It! Outdoor Movie, Orion Library, 8 pm
17. Puzzle Swap, Orion Center, 9 am–6 pm
18. Dragon Wellness Festival, Civic Center Park, 11 am–2 pm
19. Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm
20. LOHS Schedule Pick-Up, Photo Day 12th Grade, 9 am–1 pm
21. LOHS Schedule Pick-Up, Photo Day 11th Grade, 9 am–1 pm
22. Free Concert in the Park: SE Michigan Wind Ensemble, Wildwood, 7–8:30 pm
23. LOHS Schedule Pick-Up, Photo Day 19th Grade, 9 am–1 pm
24. LOHS Schedule Pick-Up, Photo Day 9th Grade, 9 am–1 pm
25. Dragon on the Lake, Downtown LO
26. Township Talks, Township Hall, 9:30 am
27. Senior Social Hour, Orion Center Library Branch, 11 am
28. LOHS Make-up Day All Grades, 10 am–2 pm
29. LOLive! One Ton Trolley, Children’s Park, 6:30–8 pm
30. Dragon First Day (Freshmen and new LOHS students), LOHS, 7:30–10:30 am

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Adult Golf Lessons
Mulberry Hills Golf Course | Mon, Jun 5–Jul 10
6:30–7:30 pm | Ages 18+ | $145R/$150NR

Group lessons are designed to create a comfortable and affordable instructional environment for the new or intermediate golfer. Group sessions will have a minimum of six participants and a maximum of ten. Review and improve existing skills, introduce variations of the golf swing, shot techniques and implement aspects of golf course management. Students will be approached as if they have some experience and some grasp of golfing fundamentals. Participants in group lessons will be able to play Mulberry Hills Golf Club at a discounted rate during specified times throughout the season.

Open Air Yoga at Wildwood
Wildwood Amphitheater | Sat, Jun 10, 17, 24
Sat, Jul 15, 22, 29 | Sat, Aug 5, 12, 19 | 9:30–10:30 am
Ages 16+ | $30R/$36NR

Enjoy practicing yoga in the fresh air, under the covered stage at Wildwood! In this “all levels” yoga class, experience moving your body in this beautiful, outdoor, recreational space. We will also incorporate breathwork and meditation to balance our bodies and our nervous systems. All are welcome, as this class will be at the beginner to intermediate level, with modifications and variations of poses provided. Bring your water, yoga mat, and any other props that you would like to use in the class (i.e. straps, blankets, or blocks). Classes will be under the covered structure, rain or shine. Instructor Heidi Cudney with Surya Yoga, LLC Drop in rate: $11R/$12NR

Modern Women’s Self–Defense Seminar
Dragon Community Room | Sat, Jul 15
10–11:30 am
Ages 13+
$25R/$27NR

Discover your inner warrior! Please join us for an informative seminar to give you techniques to protect yourself from danger. Chief instructor of the Metro Michigan Shotokan Karate school, Andrea Moon (4th Degree Black Belt) will teach you a variety of effective techniques to defend yourself. Participants will work with partners as attacker and defender to learn a variety of self-defense techniques. At the completion of the seminar, you will receive a written hand-out that includes a review of everything covered during the session. With these instructions, you will be able to review and practice the exercises.

Please wear loose fitting clothing, no jewelry, hair tied back. We will work in bare feet in order to stay safe when practicing foot/leg techniques. Class is held at the Municipal Complex, 2323 Joslyn Rd.

2024–2028 Master Plan underway for Orion Parks
Orion Township Parks and Recreation is currently in the process of creating our Master Plan for 2024–2028. The Recreation Plan will guide park development, recreation programming, and capital improvements for the coming five years. Please be on the lookout for community input throughout the summer.

A community–wide survey will be offered in June and July. Online hard copy versions of the survey will be available.

Information booths will be available at several events this summer, including Summer Sizzle, Concerts in the Park at Wildwood, and Big Rig Gig.

Targets focus groups will be held to receive input from different demographic categories.

Dates, links to surveys, and more information will be provided on our website at orionparks.com.
ADULT ENRICHMENT

Township Talks (formerly Coffee with Chris)
Township Hall | Fri, Jun 23, Jul 28, Aug 25 | 9:30–10:30 am
Free
Stop by Township Hall for an informal meeting with Township staff and elected officials. Feel free to come with questions or join in on the discussion. Topics will include current events in the Township and other matters of interest. If you have a request that may take some research, submit it in advance to jbhatti@oriontownship.org or schedule an appointment.

Flat Pattern Making
Friendship Park | Wed, Jun 14–Jul 19 | 5:30–7:30 pm
16–Adult | $175R/$185NR
The class is designed to teach students the basic pattern making techniques for fashion design utilizing two methods: Flat pattern making and Draping on the form. Students will become familiar with and gain experience using the tools required and the principles of pattern making. Students will learn to draft and drape the basic 5 piece foundations from which most other patterns are derived. $25 material fee is due to the instructor on the first night of class.
Instructor: San Jones

Penny Pendant with Ariel Inspired
Orion Center | Thu, Jun 1 | 6–8 pm
Ages 12+ | $38R/$41NR
You will take home a wearable reversible pendant designed by you. Program includes learning to 3 wire weave, bending and anchoring, creating a bail and scrolling. All materials are included, wire and beads and use of tools. You will walk out with a beautiful wearable pendant as a gift to yourself or a friend!

ONTV CLASSES
Classes held at ONTV Studio, call 248–393–1060 to register

ONTV Podcast Classes
ONTV Studio | Ages 13+ | $25R/NR
ONTV is offering classes providing instruction on how to record a podcast. Classes run 2–3 hours, can hold 1–4 people, and will meet at the ONTV Studio, located at 1349 Joslyn Rd. Call 248–393–1060 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

ONTV CLASSES

2023 Event Schedule

4 Season Painting Class
Orion Center | Mon, Jun 19–Jul 17
5:30–7 pm | Ages 16 | $196R/$199NR
Join our beginner level acrylic painting on canvas. Inspired by life; nature, painting, landscape, flowers, birds, animals and/or the simple human figure. One section of the painting will be completed weekly. All supplies are included including 8x10 or 10x10 canvas. No class Jul 3.
Interested in participating in one of our Active Aging programs? Become a member at the Orion Center for 50+ Orion Township Residents and Non-Residents. Membership to the Orion Center is free. Stop by the Orion Center or call 248-391-0304 x3500 to register. Once registered you may sign up for any of the programs below. The Orion Center also has many resources available to community members. Call us today if you are in need of help in topics including: meals delivered to your home (Meals on Wheels), Medical Equipment, Caregiver Support, Dental, Housing, and many other support groups. Also, pick up a monthly Active Aging Newsletter at Orion Center or Township Hall to stay up to date on all aging offerings through orionparks.com.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Picnic at the Park**
Camp Agawam | Wed, Jun 7 | 12 pm
$4R/$6NR

Friendship Park | Fri, Jul 7 | 12 pm
$4R/$6NR

Civic Center | Thu, Aug 10 | 12 pm
$4R/$6NR

Join us for lunch at a different park every month. While soaking up the beautiful scenery we will play games and enjoy each other’s company. Registration deadline is 48 hours prior to the date.

**Bocce Ball Day**
Orion Center | Tue, Jun 20
2 pm | $4R/$6NR

Drink, eat, and roll with us! Never played Bocce Ball before? No problem! The game is very fast to learn with hours of fun. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

**Euchre Tournament and Lunch**
Orion Center | Thu, Jun 29
12 pm Lunch | 1 pm Tournament
$3R/NR (paid at door) for the tournament | $3R/NR for lunch registration deadline Tue, Jun 27

No partner needed and all levels welcome! Beverage and lunch will be provided prior to the tournament for an additional fee. Tournament Set Up: All scores will be individual and partners will change each game. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

**National Senior Citizen Day**
Orion Center | Mon, Aug 21 | Free

National Senior Citizens Day recognizes seniors who have spent their lives contributing to society and have impacted everyone’s lives for the better. All day the Orion Center will be sharing stories of seniors who have made a lasting impact in our community. If you have a story to share with us about a senior that has changed your life and you would like to recognize them, email Chelsie Petrusha at cpetrusha@oriontownship.org.

**Shop Local Senior Day Downtown**
Downtown Lake Orion | Wed, Aug 30
1:30 pm | Free

The day will start at Cookies and Cream where all guests will receive a wristband and a complimentary ice cream. From there, guests will shop around Lake Orion and enjoy a Senior Day Discount at most stores downtown. Transportation not included.

**End of Summer Luau**
Friendship Park Pavilion | Fri, Sep 15
12 pm | $6R/$8NR

Come say goodbye to summer with us! Lunch and music will be provided.

**FIELD TRIPS**

**Detroit Institute of Art**
Detroit | Wed, Jun 21 | Leaving Orion Center at 11:30 am | Arrive back at the Orion Center at 3:30 pm | Free

This service is provided by the DIA free of charge as a millage benefit for tri-county (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb) residents and includes museum admission and bus transportation.

**Huron Lady**
Port Huron | Tue, Jul 11
Leaving Orion Center at 9:45 am | $105R/NR

You will cruise from beautiful downtown Port Huron on an informative narrated tour of the Blue Water Area. View Great Lake freighters, the two Blue Water Bridges, and more. Lunch will be served on the boat.

**Lake Orion History Field Trip**
Oakland History Center Pine Grove House | Tue, Aug 8 | 1 pm | $5R/NR

Enjoy a guided tour through Pine Grove. Pine Grove was the home of Moses Wisner, Michigan’s 12th governor, who served from 1859 to 1861. The buildings from his time date from the 1840s to the 1860s. These buildings are maintained in period styles. Participants must be able to drive themselves to Pine Grove. There will be no transportation for this trip.
CLUBS 50+
Membership and registration required.

K4 Knit/Crochet
Mon | 12:30–3:30 pm
Chinese Mahjong
Mon | 12:30–3:30 pm
Ham Radio
Mon & Thu | 6–8:45 pm
Bingo
Tue | 10 & 12:45 pm
Please bring nickels

Painting
Tue | 10 am–12 pm
Spanish Club
Virtual | Tue & Thu 3:30 pm
Hand and Foot/Cards
Wed | 12:30–3:30 pm
Orion Center Library Book Club
Wed, 2nd of the month 1–2 pm | Ages 30+

Ukulele and More
Wed & Fri | 11 am
Orion Center Band
Thu | 10:30–11:30 am
Euchre
Thu | 1–4 pm
$2 Drop-in Fee + Dimes
Movies
Fri | 1–3 pm

Quilting
Fri | 9 am–12 pm
Orion Center Band
Thu | 2nd of the month 1–4 pm
Walking Club
Fri | 10 am
American Mahjong
Fri | 10:30 am–3:30 pm
You must bring your own 2023 Official Standard Hands and Rules card

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Financial and Medicare Counseling Services
Orion Center | Mon–Fri | 9 am–4 pm
Free
MRA can help with Medicare enrollment and plan reviews, Life Insurance policy reviews and provide unbiased annuity support. Schedule a one-on-one session with Chad Day from The Michigan Retirement Agency, Don’t Be Sold, Be Informed. Appointments are 30 minutes. Please call the Orion Center to let us know what day works best for you.

Retirement Realities with Chad Day
Orion Center | Mon, Jun 12 | 5:30 pm
Free
Chad will review the financial services industry’s pitfalls, how to know when “you’re being sold” and review the history of financial planning and why it affects your financial well-being. Those that attend the class will leave knowing how to reduce the tax on your Social Security income, how to potentially reduce the cost of Medicare premiums, how to safely invest with downside protection, the many ways tax-deferral enhances your financial position, how to guarantee income for life, how to avoid probate and eliminate advisory fees, & how to guarantee more “guaranteed growth” than bank CDs.

Ask the Attorney
Orion Center | Mon, Jun 26 and Aug 7 1–2:30 pm | Free
Attorney Dana Wilson provides private consultations at the Orion Center. If you need assistance with legal problems or if you have legal questions, call the center for a 15-minute appointment.

Scams & Crime: How You Can Protect Yourself
Orion Center | Fri, Jun 30 | 11:15 am
Free
Unscrupulous salesman, telephone, and mail scams: Beware! Crooks are waiting to take your money. Worried about warding off crime at your age? Practical and easy tips to make your life safer.

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Jimmy John’s Baseball Game
Jimmy John’s Field | Thu, Aug 17 6 pm | $10R/$20NR
Enjoy a night at the Jimmy John’s Stadium in Utica. Cost includes transportation, ticket and hot dog/soda meal. Bus leaves the Orion Center at 6 pm; the game starts at 7:05 pm.
HEALTH & WELLNESS WITH ASCENSION PROVIDENCE ROCHESTER

Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital (APRH), a member of Ascension, is a non-profit Catholic health system. It is our mission to serve all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable. We are dedicated to all that we serve, creating strong relationships with our community, our physicians, and our associates. APRH is established as an industry leader not only in providing high-quality healthcare but also as an organization that strives to improve the health of our community. Register by calling the Orion Center to reserve your seat.

Wellness Center Hours
Ask a nurse/physician, check your blood pressure, check your weight
Physician available every Monday 9 am–12 pm
Nurse available every Thursday from 12:30–4 pm

Diabetes Prevention Program
You can reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes. Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) is a lifestyle change program that can help you lose weight, become more physically active, reduce stress and decrease your risk of developing type 2 diabetes. This program meets weekly for the first 6 months then once or twice a month for the second 6 months. Attend one introductory class to learn more and find out if you qualify.

Orion Health and Wellness Fair
Orion Center | Fri, Jun 16
9 am–12 pm | Free
Ascension Providence Rochester will be available for free health screenings, blood pressure checks and ABI testing. We will have many vendors available for services and other products available to assist you with your health. Join us as we present our local assisted living facilities, estate planning, home safety, transportation, hearing, eye care, guardian care and many more senior health and wellness services.

Matter of Balance
Orion Center | Tue & Thu
Aug 1–24 | 10 am–12 pm | Free
Matter of Balance (MOB) is specifically designed to reduce the fear of falling and improve activity levels among older adults. The program includes eight two-hour classes and enables participants to reduce the fear of falling by learning to view falls as controllable, setting goals for increasing activity levels, making small changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance. Additional topics include home safety, assertiveness, developing positive strategies for change, reducing barriers to exercise, identifying physical risk factors for falls, personal action planners, recognizing misconceptions about falls, and moving from self-defeating to self-motivating thoughts.
Free Concerts at
WILDWOOD

2700 JOSLYN CT | 7-8:30 PM
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGE PERMITTED
GATES OPEN AT 6:30PM

June 13 | North Oakland Concert Band *
June 20 | Motown Eagles
June 27 | Lake Orion High School Band*
        | July 11 | Killer Flamingos
        | July 18 | Bugs Beddow & the Good Stuff
        | July 25 | Itchycoo Park
August 1 | The Stone Blossoms
August 8 | Interstate 90's - Detroit
August 15 | Dirk Kroll Band
August 22 | Southeastern Michigan Wind Ensemble
*Concessions Not Available

www.orionparks.com | 248.391.0304 x3500
Chamber Restaurant & Eatery Guide

Alibi Express
786 S. Lapeer, LO | 248–693–2999
alibipizza.com

Anita's Kitchen
45 W Flint, LO | 248–929–8914
anitaskitchen.com/ak-lake-orion

Avocado Mexican Grill
1188 S Lapeer, LO | 248–690–9755
avocado-mexicangrill.com

Bad Brads BBQ
3437 S Baldwin, LO | 248–977–5910
badbradsbbq.com

Bitter Tom's Distillery
120 S Broadway, LO | 248–690–9535
Bittertomsdistillery.com

Buffalo Wild Wings
770 N. Lapeer, LO | 248–814–8600
buffalowildwings.com

Cookies & Cream by Sprout Bake
20 Front, LO | 248–475–2256
cookiesandcreamlo.com

Culvers of Lake Orion
4963 Interpark Drive N, LO
248–276–2222
culvers.com/restaurants/lake-orion

Domino's
979 S Lapeer, OX | 248–628–3202
dominos.com

Fork n' Pint
51 N Broadway, LO | 248–845–4476
forknpint.com

G's Pizzeria
2775 S. Lapeer, LO | 248–393–0000
gspizzeria.com

HomeGrown Brewing Co
28 N Washington, OX | 248–800–4244
homegrownbrewco.com

Italia Gardens
1076 S. Lapeer, OX | 248–628–4112
italiagardensoxford.com

Jet's Pizza
1091 S. Lapeer, LO | 248–814–7559
jetspizza.com

Lakes Village Stop & Mediterranean Station
415 S Broadway, LO | 248–693–4565
facebook.com/mediterraneestation

Lava Mountain Coffee Co.
1472 S. Lapeer, LO | 248–690–7595
lavamountaincoffee.com

Nothing Bundt Cakes
3074 Walton Blvd, RH | 248–963–0060
nothingbundtcakes.com/bakery/mi/rochester-hills

Oat Soda Lake Orion
197 S Broadway, LO | 248–558–2900
oatsodalakeorion.com

Old Detroit Bar & Grill
741 S. Lapeer, LO | 248–814–8109
olddetroitburgerbar.com

Orion Grill
3667 S Baldwin, LO | 248–391–8303
facebook.com/OrionGrill

Palazzo di Bocce
4291 S. Lapeer, LO | 248–371–9987
palazzodibocce.com

Rainforest Cafe
4310 Baldwin, AH | 248–333–0280
rainforestcafe.com

Swirlz Lake Orion
1035 S Baldwin, LO | 248–391–2222
facebook.com/Swirlz-Frozen-Custard-180–782–268639033/

The 313 Pizza Bar
37 E. Flint, LO | 248–690–9362
313pizza-bar.com

Tim Hortons Lake Orion
740 S. Lapeer, LO | 248–693–8954
locations.timhortons.com/mi/lake-orion/740-s-lapeer-rd

White Pine Coffee Roasters
33 Pleasant, OX | 248–221–5136
whitepinecoffee.com

Wine Social
135 S Broadway, LO | 248–783–7111
wine-social.com

Yates Cider Mill at Canterbury Village
2375 Joslyn Ct, LO | 248–481–9203
yatescidermill.com/canterbury

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Mid–January through May 1

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The Energist–Allison McClintick
The Gregor Private Indoor Golf and Club
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For a complete list of all our Chamber Member Businesses, visit orionareachamber.com

Upcoming Signature Events

June 23, Friday, 6–8 pm
Orion Women Leaders Friday FunDay
Yoga DeStress Class at MSB Studio Fitness

July 24, Monday
8th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser at Paint Creek Country Club

August 4, Friday, 5–9 pm
Food Truck Festival/Big Rig Gig in partnership with Orion Parks & Recreation at Friendship Park

For Ribbon Cutting schedule and more Chamber events, visit orionareachamber.com

Business is Blooming. We are excited to help showcase new businesses by hosting Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and invite the entire Orion Community, Chamber Leadership Team, and Elected Officials to join the festivities. Recently, we cut ribbons and celebrated (from top to bottom) Birch and Bind Home Accents, LLC, Beyond Mindful Counseling and Wellness, and Joyology.

About the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce

The Orion Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to creating a healthy local economy and building a strong environment for economic growth and stability. In ongoing efforts to achieve this lofty goal, we represent business to government, coordinate educational forums, host networking events, advocate for business-friendly legislation, and promote community.

The Chamber is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization, funded through chamber membership investments, sponsors, and fundraisers. We are a passionate team of 11 volunteer Board of Directors, two paid staffers, and 300+ enthusiastic members that generously share their time, talents, and treasures. Together we are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the Orion area and are proud to offer an energetic and friendly environment in which businesses can joyfully flourish!

For more information on the Chamber and how we can help, please contact Joyce Donaldson, President and CEO at 248–693–6300 or joyce@orionareachamber.com.
New library logo symbolizes community values

Keep an eye out this summer for the library’s new look! We are modernizing our logo to show our commitment to being forward-thinking and creative, and not only with our programs and services. Orion Township is “where living is a vacation,” with a variety of outdoor recreational activities on the lakes, in the parks, or on the trails. Our new logo captures that essence with a tree overlooking a lake, symbolizing the values of our community. Orion Township Public Library is the community’s hub of knowledge, discovery, and creativity. We strive to fulfill our Mission to serve and engage a thriving community of lifelong learners, offering such innovative programs and services as our Makerspace and More Than Books Collection.

As we refocus our strategies to better serve you, now is the perfect opportunity to update our logo to reflect our commitment to our Vision: connecting the community through information, technology, and partnerships. Come for the brand new look, stay for all the innovative programs and services.

Sign up for Library Programs at orionlibrary.org/calendar or call 248–693–3000

General Info

Notary Services available
Notary services are provided at no charge for patrons at OTPL, but an appointment is necessary. Please call 248–693–3000 to make your appointment.

Upcoming Library Closings
July 4
Sundays during the summer
For a calendar of all library events please visit the Events tab at orionlibrary.org.

Department Numbers
Adult 248–693–3001
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Teen 248–693–3000 x414
Youth 248–693–3002
IT 248-693-3000 x540

From the Director

Summer reading fun

Summer is always an exciting time of year for us at the library. Not just because the weather is warm and school is out, but of course because it is time for the annual Summer Reading Program. On the next few pages, you can read about the many wonderful events for all ages that our librarians have planned this summer. Of course, we will be kicking Summer Reading off with a big celebration on Saturday, June 10 from 11 am to 1 pm. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see a crowd.

The library is also in the middle of our strategic planning process. Earlier this year we were able to listen to what the community had to say about library services through focus groups, interviews, and a community-wide survey. I want to truly thank everyone that shared their thoughts with us. We had a tremendous turnout, and we have a lot of information to dig through. We can now start on the fun part, designing services that our community needs the most and will make the greatest impact. Look for a completed plan in the early fall.

For those that may have missed the official process, I still invite you to share your thoughts with us by giving me a call at 248–693–3000 x430, sending me an email at cmcmunn@orionlibrary.org, or leaving a comment card in the lobby. Strong community support is always the best indicator of a strong library, and we thank you all for that support.

I will also use this space to remind you that nothing goes better with leisure time and vacations than a good book (or e-book). Please stop by the library and find your next summer read, a board game to share with the family, a giant lawn game to play at a backyard BBQ, tools to tackle a pesky home problem... the list could go on and on. Have a wonderful summer, everyone.

CHASE

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2023 Summer Reading: Find Your Voice!

Find Your Voice in a new book this summer! Library patrons of all ages can register for summer reading using our new reading tracker Beanstack, to track their reading and activities, and win great prizes. A print option will also be available. Each book or activity corresponds to a square on a bingo sheet; get a bingo for a chance to win big! Beanstack Tracker is available to download to your preferred smart device or can be accessed online from our website.

Prizes for adults range from library swag to gift cards, and even a Kobo Libra 2 eReader! Teen prizes include free books and a variety of gift cards. Youth participants can win free books, LEGO kits, and a chance to win a showcase prize. Summer Reading registration begins at our Kickoff event on June 10 from 11 am–1 pm. Be sure to check for all programming listed here, including our amazing end-of-summer reading celebrations!

Now available at Orion Center Library Branch and home-bound patrons can participate starting Monday, June 12.

All prizes must be picked up by Saturday, August 12.

Summer Reading Kickoff
Sat, Jun 10 | 11 am–1 pm
Celebrate with the library as we kick off a summer of reading. This outdoor party offers fun for all ages, including inflatable games, climbing wall, balloon animals, henna for teens, kids face painting, and more, like free ice cream from the library Book Bike! Attendees can also visit with local organizations, businesses, and nonprofits. All kickoff attendees who register for summer reading can enter to win a family pack of tickets to a special summer event.

Summer Reading Finale with Cameron Zvara
Sat, Aug 5 | 11 am | All Ages
Enjoy an outstanding magic show outside with Cameron Zvara to celebrate a summer of reading! Summer Reading showcase prize raffle will begin promptly after the show.

Teen Summer Reading Party
Fri, Aug 4 | 6–8 pm
Urban Air Adventure Park
See page 43 for details.

ADULT SERVICES

Registration for programs opens one month prior to the program date at 9:30 am unless stated otherwise.

Many of our programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Orion Library

MAKERSPACE

Crochet for Beginners
Sat, Jun 24 | 2 pm | Register online
Learn basic crochet techniques and stitches to start working on your own project.

Formbox: Custom Molded Soap
Thur, Jul 13 | 7 pm
Sat, Jul 15 | 2 and 3:30 pm
Register online
Create your own molds for custom shaped and scented soap on the Mayku Formbox.

Glowforge: Stained Glass Suncatchers
Tue, Aug 8 | 7 pm
Sat, Aug 12 | 2 and 3:30 pm
Register online
Using our Glowforge laser cutter, make a colorful suncatcher with wood and acrylic.

Makerspace Office Hours
Thursdays: Jun 8, Jul 20, and Aug 17 | 6–8 pm
Interested in learning about makerspace equipment? Have a question? Need some guidance or inspiration for your project? Drop in and meet with our makerspace librarian and start creating. Assistance will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

The Write Stuff Writer’s Workshop
Wednesdays: Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9 | 7 pm
Meet the second Wednesday of each month and connect with a group of like-minded writers to learn from each other, share ideas, and practice your writing skills.

Orion Historical Society (OHS)
Mondays: Jun 12, Aug 14 | 7 pm | No July meeting
Come to an OHS meeting to learn about our township’s history and work on projects to preserve the past. Newcomers are always welcome!
Tech Help at OTPL
Do you have general tech issues or want to learn how something works? Schedule a tech help session with an OTPL staff member! We provide stress-free troubleshooting for basic-to-intermediate needs such as mobile device assistance or learning how to use the library’s digital platforms like Libby, hoopla, and Kanopy. Book an appointment at orionlibrary.org/tech-help or by calling 248–693–3000 x540.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group
Tuesdays | Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8
10:30 am
This monthly support group for individuals who care for those with Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementia is led by a trained facilitator and sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association Michigan Chapter.

Beers of Summer @ Oat Soda
Mon, Jun 12 | 7 pm | Register online
As summer arrives, we transition to outdoor activities and look for a refreshing beverage to quench our thirst. The Craft Beer industry provides a wide range of styles, both traditional and experimental for the summer. Join us at Oat Soda, 197 S. Broadway to explore the many options while learning a bit of history. You may discover your new favorite beer of summer! The presentation does not require the purchase of alcohol, but should you wish to enjoy a beverage (and are 21 or older), it will be available for purchase. Snacks will be provided.

Ways to Avoid Scams: Pass it on...
Wed, Jun 21 | 2 pm
Developed by the Federal Trade Commission, this program will cover strategies for dealing with common scams, and ways to spot them. Together, we can be stronger than the scammers. An officer from the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office will be joining us to discuss scams seen locally.

Boating Safety
Wed, Jun 21 | 7 pm
The Oakland County Sheriff will be at OTPL to discuss boating safety. Topics covered will include boating certificate requirements, safety equipment, Jet Ski/ personal watercraft rules, and more.

Introduction to Memoir Writing
Thur, Jun 22 | 6:30 pm
Join author and playwright Susan Berg in this guided memoir writing workshop. Be sure to bring a pen and paper or laptop to write with!

Managing Money: A Caregiver’s Guide to Finances
Mon, Jun 26 | 6:30 pm
This program presented by the Alzheimer’s Association will help caregivers learn about the costs of caregiving and the benefits of early planning. Learn how to avoid financial abuse and fraud, start a conversation about finances, assess financial and legal needs, and find support.

Estate Planning
Wed, Jul 19 | 7 pm
Local attorney Greg Kudela will teach you the basic principles of estate planning (wills, trusts, probate, estates, power of attorney, etc.) so that you have the knowledge to decide how your property will be passed down to your loved ones. Adults at any stage of life will find this presentation both informative and enjoyable.
Adult Battle of the Books
Thur, Aug 10 | 6:30 pm | Register online starting Jun 1
Adults can finally join in on Battle of the Books fun! Our first Adult Battle of the Books will take place at Fork and Pint (51 N Broadway St, Lake Orion). Teams of 2–5 people will read four books over the summer. The battle will take place on August 10 and teams will answer questions about the titles in quiz show format. The event is free to attend, but participants purchase their own food and drink. Titles will be available for checkout at the library starting June 1 and circulate for two weeks with no renewals.

**Fiction:** Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

**Nonfiction:** Dark Side of the Mitten: Crimes of Power & Powerful Criminals in Michigan’s Past & Present by Tom Carr

**Graphic Novel:** This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki, Illustrated by Jillian Tamaki

**Young Adult:** Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Motown Eagles Tribute Band Concert
Thurs, Aug 3 | 6:30 pm
Motown Eagles, Detroit’s premier Eagles tribute band since 2016, performs iconic hits of the Eagles. Join us as they share the timeless music of the Eagles outside on the library’s back lawn. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors.

DIY Plaster Art
Wed, Aug 9 | 7 pm | Register online
Make a modern, textured piece of art with untraditional materials.

THE WAY WE WORKED TRAVELING EXHIBITION
Aug 12–Nov 5 | Open library hours

Exhibit Reception and Presentation
Mon, Aug 14 | 6–8:30 pm
Be among the first to explore the exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in the library lobby! The exhibition explores the places Americans worked, from farms to factories and mines to restaurants, as well as in homes. It examines not only the effects of technology and automation, but also how workers striving for better working conditions, wages, and hours changed America’s work history.

Work in Southeast Michigan: A Tour of the Past 150 Years
Mon, Aug 14 | 6:30 pm
Professor Dan Clark’s talk will focus on trends in labor in this region over the last century and a half. From agriculture to industry, from carriages to automobiles, from non-union to union jobs, this overview will provide local context for The Way We Worked exhibition.

Look to our fall newsletter for more programming based on the theme of our exhibit, which is that work is part of every American’s life, whether for professional satisfaction and personal growth or to ensure the well-being of their families.*The Way We Worked, an exhibition created by the National Archives, is adapted for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and made possible with the generous support of the United States Congress.

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OUTREACH

Home Delivery Services
If you or someone you know is unable to physically visit the library, even for a brief time, let us know. We offer delivery services for books, and audiobooks—give us specific titles or let us know what you like, and we can introduce you to new favorites! Material is delivered either by car or through our Books by Mail program.

Orion Center Library Branch
For a slower pace and a smaller venue, the Orion Center Library Branch caters especially to senior citizens and is located in the Orion Center at 1335 Joslyn Rd. Large print books, audiobooks, movies, put and take paperbacks, puzzles, and magazines are available for all. There are also computers and a printer available.

Basic Tech Help for Seniors @ the Orion Center Branch
Wednesdays | 10:30 am–12:30 pm
By appointment
Make an appointment at the Orion Center Library Branch by calling 248–693–6840. Whether you bring your device or use our computers, our Branch Associate Kurt can troubleshoot basic technology questions and needs. No grandchild needed!

Senior Social Hour @ the Orion Center Branch
Fridays | Jun 9 and 23, Jul 14 and 28, Aug 11 and 25 | 11 am
Join us the 2nd and 4th Fridays of most months for a chance to get out and socialize. Each week will feature a different topic so that participants can enjoy the company of other seniors!

English Language Learning Conversation Group (ELL)
Wednesdays | 10:30 am
No Jul 5 meeting
The group is open to all who wish to practice their English language skills in a relaxed setting. Topics vary widely, and the group offers a great learning experience and an opportunity to meet people.

Geri–Fit Exercise Program for Seniors
Tuesdays | Jun 13–Jul 18 | 10:45 am
Register online | No July 4 class
Have fun with others while exercising in a chair with weights. Following videos and led by a trained coach, Geri–Fit classes combine strength and balance training to rebuild strength that has been lost through the aging process.

Exam Proctoring
School doesn’t always stop in the summer and the Orion Library is here for all of your academic needs. We proctor exams up to four hours in length for students studying all fields for free. Email reference@orionlibrary.org for more information or to schedule an exam.

OTPL Book Bike
Staff members pedal our Book Bike to parks, parades, community events, and on bike trails in our township. We answer questions, talk about upcoming programs, and give away books, treats, and library swag; sometimes we even have crafts! Our Book Bike has been a terrific opportunity to bring the Orion Township Public Library outside our walls to where our residents are. Look for us when you are out and stop by and say hello!

OTPL Little Free Libraries
Our Little Libraries are located throughout the Orion community; on trails, at parks, and the Village of Lake Orion, and are stocked with books available for you to take and read. You can also add books to share with others. Little Libraries provide a terrific way to grab a book when you cannot make it to the library and are fun opportunities for children to discover books! A list of Little Library locations can be found at orionlibrary.org/locations.

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JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Tuesday
Tuesdays | 6:30–8 pm | No meeting Jun 27 or Jul 18
Teen Tuesday is a casual hang out for teens who enjoy anything from video games, board and card games, D&D, crafts and more! If you are looking for something to do with some friends, crash with us for a bit. Snacks always provided and new faces always welcome!

Candy Sushi
Sat, Jun 17 | 2–3 pm
June 18 is International Sushi Day! What better way to celebrate than making our own candy sushi lunch! Bring your sweet tooth and appetite! Teen programming supplies based on a first-come first-serve basis for patrons in attendance.

Teen Craft: Zen Stacking Stones
Tue, Jul 18 | 6:30–7:30 pm
There is something deeply satisfying about stacking stones. Come to an evening of art creating your own Zen motif to take home! Teen programming supplies based on a first-come first-serve basis for patrons in attendance.

Teen Summer Reading Party
Fri, Aug 4 | 6–8 pm | Urban Air Adventure Park
Register online
Orion Township Public Library is taking the teen summer reading party outside its doors to Urban Air Adventure Park! If you participated in summer reading, please sign up to celebrate with 2 hours of Urban Air activities, a game of laser tag, and pizza. Jumping socks included. Waivers required by parents and can be found at this QR code. Please email the teen librarian with any pizza allergies at shalsey@orionlibrary.org.

Henna Art
Sat, Aug 12 | 2 pm | Register online
Join Dreaming in Henna’s Sandy Rippetoe for a take on traditional designs with a modern feel. Teens will learn about henna’s history, uses and traditions. After a hands-on art activity each participant will receive henna handouts and a henna cone to keep.

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YOUTH SERVICES

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Summer Learning Workshop Feature
Avoid the Dreaded “Summer Slide”
Mon, Jun 5 | 7 pm
While there may be less than 104 days of summer vacation, there is still a lot of time for our childrens’ academic skills to slip. Let’s get together and, with the guidance of long-time teacher Rob Osterman, talk about some tricks and tools we, as parents, can use to keep young minds sharp. Presented in partnership with the Huntington Learning Center of Clarkston. This workshop is for adults with children in grades K–8.

Summer Reading Kickoff
Sat, Jun 10 | 11 am—1 pm
See page 39 for details.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Neighborhoods of Stories
Fridays | 10 am | All Ages
This summer we continue to expand our partnership with Clarkston Independence Library for our park storytime series! Find and explore your surrounding area when we pop up in new and exciting nearby parks, entertaining the whole family with live book performances, storytelling, and silly dancing. Meet us out at the following parks:
6/16: Clarkston Family Farms, Clarkston
6/23: Camp Agawam playground, Orion Township
6/30: Depot Park, Clarkston
7/14: Children’s Park gazebo, Lake Orion
7/21: Sashabaw Plains Park, Independence Township
7/28: Friendship Park play structure, Orion Township
Under the Sea
Tue, Jun 20 | 2 pm | All Ages
Celebrate the release of the live action Little Mermaid with this party. Games, activities, and experiments will help us learn and appreciate life under the sea.

Mobile Petting Zoo
Thu, Jun 29 | 2 pm | All Ages
Come meet a variety of farm animals like bunnies, ducks, chickens, goats, and even an alpaca! You will have a chance to pet each of these cute animals from Chamberlin Mobile Petting Zoo.

Sing–Along Disney
Wed, Jul 12
2 pm | All Ages
Singing is more fun with friends! Bring all your friends to this fun sing–along program that will have you belting out your favorite Disney tunes. All talent levels are encouraged to participate.

Color Run
Sat, Jul 22 | 11 am | All Ages
Add some color to your life with this fun run activity. Wear a white outfit and trek a few times around the library and get doused with color, creating a wearable masterpiece. This is a non–competitive stroll/run that is about enjoying the mess. Color powder is safe and washable, but it is best to keep your favorite fancy clothes at home for this one.

Family Twilight Yoga
Thu, Jul 27 | 7 pm
Join us for a relaxing evening version of family yoga with Pushna Wellness. Certified yoga instructor Jess Dues will lead this multiage group through a fun event outdoors in the library Reading Garden. This event is open to all ages, and patrons are encouraged to bring the entire family! Please bring a yoga mat or towel for each participant.

Summer Reading Finale with Cameron Zvara
Sat, Aug 5 | 11 am | All Ages
See page 39 for details.

Family Book BINGO
Mon, Aug 7 | 6:30 pm | All Ages
Enjoy this classic game with books as prizes.

Watch It! Outdoor Movie
Wed, Aug 16 | 8 pm | All Ages
Grab a blanket, camping chairs, and your family and attend this outdoor evening movie and outdoor games event in our Reading Garden. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase to support the Friends of the Library. Movie selection TBD.

Community LEGO Village
Sat, Aug 19 | 11 am | All Ages
Have you ever wanted a Ferris Wheel in your town? You can build it with LEGO! Come and build pieces of a village of our own creation together. All the buildings, structures, and people created will be displayed in our display case for the month of September. Let’s build a village!

Bubbles and Splash
Mon, Jul 10 | 11 am | Ages 0–5
Thu, Aug 3 | 11 am | Ages 0–5
Lots of outdoor bubble and water fun for our youngest patrons!
Whoooo’s Awake Storytime  
Wed, Jul 19 | 10 am, 11 am | Ages 0–5  
Join us in the Reading Garden for stories, songs, and activities about animals who are awake while you sleep!

Sing a Story  
Wed, Jul 26  
10 am, 11 am  
Ages 0–5  
Limit 20  
Bring your singing voices to this musical storytime for children ages 0–5 and their families. Limit 20 children.

Family Place Free Play  
Thursdays: Aug 10, 17 | 10 am  
Parents/caregivers with children ages 0–5  
Stretch out and enjoy a time of open play with our family place toys in our large meeting room—a great chance to meet new friends and explore gross motor skills.

Themed Storytime Week  
Monday–Friday, Aug 21–25  
10 am, 11 am | Ages 0–5  
Join all your youth librarians for a special themed storytime week. Storytimes will follow the same theme, and each will have unique songs, books, and exploratory activities. Friday’s session will be a fun Bounce & Boogie event, following the same theme!

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Rainbow Art  
Thu, Jun 15 | 2 pm  
Grades K–5  
Explore all the colors of the rainbow with fun arts and crafts projects.

Doggone Readers Summer Picnics  
Mondays: Jun 19, Jul 24, Aug 14 | 6:30 pm | Grades K–5, Register online  
Visit with Jasper, Henry, Merlen, Crush, or Woody to practice your reading skills to a silent listener—one of our certified therapy dogs picnic-style outdoors! Readers can collect stamps for a free book. Readers will be assigned a 15-minute timeslot upon arrival.

Find Your Voice: Storybook Theatre  
Mon, Jun 26 | 2 pm | Grades K–2, Register online  
Younger kids will enjoy exploring characters, stories, settings, problems, and big feelings. Join us for a story, a simple craft, and a mini (not stressful) performance.

Find Your Voice: Improv Theatre  
Mon, Jun 26 | 3 pm | Grades 3–5, Register online  
Learn how to portray a character and improvise dialogue while playing fun games and watching everyone’s creative scenes.

DIY Stickers and Buttons  
Tue, Jun 27 | 2 pm | Grades 3–8  
Use the sticker maker and button machine from our Makerspace to bring your designs to life. Three stickers and three buttons for each participant will be provided.

Kids Yoga  
Tue, Jul 11 | 2 pm | Grades K–5  
This fun Pushna Wellness yoga class for elementary age students includes games, songs, and fun partner poses. Please bring a yoga mat or towel for each participant.

DIY Squishies  
Part 1: Tue, Jul 25 | 2 pm | Grades 3–8, Register online  
Part 2: Wed, Jul 26 | 2 pm | Grades 3–8  
Using the Formbox in our Makerspace we are going to create our own squishies. Bring an object that has a wider bottom than top to create your squishie form. We will add flex foam to create the squishie. Then join us for Part 2 to paint your squishie creation.

Outdoor Games  
Sat, Jul 15 | 2 pm | Grades K–5  
Drop in for this fun outdoor game event for elementary ages including frisbee golf, partner races, and oversized lawn games. Participants will compete to be crowned the champions of the Reading Garden!

Emoji Extravaganza  
Mon, Jul 17 | 2 pm | Grades K–5  
It’s World Emoji Day and we’re ready to celebrate with crafts, activities, and snacks!

Star Lab  
Tue, Jul 18 | 2 pm | Grades K–5, Register Online  
Be immersed under the night sky in the middle of the afternoon with Wint Nature Center’s Star Lab! This traveling planetarium is stopping by the library for a fun filled afternoon. Be sure to register as this program will fill up!

DIY Squishies Part 2  
Part 2: Wed, Jul 26 | 2 pm | Grades 3–8  

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**Find Your Voice: Puppet Theatre**
Mon, Jul 31  |  2 pm  |  Grades K–5, Register Online
What’s the difference between a toy and a puppet? A puppet performs a story for an audience! Join us to explore puppetry and build some of your own puppets to take with you and dazzle your home audience!

**Water—STEM in Motion**
Tue, Aug 1  |  2 pm  
Grades K–5
Be ready to get wet at this fun hands-on STEM event.

**Downtown Storywalks**
Enjoy a story while you stroll through Downtown Lake Orion! We are partnering with the DDA to bring you a story where each page is displayed in the windows of downtown businesses. There’s a different story every month! For more information, visit orionlibrary.org or call the Youth Department at 248–693–3002.

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**Everyone is welcome to be a Friend**
Love to support the library but don’t have extra time? No problem; you can still join!

**Did you know...**
- An annual Friends membership is only $10—roughly two coffees! That is IT!
- The Friends has many volunteer positions available! Work a book sale or help sort materials!
- Many library programs and unique collections were funded from the Friends!
- Volunteering and helping others boost your mood! Join us and get ready to smile!
- The Friends do accept monetary donations, anytime and any amount!

**Get involved. Be an active member of the Friends!**
Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Friends are always looking for help on our committees, board of directors, and with events. It’s a great way to serve in the community, meet new people, pitch in and also have some fun. If you, your family or service groups have an interest, please reach out to the Friends via e-mail at friends@orionlibrary.org.

**About the Friends of the Orion Library**
The Friends are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was started in 1985 “to promote public support of the Orion Township Public Library and the library in the community, to promote reading, literacy and lifelong learning, and to maintain an association of persons interested in the library.” Friends act in cooperation with the library board and staff, serving as a liaison between the community and library. All money raised by the Friends, except for minimal administrative costs such as postage and printing, is donated directly to the library in the way of program funding, material purchases and monetary contributions.
Longtime Friends Board member shares memories, encourages others to use their skills

Meet Carla Tousley

The Friends would like to thank Carla Tousley for her many years serving on the Friends board and monumental efforts with this group.

Here is a little bit more about this extraordinary Friends volunteer, whom we cannot thank enough!

Carla has been serving on the Friends board for eight years, most recently as the treasurer. She works full–time as a lead technical program manager at Mastercard and has been enjoying libraries since her youth. In her free time, she is an avid reader, scrapbooker and jigsaw puzzle enthusiast—all supervised by her cat! She also enjoys photography while traveling with her husband, son and daughter.

How did you initially become part of the Friends Board?

I joined the Friends in spring 2015 and was invited to the annual meeting where I was appointed membership chair. During 2016 I used time between employers to help the Friends and the Passport to Spring fundraiser. I was the project manager for the Japan, Poland and Greece Passport to Spring events and over the years have helped with membership events, book sales, fundraising and public relations.

To you, what does it mean to be a Friend of the Library?

A Friend is a supporter and cheerleader for the library and all it has to offer. A Friend advocates, volunteers, and shares opportunities.

What has been your favorite memory of being involved with the Friends?

My favorite memory is working with library staff to quickly spend a $10,000 grant the Friends were awarded during Covid to enhance book sale operations and ensure the health and safety of patrons while visiting the library.

My most fun memory is handing out popsicles at Summer Reading Kickoff and getting sunburnt.

What is something you hope for the future of the Friends group? The Library?

I hope the Friends continue to be pioneers and use technology to increase efficiency in their operations. We’ve already made great strides by implementing a membership database, cash register, email marketing and volunteer signups. I hope the library continues to be the go–to place in the community for learning through books, programming, tools and more! We are so lucky in Orion to have the Makerspace, More Than Books collection, teen room, and age–appropriate programs and events. I love stopping by to put a piece in the jigsaw puzzle!

Book sales: Tell us a funny story. Or a strange/rare find.

I found a vintage copy of Alice in Wonderland and gifted it to my neighbor.

Advice for anyone wanting to get involved.

My advice for anyone wanting to get involved is jump in—use your skills and time to help others. Volunteering enriches your life by stretching & challenging you and it brings new people into your circle. I have made many lifelong friendships through this group as well as acquaintances in the community.

Just for fun—If you were an ice cream flavor, what would you be?

Coffee almond fudge.

Favorite local place to eat.

Anita’s Kitchen

Favorite place to read.

At our family cottage on Gun Lake.

Also, a HUGE thank you to Carla’s employer Mastercard! During the last four years, Mastercard has donated $3,500 in grants to the Friends as a result of Carla’s accumulated volunteer hours!

Book Sale in September!

Tuesday, Sep 19th through Saturday, Sep 23rd

Come to Orion Library and get your holiday shopping done early at the Friends’ Book Sale! Looking for the perfect recipe for that friend that loves to bake? Need some books for children, fun fiction and factual nonfiction? Want to stock up on your favorite genre?

The Friends accepts book donations to supply our book sales. Drop off donations at the library. Thank you! Your donations are what make our sales a true success!

Come support your local library. Join the Friends to gain early access to the sale before the general public! More details at orionlibrary.org/friends.

Book Sale in September!
LOHS Wall of Excellence

Distinguished grads leave their mark

When the Lake Orion High School Wall of Excellence was established in 2017, the intent was to celebrate the rich history of Lake Orion Community Schools.

The initial Wall of Excellence program was imagined and created by former LOHS assistant principal Kyle Meteyer and principal Steve Hawley, who gathered a committee of longtime Orion–area residents and school staff members to evaluate submissions.

At the first ceremony in the fall of 2017, Meteyer noted there have been over 40,000 LOHS graduates in more than 120 years of this district’s history. “We wanted to make sure this was in synchronicity with our goal and our school’s emphasis of career–focused education,” he said. “We wanted to make sure the Wall of Excellence would continue to motivate and inspire our current and future students with the values of hard work, achieving their goals and taking advantage of the opportunities offered to them at Lake Orion High School and beyond.”

To accomplish this goal, the inductee plaques were placed on an open wall in the LOHS Commons area, where students pass each day between classes and eat lunch in the area that serves as a cafeteria.

In the years since, LOHS has produced six Wall of Excellence classes, each with its own distinct group of representatives, spanning more than 125 years of the district’s history.

The first class

The first class in 2017 set the standard for those who would follow as they were the most accomplished and high–profile graduates of the school district.

The standard was set by the only graduate to have a name on a current school building, former student and teacher Blanche Sims. Beginning in 1897 with third and fourth grade students, her extraordinary 50–year teaching career spanned the growth of Lake Orion from a small farming community to an area growing well beyond just a town and into a vibrant community. A graduate of the Class of 1895, she taught Orion students for the next half century, until she passed away in 1947 and was recognized with the naming honor three years later. Her memory is still celebrated by local groups, who visit her grave in Evergreen Cemetery to honor what she meant to the Orion community.

When Drew Feustel graduated 90 years after Sims, his future held experiences beyond Sims’ imagination. Feustel grew up in the Keatington neighborhood across from the current Waldon Middle School, where the streets are named for outer space landmarks and figures (Orbit, Solar, Mercury, Gemini, Armstrong, Aldrin.) He fulfilled that vision like few in our nation’s history, attending Oakland Community College and working his way into the space program. Feustel became an astronaut on two missions, including one as the commander. On his second mission, he chatted over an uplink with OCC and LOHS students, answering questions about his incredible journey. “I struggled in high school a little bit and didn’t do as well as I would have liked, and I realized early on, shortly after my time there, that if I wanted to achieve some great and fantastic goals, like becoming an astronaut, that I needed to do better,” Feustel told the assembled students. “It set me up for success. I had some great experiences at Lake Orion High School and it was a very impressionable part of my life. I was glad to be there and I’m proud to be a graduate and after Lake Orion to move on to greater things.”

Given the very few astronauts in world history, LOCS understands what an outstanding and unique representative he is of the community as he continues to impact and support the space program.
The initial class also featured Ron Tripp, a Class of 1971 Dragon who became a world champion in SOMBO, a mixed martial art. He represented Orion on a national and international stage as the president of USA Judo and a judo team leader in the 2004 Olympics. Tripp’s embrace of the Wall of Excellence remains one of its enduring connections to the first class. He attended the initial ceremony and spoke to LOHS students, presenting career and life advice. “When you talk about leadership and identifying yourself, just like Col. (Dan) Choike, I was just a kid in school like you guys are,” Tripp told the students. He listed off the many accomplishments in his life but reminded them of his roots. “I’m just a kid from Casemer Road, just like you guys,” he said. When he was growing up in Orion, that was viewed as something less. His mentors and coaches helped him understand “it’s not where you’re from, it’s who you are.” Now, Tripp has returned to see all that Lake Orion has become and its growing respect within Oakland County and beyond.

Retired Marine Col. Daniel Choike’s status in the U.S. Military is the highest known rank of an LOHS alum. He served as commander of the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Va., then he entered private business as a defense contractor supporting the U.S. Department of Defense. His time at LOHS was formative in his life, he told students prior to that 2017 induction ceremony, citing a coach who told him he could be more if he applied himself. “From a leadership standpoint, when you see an individual that takes the time and effort to really look and see what it is you have and is willing to spend time mentoring you... he sought me out,” Choike said. “My advice to you is looking for leaders out there, individuals you have some commonality with, just go out there and seek them and ask for their advice.”

Fritz Henderson was named the CEO of General Motors in 2009. As a LOHS grad, he represented so many in the community, who worked for GM in numerous capacities. To see a Dragon at the top of one of the nation’s largest companies symbolized all that was possible for those in Orion. A University of Michigan graduate and a Harvard Business School MBA, he worked his way through GM as a vice president, Chief Operating Officer and President.

John Upton, the final member of the initial class, showed the varied disciplines of success from the school as
a highly accomplished musician. He was the principal oboist in the Florida Orchestra, played in the Rochester Philharmonic as well as orchestras around the world, including in Switzerland. His time in Lake Orion pushed him to the world-renowned Julliard School and Eastman School of Music.

Subsequent classes

The goal, as stated on the nomination form open to the community, is “To recognize the academic and post-graduate achievements of the most outstanding Lake Orion High School Dragons, in order to celebrate these individuals' success and to provide outstanding role models for the students at Lake Orion High School.”

The broad criteria is intentional, to draw individuals from all walks of life and disciplines.

In the subsequent classes, representation has spanned all areas of life.

Class of 2000 graduate Dr. Bo Zhao is a scientist, inventor, and business executive in the oil, gas, and manufacturing industries. Dr. Zhao has achieved four U.S. patents and has been recognized by the Department of Defense, the National Science Foundation, and the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers.

Class of 1971 graduate Greg Bowman served as afternoon anchor at WWJ Newsradio 950 in Detroit for three decades. Career highlights included covering the Bill Clinton inaugural celebration in 1993 and the Republican National Convention in 1996. In 2012, he was honored with the Michigan Associated Press Lifetime Achievement Award.

Class of 2009 graduate Jeff Heath was one of the few LOHS graduates to have a sustained professional sports career, his as a defensive back in the National Football League. His appreciation for his Lake Orion roots showed through his first few years in the league when he would return to the community each summer to host a youth football camp. “It’s a responsibility because these kids really do look up to you,” Heath said. “That’s my whole thing of being here. Not only teach them some football stuff but more work ethic and character and all that stuff. It’s a big responsibility, but I welcome it.”

Class of 1999 graduate Shannon Pettypiece worked as a print and broadcast journalist, including covering the White House for NBC News. Her example was unique, as she left LOHS planning to be a professional musician and found a detour into the media. “I was not one of those most-likely-to-succeed kids and if I was going to be honored for anything at that time, I never would have imagined it would be for journalism,” she said in a video at her induction. “If there’s a lesson for you in that, it’s to be open to change and for awhile, I thought changing what you

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wanted to do, changing what school you wanted to go to, was a bit of a failure. But it’s not at all. It’s a sign of growth.”

Class of 1978 graduate Bob Gibson defined perseverance. After setting a pole vault record at LOHS, he suffered a spinal cord injury in a car accident. Gibson adapted to his new circumstances and became a world-class wheelchair athlete, winning medals at the World Championships, Pan–Am Games, and the 1988 Paralympics.

Class of 1957 graduate Frank Lessiter is an example that the Wall spans generations of Dragons. Lessiter is an author, editor, publisher, and entrepreneur. He authored three books, including Centennial Farm: How Six Generations Farmed the Land (detailing his family’s historic Baldwin Road farmstead.) He and his wife founded Lessiter Media, Inc.

Class of 1984 graduate Tim Myers was part of the 2022 class and shared his rise through business as he became the CEO of Arconic, working around the world over his career with different companies. “I was really interested and good at math,” Tim Myers said. “I had a calculus teacher that really challenged me by the name of Gary Kibby. He was the one that encouraged me to pursue mechanical engineering.”

Myers appreciated the recognition and made both a personal and business donation to LOHS to advance STEM programming and support the school. His example is what LOHS assistant principal Tony Palmeri hopes for the Wall of Excellence as it moves forward to celebrate generations of Dragons.

“There’s a direct nexus with our alumni, our community and our students. It functions as a monument,” Palmeri said at the 2022 ceremony. That was my challenge to students... when you pass by it, I hope it serves as an everyday reminder that excellence and accomplishment are a possibility.”

Like each of the inductees who returns to Lake Orion, Myers understands LOHS now much more than when he was a student.

“When I think about that saying that it takes a village to raise a child, I was very fortunate that my village was Lake Orion,” he said. “Keep this community strong. This is a great school, more importantly it’s a great community.”

Those interested in nominating a former Dragon for the wall can find more information, including the nomination form, at LakeOrionSchools.org/WallOfExcellence.
All for Oxford Resiliency Center

Restoring a shaken community's sense of security and safety

The All for Oxford Resiliency Center, established in response to the November 30, 2021 tragedy at Oxford High School, is devoted to promoting mental and emotional wellbeing. The center provides opportunities for people to come together, find support, restore the community's sense of safety and security, and help each other heal.

Community connection and healing

Anyone who is struggling in the aftermath of the Oxford shooting can go to the center for help and community connection. A warm and welcoming space with trained professional staff ready to listen to an individual's personal experience, connection to the crime, or their process of healing. The staff meet each person where they are with the understanding that every individual has unique reactions to traumatic events, heal at their own pace, and that healing can take many years.

Programming offered at the center includes victim advocacy support, educational workshops, support groups, wellness classes, therapy dogs, mindfulness sessions, arts and crafts, community activities, individual and group therapy, resources, and referrals.

Recently the All for Oxford staff were invited to participate in the end of school carnival held at Oxford High School. Students and school staff were provided with information about the center, opportunities to engage and have fun playing games, enter a contest to win a giant Squishmallow, and color a huge poster that now hangs in the center with the words “You Matter.”

A furry comforter

The center has a full-time canine advocate, Wyleigh, an almost two-year-old Golden Retriever. Her owner and handler is the center’s Program Director, Jamie Ayers. Wyleigh was a career change dog from the Leader Dog program and was donated by the generosity of the Canine Advocate Program and CARE House of Oakland County. She has been a wonderful addition to the resiliency center, visiting clients before appointments with a keen sense of those who need her comfort and attention.

Wyleigh has been hosting “Donuts with Dogs” on late start Wednesdays for students to stop by and see her and enjoy a donut before school. This summer she is excited to offer “Paws 2 Read” to encourage students to continue their summer learning and come to the center to read her a book! Jamie and Wyleigh recently visited Michigan State University to meet with students following the recent tragedy on campus.

All for Oxford is managed by Common Ground and funded by the State of Michigan through a grant by the Federal Anti-terrorism and Emergency Assistance Program. The creation of All for Oxford was guided by the Oxford community, for the Oxford community. All services at the resiliency center are free of charge to the community.

All for Oxford is located at 1370 S. Lapeer Rd. in the Oxford Mills shopping center. Learn more about the All for Oxford Resiliency Center at allforoxford.org or visit their Facebook and Instagram pages. Help is available for those who need it at All for Oxford, Monday through Thursday, from 9 am to 6 pm by phone at 248–653–5511, and 24/7 Helpline 800–231–1127.
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**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

**KICKING FOR A CAUSE**

Municipality VS. Municipality Charity Kickball Tournament

Sunday, June 25, 2023
Tournament Begins at 9:00AM
Championship Game scheduled for 3:00PM

Music | Food | Raffle | Fun

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MOTOR CITY HOMECOMING

Fri, Aug 18 | $25 MOTOR CITY HOMECOMING
| The Look | TBA |
| Sat, Aug 19 | $25 FOREVER 27* |
| Jimi Hendrix | The Doors | Janis Joplin |
| Tue, Aug 22 | FREE S. Michigan Wind Ensemble |
| Wed, Aug 23 | FREE MOVIE “Super Mario Bros” |
| Thu, Aug 24 | $25 MOTOR CITY BLUES |
| Fri, Aug 25 | $20 BEYOND THE BLOND* |
| Lady Gaga | PINK | Gwen Stefani |
| Sat, Aug 26 | $1985 BACK to the FUTURE* |
| Huey Lewis | Stevie Nicks | Foreigner |

**JASON ALDEAN** | **LUKE BRYAN** |
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**TBA** |
**LOLLAPALOOZA 1992** |
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