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Dragon Broadcasting makes news

Autumn brings out the golds & greens

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Orion Area Chamber of Commerce
Dragon Broadcasting DDA Lake Orion Downtown

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EMERGENCIES
911

NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH
POLICE/FIRE/EMS
248-858-4911

LAKE ORION POLICE
DEPARTMENT (VILLAGE)
248-693-8321

ORION TOWNSHIP
(INCLUDING FIRE DEPARTMENT)
248-391-0304

WATER OR SEWER
EMERGENCIES AFTER-HOURS
248-858-4911

ORION AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
248-693-6300

ORION TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY
248-693-3000

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS
248-693-5400

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (DDA)
248-693-9742

VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION
248-693-8391

ROAD COMMISSION FOR
OAKLAND COUNTY
877-858-4804

LAKE ORION POST OFFICE
248-693-3253

ONTV
248-693-3377

Useful Locations

ORION TOWNSHIP HALL &
OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF’S SUBSTATION
2525 Joslyn Road

ORION CENTER, ORION AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& ONTV
1335 Joslyn Road

VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION & POLICE DEPARTMENT
21 East Church Street

ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
825 Joslyn Road

LAKE ORION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
118 North Broadway

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
315 North Lapeer Street

Useful Web Tools

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN PARKFINDER
maps.semcog.org/ParkFinder

SEARCH OAKLAND COUNTY, ORION TWP
SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN TRAIL EXPLORER
semcog.org/trailexplorer

Front Cover: Lake Orion High School Cheerleaders shout their Dragon Pride at the 2018 Homecoming game. The Friday night home games draw thousands to Dragon Stadium to cheer on the team.
Fall is an amazing time of year in Orion. One of the most beautiful sights is the colorful foliage that can be seen throughout our many parks and trails. The leaves change to the boldest colors, with brilliant displays of reds, yellows, and oranges. Whether you’re walking or taking a brisk bike ride there is plenty to see and do.

As the days begin to grow shorter and the air becomes light and crisp, we start to say goodbye to our bathing suits and shorts, as we pull out our flannel and long pants. The season of high school football begins, with the stands packed as everyone comes together to support their team. It’s also the season of pumpkin patches and hayrides as children get into the Halloween spirit. And it’s the season of apples—glorious, delicious, juicy, sweet Michigan apples.

You don’t have to go far to get your apple fix. Yates Cider Mill at Canterbury Village is right here in Orion Township. With a history dating back to 1863, Yates is everything apples, and are most known for their apple cider blend. Apple season begins in late August/early September with summer apples like Ginger Golds and Paula Reds. These apples are lighter in juice color and have a tart flavor. As the season progresses, more varieties of apples ripen. That is what makes the cider season interesting and keeps us coming back for more! Each week more apples are added to the cider blend, rounding out the taste. By mid-October, as many as six different varieties of apples are blended together. Make sure you stop by and check out all they have to offer.

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Safety first for back-to-schoolers

Drivers urged to be aware of school bus stop procedures and general safety as kids get back in the routine.

September means back to school for many families in our community. That also means adapting to new schedules and new traffic routes, especially considering all of the road projects that are currently underway. The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office has some helpful tips to make this transition a little smoother.

They strongly urge drivers to slow down, allow for additional drive time in their schedule, and stay completely focused on their driving. Distracted driving diverts a person’s attention away from their primary task of driving. All distractions endanger the driver, passengers, and bystanders. Put down your electronics and follow their “Just Drive Campaign.”

They are also reminding drivers that they are required to stop for school buses during the red light procedure. The “Red lights up top, you must STOP. Lights down low, you may proceed SLOW.”

Stop Procedures

School buses use two types of stop procedures while children are getting on and off the bus:

Red Light Stops. Red overhead flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped, and children are getting on or off the bus.

All 50 states have a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children while displaying the red overhead flashing lights and the extended stop sign.

All 50 states require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are getting on or off a bus during a red light stop. In Michigan, a divided highway is defined as being divided by a physical barrier such as a raised median or guard rail. You must stop for school buses on five lane highways with only a turn lane separating traffic.

Yellow Hazard Light Stops. School buses use low yellow hazard lights (located just below the windshield and back windows) to alert motorists that they are pulling off the roadway preparing to stop. This type of stop is only done when students do not have to cross a roadway while getting on or off the bus and the bus can safely pull out of the traffic lane. These types of stops are typical on busy roads to help traffic flow around the bus and prevent traffic backups.

Motorists can proceed slowly around a school bus on the left side when only the yellow hazard lights are on.

Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

Be alert! Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus are usually comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards, or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.

The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.

Back to school tips

Communication strengthens bond with your child

How many times have you asked your child, “How was school today?” and got the same response, “It was fine.” Or “What did you do today?” only to be told, “I don’t remember.” These canned responses can become frustrating. Kids are doing more today in school than we ever did, and it would be great to hear about it. Here are some conversation starters that may help your child share their day with you:

- Tell me about something that made you smile today.
- Tell me about something that was hard for you today.
- Were there any moments that made you feel proud of yourself today?
- What was your favorite part of lunch?
What do sharks eat for dessert?

Octo-pie! Speaking of pie, we want a piece (of the federal funding pie that is).

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States every 10 years, as mandated by the Constitution, and it’s very important that every person gets counted! You may be wondering why. Well it’s because the information the Census collects helps determine how more than $675 billion of federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year. Now that’s a big pie!

Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties, and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race, and other factors. Our community benefits the most when the Census counts everyone. Census data is used by residents, businesses, local government, and real estate developers.

Residents use the Census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.

Businesses use Census Bureau data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, and these create jobs.

Local government officials use the Census to ensure public safety and work with other agencies to plan new schools and hospitals.

Real estate developers use the Census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods.

Not only that, the results of the Census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. The results are also used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts—adapting to population shifts, and more.

This is the first year that you will be able to respond to the Census online! You’ll receive your invitation to respond early-mid March. When filling out the Census it is important to answer the questions based on where your permanent place of residency is on April 1, 2020, also known as Count Day.

Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. By law, your information cannot be shared with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

In order for us to get a bigger piece of that pie, we need your help! When you receive your invitation to take the Census, please take it right away—it’s only 10 questions!
An empty lot will soon become a unique playscape thanks to a $65,000 Play Everywhere Challenge Grant from KaBOOM! and the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation

A playful dragon lands on Baldwin Road

Is that a dragon? It sure is!

The Playful Dragon will be at one of two pocket parks located along the newly transformed Baldwin Road corridor. Baldwin Road was once a busy and congested two-lane road that is now being transformed into a four-lane boulevard with five roundabouts and safety paths on both sides. The Township, along with the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA), recognized the tremendous potential to bring investment and job growth to an area of Orion Township that presented many development challenges.

The vision for Baldwin Road has always been pedestrian focused with safety paths and lighting lining both sides of the street. When finished, this corridor will be completely walkable and bikeable. The addition of two pocket parks only adds to the pedestrian friendliness of this area.

In order to help support the Township’s goal of prioritizing play in this area, the Playful Dragon will provide kids and families with a unique playspace in what is currently an empty lot. The hybrid statue/playspace will be in the shape of a dragon, and will feature a slide, ‘lava’ balance pieces, and a ‘burnt forest’ of climbing logs and stumps.

The Township was recently selected as a winner of a $65,000 Play Everywhere Challenge grant from KaBOOM! and the Built to Play initiative, supported by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation to help make this project happen.

This is the second grant from KaBOOM!, supported by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation awarded to the Township. The first was the Build It With KaBOOM! grant that gave the Township

Learn more at ORIONTOWNSHIP.ORG or call 248-391-0304
I wonder what’s going there?

**DeHaan Orthodontics (Baldwin Road)**

Just north of Clarkston Road and across from Friendship Park, Dr. DeHaan’s new Orthodontics location is currently under construction. DeHaan Orthodontics currently operates out of its existing location within the Shops at Waldon Pond at the corner of Waldon and Baldwin, but in the Fall/Winter of 2019, will be moving up the road to their new 5,100 square foot specialized office, featuring state of the art technology, beautiful views, and their always friendly and talented team! To see a video walk through of their stunning new office, check out the DeHaan Orthodontics’ Facebook page @DeHaanOrthodontics.

**Grace Premier Senior Living (M-24/Lapeer Road)**

Located on approximately 9.10 acres on the west side of Lapeer Road, spanning the boarder of Orion and Oxford Townships, is what will become Grace Premier Senior Living. Currently under construction, Grace Premier Senior Living will be a single-story, 54,052 square foot, 63-unit memory care and assisted living facility. As it sits in both Orion and Oxford Townships, it is a true testament to the teamwork and collaboration between the two Townships as they worked together to help Grace Premier Senior Living through the various approval processes and get it well on its way to opening its doors. Once open, Grace Premier Senior Living will be a welcomed new addition to the community, providing a full-service care facility for residents to maintain a healthy and engaged life within a community that embodies compassion, kindness, and respect.

**La-Z-Boy Furniture Gallery (Baldwin Road)**

Soon to be located in the active commercial area of Baldwin Road, between the existing Taco Bell and future Playful Dragon pocket park, will be a La-Z-Boy Furniture Gallery. More than just your traditional recliners, La-Z-Boy Furniture Gallery will offer a variety of comfortable home furniture and décor for your whole home. The new building, at 15,600 square feet, will be located on 1.17 acres facing Baldwin Road, with three access drives: a cross-access connected drive to Taco Bell; directly on to Baldwin Road; and to Jordan Road. It broke ground in July 2019.

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**Summer Tax Bills**

By now everyone should have received their summer tax bills. Please pay them on or before September 16, 2019 to avoid interest and penalties.

The winter tax bills will be sent out on December 1st and are payable through February 14, 2020.

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A state of the art playground at Camp Agawam, which was the largest scale project that KaBOOM! had completed to date and required approximately 300 volunteers to make happen. The Camp Agawam playground blends into the nature background with a lot of greens and browns chosen for the color scheme. The main feature is the Netplex, a hub of multi-leveled, webbed nets. There is nothing in the area like it! Surrounding the Netplex are two structures with slides (one for toddlers and one for older children), Global Motion, the Omni Spin, and a large dual zip line—which offer children of all abilities the opportunity to play.

The Playful Dragon will be completed and ready for play in June 2020. We are so excited to see this dragon come to life!
Check for leaks before your water bill soaks you

If your home is connected to the Orion Township water supply, your water line is metered for accountability and billing purposes. A water leak in your line can be very costly because once the water has gone through the meter you are charged for the usage.

If you suspect you have a leak due to a high water bill, here are a few locations you can check before calling a plumber. Initially, check your water meter and write down the reading before you go to bed, when you know there will be no water usage. In the morning, before water is used, check the meter again, and write down the number. If the reading has changed, you have a water leak somewhere in your home.

**Hot water tanks**

Check the connections at the top of your hot water tank and temperature relief valve for drips on the floor. You do not want to tamper with your pressure temperature relief valve.

**Toilets**

Check the toilet for leaks by removing the top off the tank and listening very closely. If you hear any hissing at all, try to locate where it is coming from. If you locate the area where the leak is coming from, assess it and determine if you can fix it. If you can’t, then call a plumber.

If nothing is noticeable, add a couple of drops of food coloring in the tank (not the bowl). Wait several minutes and if you have coloring in the bowl, you have a leak in the flapper at the bottom of the tank that is allowing water to seep through. At this point you can assess if you want to do the repair yourself, or call a plumber.

If you have more toilets, go ahead and repeat the process with each toilet to make sure you don’t have more than one problem.

**Hose-bibs**

This will require you to locate all the hose-bibs (hose-bibs are the pipes that you hook your outside hoses to). Look for any obvious dripping, as the seals to the faucets can wear out over time. Every fall, be sure to turn off the water inside your home to your hose-bibs to prevent them from freezing and cracking.

**Other leaks**

Check the outside irrigation system for leaks. You may notice an area of your lawn that is greener than the other areas.

Check the shower head for leaks. It should be a fairly straightforward home repair if this is a source of leaking.

If you have a swimming pool, it is important to check to see if it has any leaks. Recognize that in many cases a leak can be very hard to locate, not all of the leaks outlined in this article can be located and if you’re not used to plumbing.

Protect your home from winter water damage

During the fall months, there are several things that homeowners can do to protect their homes from winter water damage.

Don’t wait, before the cold weather hits, be sure:

- Outside water faucets are opened, and inside the home the line is closed.
- Locate and mark the main water valve for your home and make sure the adults in your house know where it is located. Water damage can be minimized if all adults know where to turn off the water in the event of an emergency.
- Consider insulating any pipes that are near outside walls, under the home (in crawl spaces) or in the attic.

- If you have had problems with lines freezing in the past, inspect the lines before the winter hits. In addition to insulating the pipes, seal any gaps in the walls with caulk or other means. Check with your local hardware store for other effective ways of insulating and sealing gaps.

- In the event that your pipes do freeze, remember that you should never thaw the pipes with an open flame. It is best to use a small portable heater, or a hair dryer. Please make sure you are careful about electric shock around standing water!

If your home is going to be vacant for any prolonged period of time during the winter months, you can contact the Public Services Department and have the water shut off at the street.
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Fire Prevention Week is October 6–12

Did you hear that beep?

It’s the middle of the night, you and your family are sound asleep. All of a sudden you hear a loud, piercing beep. It takes a second but then you realize it’s the smoke detector. You smell smoke. Your heart begins to race, you jump out of bed and yell for your family to get up and out of the house. You manage to safely get out of the house and call 911.

The Fire Department arrives quickly and is able to put out the fire. Turns out you left an appliance plugged in and it shorted, causing the fire. Thankfully, you regularly changed the batteries in your smoke detector, and your family had a fire escape plan in place so you knew how to quickly exit the house and where to meet up once outside.

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn’t just for kids—it’s for everyone. October 6-12 is Fire Prevention Week! This is the perfect time to have the fire safety discussion with your family if you haven’t already. This is also the perfect opportunity to put your safety plans into action. Review with your family the locations of the smoke detectors and on how to replace the units and their batteries.

You can also test the alarms together so everyone knows what the alarm sounds like and not to be afraid of the sound. Plan your escape plan and meeting place, and then practice it with the whole family. Make sure everyone knows Stop, Drop, and Roll and that 911 should always be called in an emergency.

Here are some important tips to keep in mind:

- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home. Place them inside and outside of all the sleeping areas. Test them each month. Replace the batteries each year.
- Replace smoke detectors that are 10 years old or older.
- Teach all children what the smoke detector sounds like. Be aware that children may sleep through the sound of a smoke alarm. Practice your escape plan with children and teach them how to get outside if there is a fire.
- Know two ways out of every room. A closed door can stop the spread of gas, heat, and smoke. Have a meeting place outside your home. Know how to call 911 from outside to report a fire. Practice your escape plan with everyone who lives in your home at least twice a year.
Community Support Services

Find support, volunteer opportunities online

The Community Support Services tab at oriontownship.org is full of amazing resources—whether you’re looking for assistance or want to get involved, there are many different organizations to check out.

Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities

The Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities is an extension of the Coalition of Healthy Communities (CHC) network. CHC was founded over 25 years ago by four local coalition groups seeking to strengthen their existing collaboration through the creation of an umbrella organization. Today, the Alliance has grown to include 19 community-prevention coalitions serving more than 55 local communities.

The Alliance is one of the top leaders for best practices in collaboration on substance abuse prevention initiatives that are creates and sustain healthy communities. The Alliance partners with Oakland Community Health Network, Oakland County Health Department, Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, and Therapy Live/Prepare U.

One of the programs they offer is called Life Is Your Playbook. This is a compliment to the Keep Them Safe, Keep Them Healthy! program. This program is led by former NFL linebacker for the New York Giants, and 2011 Super Bowl Champion, Greg Jones. He imparts knowledge and skills needed for today’s youth using several different “life plays.” These dynamic experiences are offered for youth of all ages so they may gain protective factors that will help them to avoid destructive behaviors, including substance abuse, by helping them to know their value, and think about what they want for their futures and what they will need to do to get there. For more information contact admin@achcmi.org.

North Oakland Community Coalition

One of the coalitions under the Alliance is the North Oakland Community Coalition (NOCC). The NOCC educates and provides programs related to decreasing underage drinking and youth substance use, and promotes positive mental health by encouraging a responsible community where healthy decision making is valued and where individuals and families thrive. The NOCC is located in the CERC building on Scripps Road and specifically serves the entire Lake Orion community.

Throughout the year, NOCC sponsors Court Night, Level Up Camp, Rx Drug Take Back Days, LOHS Senior All Night Party, Real Talk, the SASA club at the high school, and much more.

They also provide classes, interventions and presentations on the Life Skills Program, Narcan Trainings, guest speakers for LOHS and Learning Options HS, and campaigns like No Vape November and Smart Dragons Don’t Drink.

To donate to the Alliance, please visit their website. Donations support the Alliance’s prevention, recovery, and support efforts throughout Oakland County. To learn more about North Oakland Community Coalition and donate to Lake Orion prevention programming, please visit noccmi.org.

Paint Creek fifth graders celebrating the completion of their Life Skills Program.
Water's life cycle is just like a roundabout

It just keeps going around and around and around. Nature doesn't create new water. It constantly recycles the same water that existed on the planet billions of years ago, which means you are drinking the same water that was around when dinosaurs walked the planet.

This recycling process, known as the hydrologic (or water) life cycle, works like a giant plumbing system to transport and renew our planet's water within the closed system of the earth's atmosphere.

Operating since the beginning of time, the hydrological cycle describes the movement of water as it passes through three phases: solid, liquid and gas.

Where does Orion Township's water come from?

The municipal water system in Orion Township is connected to the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and we all play a role in maintaining the quality of our drinking water.

The Great Lakes Water Authority, local municipalities, and customers are connected through a complex water infrastructure system that is designed to protect public health.

GLWA operates five water treatment plants that treat water drawn from Lake Huron and the Detroit River to meet Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. Our commitment to deliver the best water quality possible is evident in the use of proven treatment techniques and a comprehensive monitoring program. GLWA sets a target for treatment standards that are stricter than state regulatory requirements and test more frequently during treatment.

The 126 communities that receive drinking water from Great Lakes Water Authority operate a local distribution system that includes a network of water mains, fire hydrants, and sometimes booster stations and pressure reducing valves. These communities keep water flowing through local piping at the right pressure, maintain pipes and valves, flush and maintain fire hydrants, monitor the distribution system for specific contaminants, and address customer concerns.

The nearly four million customers that receive GLWA water rely on this service each day to drink, cook, clean, flush toilets, wash clothes and water their lawns. Customers have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and to follow steps to support good water quality. These steps include running water if it hasn't been used for a while, cleaning faucet aerators and shower heads, and flushing hot water heaters.
To our Veterans: A humble thank you for all you’ve done

Thank you for your service and all you have done for our country. You have allowed this country to continue to enjoy freedoms and privileges that are so often taken for granted. You are a courageous hero and very much appreciated.

Patriot Day Ceremony
This year’s dedication ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 11th—visit orionveteransmemorial.com for more details. The Patriot Day Ceremony honors fire fighters, police officers, emergency medical responder, and military personnel who have dedicated their lives to protect our freedoms and liberties. We celebrate those serving today, and those who lost their lives (including the precious civilian lives lost) on September 11, 2001.

Patriot Day is also known as the National Day of Service and Remembrance. On this day, we honor the memories of those taken from us every year, and thank our nation’s service members who still to this day fight in the war against terrorism.

Veteran’s Day Ceremony
This year’s dedication ceremony will be held on Monday, November 11th—visit orionveteransmemorial.com for more details. The Veteran’s Day Ceremony to protect our freedoms and liberties. We sincerely thank our nation’s service members who have dedicated their lives to protect our freedoms. We sincerely thank our nation’s service members who have dedicated their lives to protect our freedoms.

Know your money
Who’s portrait was initially engraved on the $1,000 note? Keep reading to find out!

Born in the West Indies, Alexander Hamilton was orphaned at a young age. During his adolescence, he gained knowledge about international commerce while working as an accounting clerk for a local businessman. Hamilton moved to America in 1772 to attend King’s College, now known as Columbia University.

It was while fighting in the Revolutionary War that he first caught the attention of General George Washington, who made him a trusted adviser. Hamilton later assisted in the ratification of the Constitution after America gained its independence from England. Based on the Federalist Papers in the late 1780s, co-authors Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison defended the ratifying of the Constitution and argued that a central government would preserve the Union and act firmly in the interests of the nation.

Impressed with Hamilton’s expertise in economics, George Washington named him the first Secretary of the Treasury. While Secretary, Hamilton tackled debt that accumulated during the Revolutionary War, encouraged commerce and manufacturing, and helped establish the first national bank. His policies laid the foundation for a strong republic.

Hamilton’s portrait was first engraved on the $1,000 notes (Blue Seal) in the 1918 series of banknotes. However, these notes were not circulated among the public and were only used for large transactions between Federal Reserve Banks.

The portrait of Hamilton currently used for Federal Reserve notes was introduced in the 1928 series $10 note. This portrait is based on a John Trumbull painting that is currently displayed in New York City Hall.

Quiz Time
Who is pictured on each of these?
1. $100 bill
2. $20 bill
3. $5 bill
4. $50 bill
5. $10 bill
6. $1 bill

In Orion, real men wear pink

Breast cancer affects everyone. That’s why Real Men Wear Pink, a distinguished group of community leaders, is determined to raise awareness and money to support our mission to save more lives than ever from breast cancer.

When communities unite to fight breast cancer, great things happen. By tapping into the power of pink, Real Men Wear Pink has raised over $6.5 million that can help provide free transportation to treatment, a live 24/7 helpline for answers and support, breakthrough research, and so much more.

Real Men Wear Pink gives men a leadership role in the fight against breast cancer. Community leaders around the nation use the power of pink to raise awareness and money for the American Cancer Society’s breast cancer initiatives, including innovative research, patient services, and education around screenings and risk reduction. It’s one important way we’re attacking cancer from every angle.

Real Men Wear Pink candidates commit to:

- Wearing pink throughout October
- Raising awareness for the cause through their social media networks
- Raising a minimum of $2,500 to help the American Cancer Society fight breast cancer

We all know how much passion our community leaders in Lake Orion have and the causes they support.

The Real Men Wear Pink campaign is one of those causes that Lake Orion stands behind. In 2017 and 2018, Matt Pfeiffer and Garrett Hoffman raised $15,000 and $12,000 respectively. Both men are back and have teamed up with a couple friends for the 2019 campaign.

The 2019 Real Men Wear Pink for Lake Orion candidates are:

- Aaron Whatley, Orion Twp. Director of Parks and Recreation
- Garrett Hoffman, Director of Field Services, Phillips Consulting
- Jerry Narsh, Chief of Police, Village of Lake Orion
- Matt Pfeiffer, Owner, Northern Flooring

Keep an eye out for these pink-clad gentlemen in September and October. Stop and share your stories with them. Look for campaign updates from Northern Flooring, Orion Township, Lake Orion Police Department, and Garrett Hoffman’s (Mr. Lake Orion) Facebook Pages, and most importantly, consider donating to their efforts.

New homeowners
Submit required forms on time

Did you recently buy a house in Orion Township? It’s important that you turn in your Property Transfer Affidavit to the Township’s Assessing Clerk in the Building Department. You have 45 days after closing to turn it in. It is the new owner’s responsibility to turn it in. If your home is also your primary/principle residence, you’ll also want to file your Principle Residence Exemption. Filing this affidavit exempts the property owner from approximately 18 mills. In order to claim this exemption, the owner of the property must own and occupy the property as their principle residence.

If you are moving out of Orion Township, please call 248-391-0304 ext. 7005 to schedule a final water/sewer bill.

Please have available:

- Property address
- Date of closing
- New owner’s name
- Name and address of title company

ARE YOU MOVING?

INTERESTED IN PAPERLESS BILLING?

Receive your bill through your email instead of a paper bill. Email your request to mcarroll@orion-township.org.

Learn more at ORIONTOWNSHIP.ORG or call 248-391-0304
In search of great shots!

Orion Living wants to feature community photos in our upcoming issues that capture the essence of living “Where Living is a Vacation.”

Do you have a great shot of an LOHS football game or the throngs of fans in the stands? Your child at the Big Rig Gig or Halloween Parade? Your family bike riding down one of our scenic trails? A day on the water? Ice fishing on the lake? We have seen your great shots on social media so we invite you to share them with us. We are assembling a gallery of great shots that we can use in upcoming issues.

We are looking for high resolution photos (300dpi) of a few people or a beautiful landscape that are well-composed, vibrant and interesting.

Thank you for helping us make Orion Living a useful magazine that beautifully depicts life in our community!

FOR DETAILS, CONTACT JENNY BHATTI AT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION 248-391-0304 X1003 OR JBHATTI@ORIONTOWNSHIP.ORG

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ADVERTISE WITH US!

The next issue of Orion Living will hit resident mailboxes the week of December 1. Reach 20,000 Orion residents to promote your products or services.

Space Reservation Deadline: Monday, October 21.

Contact Jenny Bhatti at the Charter Township of Orion for rates and art specifications. 248-391-0304 X1003 OR JBHATTI@ORIONTOWNSHIP.ORG
Babes on Broadway

Fun and philanthropy

It won’t be just another boring Thursday night when Rhonda Carter meets up with her girlfriends on October 10th. Rhonda and her group of Lake Orion friends will be participating in another Babes on Broadway girls night out. The annual event brings over 250 women to downtown Lake Orion to shop, socialize and share refreshments at a number of establishments, all while raising money for charity.

“Its a night to hang with your girlfriends and to support our community,” Rhonda says. “We add friends every year who absolutely love it too. Sometimes you don’t realize the many great shops that Lake Orion has to offer.”

This year the DDA has partnered with Love INC of North Oakland County and Love n’ Light Productions LLC to host the event. Participants buy a $30 ticket (hurry, they sell out fast!) which includes drink tickets and special swag from participating businesses. Those businesses keep their doors open late to accommodate the bevy of Lake Orion beauties who will stop in, many for their first time. All the while, some of Lake Orion’s brigade of Broadway Gents are on hand to assist with check-in, greeting and opening doors for the Broadway Babes.

A wrap up event will take place at Cookies & Cream ice cream shop at 20 Front Street.

The event is a win-win-win for participants who enjoy a fun night out; for local businesses who see an influx of returning and potential new customers; and for two charities who receive the proceeds from ticket sales to help them help those in our community who are in need.

Babes on Broadway is the perfect example of how our community comes together for fun, fellowship and philanthropy.

Tickets are $30 per person or $100 for a limited number of VIP tickets. Get tickets at lovenlightproductions.com.

Learn more about Love INC of North Oakland County at loveincofnoc.org and Love n’ Light Productions LLC at lovenlightproductions.com.

Placemaking signs bring direction to Downtown

Have you seen them!? The DDA brought new wayfinding signs to downtown Lake Orion. They include beautiful lighted Kiosk signs, designed to help new visitors find their way into and around Downtown. Check out the new Dragon logo Gateway signs on Washington and Flint, S. Broadway at Meek’s Park and M-24 at Church. Thanks to Jonathon Townsend and his crew at Veres Environmental Graphics & Signs for making and installing the signs.

Photo by Jim Newell
DDA Business Spotlight: Sherman Publications

Keeping Orion in the know since 1881

The Sherman family has owned The Lake Orion Review since 1972, when James Sherman, Sr., bought the newspaper from Marty and Ellen Carlson, who were publishers from 1964 to 1972. The Review was founded as The Orion Wave on Dec. 24, 1881, with John A. Neal as the first publisher.

While the newspaper has undergone several name changes over the years—from The Orion Wave to The Orion Weekly Review, then Lake Orion Review to The Orion Review and now The Lake Orion Review—it’s mission has stayed the same: to provide Orion residents with the news, business and community stories that shape the community.

And as the times change, The Lake Orion Review has evolved while still maintaining its traditional charm. We’re proud to have them as our longest standing business partner in Downtown Lake Orion since 1881.

Booing down Broadway

The annual Halloween Parade is October 23rd

Get ready for ghosts, goblins and ghouls to make their way through Downtown Lake Orion! The annual Halloween Parade is Wednesday, October 23rd. Wear your spookiest of costumes and meet at the Ehman Center (at corner of Elizabeth and Lapeer Streets) at 5:45 pm to start the trek down South Broadway to Children’s Park. Cider and donuts await you at the end of the parade, and downtown businesses are ready to welcome trick-or-treaters thereafter. Thank you to our presenting sponsor, Genisys Credit Union. This event is free and open to all!

What’s up Downtown?

Mark your calendars for these activities coming up in downtown Lake Orion over the coming months.

Zombie Walk & Poker Run
Saturday, September 21st, 8 pm

Babes on Broadway
Thursday, October 10th, 5:30 pm

Tender Turtle 5K Run
Saturday, October 12th, 8 am

Halloween Parade
Wednesday, October 23rd, 6 pm

Lake Orion Turkey Trot
Thursday, November 28th, 7:30 to 9 am

Hometown Holidays
November 30th through December 24th

Orion Lighted Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 7th, 6 pm

For information about DDA events or to volunteer, visit DowntownLakeOrion.org or visit the DDA Office at 118 N. Broadway, Lake Orion
SPECIAL EVENTS

Toy & Comic Expo & Antique Market
Orion Center | Sat Sep 21 | 9:00a-3:00p
| vendors $20R/$25NR
Buy, sell or trade comic books, collectibles, antiques and memorabilia at our annual Expo & Market! FREE Parking & Admission

Closet Clean-Out Community Indoor Garage Sale
Orion Center | Fri Sep 20 | 9:00a-3:00p | vendors $10R/$13NR
Stay warm and dry indoors, bring it in, use our space to sell, sell, sell. Don’t worry about the weather, making signs, putting them out or people parking on your grass. We do all the work for you! Household items only, no wholesalers please. FREE Parking & Admission

Coffee with Chris
Orion Center | Fri Sep 27, Oct 25 and Nov 22 | 9:30-10:30a
Stop in the Orion Center for an informal meeting with Supervisor Barnett. Feel free to come with questions or join in on the discussion. Reach Chris Barnett directly at cbarnett@oriontownship.org or by calling 248-391-0304 x1000.

Fall Luncheon at Camp Agawam
Camp Agawam | Fri Sept 27 | 12:00-1:30p | $7R/$9NR | 50+
Come join us as we celebrate the start of the beautiful fall weather. Have fun enjoying all of your fall favorites. Membership and pre-registration required. Transportation not provided.

Fall Festival of Family Fun
Camp Agawam | Sat Sep 28 | 10:00a-2:00p
Come out to Camp Agawam for a fun fall day with activities, crafts, games, and more! Free fun for the whole family!

Made in the Mitten Art & Craft Show
Orion Center | Sat Oct 5 | 10:00a-5:00p
#BuyNearBy and Shop Local! Start your holiday shopping early with one of a kind, unique arts and craft show featuring distinctive and classic Made in Michigan products, made by Michiganders for Anyone-who-ganders! Find exclusive holiday, birthday or just because gifts for yourself and your friends & family! Vendors will be throughout the Orion Center with everything from one of a kind, hand-made jewelry, clothing and home décor. FREE Parking & Admission

Coed Kickball Tournament
Civic Center Park | Sun Sep 29 | 9:00a-5:00p | 18+ | $250/team
Come out for the Orion Township Kickball Tournament! Games will be played 10v10 and you’re guaranteed a minimum of 3 games! Visit orionparks.com for more information about the tournament!

Flu Shots
Orion Center | Mon Oct 7 | 3:00-5:00p
Orion Center and Walgreens are teaming up together to offer flu shots. Pre-Registration is required.

Blood Drive with MI Blood
Orion Center | Mon Oct 7 | 2:30-7:00p | 17+
You can register online, at miblood.org. Donors searching online for an appointment can enter “Orion” in the sponsor field on the search page and click GO.

Pumpkin Carving Party
Orion Center | Mon Oct 21 | 6:00-8:30p | 1-8yo | $6R/$8NR
Still need to carve your jack-o-lanterns? Save time and stress with our Pumpkin Carving Party! Come and make a mess at the Orion Center, while you carve away and we clean up the pumpkin goo! BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin). All tools needed for this activity will be provided.

Register for Parks & Recreation Programs at ORIONPARKS.COM or call 248-391-0304, ext. 3500
**Pumpkin Party for Teens**
Camp Agawam | Fri Oct 25 | 6:00-8:30p | 1-8yo | $8R/$10NR
Come out to Camp Agawam for a fun fall evening! Bring a pumpkin to decorate, enjoy pizza and snacks around a bonfire and hangout with your friends. All of the tools to carve or decorate your pumpkin will be provided, you just need to bring the pumpkin.

**National Apple Cider Day**
Orion Center | Mon Nov 18 | 12:30-3:30p
Stop by the Orion Center and treat yourself to a free yummy cup of hot or cold Apple Cider for National Apple Cider Day!

**Veterans Day Luncheon**
Orion Center | Mon Nov 11 | 12:00-1:30p
Veterans and one guest enjoy a free meal at the Orion Center! Music will be played by the Big Chief Chorus. Membership and pre-registration are required.

**Breakfast with the Grinch**
Orion Center | Sat Dec 7 | 10:00-11:30a OR 12:00-1:00p | 1-8yo | $13R/$15NR
Come to the Orion Center to enjoy a delicious breakfast of green eggs and ham. The Grinch will be there for photo opportunities, along with crafts and other activities for the kids. Visit Santa at the ONTV Studio and be on TV!

**ONTV Santa Live**
ONTV Studio | Sat Dec 7 | 10:00a-1:00p
Visit Santa, tell him what you would like for Christmas, and be on TV! For more information call 248-693-3377. Everyone is welcome.

**Holly Holiday Luncheon**
Orion Center | Wed Dec 11 | 12:00-1:30p | Age 50+ | $7R/$9NR
A wonderful tradition at the Orion Center, ring in the Holidays with the Lake Orion Choir and Friends at the Orion Center. Santa will be stopping by to pick up your wish list. Registration Required.

**DIY Birdseed Ornament**
Orion Center | Thu Dec 12 | 6:30-7:30p | 8+ | $6R/$8NR
Come out to the Orion Center and learn how to make your own Birdseed Ornaments to hang outside this winter. Registration includes all ingredients and materials needed. Pre-registration required.

**Snow Dash 5K**
Orion Center | Sun Dec 15 | 9:00a | 13+ | $12R/$17NR
Dashing through the snow down the Polly Ann Trail for our 3rd Annual Snow Dash 5K in Orion Township. Certified loop course follows the beautiful and scenic PAT south to Civic Center Park. Finisher medals for all participants.

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BEGINNER HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS
Times Square Riding Academy | Sat Sep 14-Oct 19 | Sat Nov 2-Dec 7 | 1:30-2:30p | 7+ | $150R/$160NR
Each lesson consists of basic grooming, riding and horse care for beginner riders in the English Saddle style. Additional lesson times are available Mon-Fri evenings, Sat and Sun afternoons, call Paula at 248-431-0940 for availability.

YOUTH ENRICHMENT

The Artist’s Apprentice—
Art Boo!
Orion Center | Mon Oct 14-28 | 4:30-6:00p | 7+ | $45R/$50NR
Let’s do everything SCARY! From Model Magic white ghosts to skeleton images with cool treasures, we will be getting creative with paint and pastels. Bonus: A fun mask of papier-mâché with glow in the dark paint! A Frightful Gallery Viewing will be extended to families following class on the last day. Wear clothes that are not precious, we will get messy. $15 material fee payable to instructor on the 1st day of class. Class taught by Pamela Palmer B. F. A.

The Artist’s Apprentice—
Art Attack!
Orion Center | Mon Nov 11-Dec 1 | 1:00-4:00p | 7+ | $45R/$50NR
Kid’s will be working on an array of art and learning basic element that will make their creations POP! We will be working on five projects involving painting, drawing, sculpture and Japanese cartooning. Subject matter will include Manga characters, seascapes and head shots, as well as aquatic animals and experimental elements with recycled materials. $25 Material Fee payable to instructor on the 1st day of class. Class taught by Pamela Palmer B. F. A.

Home Alone Training
Orion Center | Thu Oct 7 | 6:30-7:30p | 9-14yo | $16R/$19NR
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. Training follows the American Red Cross Curriculum.

Babysitter Training
Orion Center | Thu Oct 14 | 6:00-8:30p | 11-14yo | $19R/$22NR
Instructor Merry Lowis presents the skills needed to start your own babysitting business. Program incorporates the American Red Cross guide and video into the curriculum. Suggested prerequisite class: Home Alone Training.

Fall is here! In Michigan, fall is celebrated with a harvest festival to recognize the crops that were gathered during the year. To celebrate the fall season the Orion Township Parks & Recreation staff are hosting a new fall event, the Fall Festival of Family Fun. This will be a great way for our community to spend a morning in one of our beautiful parks, Camp Agawam. Camp Agawam is still a relatively new park to the Township, and therefore, unexplored to most residents. Come explore our rustic 140 acres camp!
The Fall Festival of Family Fun is a free event held on September 28th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. With carnival games, bounce houses, crafts, hay-wagon rides, and much more, this will be a day you won’t want to miss! The Orion Art Center will be present with a craft for not only kids but parents too. It will be a day of free fun for the whole family!

Saturday, September 28th
10 am to 2 pm
Camp Agawam
1301 W. Clarkston Road
Snowmobile Safety
Friendship Park | M & W | Dec 3 & 5 | 5:30-9:00p | 12+ | $18R/$20NR
This course is required for students ages 12-16 who wish to operate a snowmobile without direct adult supervision. To earn your certificate, students must attend both nights of instruction and pass a course exam and be 12 years of age by March 31, 2019. Instructor: Chuck Comstock.

Teen Distracted Driving Class
Orion Center | Thu Oct 17 | 6:30-8:30p | 13+
Join us and a representative from St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Trauma Center as we discuss the dangers of Distracted Driving. There will be a presentation, a chance for each teen to drive on a simulator and a chance to try out the impaired driving mat and goggles. Pre-registration is required, parents are welcome.

TR Adaptive Dance
Orion Center | Th Oct 24 | Th Dec 12 | 6:00-8:00p | 14+ | $6R/$8NR
Special needs and individuals with disabilities are invited to an evening of music, dancing, and light refreshments. Chaperones are free.

Improv Comedy Class
Friendship Park | Th Sep 26-Nov 21 | 7:00-8:30p | 12+ | $65R/$68NR
Calling all middle school and high school class clowns! Come tickle your funny bone in this evening improv comedy class! Learn the basic rules of improv acting, write your own stand-up comedy routine, and participate in hilarious skits. Students will have a chance to participate in a small series wrap up performance in front of their friends and family.

Science of Momentum
Friendship Park | Tue Sep 17 | 6:30-7:30p | 6-14yo | $4R/$5NR
Allow your child to cultivate their love of science and experience how objects with more mass and speed are going to have more momentum when moving using LEGO® bricks and other interactive learning tools. We make science fun at Snapology!

Science of Animals
Orion Center | Mon Sep 16 & Thu Sep 19 | 6:30-7:30p | 3-5yo | $24R/$26NR
Children will learn various concepts of animal life cycles and animal characteristics & traits using K’Nex toys and other interactive learning tools. We make animal science fun at Snapology!

Robot Games!
Friendship Park | Fri Sep 27-Oct 25 | 6:15-7:15p | 7-14yo | $70R/$75NR
Do you think you can build the strongest and most agile robot? Come learn engineering strategies using LEGO® bricks and then apply that knowledge to build a robot for friendly competition. You’ll have a blast as you play robot football and complete the hoop challenge in this fun robotics program.

Muscles Alive! Secret Electricity of the Body
Friendship Park | Sat Oct 5 | 12:00-4:00p | 10+ | $4R/$5NR
You are the experimental subject! Learn to use low-cost tools to record the electricity from muscles (EMG), Heart (EKG), and Brain (EEG). Then participate in a #NotSciFi #RealSci “Mind-Control” experiment which has been featured on Bill Nye Saves the World, the White Rabbit Project, and a viral TED talk!

For field closures and other cancellations, check cancellations.com or /OrionTownshipParks & Recreation

Register for Parks & Recreation Programs at ORIONPARKS.COM or call 248-391-0304, ext. 3500

Fall 2019 | Orion Living
African Warp Weaving—Coaster
Orion Center | Th Oct 17 | 5:30-8:30p |
18+ | $39R/$42NR
Learn the basics of African Warp Weaving (Colorful Coiled Basketry). The basics include: starting, weaving the basketry item and finishing. You will also learn how to add elevation to the piece. This is a satisfying art that proves to be functional as well as artistic. Materials are provided.

AARP Senior Driving Class
Orion Center | Thu Oct 10 & Fri Oct 11 | 9:00a-1:00p | 50+ | $15 AARP Member/$20 Non-AARP Member
A 2-day class that teaches valuable defensive driving skills and provides a refresh- er of the rules of the road. Pre-registra- tion required. Discount is only available with phone or walk-in registration.

Alcohol Ink Class
Orion Center | Wed Oct 9 | 10:00a or 1:00p | 50+ | $10R/$12NR + $7 material fee
This is an art class you have to try! All materials will be supplied by your Instructor. Participants will complete three projects using alcohol inks with additional introduction of various metallic mix-additives.

The Stairs to Success—Improving College Study
Orion Center | Mon Sep 9-Oct 21 | 6:30-7:30p | 16+ | $195R/$203NR
College can be tough! Understanding how you learn and how to make learning just a little bit easier will help those currently in college, as well as those planning to attend. Fall semester topics include Mindfulness and a Growth Mindset; Unique You as a Learner; Understanding Your Brain’s Neuroplas- ticity; Memory Strategies and Skills; The Work of the Solar Plexus; Managing Stress; and Don’t Procrastinate!

Video Production Class
ONTV Studio | Mon Sep 16-Nov 18 | 7:00-9:00p | 13+ | $20R/$50NR
Learn how to operate cameras, learn audio techniques, and perform as Director. Call 248.693.3377 for additional information. Registration is required.

Podcast Class
ONTV Studio | Wed & Thu | 7:00-9:00p | 18+ | $25
Sep 25 & 26 | Oct 9 & 10 | Nov 13 & 14 | Dec 11 & 12 |
If you are interested in radio broad- casting, or recording a podcast show, ONTV will teach you how to run all of the radio equipment, so you can record your very own show that can run on our station. Call 248.693.3377 to register.

Be A Beekeeper
Orion Center | Th Oct 24 | 6:30-8:30p |
16+ | $5R/$7NR
Second generation Beekeeper, Paul Hitch will guide you through what it takes to be a Beekeeper in Michigan, what to buy and where to buy it.

Fabulous Fungi Lecture & Field Experience
Lecture | Orion Center | Mon Sep 19 and Field Experience | Camp Agawam | Thu Oct 3
5:00-8:00p | 13+ | $2R/$4NR
Lecture | Orion Center | Mon Oct 14 and Field Experience | Camp Agawam | Thu Oct 17
5:00-8:00p | 13+ | $2R/$4NR
Attend both the Educational Lecture and Field Experience centering on learning basic identification skills of many popular Michigan species of early fall mushrooms. Instructors Sister Marie Kopin, C.PP.S. and Heather Johnson Environmental Educator.

Painting & Wine Class
Orion Center | Mon Sep 30 | 6:00-8:30p | 21+ | $65R/$68NR
Visions by Vicki will walk you step by step through easy instruc- tions to bring your painting to life. In this class we will be painting shabby chic “home” sign that can be customized to fit your style! All supplies will be provided.

Lake Orion History Lesson
Come join us with the Lake Orion Historical Society in this three-part series behind the history, homes, businesses, lakes, and more of the wonderful town of Lake Orion! Bring your historical facts and memorabilia to share. Registration required.

Part 1 Tour of the Picasso’s Grapevine Barn, which originally was Lakefield Farms | Wed Sept 25 | 1:00p | Age 50+
Picasso’s Grapevine Barn
Part 2 History 101 | Wed Oct 23 | 1:00p | Orion Center
Part 3- Lakes, Islands, & Cottages | Wed Nov 20 | 1:00p | Orion Center
Hatha Yoga Gentle Class
Free Trial Class Mon Sep 9
Orion Center | Mon Sep 16-Nov 25 | 5:45-6:45p | 18+ | $100R/$104NR | drop in $12R/$13NR
Gentle stretches, breathing and relaxation techniques. Instructor: Suzanne Albert (RYT) of Heartfelt Yoga.

Hatha Yoga Continuing Class
Free Trial Class Mon Sep 9
Orion Center | Mon Sep 16-Nov 25 | 7:00-8:20p | 18+ | $100R/$104NR | drop in $12R/$13NR
Continue to explore yoga asanas, breathing and meditation. Instructor: Suzanne Albert (RYT) of Heartfelt Yoga.

Hatha Yoga Open Class
Free Trial Class Thu Sep 12
Orion Center | Thu Sep 19-Nov 21 | 10:00-11:20p | 18+ | $90R/$94NR | drop in $12R/$13NR
Open to beginning or returning students. Exploring yoga asanas, breathing and relaxation techniques. Instructor: Suzanne Albert (RYT) of Heartfelt Yoga.

Hatha Yoga with Ease
Free Trial Class Thu Sep 12
Orion Center | Thu Sep 19-Nov 21 | 1:00-2:00p | 18+ | $60R/$64NR | drop-in $9R/$10NR
Yoga through the support of chairs and prop. Instructor: Suzanne Albert (RYT) of Heartfelt Yoga.

Hatha Restorative Yin Yoga
Orion Center | 18+ | $20R/$22NR
Mon Dec 2 & 9 | 5:45-6:45p or 7:00-8:20p
Thu Dec 5 & 12 | 10:00-11:20a
Take time to unwind by exploring sup-portive yoga with the help of blankets and props to reduce muscle tension and general fatigue. In the yin portion of class, we will hold poses longer to allow the connective tissue to gently stretch. Bring 2-3 blankets to class. Instructor: Suzanne Albert (RYT) of Heartfelt Yoga.

MELT Method Workshop
Orion Center | 18+ | $22R/$25NR
Mon Sep 16 | 10:45a-12:00p
Wed Oct 16 or Nov 13 | 9:30-10:45a
An introduction on how to use the soft Melt body roller for the upper and lower body along with learning how to use the small balls for the hands and feet. MELT is a simple compression technique that addresses the connective tissue to help you get out of and stay out of pain.

MELT Method 4 Week Class
Orion Center | Mon Sep 23-Oct 14 | 10:45-11:45a | 18+ | $57R/$60NR | drop-in $17R/$19NR
MELT is a simple compression technique that addresses the connective tissue to help you get out of and stay out of pain. MELT improves all over body movement, and makes you feel more vibrant and youthful!

Zumba Gold
Orion Center | 9:30-10:30a | 40+ | drop in $10R/$11NR
Mon Sep 16-Nov 4 | $64R/$68NR
Mon Nov 11-Dec 16 | $48R/$51NR
A Latin inspired cardio workout, incorporating dances such as the merengue, salsa, cumbia, belly dancing and with more verbal instruction to better learn the moves and is done at a slower pace.

Zumba Gold Toning
Orion Center | 9:30-10:30a | 40+ | drop in $10R/$11NR
Fri Sep 27-Nov 15 | $64R/$68NR
Fri Nov 22-Dec 20 | $32R/$35NR
Blend the Zumba party you love at a slower pace with a redefining total body workout using Toning Sticks to shake up those muscles! (1-3 lbs. optional hand weights recommended)

TaikoFit Cardio Drumming
Free Trial class Thu Oct 3
Orion Center | Thu Oct 3-Dec 19 | 6:30-7:30p | 16+ | $93R/$100NR | drop in $14R/$15NR
TaikoFit is a 60-minute drumming fitness class. Taiko is Japanese drumming using 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. Drums and sticks provided. Instructor: Cindi Carter, with the Great Lakes Taiko Center in Novi.

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Stroller Strides®
Friendship Park | Tue, Thu, Fri | 9:30-10:30a | 18+
Stroller Strides® is a total fitness program that moms can do with their babies. It includes power walking/jogging and intervals of strength and body toning exercises using resistance bands, the stroller and the environment. Taught by certified and specially trained fitness instructors, it is a great workout for any level of exerciser.

Stroller Barre®
Friendship Park | Mon & Wed | 9:30-10:30a | 18+
Stroller Barre® is a unique blend of ballet, Pilates, barre, yoga and stroller-based exercises designed to help moms build strength and muscle tone and improve posture. Stroller Barre® focuses on strengthening and creating an ideal length/tension relationship in all the postural muscles.

Body Back Transformation®
Friendship Park | Mon & Wed | 7:30-8:30p | 18+
Body Back Transformation® this is a results-based program designed for moms who want their body back, whether they just had a baby or their last child was born twenty years ago! Body Back clients experience targeted HIIT workouts, inspiration and motivation in every class.

FIT4BABY®
Friendship Park | Mon & Wed | 6:30-7:30p | 18+
FIT4BABY® is designed specifically for moms-to-be. All exercises are carefully selected to prepare your body for the many changes you will experience during pregnancy. The 60-minute workout includes cardio, strength, balance, and flexibility training and ends with a relaxing meditation; everything you need during this precious time!
T.O.P.S.
Orion Center | Thu 5:45-8:00p | 18+ (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) A Weight loss support group. Members receive encouragement while making changes slowly and steadily in their life. Call Sue Shubert for more information at 248-931-1881.

Alzheimer’s Association
If you need support please call 800-272-3900. This is the Helpline; Alzheimer’s Associates are there to help and guide you to the services available.

**American Heart Association**

**Heart Saver CPR/AED**
- Fire Station #2 | Wed Sep 18 or Nov 20 | 5:00-9:00p | 12+ | $40
- Fire Station #2 | Sat Oct 19 or Dec 21 | 10:00a-2:00p | 12+ | $40
Class will cover CPR/AED/Choking for all age groups.

**American Heart Association**

**Heart Saver CPR/AED/First Aid**
- Fire Station #2 | Sat Sep 21 or Nov 16 | 10:00a-5:00p | 12+ | $50
Class is held the third Saturday of every other month. Class will cover CPR/AED/First Aid/Choking for all age groups.

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**Blood Pressure**
Need your blood pressure taken? Cindy, Beaumont’s Wellness Liaison is here to help you with that. Stop by and she will be glad to help. Ask about upcoming classes.

**Stay Strong Exercise Class Orion Center**
Orion Center | Every Thursday | 10:15-11:15a | 50+
Come and join the seniors for some gentle chair and functional standing exercises. Meet new friends.

**Advanced Stay Strong Exercise Class**
Orion Center | Every Tuesday | 1:00-2:30p | 50+
Come and join the seniors for advanced chair and standing exercises. Work on your stability and core strength. Bring a friend and have some fun while exercising.

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**BEAUMONT SEMINARS**

All seminars will take place at the Orion Center and will be free to all.

**Sleep and What Keeps Us Up**
Orion Center | Thu Oct 10 | 6:00-7:00p
Presented by Beaumont’s own Kenan Hoelke, BS, RPSGT, RST. (Kenan is a Polysomnographic Tech at Beaumont’s Sleep Apnea center in Riverview.)

**Active Life Style After Breast Cancer**
Orion Center | Thu Oct 17 | 6:00-7:00p
Presented by Beaumont’s own Candra Walters, MPT, CLT

**How Sitting Affects our Health**
Orion Center | Thu Nov 14 | 6:00-7:00p
Presented by Beaumont’s own Elaine Zampino, PTA

**Balance your Life**
Orion Center | Thu Dec 5 | 6:00-7:00p
Presented by Beaumont’s own Kimberly Adams, BSN, MSN. (Kimberly is Trauma Injury Prevention Coordinator for Beaumont Hospital, Troy.)

**Women’s Health**
Orion Center | Wed Dec 11 | 2:00-3:00p
“What women need to know about their Pelvic Floor” Will be presented by Beaumont’s own Gayle Colthurst, P.T., D.P.T., Doctor of Physical Therapy, Women’s Health.

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Meet an Orion Center Member

**YOUNG SHARES HIS NAVY EXPERIENCES**

Harold Young, an Orion Center member since 2017, visits the Orion Center two to three times a week. Harold enjoys playing Bingo, working out in the exercise room, and sitting downstairs in one of our “comfy” chairs, socializing with other members.

You may not know that Harold is a Veteran of the United States Navy, having served from 1951 to 1955. At that time in his life, he was in his 20s, married and working for Pontiac Assembly.

“Usually when you were married, you didn’t get enlisted,” Harold said. “However, I was going to be drafted so I signed up.”

Soon after enlisting, Harold headed off for Bootcamp in Great Lakes, IL. There Harold and many other cadets learned to march, his duty station, and worked out in the “grinder”—the concrete area where cadets did their workouts. In 1952, Harold completed bootcamp and was assigned to fire control as a member of the Gunnery Division on the ship. He then had the opportunity to return to Dental School and became a Dental Seaman aboard the ship. Harold enjoyed the idea of being able to return ashore, so he took the opportunity and became a Dental Striker (student). Harold graduated Dental School 4th in his class and worked as a Dental Seaman for the VC-4 Squadron at the Naval Air Station in Atlantic City.

During his service, Harold traveled to Norway, Ireland, Italy, England, and France and earned many citations during this time. Harold worked under Dr. Bancroft, with whom he developed a strong relationship. They stayed connected for many years after their service in the Navy ended.

Harold has many memorable experiences from his time in the Navy, but one memory that has stood out to him was when he was in Ireland and he bought ice cream for a group of Irish children. He joked that the kids learned quickly that the American sailors would always buy them something from the ice cream parlor.

Harold was a Dental Technician, 2nd in class, when he ended his career with the Navy. When presented with the opportunity to become 1st in class, Harold chose to end his service. He moved back to Michigan and continued at Pontiac Assembly, where he worked for 43 years.

Those who have served our country, like Harold Young, are the individuals we honor on Veterans Day. Thank you, Harold, and everyone who has served in the military, for your service to our country.

**FIELD TRIPS 50+**

Membership and pre-registration required.

**Holiday Lights Tour**

*Thu Dec 12 | 5:30-8:30p | $5R/$10NR*

Get in the holiday spirit and come join us for our Orion Light Trip. Come have a night of holiday cheer with a pizza dinner before we go at the Orion Center. The bus will tour lights in Lake Orion, Oxford, Oakland and Rochester.

**Detroit History Tour**

*Downtown Detroit | Oct 2 | $10R/$40NR*

Learn more about booming Downtown Detroit with a private walking tour from Detroit History Tours. With other members you will share in incredible tales of adventure, experimentation, activism, showmanship, and pure Detroit gumption.

**Iceland’s Magical Northern Lights**

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**Classical Greece**

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Learn more about these once-in-a-lifetime trips at a Special Travel Presentation with Extended Travel.

Orion Center | Thu Sept 5 | 10:00a
AARP Income Tax Preparation Service

Starting Monday, Feb 3, 2020 through Monday, April 6, 2020. AARP will be doing Income Tax preparations. AARP trained volunteers will prepare your federal and state returns. Appointments will be scheduled beginning Monday, December 2, 2019 for Orion Center Members Only.

Calls from other individuals will be received beginning Monday, January 13, 2020. Ask for a list of required documents when making your appointment. There is no charge for this service, however, a donation to the Orion Center is appreciated. NO APPOINTMENTS FEBRUARY 17, 2020.

Java Joes

Orion Center | 9:30-10:30a | Registration preferred

Java Joes meets the 4th Tuesday of the month. Join us for a fresh cup of joe and great conversations with your neighbors at the Orion Center.

AAA1B Medicare and Medicaid Services at the Orion Center

See a Counselor (By Appointment) | Wed Sept 18 | 10:00a-12:00p | OR | Wed Oct 23 | 2:00-4:00p

Presentation | Wed Oct 16 | 10:00a

Find out what changes are coming with Medicare and what you will have to know by December 7. Being prepared is the safest plan. Registration required.

Ask the Financial Guru

Orion Center | Thurs 11:30a-2:00p | 50+

Appointments are 30 minutes and on the first Thursday of the month. Membership required.

Ask the Attorney

Orion Center | Mon Sept 9, Mon Nov 11 | 1:00-2:30p | 50+

Attorney Dana Wilson provides private consultations at the center once a month. If you need assistance with legal problems or if you have legal questions, call the center for a 15 to 20-minute appointment. Membership required.

CLUBS

Bingo

Tue | 10:00-11:45a and 12:45-2:45p

Pinochle/Euchre

Wed | 12:30-3:30p

Hand and Foot/Duplicate Bridge

Thu | 12:00-4:00p

Open Game Day

Fri | 12:30-3:30p

Friday Movie

Fridays | 1:00-3:00p

K4 Knit/Crochet

Mon | 12:30-3:30p

Quilting

Fri | 9:00a-12:00p

Orion Center Band

Thu | 10:00-11:30a

Ham Radio

Mon & Thu | 6:00-8:45p

Library Book Club

Wed | 1:00-2:00p | 30+

Walking Club

Wed | 9:15-10:15a

American Mahjong

Fri | Oct 11-Dec 13 | $4R/$5NR

You must bring your own 2019 Official Standard Hands and Rules card.

Chinese Mahjong

Mon | Oct 7-Dec 16 | 12:30-3:30p | $4R/$5NR

Painting

Tue | Oct 8-Dec 17 | 10:00a-2:00p | $4R/$5NR

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**SEPTEMBER**

3 Township Board Meeting, Township Hall
3 First day of school, Lake Orion Community Schools
11 LOCS Elementary Curriculum Nights
12 Blood Drive, Orion Township Public Library
14 LO Palooza, Wildwood Amphitheater
16 Township Board Meeting, Township Hall
17-21 Friends of the Orion Library Fall Used Book Sale, Orion Township Public Library
17 7th / 8th Football Green vs White
20 Closet Clean-Out Indoor Community Garage Sale, Orion Center
20 LOHS Football vs Oxford, Dragon Stadium
21-24 LOHS Fall Play, “Taming of the Shrew”, LOHS Performing Arts Center
21 Zombie Pub Crawl, Downtown Lake Orion
21 Toy & Comic Expo & Antique Market, Orion Center
24 LOHS Lamp of Learning Awards, LOHS Performing Arts Center
26 Family Makerspace Night, Orion Township Public Library
27 Coffee with Chris, Orion Center
27 Elementary half day, LOCS
28 Author/Illustrator Fair, Orion Township Public Library
28 Run with Fire 5K, Downtown Lake Orion
28 Fall Festival of Family Fun, Camp Agawam
29 Jazz Cycle, Orion Township Public Library
29 Coed Kickball Tournament, Civic Center Park

**OCTOBER**

2 LOHS NHS Induction, Lake Orion High School
3 Orion Area Chamber of Commerce Shop Local Expo, Lake Orion High School
3 LOHS Parent / Teacher Conferences, Lake Orion High School
4 LOHS football vs Bloomfield Hills, Dragon Stadium
5 Made in the Mitten Art & Craft Show, Orion Center
5 Create with Your Crew, Orion Township Public Library
5 Lake Orion Challenge, Downtown Lake Orion
6 LOHS Homecoming Parade, Downtown Lake Orion
7 Blood Drive, Orion Center
7 Flu Shots, Orion Center
7 Township Board Meeting, Township Hall
10 Lake Orion DDA Babes on Broadway, Downtown Lake Orion
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Come hungry to the expo because there will be plenty of delicious food samples for you to try. Italian favorites, authentic Texas barbecue, pancakes, pizza, wings and even rich, delectable desserts...you’ll find your new favorite place to eat at the expo. And, if after all that delicious fare you find that you've overindulged on the treats, there will be fitness experts on hand to answer your questions about the best way to burn off those extra calories.

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Alibi Express generously tops their pizzas with loads of old-fashioned pepperoni and it’s so mouth-wateringly good that they won the Pizza War trophy in 2018!

**G’s Pizzeria**

The Galea family puts their heart and soul into crafting truly delicious pizza. G’s Pizzeria has been a community favorite since they opened their doors at their Lake Orion location in 2008. From their “pocket pizza” to their double-decker pizza pies and thin, crispy flatbreads, G’s truly has some of the most outrageous creations in the area.

**Jet’s Pizza**

When you’re craving a thick and luscious, ultra-crispy, rectangular Detroit-style pizza, look no further than Jet’s Pizza. The cheese oozes over the edges, creating the caramelized crunchy crust they are famous for.

Some places to find pizza options you may not have thought about, but definitely want to give a try, are Kruse and Muer Roadhouse and Bad Brad’s BBQ.

**Kruse & Muer**

Kruse and Muer Roadhouse serves up a gourmet pizza that is pretty famous among the locals. Rocky’s Creation is topped with shrimp, diced tomatoes, artichoke hearts and garlic butter and it’s the perfect thing when you’re looking for something upscale and unique. Kruse and Muer Roadhouse was our 2011 Pizza War winner.

**Bad Brad’s**

Bad Brad’s BBQ has some of the most unique topping options we’ve found. You can get their wood-fired pizzas with signature barbecue items like pig candy, burnt ends and chopped brisket. Try the refreshing Margherita pizza with creamy, dreamy burrata cheese!

So, who will be competing for the Pizza War trophy this year? Follow the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook, Instagram and online to find out. Stop by the Shop Local Expo on October 3, 2019 and cast your vote for the best pizza in Lake Orion!
For two young local entrepreneurs, business is a FAMILY AFFAIR

Young entrepreneurs are driving business in Lake Orion and the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce is fortunate enough to have two of these local business as members of our Chamber. We interviewed Spencer Kelly of Expedition Soaps and Carissa Campbell of Cookies & Cream by Sprout Bake about the role family has played in the success of their business ventures.

Spencer Kelly
Spencer Kelly founded Expedition Soaps at the age of 14 in 2016. As a freshman in high school he created a line of luxurious vegan handcrafted soaps, body butter and bath bombs and began to sell them online and at local shows. Since day one his family has been an essential component of his success, helping him create products, staff vendor booths at shows and promote his company through web design and advertising. When asked about the best part of working with his family Spencer says;

“My favorite part of working with family is that I know them better than anyone. Compared to a normal employee, I have more trust with my family members, and they have my best interest at heart. Plus, they’re free labor and I can banter with them! I know their availability, their work capacities, and their knowledge, compared to a normal employee. Another bonus is that we get to spend this extra time working and growing together as a family.”

The Kelly family has worked together to support Spencer as Expedition Soaps has grown and gained national recognition. Over the past four years Spencer’s success has been recognized with speaking engagements, articles by Lake Orion High School DECA students shine at the Expo

We believe in encouraging and supporting the students at Lake Orion High School and are proud to partner year-after-year with the DECA Club to bring the Shop Local Expo to life. DECA is an international association of young professionals that prepares emerging entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Julia Dalrymple serves as the LOHS DECA advisor and is the enthusiastic force behind connecting the students to the Chamber’s expo, providing them with hands-on learning opportunities.

The DECA students bring a fresh perspective along with the newest and most innovative ideas in marketing, strengthening the promotion of the expo as a whole as well as giving our vendors ideas on how to market themselves on a more personal level. DECA helps the chamber flesh out a theme for each expo which is highlighted in both promotional pieces and in the design and décor of the LOHS field house. In return for volunteering their time and talent towards the success of the expo, the OACC gives back to the DECA Club through a $1,000 donation to the program.

On January 11, 2020, Lake Orion High School will host the annual Michigan DECA District 7 Competition in which, depending on their interests, students compete in occupational areas such as; food and restaurant marketing, retail merchandising, sports and entertainment marketing and business finance (to name just a few). In order for the competition to be a success the DECA Club relies on the professional knowledge and expertise of local business owners and managers who volunteer as judges, many of whom are valued OACC members.

If you would like to participate as a judge for the upcoming competition, contact Julia Dalrymple at Julia.Dalrymple@lok12.org.
national media outlets and, most recently, a feature in the New York Times.

In the fall, Spencer is preparing to start his next big adventure at Oakland University in the Honors Business Program. Although he will still help run the company, he is taking a step back to focus on his studies. Luckily for Spencer he has the perfect person to take over the company—his younger brother Grant! Grant has been an essential component to Spencer’s success from day one using his skills in graphics and website design to create and maintain the company website as well as helping to hand make the products and package them. The brothers look forward to taking The Expedition Soap Company into the future as a team.

Spencer’s advice to other aspiring young entrepreneurs is: “Don’t be afraid to ask for help! You’re a young entrepreneur; somebody with relatively little experience. Just because you have a question doesn’t mean you’re incapable. Just jump and do it and ask for help along the way!”

Carissa Campbell

For Carissa Campbell of Cookies & Cream by Sprout Bake it was a return home to Lake Orion after graduating from college that gave her the opportunity to become a local business owner. Sprout Bake is the brainchild of the mother/daughter team of Alaina and Carissa Campbell and Sprout Bake has always been a team effort says Carissa, “I had just graduated from Central Michigan University when my mom was encouraged to start selling the muffins we had created. Since I had moved back to the area she asked if I was interested in being her partner. I jumped at the chance to learn what it’s like to be a business owner and particularly what it takes as a start-up. Not many 24-year-olds get that opportunity.”

Sprout Bake initially started as a company creating nutrient-dense, frozen muffin batters sold for home baking and consumption but quickly grew in sales and popularity. At the same time the old creamery space at 20 Front Street became available and Carissa jumped at the opportunity to open a business in Downtown Lake Orion. The end result is Cookies & Cream by Sprout Bake, an ice cream shop that features premium ice cream from Ray’s Ice Cream, vegan ice cream from Ice Cream Plant, cookies and delicious Sprout Bake muffins. Although Carissa runs day-to-day operations at Cookies & Cream, her family is an essential part of her success. Whether it is creating muffins with her mom, working with her brother who is employed at the shop part-time or calling on her dad who pitches in whenever and wherever she needs help, the business is a family affair.

Carissa and Spencer both credit their success to lots of hard work and the love and support of their families. They agree that the hardest part of running a business with family members is calling it quits at the end of a day of work. Spencer says, “The hardest part about working with family is that we tend to talk about work, or work really late, when in a typical business situation, you’d leave work at 5:00 and go home for the day. Although we all really have fun and enjoy being together, we spend a lot of time working!”

To support these young entrepreneurs, visit Cookies & Cream by Sprout Bake in their storefront at 20 Front Street in Downtown Lake Orion and purchase Expedition Soap products at www.expeditionsoaps.com

Oakland County CrossFit: Celebrating ten successful years in business is no mean feat but that is exactly what Oakland County CrossFit achieved in May! Starting in their garage ten years ago, owners Matt & Andrea Martinec have built up a truly local, vibrant business, not to mention a dedicated family of employees and gym members. Now in a new location at 4800 Joslyn Road, the Chamber celebrated a ribbon cutting with the Martineces, their family, friends and colleagues on May 30th. We wish the Martineces well and can’t wait to see what their business will bring to the community in the next ten years! Visit them oaklandcountycrossfit.com.
Coffee Connect
Start your workday with coffee and conversation! Open to members and non-members. No cost to attend and no need to register.
Typically held the last Tuesday of each month from 8 to 9 am.
- **September 24th**: Yates Cider Mill at Canterbury Village
- **October 29th**: Simply Marcella
- **November 26th**: Golling Buick GMC

**Thirsty Thursday**
End your workday with a beverage and camaraderie. Typically held the third Thursday of each month from 4 to 6 pm. Open to members and non-members! No cost to attend and no need to register.
- **September 19th**: GameTime
- **October 17th**: G’s Pizzeria
- **November 14th**: Fork ‘n Pint Lake Orion

**Luncheon**
A more formal networking event held at the Orion Center the first Thursday of every month (unless otherwise noted) from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Short informative presentations accompanied by lunch catered by Chamber member restaurants. Luncheons are open to members and non-members, but registration is required. The cost for members is $25 and for non-members is $35. Upcoming luncheon dates are:
- **September 5th**
- **October 10th**
- **November 7th**

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**Small Business Saturday is November 23rd**

**Walk off the turkey and get some shopping done**

Shop Small is a nationwide movement that celebrates small businesses every day and helps communities thrive and stay vibrant!
Small Business Saturday is a special day when we can show support as a community for Orion small businesses. Founded by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Oakland County partners with Small Business Saturday to offer prizes for shopping at small, local businesses on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

So, what happens on Small Business Saturday?
Shop at an Orion (or anywhere in Oakland County) small business, including restaurants, at any time on Saturday, November 23rd. (A small business is defined as an independently owned and operated, legal, brick and mortar business.) Then submit your receipts for the chance to win a prize. You can enter as many times as you make a purchase!

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**Cookies & Cream by Sprout Bake.** For some time, Orion Chamber member Sprout Bake had been selling their healthy, gluten-free, sprouted oat muffins and muffin batter out of a commercial kitchen. Recently, however, they took over the creamery on the lower level of 20 Front Street. Now, as Cookies & Cream by Sprout Bake, not only do they sell their muffins and batter but also a profusion of ice creams (including vegan ice cream) and cookies. Owned and operated by Lake Orion residents mother and daughter team Alaina and Carissa Campbell, and supported by father and son, Mike and Caleb, Cookies & Cream by Sprout Bake is very much a family affair in the best of traditions. On a beautiful, Lake Orion summer’s day back in June, the Orion Chamber held a joint ribbon cutting with Rochester Regional Chamber to celebrate the opening of this great addition to the downtown Lake Orion experience! Find them on Facebook and Instagram at Sproutbake.
In 2018 the first prize was a check in the amount of $5,000. The second place prize winner was awarded a check in the amount of $2,000. The third place prize winner was awarded $500 voucher for travel on Southwest Airlines. In fact, Lake Orion resident Carla Tousley was last year’s 2nd place winner!

In 2018, businesses in Lake Orion led the way with 240 submitted receipts from its customers. Green Hippo Gifts in Lake Orion led Oakland County retailers for the second year with 63 submitted receipts. Other notable business districts entries included Berkley (225), Holly (187) and Milford (182).

So, shoppers, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, walk off the turkey, get some holiday shopping done and let’s make Orion the leader again for 2019!

More information regarding the 2019 Oakland County’s Small Business Saturday promotion and how to enter can be found at oakgov.com.

Water Warrior Island. On May 23rd, just before the Memorial Day weekend, the Chamber celebrated the opening of Water Warrior Island at Bald Mountain with a ribbon cutting! Joining and celebrating with us were owner Samantha Gillespie and several employees. Water Warrior Island is situated on Bald Mountain’s Lower Trout Lake and is a huge, inflatable obstacle course out on the water! The floating inflatable playground features 20 ft water slides, runways, jumping pillows, rock climbing walls, trampolines, floating walkways and bouncers. Letting the “inner child” out, Township Supervisor Chris Barnett and Chamber Vice-President Garrett Hoffman stripped down to swimming trunks to try out some of the water fun (while the rest of us cheered them on from the banks)! While Water Warrior Island is now closed for the season, we hope to see it back next summer for some more Orion “water fun in the sun!” Visit them at waterwarriorisland.com/bald-mountain.

Are you a local business owner who wants to access to networking opportunities and important business information?

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Call 248-693-6300 or visit orionareachamber.com

Brian & Kathy Birney from The Birney Directive, the staff at the Lake Orion branch of Genisys Credit Union, the staff at Henry Ford OptimEyes Lake Orion, Eve Ryan, Jennifer Vezina, Chelsie Petrusha and Dave Raftery from Orion Township Parks & Recreation.
Sarah’s Bath Boutique. It is always fun to find stores selling eclectic, one-of-a-kind items that you can’t buy anywhere else, and that’s exactly what Sarah’s Bath Boutique is! The Chamber celebrated this new downtown Lake Orion business with a fun ribbon cutting on June 13th. Chamber members, Village and Township officials as well as Oakland County officials welcomed owner, former attorney Sarah Luchsinger, and her business, Sarah’s Bath Boutique to the Orion community. Made in small batches, Sarah’s Bath Boutique offers handcrafted products, specifically bath bombs, soaps, lotion bars, body scrubs, masks, bath salts, candles as well as household cleaners. The store also offers private parties where everyone leaves with something handmade, and useful. Truly a gem of a store which adds greatly to the downtown Lake Orion shopping vibe! Visit her at 135 S. Broadway or sarahsbathboutique.com.

Non-Profit Spotlight: Crossroads for Youth

Empowering at-risk youth

Each year the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce partners with local non-profit organizations to offer support and raise funds to assist those organizations. One of the non-profits that OACC members have voted to sponsor this year is Crossroads for Youth.

Crossroads for Youth, in rural northern Oakland County, provides at-risk children ages 7 to 17 a safe environment for them to receive counseling, therapy, educational aid and support. The goal of Crossroads for Youth is to empower at-risk youth to evaluate their own behavior and actions and make thoughtful decisions throughout their lives. Abused and troubled youth come to Crossroads for Youth through referrals from the Department of Health and Human Services and the juvenile justice program. Children come from all across the state and stay for various lengths of time, depending on individual situations.

The Oxford-based nonprofit is currently renovating its 5,000 square-foot girl’s residence, the Matus House, with help from Orion Area Chamber member and local sponsor, Northern Flooring and Interiors. The newly renovated space will include ten bedrooms, a kitchen, a family room, therapy room, computer stations and more with unveiling slated for later this year.

For more information about treatment programs, referrals, or to make a donation please contact 248-628-2561 or visit crossroadsforyouth.org.
New & renewing Orion Area Chamber members

**New Members**

**BUSINESS MEMBERS**
- Orion Township
- Orion Township Public Library
- Village of Lake Orion

**20 Front Street**
- A School for the Mind and Body
- Bad Brad’s BBQ
- Boulder Pointe Golf Club & Banquet Center
- Birney Directive
- Canoe Circle Graphics
- Clearview Homes
- Coldwell Banker Professionals
- Comfort King
- Mechanical
- Corporate Benefit Solutions
- Curtis Insurance Agency
- Custom Threads & Sports
- Davis Home Improvements, Inc
- DeHaan Orthodontics
- Diamond Residential Mortgage
- Environmental Wood Solutions II, LLC
- Erika Proctor Photography
- Firehouse Subs
- Flagstar Bank
- Fork n’ Pint
- Great Lakes Athletic Club
- Greens Master Lawn Care
- H & R Block
- Holistic Health by Valerie
- Homegrown Brewing Company
- Honest to Goodness
- Breakfast & Smoothies
- Hope Senior Apartments
- Indian Lake Village Apartments
- Italia Gardens
- Joe Mastromatteo, D.D.S.
- Kay Automotive Graphic
- Kemp Building & Development
- Lake Orion Assisted Living
- Lake Orion Roofing
- McLaren Oakland
- Modetz Funeral Home
- Oakland County Crossfit
- Oakland Sports Chiropractic
- Orion Animal Hospital
- Oxford Bank
- Pee Wee Patch Child Center
- Powers Distributing Co.
- Premier Self Storage
- Pulte Homes Restoration Tile and Grout
- Rocco Ciccone, D.D.S.
- Silver Fox Barbershop
- Simply Marcella
- SureGuard Roofing & Maintenance
- The Complete Companies
- The Lake Orion Review
- The Marketing Shop
- The UPS Store
- Treeside Psychological
- Tuson Electric Inc
- VTC Insurance Group - Oxford
- Waste Management
- We’re Your Office
- Yates Cider Mill

**SIGNATURE MEMBERS**
- Lake Orion Vision
- Pearle Vision

**PREMIER MEMBERS**
- Closets by Design – East Michigan
- HealthQuest
- Physical Therapy

**ELITE MEMBERS**
- Ascension Providence Rochester
- Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital
- 1101 W. University Drive
- Rochester, MI 48307
- 248-652-5000
- healthcare.ascension.org

**Returning Members**

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**
- John Spokaeski

**NON-PROFIT MEMBERS**
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Dutton Farm
- First Baptist Church of Lake Orion
- Friends of the Paint Creek Trail
- Friends of Tommy’s Lake and Camp Agawam
- Lake Orion Education Foundation
- Lake Orion Lions Club
- Orion Area Youth Assistance
- Orion Center
- Orion Historical Society
- Orion Neighborhood Television

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Orion Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the business community in the Orion Area.
From the Director

Fall offerings and programs

First, a thank you to all who participated in our Summer Reading program for 2019! We had a blast celebrating A Universe of Stories with all of you! We hope you enjoyed it as well and maybe found a new favorite book, author, or series to read.

As we look to the fall, I want to ensure you’ve heard about some of our newer offerings: cloudLibrary, binge boxes, and our local author collection. cloudLibrary is a new collection of ebooks and downloadable audiobooks for all to enjoy! Check it out at orionlibrary.org/downloads for more information. We have created new binge boxes, which contain 5 DVDs on a theme for you to enjoy binge-watching! Finally, we started a local author collection for books written by local authors or about our local community. These can be found in our “new book” area, and we are grateful to those authors who have donated to our collection.

As you will see in this issue of Orion Living, we have an exhibit coming to the library this fall, and I am very excited about it. Our youth staff won a grant from the American Library Association so we can bring you Thinking Money for Kids! This is an interactive exhibit for kids to learn about managing money...a great reminder for all of us! You will find the exhibit in the library lobby from mid-October through much of November. Come in and check it out, along with the programs we have scheduled!

As school starts back up, so do our Sunday afternoon hours. We are happy to be open and available to all on Sunday afternoons, starting September 8, from 1 pm to 5 pm. We have special programs scheduled as well, so be sure to come in and see us.

Finally, our library board is setting up a Patron Advisory Committee. This is a group for patrons who would be interested in helping us improve our library. If you are interested in joining us and providing input to us, please contact me directly, Karen Knox, at 248-693-3000 x430 or kknox@orionlibrary.org.

Karen

MI Libraries for Life

Michigan Libraries for Life and Gift of Life Michigan will take place October 10 through October 16. The Orion Township Public Library, along with many libraries across the state, will be participating in this seven-day campaign to inspire residents to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. The libraries involved in the campaign are located throughout Michigan, from Houghton to Dearborn and from South Haven to Detroit. Volunteers and library staff will answer questions, provide fun give-away items and, most importantly, help library patrons sign up as organ, eye, and tissue donors.

Library Blood Drive

Thursday, September 12, 9:30 am–6:30 pm

Since September of 2000 the library has had 56 blood drives and collected 2,145 pints of blood! Remember, there is always an urgent need for blood so please give—Be A Lifesaver! Sign up online at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: orionlibrary, or call 1-800-733-2767.

Library Wishlist

Don’t forget to check out our Library Wishlist. This online webpage lists some of the many things that the library would like to purchase, but they are beyond the scope of our budget. If any of the items on the list are of interest to you, perhaps you could donate to the cause. Donating is easy and can be done right online. You can check out our Wishlist at orionlibrary.org/library-wishlist.
Jazz Cycle
Sunday, September 29 @ 2 pm
The library is excited to welcome Jazz Cycle! These talented musicians will provide a great live concert and perform a selection of jazz classics for all ages to enjoy.

Create with Your Crew
Saturday, October 5 @ 10 am
All ages, drop in
Bring your crew and create your own unique Michigan art piece.

Creatures of the Night with Howell Nature Center
Sunday, October 13 @ 2 pm
All ages, drop in
LIVE ANIMALS! Learn about the adaptations and behaviors of our nocturnal birds and mammal neighbors, and visit with some of our live nighttime friends.

Author & Illustrator Fair
Saturday, September 28, 1–4 pm
Meet authors and illustrators from the Metro Detroit area at the library. Books for readers of all ages will be available for signing and purchase.

Haunted House
Setup
Saturday, October 19, 10 am–1 pm
Teen volunteers will organize, assemble, and decorate the library’s haunted house. Setup volunteers will also have the opportunity to be haunted house actors October 21 to 24. Contact Lori, volunteer engagement specialist, at lmorris@orionlibrary.org for more information.

Phil Hale Jazz Trio
Sunday, November 10 @ 2 pm
Phil Hale and his jazz ensemble will present a FREE concert for all ages. Please join us to hear an exciting mix of music from this talented Michigan group. Come celebrate Detroit’s rich jazz and blues heritage with these talented musicians.

International Games Day @ Your Library
Saturday, November 9, 11 am–4 pm
Come celebrate the end of the American Library Association (ALA) International Games Week with a big table top game day! We will have games for all ages and abilities for you to enjoy. Got a game at home you want to play with others? Feel free to bring it to share!

Sign up for Library Programs at orionlibrary.org/calendar or call 248-693-3000
Drop-in Tech Help
Thursdays, 6–8 pm
Our “IT Guy” is available to help you with your electronic device every Thursday. No sign up is necessary for this program, but you may call Eric at 248-287-8019 if you need to discuss something.

English Language Learning Conversation Group (ELL)
Wednesdays: 10:30–11:30 am
(no meeting November 27)
This group is open to all who wish to practice their English language skills in a relaxed and informal setting. The topics vary widely, and it is a great learning experience as well as an opportunity to meet people.

Community Conversations
Monday, September 9 @ 7 pm:
Hunger in our Community
Monday, November 11 @ 7 pm:
Affordable Housing in our Community
The Orion Township Public Library and the Lake Orion United Methodist Church partner to bring you a series of conversations on various social justice issues. Each presentation will take place at Lockhart’s BBQ located at 37 East Flint Street in downtown Lake Orion.

Orion Historical Society
Mondays: September 9, October 7, November 11 @ 7 pm
Come to an OHS meeting to learn about our township’s history and work on projects to preserve the past. Newcomers are always welcome!

ADULT SERVICES

Canvas Photo Engraving
Saturday, September 14 @ 2 pm
Using our Glowforge laser engraver, participants will learn to print a photo onto a painter’s canvas. Come prepared with an image file or clear photo to print. Registration required.

Family Makerspace Night
Thursday, September 26 @ 6 pm
Families with kids of all ages are invited to experiment in a variety of creative technology projects.

Repair Café
Saturday, October 12, 1 pm–4 pm
What do you do with a broken toaster or hairdryer, a piece of clothing that needs to be altered, or a broken chair? Instead of tossing it, practice sustainability and repair it! Bring your broken items to the Repair Café and volunteer repair experts will make all possible repairs for free. The Repair Café helps kindle enthusiasm for a sustainable society and can show you how much fun and how easy repairing things can be!

Stencil Making and Painting
Saturday, October 19 @ 2 pm
Design your custom stencil to create a unique autumn silhouette painting. Registration required.

Introduction to Glowforge
Thursday, November 14 @ 6 pm
Learn to use our Glowforge laser cutter with an introductory wood cutting project. Registration required.

Resin Mold Jewelry
Saturday, November 23 @ 2 pm
Make a piece of custom jewelry with fun and easy resin mold techniques. Registration required.

Beth Sheridan, Outreach Services Coordinator, made these awesome gift bags for her family reunion using the library’s Makerspace equipment.

Dan Major, adult librarian, recently received a grant to attend the American Library Association annual conference in Washington, D.C. His main focus of the trip was to gather new ideas for our library Makerspace which teaches new skills in an engaging way – to learn by making! Our Makerspace offers the unique opportunity for hands-on experience and professional guidance through computer literacy, use of design software, and physical outcomes.
Writers Workshop
Wednesdays: September 11, October 9, November 13 @ 7 pm
Connect with a group of like-minded writers to learn from each other, share ideas, and practice your writing skills.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class
Mondays: September 16–October 28, 10 am–12 pm (no class October 14)
This series of six classes is geared towards non-native speakers of English and will focus on all areas of the English language: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. All levels are welcome and there is a class fee of $60 due by September 16. Registration required.

North Oakland Genealogical Society (NOGS)
Thursdays: September 19, October 17, November 21 @ 7 pm
Anyone with an interest in genealogy and family history research is encouraged to attend!

SNAP Storytime @ the Orion Library
Friday, September 27 @ 1 pm
Life Skills
Wednesday, November 20 @ 1 pm
Holidays
Adults with special needs and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs, movement and activities.

Introduction to Knitting @ Heritage Spinning & Weaving in downtown Lake Orion
Thursdays: October 3 and 10, 6–8 pm
We are partnering with Heritage Spinning & Weaving to offer this free two session class for knitting beginners! You will be making spa cloths in the two most basic stitches: garter stitch and stockinette stitch. If you’ve always wanted to try your hand at knitting, this is the perfect way to dip your big toe into the knitting waters. Registration required.

Paranormal Michigan
Thursday, October 17 @ 7 pm
The library is excited to welcome Detroit Paranormal Expeditions for a presentation about haunts in Michigan. They will discuss the type of equipment they use as well as talk about some of Michigan’s most haunted locations.

Cooking in your Instant Pot
Saturday, October 26 @ 2 pm
Take those Instant Pots out of their boxes! Culinary Instructor Mary Spencer, owner of Taste: A Cook’s Place in Northville, MI, will take the fear out of using your Instant Pot. She will focus on the pressure-cooking feature, and demonstrate a recipe for white bean turkey chili and chai flavored rice pudding. A sample of each dish will be included in the demo. Registration required.

Volunteers at Work!
If you would like to be a library volunteer contact Lori, volunteer engagement specialist, at lmorris@orionlibrary.org.

Department Numbers
Adult 248-693-3001
Outreach 248-693-3000 x411
Teen 248-693-3000 x414
Youth 248-693-3002

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Making the Most of Memories for Alzheimer’s individuals and their caregivers
Monday, October 28 @ 6:30 pm
Join us to create a Memory Book that not only will help your loved one to remember their life story as their disease progresses, but can serve as a storybook for future generations. This program will be both interesting and stimulating to the person with dementia or Alzheimer’s, and can also be rewarding to the caregiver. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk for a list of memory topics. All paper supplies for the book will be provided. Registration required.

OTPL Team Trivia Tourney
Thursday, November 7 @ 7:30 pm
Gather a team and test your knowledge! The Orion Township Public Library has partnered with the C-Pub to host trivia nights. Call 248-693-3001 to register your team of 2-6 people. There is a limit of 10 teams. Gift cards to the C-Pub will be awarded to the top three teams. The C-Pub is located in Canterbury Village at 2325 Joslyn Rd in Lake Orion.

Michigan’s Forgotten Serial Killers
Wednesday, November 13 @ 7 pm
Enter the dark world of Michigan’s forgotten serial killers: the Michigan Bluebeard; who preyed on unsuspecting lonely hearts during WWI, the Michigan Borgia; who murdered a dozen with strychnine, the Devious Dentist; who tried to get rich quick by infecting his wealthy in-laws with a variety of substances, the “Co-Ed Killer,” whose crimes haunted Michigan’s co-eds and others. Explore their crimes and motives with true crime author Tobin T. Buhk. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation.

New! MI Bridges: Helping you every step of the way!
Applying for benefits or need to find out about other resources available for aide in Michigan? Two of our staff are trained as navigators to assist people accessing the new website at newmibridges.michigan.gov. Our computers can be used to access MI Bridges as always, but for one-on-one help with a navigator, call 248-693-3001 and make an appointment.
**Outreach Services**

**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.

**Coloring and Coffee with the Classics**
**Thursdays, 11 am-12 pm @ the Orion Center**
Treat yourself to some free time, color a page or two, and enjoy a cup of coffee while socializing and listening to calming classical music. Adult coloring sheets and pencils will be supplied.

**Fireside Chat**
**Thursdays @ 1:30 pm @ the Orion Center**
Join our weekly conversation group for some trivia, games, and fellowship. Any senior is welcome to this fun, casual program.

**Little Libraries**
Through a partnership with the Orion Art Center, many of our Little Libraries have been beautifully and creatively decorated by local artists! Please look for them in the community at orionlibrary.org/locations. Our Little Free Libraries are stocked with books for you to take and read. You can bring them back when you’re done, or donate some great books to share with others.

**Home Delivery Services**
If you or someone you know lives in Orion Township and is unable to physically visit the library (even short term) let us know. We offer delivery services for books, audiobooks, and music—give us specific titles or let us know what you like and we can introduce you to new authors.

Outreach patron, Audrey Doherty, has loved the home delivery services, calling it “a super experience to have books delivered to her door.” When asked if Audrey thought all libraries should offer home delivery services she responded, “all libraries, if feasible, would greatly enhance a home bound person’s exposure to history, humor, and mystery writers.”

Audrey shared, “there is so much philosophy and thought-provoking words in a book that trigger the mind to see the world and views of different people of different origins. Choosing books of humor, spiritual and all subjects from a library’s resource is the greatest gift for those, like me, who are disabled, [and] no longer drive or use an aide to walk. Some of the books have me laughing out loud such as Marley and Me.”

Material is delivered on your schedule so we can bring a lot or a little and come only as frequently as you need. Contact Outreach Services Coordinator, Beth Sheridan, for more information at 248-693-3000 x411 or esheridan@orionlibrary.org.

The American Heritage Girls recently built and donated a new Little Library at Camp Agawam as a service project for their camp.

**Did you know**
we have book discussion kits? For a complete listing visit orionlibrary.org/book-groups or contact the Adult Services desk at 248-693-3001.

Sign up for Library Programs at orionlibrary.org/calendar or call 248-693-3000
Nailed It!  
**Teen Edition**  
Saturday, September 7, 2–4 pm  
Do you think you can bake? You don’t have to be a superhero in the kitchen to make edible art. Based on the popular show Nailed It, teens now have their chance to be part of the fun. Grab some friends and sign up to compete to see which team ‘nailed it!’ Registration required.

**Geek Club**  
Tuesdays: September 3, September 17, October 1, October 15, November 5, November 19, 6:30–8 pm  
Geek Club is a casual hang-out for teens who enjoy anything from anime, comics, video games, board and card games, D and D, crazy YouTube clips and more! Snacks always are provided and new faces are always welcome.

**SAT Practice Test**  
Sunday, September 8, 1–4 pm  
Get ready for test day! Let the Orion Library guide you in preparation for the remaining 2019 SAT dates. Sign up to take a practice test and come back a few days later to view your results, all courtesy of Sylvan Learning Center of Troy. Results day is Wednesday, September 11 @ 7 pm. Registration required.

**Think Link After School**  
Mondays: September 9, September 30, October 7, October 28, November 4, November 25, 3–5 pm  
LOCS 6th-8th graders can register with their school and receive a special bus pass to come to the library after school. Middle schoolers can socialize, study, use the library, and participate in the day’s planned activity like art projects, video games, book discussions, makerspace projects and more! Special registration required.

**Banned Book Campfire**  
Tuesday, September 24, 7–8 pm  
In celebration of Banned Book Week, the library will be hosting a ‘Banned Book Fire’ where instead of burning books, teens will read passages from famously banned books around the fire. Supplies for s’mores will also be provided. Registration required.

**Teen Advisory Board**  
Mondays: September 9, October 7, November 4, 4–5 pm  
Want to earn extra volunteer hours just for spending time with other teens? Join the newly established Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and have exclusive opportunities to plan events and programs, suggest improvements to the Teen department, and talk about books, movies, and video games with other teens. TAB members earn volunteer hours for attending meetings and programs, and can earn 6 extra hours by fulfilling the following requirements:  
- One school year membership - September through May  
- Attend at least 3 meetings per school year, one per semester  
- Volunteer for one large library program (like Fandom Fest or Summer Reading Kick Off)  
- Plan and implement one teen program with fellow TAB members and with assistance of the teen librarian.  

*For questions contact our Volunteer Engagement Specialist, Lori Morris at lmorris@orionlibrary.org, or Teen Librarian, Sabrina Halsey at shalsey@orionlibrary.org.*

**Teen STEAM Challenge**  
Saturday, October 5, 2–3:30 pm  
Explore edible slime, Nerf gun forts, food science, marshmallow shooters and other STEAM related fun. The only tools you need are your imagination and collaboration as we find out if our creations sink or float! Registration required.

**Horror Story Campfire**  
Tuesday, October 29, 7–8 pm  
Teens will gather around the camp fire to read passages from their favorite horror stories. Supplies for s’mores will be provided. Registration required.

Sign up for Library Programs at orionlibrary.org/calendar or call 248-693-3000
Day of the Sugar Skulls
Saturday, November 2, 2–3:30 pm
Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated by people of Mexican heritage everywhere. In honor of the season, come decorate edible sugar skulls and learn some fun facts about how the holiday coincides with Halloween. You can even dress up in your favorite Halloween or Day of the Dead attire. Registration required.

Cosplay Movie Night—After Hours Event
Friday, November 15, 5–8 pm
Dress in your favorite cosplay attire! Pizza and drinks provided, and a movie will be picked from the library collection. Registration required.

YOUTH SERVICES

Surround your children with books
Check out our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

With over 300 participants, the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a popular program that encourages early literacy practices in the home. One of the most successful ways to promote a love of reading and learning is to surround children with books at an early age. Since its inception in 2016, the library has seen 22 children finish the program. With the help of her parents Lindsey and Rob Gawthrop, Lake Orion resident Lake Gawthrop, 3, completed the program in October of 2018. We recently sat down with Lake and Lindsey to ask them a few questions.

What is your favorite thing about the Lake Orion Library?
Lake: Storytime and playing, and seeing Mr. James who came and read to me in my preschool class all year.
Lindsey: All the book selections, and seeing Lake learn to love reading and interacting with other kids.

When is your favorite time of the day to read? Before bed, three stories a night.

What book did you read the most during 1000 Books? We had several standards, Goodnight Moon, Barnyard Dance!, Giraffes Can’t Dance, Silly Sally, The Pout-Pout Fish, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, and many others.

How long did it take you to finish? It took about a year to finish, some days we read a lot of books, other days not so many. We started at 2 years old and finished at 3. Once we completed it, she wanted to start over again!

What was your favorite prize? The Book at the end, and the dry erase page to draw on.

What is Lake’s favorite thing about reading? Lake loves to point out letters and ‘read’ the books to us all the time. When we read her favorites, she will correct us if we say the wrong word while reading it. The books and stories have really opened her up and have helped her expand her imagination through all sorts of fun and new subjects.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is open to library patrons ages 0-5. To sign up, visit orionlibrary.org/youth/1000-books.

500 Before 5th
Continue on your reading journey after 1000 books before Kindergarten. Set a new goal for elementary school to read 500 more books before finishing 5th grade! Register online and stop by the library at each 50-book milestone for a prize.

Lions Club Vision Screenings
The Lake Orion Lions Club is partnering with the Orion Library to offer FREE vision screenings to children over 5 months old. The test is quick and painless. If caught early, 95% of vision issues can be corrected.

Saturday, September 7, 10 am–12 pm
Sunday, October 20, 1–3 pm
Saturday, November 9, 10 am–12 pm
PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Bring your child for age-appropriate stories, songs, finger plays, puppets, and activities the weeks of September 9 to October 14 and November 4 to December 2. Siblings are welcome.

**Itsy Bitsy Babies**
Tuesdays @ 10 am
Birth–12 months, drop in, limit 20
Babies experience the sounds and structure of language through rhythm, rhyme, and repetition. First time baby attendees will receive a welcome bag!

**Toddler Time**
Mondays @ 10 am
Tuesdays @ 11 am
Thursdays @ 10 am *(no storytime 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17)*
Ages 1 & 2, drop in, limit 20
Ones and twos develop social, emotional, and language skills through movement, stories, songs, and rhymes.

**Preschool Pals**
Mondays @ 11 am
Thursdays @ 11 am *(no storytime 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17)*
Ages 3–5, drop in, limit 20
Preschoolers build vocabulary, language development, and listening comprehension with stories, rhymes, songs, movement, and creative expression.

**Friday Family**
Fridays @ 10 am
All ages, drop in, limit 20
Storytime fun for all ages promoting early literacy with books, songs, activities and dancing!

**Sleepy Storytime**
Mondays: September 9, October 7, November 18 @ 6:30 pm
All ages, drop in, limit 20
Bring your jammies, blankie, and favorite stuffed animal for evening storytime fun. Like our morning storytimes, but at night!

**SENSEsational Storytime**
Fridays: September 20, October 18, November 15 @ 12 pm
All ages, drop in, limit 20
An inclusive storytime with a focus on stories, songs, rhymes, group activities, sensory exploration, and crafts appropriate for children with special needs.

**Bounce and Boogie**
Saturdays: September 14, October 12, November 16 @ 10 am
Ages 0–5, drop-in
Join us as we dance, groove, jump, and move to our favorite songs and rhymes!

**Pick up STEAM—All About Me**
Thursday, September 5 @ 10 am
Ages 3–5, drop in, limit 25
Pick up STEAM is a preschool friendly science, math, and learning series. This session we will look at our amazing bodies and how they work.

**1, 2, 3 Play with Me**
Wednesdays: September 25, October 2, 9, 16 @ 6:30 pm OR
Thursdays: September 26, October 3, 10, 17 @ 10 am
For parents/caregivers with children ages 1–3 years old, register online for all 4 weeks, limit 20
Spend time together at this parent child workshop. Have time to play, experience art activities and meet new friends. Each week a Community Resource Specialist will be on hand to answer questions about their specialty. Topics include resources at the library, child development, speech & hearing, nutrition, and play & movement. Please select either Wednesday OR Thursday to attend.

**Peppa Pig Storytime**
Tuesday, October 29 @ 10 am
All ages, drop in
Join Peppa and friends for muddy puddles of fun as we read stories and enjoy activities and a craft.

**Halloween Storytime and Parade**
Thursday, October 31 @ 10 am
All ages, drop in
Wear your costume and join us for stories, then march through the library to participate in our Halloween parade! Be sure to bring a small bag for trick-or-treating.
School Age Programs

Doggone Readers
September 4, 11, October 1, 15, 30, November 6, 13, 19, 26 @ 6:30 pm
September 21, 28, October 19 @ 10 am
Grades K–5, register online
Practice your reading skills and receive a stamp for each time you read to our lovable dogs. Pick out a free book of your choice after earning four stamps.

Lego @ the Library
Saturdays: September 7, November 2 @ 10 am
Saturday, October 5 @ 2 pm
Grades K–5, drop in, limit 25
Calling all builders! This is a fun and creative time to use your imagination and our colorful bricks to make an amazing object!

Take it Apart Day
Saturday, September 14 @ 2 pm
Grades 3–6, drop in, limit 25
Ever wonder how things work? Join us for a fun time of taking things apart to see what is going on inside.

Thinking Money for Kids
The Orion Library will be hosting a traveling exhibition from October 20 through November 23 designed to teach kids and their families about money, thanks to a competitive national grant from the American Library Association (ALA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. Thinking Money for Kids is a new multimedia experience for children ages 7 to 11, as well as their parents, caregivers and educators. The interactive exhibit uses games, activities, and a fun storyline to help children understand what money is, its function in society, money choices, and money values, such as fairness, responsibility and charitableness.

“Money is a topic that is often overlooked in education standards, so we felt the library was a great place to host such display rich in information and financial literacy,” said Head of Youth Services, Ashley Lehman. “We hope the display and accompanying programs will be an exciting way for kids to learn a little bit more about finances.”

Thinking Money for Kids was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible.

Opening Reception
Saturday, October 26, 11 am–1 pm
All ages, drop in
Stop by our opening reception to explore our new exhibit. Refreshments and activities provided.

The Price Is Right
Friday, November 1 @ 2 pm
Grades K–6, register online, limit 30
Test your pricing knowledge, play pricing games, and win prizes in our version of the popular game show.

Interactive Money Movie Challenge
Saturday, November 16 @ 2 pm
Grades K–6, drop in, limit 40
We’ll be showing Blank Check and playing interactive challenges throughout.

Battle of the Books Kick-Off
Monday, November 11 @ 5:30 pm or 7 pm
For 5th graders, parents, & coaches forming battle teams, drop in
Get a team of three, four, or five 5th graders together with a coach, read the titles chosen by the librarians, and compete in the Battle in March. Librarians will be visiting 5th grade classrooms in Lake Orion schools this fall to tell you more about this awesome event.

Sign up for Library Programs at orionlibrary.org/calendar or call 248-693-3000
About the Friends
The Friends are a 501(c)3 nonprofit 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.

Kick off your holiday shopping and support the Library
Friends Holiday Silent Auction starts November 18

The Friends of the Orion Township Library will be hosting its annual Holiday Silent Auction at the Orion Township Public Library from Monday, November 18 through Saturday, December 7. Items will be displayed with bid sheets on the tables in the Friends Reading Room off the library lobby.

Friends Fall Book Sale

Tuesday, September 17
10 am–4 pm Friends of the Library Member Day & Teacher Day
(Membership will be available for purchase at the door)
4–8:30 pm Open to the Public

Wednesday, September 18 & Thursday, September 19
10 am–8:30 pm Open to the Public

Friday, September 20
10 am–4:30 pm Open to the Public—1/2 off books day

Saturday, September 21
10 am–2 pm Open to the Public—$5 bag day
(fill a bag supplied by the Friends for $5)

Gently used book donations are accepted all year long in the bins against the wall by the Twice Told Tales shelves in the lobby of the library. Please, no encyclopedias, VHS tapes or old textbooks.

If you would like to help with a book sale or other Friends event, please reach out to the Friends via e-mail at friends@orionlibrary.org or check us out on our website: orionlibrary.org/friends. We especially need help with set up before and tear down after the book sales.
Become a Friends Member!
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National Friends of the Library Week
Did you know that the Friends of Libraries have their very own national week of celebration? The 14th annual National Friends of Libraries Week is October 20 to 26.

Board Opportunity
The Friends of the Orion Township Library is looking for individuals to volunteer for a publicity committee to assist with creating and implementing a PR plan, creating content for press releases, articles, social media posts.

Amazon Smile & Kroger Rewards
Did you know you can support the Friends simply by shopping? All you need to do is designate the Friends of the Orion Township Library as your charity of choice with your Amazon Smile & Kroger Rewards accounts.

Our holiday silent auction is a key fundraiser that helps the Friends support library programs," said Martha Wheeler, president of the Friends of the Orion Township Library. “It’s a great way for visitors to the library to kick off their holiday shopping, and the winning bids help us raise funds for the library.”

There is no admission fee to the Friends Holiday Silent Auction. Winning bidders can pay with cash, check or credit card at the library service desk beginning at 4 pm on Saturday, December 7 at the close of bidding. Items must be claimed by Thursday, December 12.

“Last year there were more than 80 items for bid at our holiday auction,” said Mary Duenow, fundraising chair for the Friends of the Orion Township Library. “We are so thankful for our local business and partners who so generously give and partner with us and help us help the library.”

To donate to the Friends Holiday Silent Auction, contact the Friends at 248-693-3000 x470 or friends@orionlibrary.org.
Dragon Broadcasting makes news

Nearly a half century after the birth of Dragon Broadcasting, the program continues to earn high accolades and open doors for students.

“5…4…3…2…1”

As the director’s countdown hits the floor at 12:50 p.m., “LO-AM” is on the air at Lake Orion High School.

For the next eight to 15 minutes, depending on the day, students will direct the action in the control room, change the graphics, control the cameras, call out the changes and host the show.

Student anchors. Student stand-up reports. Student-produced packages. Student camera work.

A professional production in a student environment.

The award-winning news show is on the air, sharing this insight.

Forget monotone announcements cracking through an antiquated speaker, this is live television.

The award-winning show rolls out to the entire school (and anyone streaming on the Internet) four days every school week, a student production top to bottom.

“Students are more likely to listen to a story that their peers are telling them,” LOHS Senior Ryan Hammond said.

“Learning from another student’s perspective of the class, that really helped. Usually, (other) teachers might show a video or two and then you’re off to go do something.

“But you’re actually in the field and learning with these students.”

“LO-AM” is the most consistent, impressive piece of the Dragon Broadcasting universe.

From the program’s humble origin nearly 50 years ago, the expansion now includes broadcasting of athletic sporting events, production of LOHS musical concert recordings, a growing podcast lineup, plus the signature news program.

Nearly five decades of work built to this, with a slew of awards, including a national program of the year and a state Hall of Fame honor.

In the beginning, though, it was just a teacher who wondered: “Why not?”

The Grandfather

Brett Saunders always had a vision.

The details would come later, but the 1970s LOHS speech and English teacher was glad to reach well beyond his grasp.

That’s how nearly 50 years after beginning the Lake Orion High School broadcasting program, thousands of students can thank his foresight.

“I have admitted all along I was in the right place at the right time,” the self-deprecating Saunders shared this summer. “I was lucky.”

Good fortune creates a moment. Great insight secures a legacy.

As a 22-year-old teacher at Lake Orion High School in 1970, Saunders wanted to...
put his University of Michigan speech/broadcasting degree in play with a radio course. His goal? To help reticent public speakers improve their communication.

Using “two old microphones, a small amplifier and a reel-to-reel tape recorder,” his students embraced the opportunity.

The next year, after students asked him to include television, they built a cardboard camera, exploring a simulated television program. His personal mission statement was already defined: “I’m going to let the students guide the class.”

The big leap came in 1971 as a teacher with “no budget” landed modern equipment. The football program embraced Saunders’ offer to have his students record their football games.

All they needed was $2,000 to buy a Sony portable 1/2” reel-to-reel black and white videotape recorder and a companion camera. The deal was simple: His classes could use the camera the rest of the year and the football team would get the recordings of their games to study. After two games of low-quality recordings—primarily due to the lights’ glare reflecting off the Dragons’ white pants—the football team bailed and the cameras were solely for Saunders’ students.

The first radio and television class listed in the 1972-73 curriculum guide and took off, quickly requiring more equipment and actually creating a “studio” in Room 8 of the former high school (the current CERC building.)

As technology advanced, Saunders’ program stepped forward with each leap, fueled by Saunders’ vision.

“The stuff that Saunders was doing was a growth mindset,” said Nate Butki, a former LOHS alum and TPW student and a current LOCS Board of Education trustee. “How do you do some things that are different, how do you think outside of the box?”

“(He) was thinking different, thinking about how to create opportunities for kids.”

Early in the 1980s, Saunders pushed Orion Township’s cable television inquiry. He proactively had the LOHS studio upgraded to accommodate the improvement. When public access television arrived in March 1987, his students were prepared, launching the first Television Production Workshop (TPW) class and a bi-weekly show, “Dragon Digest.”

In the early 1990s, it became the Channel One phenomenon. The New York-based educational program outfitted every LOHS classroom with a television set in 1991 and, more important, cabled the whole building to show the program. So what did Saunders see? His students producing their own in-school programming, birthing “LO-AM” to replace the public address announcements.

With a few years of live experience, the class’ talents synced with the new state-of-the-art high school, opened in 1997. A new studio and production area opened with the school (albeit a semester late) allowing the TPW students to spread their wings. Even the delayed opening was fortuitous, as it forced the students to create shorter intro packages, an essential component moving forward.

By 2001, 30 years after Saunders’ first lightbulb idea, the workspace embraced digital camcorders, 16 non-linear video editing stations and a Video Projects course, allowing the students a reach beyond the confines of the “LO-AM” show.

Roger Smith was just a student looking for his place.

In his first year at the high school as a 10th grader in 1991—LOHS was sophomores through seniors at the time—he enrolled in the Radio/TV class for his second period.

As soon as he walked in, he had his own lightning moment.

“Wow, we have professional cameras, a news desk and these light things,” Smith thought.

He had some television exposure—a Lansing television station visit in middle school—but never realized similar equipment was in his high school.
Within a year, he was inside the small screen. Working in his free time at Orion Community Television, he convinced the Detroit Red Wings to let him produce a bi-weekly television recap show. Early mornings before school, Smith arrived to edit on the LOHS software.

Between working at the public access station during nights and weekends and taking every available television and broadcasting class available, “it just really snowballed,” Smith recalled. “Ok, this is what I’m into in high school.”

After stops at Oakland University and Michigan State University for college, graduating with a math degree, he saw a future in education. But LOHS math was a long way (figuratively, though not geographically) from broadcasting.

“We joked my junior year,” Smith recalls of a conversation with Saunders. “I remember distinctly sitting in his office and joked about how one day I would come back and replace him as the broadcasting teacher. It was just kind of a passing (mention,) ‘Wouldn’t it be funny?’

“And then it just fell into place.”

They worked as colleagues in 2001-02 when Smith was teaching math and then Saunders retired, bequeathing the program to one of his favorite students.

The evolution

After a few years adjusting to the big chair, Smith began expanding the program.

“Dragon Digest”, which had a brand name as “LO-AM” predecessor, was re-invented as talk show and, in the past few years, a podcast brand.

Streaming emerged in the middle of the 2010s, just in time for the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s search to televise games. Who better than already experienced students?

Massive benefits for the Dragons. Students received a professional platform for their work, beyond the school walls.

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Only sports required a viewer subscription.

This checked as another unqualified success.

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How the show is made
A walk through the LO-AM producing process

As Dragon Broadcasting’s signature program, “LO-AM”’s daily rush is unmatched by anything at Lake Orion High School.

Teddy Hirschfield, a student who produced the final show of the 2018-19 school year, takes us through the producing process for a single show.

**Previous day:** Beginning the previous day and overnight, students are required to send their story information to Dragon Broadcasting advisor/teacher Roger Smith.

**Early morning:** Smith arrives at 6:30 a.m. and, reaching the story cutoff deadline of 7:10 a.m., he places them in a rundown file, without an order, so they are located in one place for the students to discover.

**Second hour/third hour:** Hirschfield (the producer) arrives and begins his tasks:
- Sequences the rundown and begins assigning slugs (steps of the show) to different students. Each slug receives specific students to do graphics, camera work and anchors.
- Builds graphics, names, full pages and puts them in order.
- Moves to the DDR machine and assesses the stored video (completed video stories, brief interviews, and b-roll/background video that is voiced over by the anchors.)
- As students filter in, he follows up on the missing pieces to make sure they submit their final product. If it can’t be finished by show time, he makes the decision to bump it forward to another day’s episode.
- Most of the camera shooting occurs previously, but a few short items can be shot, if necessary, up until 12:10 p.m. the day of the show.
- Students edit final pieces up until within an hour of the broadcast.

**Staff meeting:** About 90 minutes before airtime, the whole crew gathers in the studio and Hirschfield verbally runs through the segments. Other students offer input and tidbits about their segments that might help him plan. The meeting helps everyone understand the show beyond their own role.

**Production meeting:** Hirschfield lays out the detailed plan, story-by-story, graphic-by-graphic, for the entire crew.

**Final minutes:** A countdown clock on a green studio screen rolls down all morning to showtime. About 10 minutes before, students take their places in the studio: two at the anchor desk, two standing behind the cameras facing the desk, the sports reporter standing in the corner to the left of the desk. In the control room, three students sit at the computers, ready to pull up the graphics or video for each segment as it arises. Hirschfield and Smith stand behind with headsets, able to talk via earpieces to the anchors and camera operators.

**Live on-the-air broadcast:** After Hirschfield counts down from 10, they’re live. The anchors introduce the show’s main stories, introduce themselves and they’re off and running. Usually about 10 minutes later, many anchors conclude with the signature “Have a great day, LO!” and it’s a wrap.
often staff) about aspects of the school community.

Students bond in one of LOHS’ few full-year classes. Many other classes only last 10 weeks on the quarter system, so a full 40 together solidifies that connection.

Smith and fellow teacher Cathy Srock (another of Saunders’ LOHS protégés) share the broadcasting course load and allow students the autonomy (especially in the advanced levels) to own their work, instead of heavy-handing every step.

“It is a unique environment and it’s been fun to watch the program grow,” said LOHS alum Tonya Hamilton, whose daughter Becca, is a current TPW student who co-anchored the final show of the 2018-19 school year. “I graduated in ’91 and seeing what the program was then and seeing what it is now, it’s something that Lake Orion should be really proud of.

“To see what these kids do on a daily basis and how they rely on each other to get their stories completed...because one person can’t make a story on their own. There’s a team behind them. I get goose-bumps when I think about it.”

That resonates with the students as well. Because of TPW’s inclusive nature, touching on all aspects of the school community, the student production team mirrors that.

TPW students are involved throughout the school in athletics, theater, clubs, honor societies, and student leadership, so there’s often a story connection to aid the reporting and provide some background.

“We’re one of the few classes, besides Yearbook, that get our work shown to the whole school,” LOHS senior Derek Dungan said. “People say they think this class is kind of a blow-off, but it’s definitely not a blow-off. It’s probably one of the hardest classes that I’ve taken.

“It’s very complex. But once you know what you’re doing, it sets it apart. I enjoy coming to this class every single day.”

With seven classes currently in the Dragon Broadcasting catalogue and more to come, it’s a building process, with Broadcast Communications 1 as the introduction, and the succeeding levels (Broadcast Communications 2/3, Video Projects, Broadcast Leadership and TPW) all building on those skills.

“It had every social demographic,” Butki said. “In order to have a perspective of the whole high school, the class ensured there were people from all those perspectives.”

For nearly 50 years, that thread has connected the generations. With a Facebook TPW alumni group over 400, there’s a professional and personal network for the students to take forward into college and their adult lives.

“When we have the alumni day and everybody comes, I love the stories that they tell us about how they produced the show, what equipment they had to use,” Dungan said. “Sometimes they even give us pointers about what they used 10 years ago and it is relevant today. It’s super helpful and there is a connection. TPW is like a family. Whether it’s older or people to come, you’re still a family together.

“You want the best for this family.”

What began half a century ago as a germ of an idea has expanded beyond anyone’s dreams—especially the man who started it all.

“I am blown away by what they can do,” said Saunders’ whose emeritus role involves a few speaking visits to the broadcasting classes each year and his daily ritual of watching “LO-AM” online, often from as far away as Hawaii or as remote as the Upper Peninsula. “I used to ask the kids to envision the future.

Every day, they’re living one even he could never imagine.

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