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Welcome to the Inaugural Issue of Orion Living!

You hold in your hands the inaugural issue of Orion Living Magazine. This magazine is the result of years of collaboration between Orion Township, Orion Township Public Library, Lake Orion Community Schools, the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority, and the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce.

There are so many exceptional things happening in our community along with the various incredible things our local organizations do every day to make Orion Township “Where Living is a Vacation.” Now you can find all of that great information in one place, right here! Gone are the days of having to sift through multiple newsletters (that hopefully weren’t already recycled) to find that one piece of information you were looking for. Now, we are presenting you with something bigger and better, one place where you can find everything you need to know about Orion Township, and more!

Orion Living will include content that will inform you about what is going on in the Township, invite you to participate in the events happening in the community, educate you on the importance of the work you may not realize is going on behind the scenes, and engage you with captivating articles that highlight some of the people, places, and things that make our community great.

This will be the first of many issues that will be distributed quarterly with fresh and new content each publication! This will be a magazine you will want to place in that special area of your home where you can peruse through it again and again, and then show off all of the great things about Orion Township to friends and family that visit!

In this, the very first issue, you will find information about the Miracle League Field at Friendship Park, updates from the Corridor Improvement Authority, the Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Golf Outing, local summer events happening at the parks and library, and so much more!

I truly hope you enjoy the first issue!

Chris Barnett
Orion Township Supervisor
Brown–Baldwin Corridor upgrades spur growth

When the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) was established in 2016, the Township recognized the tremendous potential to bring investment and job growth to Orion Township, specifically in an area that presented many development challenges, such as deep and narrow property boundaries owned by a number of entities, much of which was undeveloped, and has a history of mining, concrete crushing, and other heavy industrial uses dating back to the construction of I-75.

To attract investment and reach the goals for development and job growth targeted by the CIA, the CIA established objectives that included the widening of Brown Road between Joslyn Road and Baldwin Road (completed in 2018), streetscape development along the Baldwin Road Corridor in conjunction with the Road Commission for Oakland County’s Baldwin Road infrastructure project (currently under construction), and other enhancements in the District as identified by the CIA Board. Since its establishment, the CIA has seen an increase in taxable value of nearly $4 million, with the CIAs total of $53,339 tax increment dollars collected and to be reinvested in the Authority’s projects. This is in the form of a tax capture, not a tax increase.

The CIA tracks an active pipeline of projects, with an estimated value of the next series of projects, which have been formally submitted or are anticipated to be formally submitted, in the range of $150,000,000. While this is not an assurance of future activity, it does indicate a very high level of interest in the area.

Brown Road
Since the completion of the majority of the Brown Road improvements, the Brown Road Innovation Zone District portion of the Corridor Improvement Authority has seen more meaningful new development activity than in any time in Township history. The infrastructure improvements and promotional activities of the CIA are clearly having the intended impact. The Menards store opened in August 2018, and this summer you can expect to see more construction, including an Aldi grocery store in the outlot of Menards, along with a Hyatt House Hotel going in closer to the Baldwin intersection.

Baldwin Road
The widening of Baldwin Road is the largest Road Commission project since Big Beaver Road. The road project, currently underway, is being widened to a 4-lane boulevard with 5 roundabouts and pedestrian amenities including pedestrian lighting and pocket parks. Once the roadwork is complete you will see beautiful landscaping throughout the corridor.

If you’re interested in development along the corridor please reach out to Samantha Timko in the Supervisor’s office at 248-391-0304, ext. 1002.
You are safe in Orion

SafeWise ranked Orion Township ninth safest in the country

Survey after community survey our residents tell us that they move here for the schools, the recreational amenities, and because we are a safe community. The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office—Orion Substation works hard every day to keep us safe, and the data proves it.

SafeWise analyzed FBI crime report statistics and population data to determine the safest cities in America. Orion Township ranked #9 in the entire county with populations above 35,000! We were one of two that were recognized in Michigan. We want to thank the residents for being diligent and reporting anything suspicious they see and the Deputies for all of their hard work.

Orion residents and guests are able to enjoy our Township’s amenities in a safe and welcoming environment. Since 2010, Orion Township has seen a 50% reduction in crime, according to Munetrix crime statistics.

The Miracle League of North Oakland Field

Dreams do come true!

Opening day for The Miracle League of North Oakland Field is just around the corner and we couldn’t be more excited. We have been working for years to make this field a reality. It all started when the Lake Orion Wiffleball Association came to the Township with the idea of a baseball field that they could also use.

The idea grew even bigger when The Daisy Project, Easterseals Michigan and Independence Township wanted to team up with us to make this field a fully accessible baseball field. The new field, located at Friendship Park, will remove the barriers that keep mentally and physically disabled children off the baseball field and let them experience the joy of America’s favorite pastime. We want everyone to be able to enjoy this field, children, adults, disabled, and able-bodied alike.

The surfacing used will be able to accommodate wheelchairs and other assistive devices while also helping to prevent injuries. Friendship park is known for some firsts in Southeast Michigan, including the inclusive whirl and wheelchair swings, that draw visitors from throughout Oakland County and beyond. The addition of this field will add to the inclusivity of play opportunities available here.

This is about more than just playing a game though. The Miracle League is about making new friends in an inclusive atmosphere, building self-esteem, and being treated just like other kids. To help the athletes, they use a “buddy” system—pairing each player with an able-bodied peer. What results is a bond that cannot be described.

In order to make each season a success we are looking for volunteers, approximately 400 will be needed. From buddies to coaches and everything in between, there are opportunities for everyone. This is also a great way to earn community service hours.

We invite you to stop by and check out the field, attend a game—and you will leave with a feeling of pure joy and a smile that will be stuck on your face for weeks. Please check out our Township Facebook page for updates and the grand opening celebration—you won’t want to miss this!

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Easterseals Volunteer Director, Carolyn Bleibtrey at cbleibtry@essmichigan.org or at 248-475-6405.

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Find support, volunteer opportunities online

The Community Support Services page is a helpful resource

Did you know that there is a Community Support Services tab on our homepage at oriontownship.org. Here you will find resources for all different types of support services.

Love INC
One of the resources you will find is Love INC. This non-profit cooperative effort links churches, volunteers, and service agencies...and helps them to organize their efforts by reaching out to the disadvantaged. They serve as a needs “clearinghouse,” where people in need contact them and they in turn get them connected with local churches and agencies that provide them with assistance. Their Clearinghouse receives over 1,400 phone calls with needs per year. This includes their Clothes Closet which served 150 families in 2018 and their Community Meals Program that served 11,680 meals at their partner churches. All of their programs are supported through community volunteers, which added up to 4,964 hours last year.

Are you looking for a way to get involved? If so, there are many opportunities including receptionists, prayer ministry, household goods, clothing closet, home repair / handyman, mentor, data entry, special project volunteers, and if that doesn’t work for your schedule, they accept monetary donations.

Visit loveincofnoc.org for more information.

Oxford/Orion FISH
Another resource you will find is Oxford/Orion FISH. This food pantry provides groceries for those in need who live in Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, and Oakland Townships. They also provide emergency aid in the form of food and agency referrals. Since Oakland County is known as one of the wealthiest areas in the country, many people are surprised to learn that there are families in need in their own community. FISH services over 4,700 individuals per year, totaling more than 186,900 pounds of food. Most of the food collected is through local food drives conducted by groups such as the Postal Workers, Orion Neighborhood Television (ONTV), schools, businesses, churches, boy and girl scouts, and local civic and religious organizations.

In addition to food, FISH also provides backpacks, through their Back-to-School programs, with school supplies, Easter and Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets, and Christmas gifts through their AngelFISH program. Their newly designed website, oxfordorionfish.org, features a pantry wish list if you are looking to donate and a SignUpGenius for volunteer opportunities.

Whether you need support or are looking to donate or volunteer, check out the Community Support Services tab on our website for the complete listing of community resources.

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

Volunteers at Orion Oxford FISH
Where do your property tax dollars go?

While the Treasurer’s Office collects all the property taxes, only 22% remain with Orion Township. Those taxes include the Township’s General, Fire, Police, Safety Path, and Parks funds. The remaining 78% is distributed to the proper public entity. The Area Education taxes include State Education, Oakland Inter School, and Oakland Community College. The Lake Orion Community Schools taxes are the School’s Debt and Sinking fund; their Operations fund is collected from non-homestead properties only. Oakland County’s taxes include their General and Parks funds, and Area Authorities represents the MetroParks and the Zoo and Art Authorities.

Look for your summer tax bill

Summer and Village Taxes will be sent out on July 1st and are payable through September 16th without interest. Beginning September 17th, add 1% interest to the unpaid balance for the Summer bill and an additional 3% penalty for the village bill. An additional 1% interest will be added on the first of each month thereafter for Summer and Village balances.

The Winter tax bills will be sent out on December 1st and are payable through February 14, 2020. Beginning February 15, 2020, a 3% penalty will be added to any unpaid Summer or Winter tax balance. Beginning March 3, 2020 all unpaid taxes must be paid to the Oakland County Treasurer with additional fees. Please contact our office for a revised tax bill that must accompany payments to the Oakland County Treasurer in the months of March and April.

You have a few options to submit your tax payments. You may mail it to Township Hall, pay through your personal online banking site, payable at local Oxford Bank and Genisys Credit Union branches, in person at Township Hall, or by credit card. Please visit our website for more detailed information regarding your tax bills and payment options.

Get your dog license and visit the best dog park in Oakland County

From June 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019, dog licenses must be purchased from the Oakland County Animal Shelter located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 42 East in Pontiac. You must show a valid rabies vaccination certificate and proof of spay/neuter at time of purchase. The Treasurer’s office will resume selling dog licenses for the year 2020 in December 2019.

Did you know that Orion Oaks Dog Park was recently ranked the #1 dog park in Oakland County! This 24-acre fence enclosed park features two trails, a picnic shelter, drinking water, field area, and access to Lake Sixteen for swimming (dogs only). The dog park is open year-round, and your furry friends don’t usually mind the cold and snow if they can play and socialize!
Keeping it clean

Storm Water Management
The Charter Township of Orion was required to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES). One of the conditions of the NPDES permit is to develop a Public Education Program. Therefore, the Township will be periodically advertising events concerning storm water management on its web site oriontownship.org. The Township will also be working with the Clinton River Watershed Council and other local communities on various educational programs concerning storm water management. Please visit the Clinton River Watershed Council at crwc.org or call 248-601-0606 for event updates and educational materials. Detailed below are a list of events/workshops that have already been scheduled for communities and residents in the Clinton River Watershed.

Adopt-A-Stream Monitoring
The Clinton River Watershed Council’s Adopt-a-Stream program is a volunteer-based program that empowers community members to protect local streams and rivers by monitoring their health. Volunteers are trained, teamed up, assigned stream sites, given equipment, data sheets and a collection protocol, and then sent out to gather information on streamside habitats, physical characteristics and benthic macroinvertebrate populations. Twice a year—May and October—teams of trained volunteers visit their adoption site and collect data. After the initial 3 hour training session each volunteer dedicates approximately 3-4 hours of their time per year.

River Day 2019
On June 8th, individuals, businesses, community groups, and local governments across the watershed will join forces on River Day to enhance and celebrate the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair. Activities range from nature hikes, canoe trips, fishing derbies, and fly fishing lessons to storm drain stenciling, river clean-ups, habitat restoration, and native landscaping.

Keep it Clean
Keeping It Clean engages citizens of all ages in trash clean-ups throughout the Clinton River Watershed and along the Lake St. Clair shoreline. Weekly Clean events take place every Wednesday and each week is dedicated to a different location.

Communities and residents are encouraged to participate in these events to learn about their local watershed, its current quality, and what landowners can do to protect water resources.

Illicit discharges
A telephone complaint system has been coordinated through the Township Supervisor’s office for residents, business owners and developers to call to report illicit discharges. Illicit discharge is the discharge of untreated sanitary wastewater or other polluting materials into a water body. Some common examples are: sanitary sewage being improperly connected and discharged to the storm sewer, improperly designed or functioning septic systems, sanitary sewer over flow, improper dumping of waste products (ex: emptying a mobile home into a catch basin or pouring motor oil into an open body of water). Please call 248-391-0304 ext. 1000 to report any illicit discharges.

Good habits every day
Make Ozone Action tips everyday habits. Good habits can keep tons of harmful pollutants out of the air we breathe and make our region a better place to live.

At Home
- Avoid using gas powered lawn equipment, including lawn mowers, on Ozone Action days. On other days, mow in the evening.
- Avoid using oil-based paint and household solvents.
- Use an electric starter instead of charcoal lighter fluid when barbecuing.
- Consider natural gas, propane, or electric grills.
- Limit use of aerosol consumer products.

Clinton River Coldwater Conservation Project
Clinton River Coldwater Conservation Project’s (CRCCP) goals are to generate public support for the Clinton River watershed as a valued recreational resource through data collection and efforts to improve water quality, aesthetics, and access to the Clinton River and primarily its cold water tributaries. Please contact the Clinton River Watershed Council for information on upcoming events.
Seven simple steps to protect our lakes and streams

Here are seven simple steps you can take in your home and yard to protect our lakes and streams.

1. **Help keep pollution out of storm drains.** Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.

2. **Fertilize caringly and sparingly.** Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed. Keep fertilizer at least 25 feet away from any water body.

3. **Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil.** Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil, and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain, or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.

4. **Clean up after your pet.** Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will be you a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.

5. **Practice good car care.** Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.

6. **Choose earth friendly landscaping.** Protect your pets, kids, and the environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.

7. **Save water.** Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.

For more easy steps on protecting our lakes and streams, visit semcog.org. Remember, our water is our future—and it’s ours to protect!

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- Conserve energy to help reduce emissions associated with energy production.
- Maintain boat motors and personal watercraft.

**At Work**
- Work at home if permitted by your employer.
- Use teleconferencing technologies instead of driving to meetings.
- Brown-bag your lunch or walk to nearby restaurants instead of driving.
- If your employer has fleet cars, encourage the purchase or lease if energy — efficient models.

**On the Road**
- Refuel vehicles, boats, lawn equipment, or other gas-powered engines in the evening.
- Avoid spilling gasoline and topping off the tank.
- Limit long periods of idling. Turn off engine when you expect a long wait.
- Link trips when possible. Fewer “cold starts” mean fewer emissions.
- Known before you go and you won’t get stuck in a jam. Check traffic online at semcog.org (click on Rideshare).

**Car Care**
- Use the fuel recommended for your vehicle.
- Be sure your gas cap seals properly. If it’s missing, replace it.
- Keep tires properly aligned and inflated.
- Get regular tune-ups to increase engine efficiency. Follow the maintenance schedule provided in your owner’s manual.
- Seek help at repair shop at the first sign of engine misfire, poor starting, or bad performance.

- Make sure your mechanic includes the catalytic converter in inspections.
- Pay attention to on-board diagnostic systems.

**Citizen Guide to Car Washing & Boat Cleaning**
- Look for non-toxic and phosphate-free cleansers.
- Use alternative cleaners such as baking soda or lemon juice. Avoid those with bleach, ammonia, lye or petroleum distillates.
- Use on shore restrooms when docked, and encourage everyone to use facilities before casting off.
- Empty portable toilets only at pump out stations!
- Clean up after your pet to prevent pet waste from washing into storm drains.
I wonder what’s going there?

Orion Township is growing. Most of Baldwin Road has been widened, two of five roundabout are in, and new businesses and developments are popping up. Baldwin Road will soon be transformed and almost unrecognizable from what it was ten years ago.

Any type of change inevitably causes the rumor mills to start circulating. One way to find out what’s actually happening is to get in touch with the Planning and Zoning Department at Township Hall or by visiting oriontownship.org. The Planning and Zoning section of the website contains useful information such as Future Land Use Map, current developments, meeting minutes, and so much more!

As you’re exploring the town this summer, you may see some of these developments happening: 22 single-family homes at Waldon Meadows, located north of Waldon near M-24, 53 single-family homes at Stadium Ridge by Dragon Stadium, Aldi, outdoor seating at The Bread and Yolk, Grace Premier Senior Living, DeHann Orthodontics which is moving further north on Baldwin just past Clarkston, Miracle League All-Inclusive Baseball Field located at Friendship Park, and LaZBoy, to name a few.

Plan for emergencies

As beautiful as this time of year is, the weather can be unpredictable. Plan and be prepared for the possibility of severe weather, including all WATCHES and WARNINGS. The outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm.

A severe weather watch means conditions are favorable for severe weather to occur in the watch area. A severe weather warning means that severe weather is occurring and you should take the necessary precautions. If a tornado warning is issued, the outdoor warning sirens will sound a steady three minutes warning signal. Take cover immediately and listen to the radio or television for more information.

Your emergency planning should address child care, school plans, pets, work place, shutting off utilities, family rally points (should phone services be interrupted), neighbors, evacuation “go kits”, and discussions about whether sheltering in place is safer than evacuating.

Before your bonfire, get your Burn Permit

The weather is beautiful and it’s the perfect time of year to sit outside by a campfire making s’mores. If you plan on starting a campfire or burning brush, know that all open burning does require a burn permit issued by the Fire Department. To apply for a new permit, stop by the Supervisor’s Office at Township Hall, wFire Station #4 located at 465 S. Baldwin Road, or call the Fire Administration at 248-391-0304, ex. 2000.

Before you burn, please call 248-693-1838 and listen to the prerecorded message. The message will provide you with some rules for safe burning or will tell you if a burn ban is in effect.

For more information visit oriontownship.org.

See below for a list of items you should have on hand in an emergency. Preparing now will greatly assist public safety during major incidents.

In an emergency, your basic home supplies should include these items

- One gallon of water per day for each person
- At least three days of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or and crank radio, NOAA weather radio with extra batteries
- Basic hand tools for basic repairs
- Flashlights
- First Aid kit
- In an emergency, your basic home supplies should include these items

Prepared by the Orion Township Fire Department

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New ambulances help meet the needs of a fast-growing community

February 1st of this year the Orion Township Fire Department put two new ambulances into service following a dedication ceremony. Having this addition allows our trained Firefighters and EMTs to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) transport, meaning that all patients who do not require extra support or cardiac monitoring can be transported by our Fire Department. What does this mean for you? It means better service and efficiency from the men and women you see out every day in the community.

In less than three months, the Fire Department has transported 50 patients, with the majority of patients requesting transport to St. Joseph Mercy at 42%, followed closely by Ascension Providence Rochester at 36%. We are grateful to be able to provide the community with this additional service.

We were one of only three fire departments in Oakland County who did not directly provide this service. The ambulances symbolize changing times and meeting the needs of a fast-growing community. They allow us to provide more reliable emergency care for you, our residents, and provides a quicker response time.

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

Protect your family

Have you ever received a call from someone who said they were from Microsoft and needed to check the security of your computer because it may be at risk? How about the call that you didn’t file your taxes correctly and they would come take you to jail if you didn’t cooperate? Have your grandparents ever received a call that you were stuck in another country and they needed to send money to help get you home?

Calls like these are so frequent they are almost a part of our everyday lives. Scammers will not only try to get you over the phone, they also do it through email and even by coming to your door. The common goal in all these types of crimes is financial gain. The scammer typically has some basic information such as your name and is able to make a personal connection, which enables them to gain your trust.

To prevent “fraud or scams” you cannot focus on any one crime or the latest scam, as they change day-to-day.

A few tips to remember

• Avoid doing business with solicitors on the phone, in-person, or online and politely end the conversation. Your phone, your computer, your house—your rules!
• Never commit to making a “transaction” regardless of what is said.
• Always check and verify solicitor’s claims or stories through your police, or Better Business Bureau.
• Contact your bank or financial institutions and set up transaction alert notifications and other account restrictions which will avoid and detect fraud and scams.

If you have any questions or would like to report fraud please contact the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office–Orion Substation at 248-858-4911.
Every drop matters

The Public Services Department addresses the Township’s buildings and grounds concerns and oversees the Water & Sewer Division. The Water & Sewer Division services over 9,000 water and sewer customers. This intricate system contains over 300 miles of underground piping, 23 sewer lift stations, seven pressure reducing vaults, over 1,700 fire hydrants, and a 2.5 million gallon water storage facility.

During the summer months, lawn irrigation systems put a strain on the system, both in terms of the volume of water that is being used and how that water volume affects the water pressure. That is why a mandatory watering restriction was adopted for everyone who is connected to Orion Township water. From the beginning of May through the end of September each year, the following water restrictions will apply: Monday through Saturday: watering may only be done between the hours of midnight and 5:00am and on Sunday watering may be done at any time. These restrictions allow for the demand on the water volume to be broken up. Orion Township experiences a high demand in the morning hours as residents are preparing for their day. After the morning peak demand of usage, the water tower fills in preparation for the same demands on the system that take place every evening.

Please visit oriontownship.org for more information about signing up for paperless billing or to view your water/sewer bill online, watering restrictions, random inspections, and notices of violations. Beginning July 1st, our annual Water Quality Report can also be viewed online. This report details the results of contaminant testing that is performed at the Lake Huron Treatment Plant, which is the source of the water that Orion Township receives.

Cross Connection Control and Residential Testing

What is Cross Connection Control?

The Orion Township Water & Sewer Division is responsible for distributing safe drinking water to all Orion Township residents and businesses. State and Federal laws (Safe Drinking Water Acts), the Plumbing Code, Michigan Residential Code, and the Charter Township of Orion Ordinances require Orion Township to verify that cross connections on private plumbing systems do not pose a contamination risk to the public water system through the enforcement of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Law and Rules for Cross Connection Control.

A cross connection is any arrangement of piping on a plumbing system that could allow a backflow of contaminants into the public drinking water supply. A backflow occurs when a reversal of the normal flow of water occurs. This could happen due to a drop in water pressure from a water main break or other failure. It also could occur when a plumbing

Help us keep safety paths safe

A seasonal crew maintains the safety paths in Orion Township from the beginning of May until the end of September. If you notice something that requires our attention please let us know by calling 248-391-0304, ext. 7005.

Are you moving?

If you are moving out of Orion Township, please call 248-391-0304, ext. 7005 to schedule a final water/sewer bill. Please have the following information available: property address, date of closing, new owner’s name, and the name and address of your title company.
fixture, such as a boiler, generates more pressure than the public water supply and pushes the water back to the public drinking water supply system. Garden hoses and irrigation systems may contain pesticides and bacteria that could contaminate the water supply.

**What is a Backflow Device?**

Backflow Devices are installed on water lines to prevent backflows from occurring. There are many types of backflow devices and EGLE requires testing of these devices at a minimum of every three years. Testable devices include Pressure Vacuum Breakers (PVB), Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Assemblies (RPZ), and Double Check Valve Assemblies (DCVA).

**Testing and Inspections of Backflow Devices**

Orion Township's Cross Connection Control Program was approved by the State of Michigan in 1991. Since then, commercial properties and sub division irrigation accounts have had routine inspections of backflow devices and annual reports are submitted to the township on testable devices. However, a new EGLE mandate requires all testable backflow devices on residential homes be tested every 3 years. Only licensed plumbing contractors can test, repair, and install backflow assemblies pursuant to State of Michigan Law — Public Act 733 of 2002, and effective January 1, 2018, the plumbing contractors must be ASSE 5110 certified through the State. A list of certified testers can be found on our website, oriontownship.org. If any new devices are being installed or a repair is needed, a plumbing permit must be applied for through the Building Department.

We appreciate your help and cooperation in abiding with the new EGLE mandate. We all share in the responsibility of protecting our water supply, and together we can ensure we have the safest possible water supply system.

**What’s the opposite of a stink bug?**

A deodor-ant! Ba-dum tshh! Did you know that, every year, Orion Township participates in the Oakland County West Nile Virus Prevention Program? This means that larvicide for catch basins, retention ponds, and personal insect repellent are available for **free to residents** for pick up at Township Hall and at the Orion Center.

West Nile Virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. The Virus is then spread to people and other animals through bites. The most effective ways to prevent mosquito bites are to use insect repellent, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, treat clothing and gear, and take steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors.

**Phragmites**

Another type of pest, isn’t actually a bug, its phragmites! Not sure what to do about phragmites? We offer free estimates on controlling them, please contact Jeff Stout at jstout@oriontownship.org for more information.

### Summer Sewer Maintenance

During the spring and summer months, we will be going throughout the Township providing routine sewer maintenance. Sewer manholes will have to be opened, so any sod or landscaping that may be over them will have to be removed. If you see our vehicles in your neighborhood, we will be jetting (sending high pressure water) through the sewer lines to clear any debris in them. The only preparation that a homeowner needs to do is put toilet lids in your home down and make sure your sewer vent pipe is clear from blockage.

When a sewer vent pipe in your home is clear from any blockages, then sewer jetting does not have any effect on your home. If the sewer vent pipe is blocked, then you could experience water and / or sewage coming up from your toilets and drains into your home. A blockage could be caused by any number of things, including leaves, animals or snow. After the sewer jetting is done, if you experience an odor coming from your sinks or toilets, run water down them. This will fill the traps with water again, and should fix the problem.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during our routine sewer maintenance.
Vital to the Community

What comes to your mind when you hear “vital to the community”? I bet you didn’t think of code enforcement; a majority of people don’t. But code enforcement is actually vital to our community development. It remains a confusing and misunderstood profession that most people know very little about. It is vital to the daily operations in the Township, and essential to enhancing quality of life by helping to sustain safe, healthy living conditions for residents and businesses.

How effectively code enforcement officers perform their jobs can have a major impact on the property values and image of the community. Every community struggles with trash, vacant buildings, tall grass, and housing deterioration as a result of lack of maintenance including broken windows, garage conversions, or any building construction without a permit, nuisances dangerous to children, and inoperable vehicles to name a few. Usually these conditions have not been corrected because a property owner was unaware that they are in violation of a code.

The majority of violations are resolved quickly, with a little education about the codes. Did you know that we receive more compliments about our Code Enforcement Officers than anyone else? That surprises most people because they think of the code enforcers as uncaring and that they are only out to write tickets. On the contrary, we want to work with people and educate them.

If you have any questions regarding code compliance please visit our website or reach out to the Building Department.

Top 5 code violations
- Rubbish /Trash
- Tall grass & weeds
- Property maintenance
- Abandoned vehicles
- Miscellaneous citizen complaints

Know what to recycle

Do Recycle
- Metal Cans: Steel, tin, aluminum soda, vegetable, fruit and tuna cans
- Plastic bottles & Containers
- Paper Cardboard, Dairy & Juice Containers
- Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard
- Paper: Brown paper bags, non-confidential office paper, newspaper, magazines
- Glass Bottles & Jars

Don’t Recycle
- Food waste
- Plastic bags
- Polystyrene foam cups and containers (Styrofoam)
- Hangers
- Hazardous waste
- Medical waste

Learn more at ORIONTOWNSHIP.ORG or call 248-391-0304
Easy ways to use less energy

Energy efficiency means you are using less energy to do the same jobs, reducing your home’s energy waste and saving money. To effectively increase your energy efficiency involves more than just using less energy – it requires you becoming aware of how energy is used where it’s wasted, and how it can be used more effectively and efficiently in everyday life. Here are some top tips to help your home save energy and become more efficient:

- Use natural light when possible.
- Change your light bulbs to LEDs. Only about 10-15% of the electricity that incandescent lights consume results in light—the rest is turned into heat.
- If possible, wash your clothes in cold water and only wash full loads. Consider air drying your clothes.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Minimize activities that generate a lot of heat, such as running a computer, burning open flames, running a dishwasher, and using hot devices such as hair dryers. Even stereos and televisions will add heat to your home.
- During the warmer months, change the direction of our ceiling fan so it rotates counterclockwise and creates a cool breeze. If you feel airflow when standing directing under the fan, it’s working.
- Seal air leaks using low-cost caulk or weather stripping to keep warm air from seeping in.
- Grill outside on warmer days to keep the heat out of your home.

Free Disposal Days

Saturday, June 8th & Saturday, September 14th
7 am to 1 pm
Eagle Valley Recycling & Disposal Facility

*These items will not be accepted:* yard waste, whole tires, white goods that contain *(or once contained)* freon, household haz waste or e-waste *(these are accepted at the No-Haz Event).*

Construction debris from small home improvement projects are allowed but no commercial construction debris will be accepted.

*Free to Orion Township Residents Only.*
Residents must have a valid ID

EAGLE VALLEY RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FACILITY 248-391-0990
WM.COM

OAKLAND COUNTY

2019 COLLECTION DATES
8 am to 2 pm at all locations

JUNE 22
Oakland University

JULY 20
Oakland County Service Center Campus

SEPTEMBER 7
Oakland Community College, Highland Lakes Campus

OCTOBER 12
Oakland County Service Center Campus

Accepting residential waste only: home improvement, electronics, automotive, yard & garden, household and other.

For a complete list of acceptable waste and details visit

**NoHaz.com**
248-858-5656
What is the Downtown Development Authority?

We, at the Lake Orion DDA, are a volunteer-driven organization taking care of downtown. We use a portion of the taxes collected in our district to do this.

Recent projects include:

- The Downtown Streetscape project
- Paint Creek Trail extension
- The Flint St. Alleyway
- Brand new directional and entryway signs
- Seasonal decorations like flower baskets and Holiday lighting
- Events like The Flower & Art Fair and the Gazebo Concert Series.

Get involved with the DDA!

Are you well-organized?
Do you like working with a team?
Do you love Lake Orion history?
Do you have an eye for making things beautiful?
Do you have a vision for downtown?
Are you good with numbers?
Do you have an outgoing personality?
Do you love Lake Orion?

If you answered Yes to any of the questions, we want to meet you!

Contact the DDA at 248-693-9742 to volunteer your time and talents!
What’s up Downtown?
Mark your calendars for these activities coming up in downtown Lake Orion over the coming months.

Clergy, Kids & Cops  
Saturday, June 1st, 11 am to 10 pm

Lake Orion Jubilee  
Thursday, June 20th, 5 to 10 pm  
Friday & Saturday, June 21st and 22nd, Noon to 11 pm  
Sunday, June 23rd, Noon to 6 pm

4th of July Fireworks  
Saturday, June 29th at Dusk

Kids’ & Kops Car Show  
Saturday, August 3rd, 8 am to 2 pm

Dragon on the Lake  
Thursday, August 22nd to Sunday, August 25th

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

Park it in Lake Orion!
While in the Village of Lake Orion, visit our beautiful parks. Green’s Park is a two-acre park off of M-24 just south of Flint Street. This is the Village’s only park on Lake Orion. Green’s Park is conveniently located one block from shopping and dining in downtown. The boat docks at Pelton’s Point are a short distance too! A permit is required to use the dock. The park has restrooms and a changing facility, a basketball hoop, playground area, swings, picnic tables, kayak and paddle board rentals, water fountains, grills, benches and bike racks. The beach area is enclosed by a u-shaped dock that extends out into Lake Orion. Fireworks events are hosted at the park.

A park pass is required to enter the park during the regular season. Passes for the 2019 season are $1 per person and are available at the park and at Village Hall during regular business hours.

Contact the Village Office at 248-693-8391 or lakeorion.org for dog licenses, park passes & reservations, Eastlawn & Evergreen cemeteries, and Pelton’s Point dock permits.

Village Resource Directory
Village Administration Phone .............................................. 248-693-8391
Village Administration Fax .............................................. 248-693-5874
Police Department Non-Emergency Phone ....................... 248-693-8321
Department of Public Works ............................................. 248-693-8391 ext 106
Village Manager ................................................................. 248-693-8391 ext 101
Village Clerk ..................................................................... 248-693-8391 ext 102
Planning & Zoning ............................................................ 248-693-8391 ext 107
Water/Utility Billing .......................................................... 248-693-8391 ext 100
Downtown Development Authority ................................. 248-693-9742
GFL Environmental Trash & Recycling Services ............... 844-464-3587
MISS DIG ................................................................. 800-482-7171
Lake Orion Post Office ..................................................... 248-693-3253
Consumers Energy ........................................................... 800-477-5050
DTE Energy ................................................................. 800-477-4747
Orion Neighborhood TV .................................................. 248-693-3377

For information about DDA events or to become a volunteer, visit DowntownLakeOrion.org or visit the DDA Office at 118 N. Broadway, Lake Orion.
Toy & Comic Expo & Antique Market
Buy, sell or trade comic books, collectibles, antiques and memorabilia at our annual Expo & Market! Vendor set up opens at 8:00 am. Spaces are limited. Orion Center, Sat Jun 1, Sep 21, 9:00a-3:00p, $20R/$25NR FREE Parking & Admission

Closet Clean-out Outdoor Community Garage Sale & Recycle Event
Shop from dozens of vendors selling everything from clothing to tools, household items to children’s toys. Watch for details on our recycling event to include Shred-it and prescription drug collection from 11 am-1 pm, working cell phones, eyeglasses & hearing-aids! Orion Center, Sat Jun 1, 9:00a-3:00p, $12R/$15NR FREE Parking & Admission

Youth Fishing Derby
Join us at Camp Agawam for this free children’s fishing program. Fishing poles and tackle to catch fish will be provided to kids 15 years old and younger for free. Pre-registration is required. Camp Agawam, Sat Jun 8, 10:00a-12:00p, 1-15, FREE Parking & Admission

Blood Drive with MI Blood
You can register online at miblood.org. Donors searching online for an appointment can schedule, enter “Orion” in the sponsor field on the search page and click GO. Orion Center, Thu Jun 27, 2:30-7:00p, 17+

Coffee with Chris
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 x1001. Orion Center, Fri Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 23, 9:30-10:30a

Java Joes
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. Orion Center, 9:30-10:30a, Registration preferred.

Concerts in the Park at Wildwood
Grab your lawn chair and a blanket, gather up your family and friends, and join us for an evening of FREE music on the hill at Wildwood Amphitheater. Sit back, relax, and enjoy. Rain site is the Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Rd. For program cancellations/changes, check our Facebook page, Orion Township Parks & Recreation. Concessions available. Wildwood Amphitheater, Tue Jun 18-Aug 13, 7:00-8:30p FREE Parking & Admission

National Cheesecake Day
Stop by the Orion Center and celebrate National Cheesecake Day! Orion Center, Tue Jul 30, 12:30-3:30p

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

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Big Rig Gig
Big kids, little kids, and kids at heart, load up the family for an unforgettable night. Experience dozens of trucks, tractors, diggers, dozers, buckets and back-loaders first hand. Forget about dinner, concessions will be available for purchase. Load up the entire family, come early, stay late and don’t forget the camera. **Friendship Park, Fri Aug 2, 5:00-9:00p** FREE Parking & Admission

Closet Clean-Out
Community Indoor Garage Sale
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. **Orion Center, Fri Sep 20, 9:00a-3:00p, $10R/$13NR FREE Parking & Admission**

Made in the Mitten Art & Craft Show
#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. **Orion Center, Sat Oct 5, 10:00a-5:00p, FREE Parking & Admission**

YOUTH ENRICHMENT

The Artist’s Apprentice
**Lil’ Critters**
Get ready to get messy! Young artists will be creating a paper mâché sculpture-in-the-round of an animal of their choosing. Classes taught by Artist/Instructor Pamela Palmer B.F.A. $10 Material Fee payable to instructor on the 1st day of class. **Orion Center, Thu Jun 6 & 13, 6:00-7:30p, 7+, $26R/$30NR**

The Artist’s Apprentice
**Japanese Cartooning Camp**
Fans of this popular Manga style will learn some valuable techniques to help their characters come to life. We will also be examining a different genre each day including shoujo, chibis, and cat people. Camp taught by Artist/Apprentice Pamela Palmer owner of The Artist’s Apprentice. $45 material fee payable to instructor on the 1st day of classes. **Orion Center, Mon-Fri Jul 15-19, 1:00-4:00p, 7+, $145R/$150NR**

The Artist’s Apprentice
**Sculpture Camp**
Our young artists will be making bas relief objects with paper mâché artwork including a recycled element. We will also explore, face structure in clay, glitter paint piece and learn the basics of carving in Styrofoam. Camp taught by Artist/Apprentice Pamela Palmer owner of The Artist’s Apprentice. $40 material fee payable to the instructor on the 1st day of class. **Orion Center, Mon-Thu Aug 26-29, 9:00a-12:00p, 7+, $115R/$120NR**

The Artist’s Apprentice
**Imagination Art Days for Kids**
Our young artists will create fanciful chimera creatures, drawing with colored pencils. We will be working with clay and painting on canvas, as well as painting with bamboo brushes on rice paper. A model Model Magic, undiscovered, rain forest animal sculpture will be incorporated into our art show as well! Taught by Artist/Instructor Pamela Palmer B.F.A. owner of The Artist’s Apprentice. $30 material fee payable to instructor on the 1st day of class. **Orion Center, Mon, Wed, Fri, Aug 5, 7, 9, 1:00-4:00p, 7+, $85R/$90NR**

ONTV Kids Video Camp
Join us to learn about television production, video operation and more. The kids will make a short movie to take home with them. **ONTV Studio, Mon-Fri Jun 24-28, 1:00-4:00p, 10-13, $145**

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YOUTH FITNESS

Junior Golf Camp
All aspects of the game are covered and the instruction is kept simple, fun and relaxed with games and contests. Camps begin with the basic fundamentals of the golf grip, stance, posture, aim alignment and moves through the swing plane and motion. Mulberry Hills Golf Course, Mon-Thurs Jun 17-20, Jul 8-11, Jul 29-Aug 1, 9:30a-1:00p, 7-15, $214R/$219NR

Youth Golf Lessons
Lessons will introduce proper grip, stance and posture, basic putting and chipping and examine the fundamentals of the full swing. Mulberry Hills Golf Course, Mon Jul 8-Aug 12, 6:30-7:30p, 7-15, $120R/$125NR

Junior Golf League
Designed for both boys and girls, with some prior playing experience and a firm understanding of the game. All participants will play nine holes each week on a semi-competitive basis. Mulberry Hills Golf Course, Tue Jun 18-Aug 20, 1:00-3:30p, 10-15, $135R/$140NR

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Native American Flute Circle
Bring your Native American flute and/or other percussion instruments, a friend, and join us in a facilitated flute circle. Share rhythm in a fun, family-friendly setting. Participants take turns playing both solo and together in a unique event created by the participants. Flute Circle is not instructional. All levels of play are welcome. Friendship Park Meeting Rm, Fri Jul 19, Aug 16, Sep 20, 7:15-8:45p, 10+, $3R/$5NR

African Warp Weaving—Coaster
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. Orinon Center, Mon Sep 19 and Camp Agawam Thu Oct 3, 5:00-8:00p, 13+, $2R/$4NR

Fabulous Fungi Lecture & Field Experience
Seasonal workshop and educational field experience centering on learning basic identification skills of many popular Michigan species of early fall mushrooms and much more. Instructors Sister Marie Kopin, C.PP.S. and Heather Johnson Environmental Educator. Orinon Center Mon Sep 19 and Camp Agawam Thu Oct 3, 5:00-8:00p, 13+, $2R/$4NR

Beginner Horseback Riding Lessons
Each lesson consists of basic grooming, riding and horse care for beginner riders in the English Saddle style. Lesson times are available Mon-Fri evenings, Sat and Sun afternoons, call Paula at 248-431-0940 to confirm availability. Times Square Riding Academy, Sat Jun 8-Jul 13, Jul 27-Aug 31, Sep 14-Oct 19, 1:30-2:30p, 7+, $150R/$160NR

Home Alone Training
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. Orion Center, Thu Jun 27, 10:30-11:30a, 9-14, $16R/$19NR

Babysitter Training
Instructor Merry Lowis presents the skills needed to start your own babysitting. Program incorporates the American Red Cross guide and video into the curriculum. Suggested pre-requisite class: Home Alone Training. Orion Center, Thu Jun 27, 12:00-2:30p, 11-14, $19R/$22NR

Boater Safety Course
Class covers basic fundamentals: boat maintenance, personal watercraft and boat operation, legal requirements of boating, personal preparedness and survival skills. Persons born after 12/31/78 are required by law to have this card in their possession while operating a personal watercraft on State of Michigan waterways. Instructor: Chuck Comstock. Orion Center, Mon Jun 17, 9:00a-4:00p, 12+, $18R/$20NR

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ADULT ENRICHMENT 50+
(Membership Required)

Ask the Financial Guru
Appointments are 30 minutes and are held on the first Thursday of the month. Membership required. Orion Center, Thu, 11:30a-2:00p, 50+

Ask the Attorney
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 15-20-minute appointment. Membership and preregistration required. Orion Center, Mon Jul 8, Mon Sep 9, 1:00-2:30p, 50+

Picnic Luncheon at Camp Agawam
Come join us as we celebrate the first day of Summer. Have fun, enjoy all of your picnic favorites. Membership and preregistration required. Transportation not provided. Camp Agawam, Fri Jun 21, 12:00-1:30p, $7R/$8NR, 50+

Brain Health
This series will help you understand Brain Health the myths about cognitive decline in senior years. Learning about exercises that can be called Cognitive Candy for the Brain that fire and wire together. Learn about your second Brain your gut. And also learn Mindful relaxation that is the best medicine for your mind. Kathy Housey, AFAA Certified Fitness Instructor and Brain Balance Instructor will be our guest speaker to walk you down this path. Pre-registration required. Orion Center, Thu Jun 6-27, 6:00-8:00p, 50+

Library Book Club
Come join us at the Orion Center, pick up the book of the month and join in on a discussion of the author, their works, and what the book is about. This club meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Pre-registration required. Orion Center, Wed, 1:00-2:00p, 30+

Mahjong
A game of skill, strategy and calculations which involves a certain degree of chance. You must bring your own 2019 Official Standard Hands and Rules card. Membership and preregistration required. Orion Center, Fri Jul 12-Sep 27, 50+ $4R/$5NR

Painting
This no-pressure atmosphere will allow you to work on your pieces at your own pace while enjoying the company of members who have the same passion for painting that you have. Membership and preregistration required. Orion Center, Tue Jul 2-Sep 24, 10:00a-2:00p, 50+, $4R/$5NR

Module/Flower Pot Painting & Wine Class
Visions by Vicki will walk you step by step through easy instructions to bring your painting to life. In this class we will be painting a Flower Pot or a Watering Can, a nice way to welcome in Spring! All supplies will be provided. Orion Center, Mon Jun 10, 6:00-8:30p, 21+, $52R/$57NR. $8 additional for watering can option.

Ontv Video Production Classes
Join ONTV for these unique classes and you will learn how to operate cameras, learn audio techniques, and perform as Director. Call 248-693-3377 for additional information. Registration is required. ONTV Studio, Mon Jun 24-Aug 26, 7:00-9:00p, 13+, $20R/$50NR

Ontv Podcast Class
If you are interested in radio broadcasting, 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. ONTV Studio, Wed & Thu Jun 26 & 27, Jul 24 & 25, Sep 25 & 26, 7:00-9:00p, 18+, $25

Anyone Can Paint
Join award winning and former TV artist Steve Wood as he combines painting tips and techniques. Using humor and encouragement, he provides a relaxing and enjoyable experience for beginning and intermediate painters. By the end of the 2-hour class, you will leave with a completed 11 x 14 acrylic painting! Pre-registration required. Orion Center, Thu Aug 1, 1:30-3:00p, 20+, $25R/$27NR

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Chinese Mahjong
No game card needed. Keep score with your friends. Learn new strategies with your partners. Come play this game of skill, strategy, and fun. Membership and preregistration required. Orion Center, Mon Jul 1-Sep 30, 12:30-3:30p, 50+, $4R/$5NR

Spanish Club
Membership and preregistration required. Orion Center Thu, 3:30-4:30p, 50+

Shoot Pool at the Orion Center
A slate pool table is a perfect addition to our Game Room. Bring a friend and come show us your Clean Bank or your Angle Shot. Come get your combination on, at the Orion Center.

Bingo Club
Membership and preregistration required. Orion Center, Tue, 10:00-11:45a and 12:45-2:45p, 50+

Pinochle Club
Membership and preregistration required. Orion Center, Wed, 12:30-3:30p, 50+

Open Game Day
Membership and preregistration required. Orion Center, Fri, 12:30-3:30p, 50+

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Movie Club
Call 248-391-0304 x3508 for what’s showing. Membership and preregistration required. 2nd & 4th Fridays, 1:00-3:00p, 50+

K4 Knit/Crochet Club
Membership and preregistration required. Mon, 12:30-3:30p, 50+

Quilting Club
Membership and preregistration required. Fri, 9:00a-12:00p, 50+

Senior Band Club
Membership and preregistration required. Thu, 10:00-11:30a, 50+

Ham Radio Club
Membership and preregistration required. Mon & Thu, 6:00-8:45p, 50+

ADULT FITNESS AND WELLNESS

Hatha Yoga Gentle Class
Gentle stretches, breathing and relaxation techniques. Instructor Suzanne Albert (RYT) of Heartfelt Yoga. Orion Center, Mon Jul 15-Aug 12, 5:45-6:45p, 18+, $50R/$52NR Drop-in rate: $11R/$12NR

Hatha Yoga Continuing Class
Continue to explore yoga asanas, breathing and meditation. Instructor Suzanne Albert (RYT) of Heartfelt Yoga. Orion Center, Mon Jul 15-Aug 12, 7:00-8:15p, 18+, $50R/$52NR Drop-in rate: $11R/$12NR

Hatha Yoga Open Class
Open to beginning or returning students. Exploring yoga asanas, breathing and relaxation techniques. Instructor Suzanne Albert (RYT) of Heartfelt Yoga. Orion Center, Thu Jul 11-Aug 8, 10:00-11:15p, 18+, $50R/$52NR Drop-in rate: $11R/$12NR

Hatha Yoga with Ease
Yoga through the support of chairs and prop. Instructor Suzanne Albert (RYT) of Heartfelt Yoga. Orion Center, Thu Jul 11-Aug 8, 1:00-2:00p, 18+, $33R/$35NR Drop-in rate: $7R/$8NR

MELT Method Workshop
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. Orion Center, Mon Jun 24, 10:45a-12:15p, 18+, $22R/$25NR

MELT Method 6 Week Class
MELT is a simple compression technique that addresses the connective tissue to help you get out of and stay out of pain. It helps with back & neck pain, arthritis, headaches, tension and stress, and alignment and posture. MELT improves all over body movement, and makes you feel more vibrant and youthful! Orion Center, Mon Jul 1-Aug 5, 10:45-11:45a, 18+, $87R/$90NR Drop-in rate: $17R/$19NR

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or call 248-391-0304, ext. 3500
**Zumba Gold**
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.
*Orion Center, Mon Jun 24-Aug 12, 9:30-10:30a, 40+, $60R/$64NR Drop-in rate: $10R/$11NR*

**Zumba Gold Toning**
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)
*Orion Center, Fri Jun 28-Aug 23 (skip Jul 26), 9:30-10:30a, $60R/$64NR Drop-in rate: $10R/$11NR*

**Pilates with HealthQuest**
Pilates is a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Strength, flexibility, better posture and increased body awareness provide the basis of health and well-being!
*HealthQuest, 765 S. Lapeer Rd Oxford, Wed Jun 26-Aug 14, 5:30-6:30p and Thu Jun 27-Aug 15, 9:00-10:00a 18+, $84*

**Core Barre with HealthQuest**
A popular class that offers elements of Ballet and Pilates to improve body alignment, condition and lengthen, strengthen core and improve joint flexibility.
*HealthQuest, 765 S. Lapeer Rd Oxford, Tue Jun 25-Aug 13, 9:00-10:00a and Thu Jun 27-Aug 15 7:00-8:00p and Sat Jun 29-Aug 17, 9:00-10:00a, 18+, $84*

**TRX Fusion with Health Quest**
This class combines the basic principles of the suspended TRX training system along with cardio intervals using various equipment such as stability and balls, jump ropes and the bosu with an emphasis on strength, balance and core.
*HealthQuest, 765 S. Lapeer Rd Oxford, Mon Jun 24-Aug 12, 7:00-8:00p, 18+, $84*

**HEF Bootcamp**
This total body workout combines cardio and strength drills to give you a workout that will push you to your max! Bring a mat and weights to class. Students 13-18 welcome w/ registered parent.
*Friendship Park, Tue and or Thu Jun 18-Aug 22, 7:00-8:00p, 18+, $70R/$75NR or $120R/$125NR*

**TaikoFit Cardio Drumming**
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.
*Instructor Cindi Carter, Orion Center, Thu Jul 18-Sep 26, 6:30-7:30p, 16+, $102R/$110NR Drop-in rate $14R/$15NR*

**Adult Golf Lessons**
Lesson options are available depending on your level of commitment and the degree of personal attention desired. Group lessons are designed to create a comfortable and affordable instructional environment for the new or intermediate golfer. Review and improve existing skills, introduce variations of the golf swing, shot techniques and implement aspects of golf course management.
*Mulberry Hills Golf Course, Mon Aug 19-Sep 20, 6:30-7:30p, 18+, $145R/$150NR*

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For field closures and other cancellations, check cancellations.com or /Orion Township Parks & Recreation
Stroller Strides
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. Friendship Park, Tue, Thu, Fri, 9:30-10:30a, 18+

Stroller Barre
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. Friendship Park, Mon & Wed, 9:30-10:30a, 18+

Body Back Transformation
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. Friendship Park, Mon & Wed, 7:00-8:00p, 18+

FIT4BABY
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! Friendship Park, Mon & Wed, 6:00-7:00p, 18+

STRIDES 360TM
Strides 360TM promises a heart-pumping workout designed to increase your endurance while also developing speed, agility, and quickness to help you sprint through mom life. Bodyweight conditioning is strategically placed to provide recovery, strength and round out your workout.

BODY IGNITE
Body Ignite is a one-stop body shock. Targeting each and every muscle with specially designed sequences and a weighted bar will leave you stronger and begging for more. Dedicated core and flexibility work are also included to help you move and feel better.

Local Fitness Partnerships with Great Lakes Athletic Club
Great Lakes Athletic Club, 3800 S. Baldwin Rd, of Lake Orion, is offering Aquatic Classes and Active Life Exercise Classes to our Orion Community Center Members, age 50 and over on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Call Great Lakes Athletic Club and ask for Gabrielle, (Gabby) at 248-393-3085.

Exercise Room at the Orion Center
Members must be 56 or older to use the Exercise Room. Orion Center, Mon-Fri 9:00a-4:00p, 56+, $6R/$12NR

Walking Club
Join us, as we have special guest walking with you from Orion Township. Have fun and find out what is going on in your community. Dress for the weather. Orion Center, Wed 9:15-10:15a, 50+

Senior Dental Health Program
The Michigan Donated Dental Service provides free comprehensive dental care to eligible seniors 65 & over. All care is provided by licensed Michigan Dentists. For more information and qualifications call 517-346-9455.

T.O.P.S.
(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 information at 248-931-1881. Orion Center, Thu, 5:45-8:00p, 18+

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.
**BEAUMONT CLASSES**

**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**  
Come and join the seniors for some gentle chair and functional standing exercises. Meet new friends. Class taught by Cindy, Beaumont’s Wellness Liaison. Orion Center, Thu Jun 6-Jul 25, 10:15-11:15a, 50+

**Advanced Stay Strong Exercise Class**  
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. Class taught by Cindy, Beaumont’s Wellness Liaison. Orion Center, Thu Jun 6-Jul 25, 1:00-2:30p, 50+

**Signs of Childhood Obesity**  
Beaumont is here to present: Mr. Thaddeus Molnar, from the Beaumont Health Club in Rochester Hills. Mr Thaddeus Molnar will present and explain the signs of Childhood Obesity. Orion Center, Thu Sep 12, 5:30-6:30p, 30+

**Signs & Symptoms of a Heart Attack**  
Jenna Mallard & Andrew Seaton, Cardiac Rehabilitation Specialists with Beaumont Health, are here to present signs & symptoms of a heart attack. Orion Center, Thu Sep 12, 1:00-2:30p, 30+

**CPR CLASSES**

**American Heart Association**  
**Heart Saver CPR/AED**  
Class is held the third Wednesday of every month. Class will cover CPR/AED/Choking for all age groups. Fire Station #2, Wed 5:00-9:00p, 12+, $40

**American Heart Association**  
**Heart Saver CPR/AED/First Aid**  
Class is held the third Saturday of every other month. Class will cover CPR/AED/First Aid/Choking for all age groups. Fire Station #2, Sat Jul 20, Sep 21, 10:00a-5:00p, 12+, $50

**American Heart Association**  
**Heart Saver BLS/ CPR/AED**  
Class is held the third Saturday of every other month. Class will cover Basic Life Support/CPR/AED/Choking for all age groups. Fire Station #2, Sat Jun 15, Aug 17, 10:00a-2:00p, 12+, $40

**2019 Adult Softball League**  
Team Fee: $305, $20 per Non-Resident player, Refundable Forfeit Deposit: $100, Umpire Fees $20/Team/Game  
Open Registration begins Jun 24, Mandatory Manager’s Meeting Jul 22 at 7 pm  
Men’s Rec League, Civic Center Park, Tue Jul 30-Sep 24, 6:20-9:50p, 18+yo  
Coed Rec League, Civic Center Park, Wed Jul 31-Sep 25, 6:20-9:50p, 18+

**2019 Adult Coed Kickball League**  
Team Fee: $305, $20 per Non-Resident player, Refundable Forfeit Deposit: $100, Umpire Fees $20/Team/Game  
Open Registration begins Jun 24, Mandatory Manager’s Meeting Jul 22 at 8 pm  
Coed Rec League, Civic Center Park, Mon Jul 29-Sep 23, 6:20-9:50p, 18+

**TR Adaptive Hawk Softball**  
Hawk Softball is for persons with developmental disabilities, with or without physical impairments. All ability levels are encouraged and welcome to participate. Late registration accepted, team shirt is not guaranteed. Civic Center Park Field #2, Thu Apr 25-Aug 8, 6:30-8:30p, 13-25, $35R/$38NR

R/NR= Resident/Non-Resident

Register for Parks & Recreation Programs at ORION PARKS.COM  
or call 248-391-0304, ext. 3500
Orion Township Parks & Recreation has a variety of indoor and outdoor venues that may be rented year-round for special events (graduation parties, weddings, showers and corporate meetings), including park pavilions, meeting rooms, lodges, and banquet facilities. Please contact the Orion Parks Department at 248-391-0304, ext. 3500 for more information.

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

For field closures and other cancellations, check cancellations.com or /OrionTownshipParks on Facebook.
YOUTH CAMP

Camp Oak-Ventures
Do your kids love adventures and exploring new places? Oakland County Parks’ Adventure Day Camp consists of County Park tours, spending their time in the great outdoors making waves at the waterpark, guided nature hikes, shooting archery and so much more! Registration includes t-shirt, all park entries and tickets throughout week of camp. Orion Center, Mon-Fri Jun 17-21, Jul 8-12, Aug 5-10, 7:30a-4:10p, 6-12, $135R/$140 NR

Go Wild!
Grow Up Wild and use all 5 senses to explore animal habits, recycling for a cleaner environment, animal tracks and become aware that Wildlife is Everywhere! Camp Agawam, Mon-Thu Jun 24-27, 10:00a-12:30p, 4-7, $45R/$48NR

Youth Sports Camp
Basketball, soccer, hockey and t-ball too! Not sure which sport is right for your little camper? Each day they will learn and try a different basic sport skills and drills. Beginner level. Civic Center Park, Mon-Thu Jul 15-18, 10:00a-12:30p, 4-7, $45R/$48NR

Young Scientist
How are tornados formed? What is a fossil? What makes electricity? So much more to discover in our Young Scientist camp. Daily activities to stretch young minds and to make a mess in our space. Camp Agawam, Mon-Thu Jul 22-25, 10:00a-12:30p, 4-7, $45R/$48NR

Half Day British Soccer Camp
Complete technical player development featuring practices from around the world in our new international camp curriculum. Civic Center Park, Mon-Fri Jul 8-12, 5:00-8:00p, 6-14, $134 Register online at challengersports.com

Kids Can Act!-Summer Theater Camp
The week will be full of exciting theater games, engaging rehearsals and activities, and, to cap it all off, a final performance in the style of a “variety show” complete with all the best skits to keep the whole audience entertained. Wildwood Amphitheater, Mon-Fri Jul 15-19, 9:00a-12:00p, 6-12, $87R/$90NR

Horseback Riding Camp
A summer your child will never forget with two hours of riding, bathing, grooming, feeding, as well as fun crafts and games on and off horseback. Lessons are for beginner riders and are in the English Saddle style of riding. Times Square Riding Academy, Mon-Fri Jun 24-27, Jul 22-25, Aug 5-8, Aug 19-22, 9:00a-4:00p, 7+, $250R/$260NR

Move & Play Sports Camp
Designed for children with physical disabilities by pediatric physical and occupational therapists from Beaumont Children’s Rehabilitation team, activities will allow every camper the ability to succeed with basic sport skills with a focus on teamwork. Friendship Park, Mon-Fri Aug 5-9, 9:00a-4:00p, 6-16, $250 Register by calling Beaumont Children’s Rehabilitation team at 586-416-6290

Play It Safe Camp
Learn by doing with daily hands-on activities and guest speakers including many of following topics: stranger danger, bus safety, bike safety, 911, health and nutrition. Friendship Park, Mon-Thu Jul 29-Aug 1, 10:00a-12:30p, 4-7, $45R/$48NR

Tiny Tykes British Soccer Camp
A fun introduction to soccer influenced by the very popular year-round Tiny Tykes curriculum. Includes games, activities, and adventures to introduce and develop coordination, balance, running, stopping, turning, kicking, dribbling, throwing & catching. Civic Center Park, Mon-Fri Jul 8-12, 5:00-6:00p, 4-5, $92 Register online at challengersports.com

R/NR= Resident/Non-Resident
Go Fore It!

The Chamber’s 4th annual Golf Outing is July 15th.

The Orion Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce its 4th annual Golf Outing. The outing will take place on Monday, July 15th, on the 18-hole championship golf course located at Paint Creek Country Club, 3275 Stanton Road in Lake Orion.

The Paint Creek course features gently sloping fairways and offers a variety of playing adventures. Golfers will be crossing creeks and wetlands, playing to island and peninsula greens and taking on doglegs. Several holes provide panoramic views of the surrounding Lake Orion countryside.

The $150 golf package includes a buffet luncheon in the clubhouse before golf begins, drink tickets, 18 holes of golf on the “Best Of” course in Lake Orion, a delicious dinner, and a two-hour open premium bar. Golfers may register individually, or as a team of 4 for $600. For non-golfers, there is a dinner only option for $60 that includes the open bar in the evening.

Registration begins at 11 am and golfing begins at noon with a shotgun start. Winners, including Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Straightest Drive, will be announced during dinner. There will also be raffle prizes given away.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsoring the Golf Outing is an excellent way to showcase your business! Remaining sponsorships include Presenting Sponsor, Event Sponsor, Driving Range, Contest Sponsors and Hole Sponsors. Additionally, Chamber businesses can donate items to put into golfers’ gift bags, or for the evening raffle prize drawings.

These businesses and individuals have already secured sponsorships:

- **Event Sponsors**
  - Culver’s Lake Orion
  - API Consulting
  - Pomeroy Living Orion

- **19th Hole**
  - Northern Flooring & Interiors

- **Lunch Sponsor**
  - Capocore Professional Advisors

- **Contest Sponsor**
  - AAA Insurance—Craig Zmijewski

- **Beer Cart Sponsor**
  - King of Kings Lutheran Church

- **Putting Green Sponsor**
  - Seniors Helping Seniors

- **Hole Sponsors**
  - Builders Custom Flooring
  - Capocore Professional Advisors
  - Orion Township Firefighters Association
  - VTC Insurance
About Paint Creek Country Club

Paint Creek has a picturesque layout that wanders up and down along a rolling landscape of knolls and hill-sides shaded by stands of oak, ash and maple. The course began its life as a nine-hole, public facility back in the 1960’s. It was expanded to 18 holes in the early 1990’s in a remodeling supervised by local architect, Don Childs. Since then, many other improvements have taken place at the club, including the renovation and expansion of the clubhouse.

The gently sloping bent grass fairways offer a variety of playing adventures. “The thing I love about this course,” says Steve Vickery, PGA Golf Professional at Paint Creek, “is that it never plays the same. It’s not overly long, but you always walk away with the feeling that you could have done better and you want to go out there and try again.”

Every time you play it, the stunning par-4 No. 3, with its shimmering island green, gets more exciting. That hole is rated as the No. 1 handicap hole and measures almost 400 yards from the back tees (359 yards from the front). Many players feel they’re doing well to bogey here, but for members there’s always the next time you get to play No. 3.

Vickery’s favorite on the back is the 13th (353 yards from the back and 283 from the front). “It’s a short par 4 dogleg right,” he says. “You have to hit about 210 to get in position for your second shot which takes you over a wetlands area and then onto the green. That’s where the fun begins.”

That’s because the greens at Paint Creek are known for their complexity. There’s no easy read here; the many pin placements can keep you guessing.

The driving range is located in front of the unique 12-acre Lake Araho. The Paint Creek range is one of only three Aqua Ranges in Michigan, where golfers hit floating balls into the lake. These are not limited flight golf balls, but actual surlyn covered golf balls. You’ll have no trouble following the flight of your ball until splashdown on the Aqua Range.

Non-Profit Spotlight: Holy Spokes

Joy on two wheels

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 Holy Spokes.

Holy Spokes is based in Lake Orion and believes that everyone should be able to experience the joy and independence of a bicycle. They are an all-volunteer, donation based, non-profit organization providing used bicycles, maintenance and education to the community. They take used bicycles and rebuild and recycle them. They then re-give them to members of our community that might otherwise not have access to a bicycle.

If you know someone in need of a bicycle or would like to donate to Holy Spokes they can be contacted at 586-894-8895 or ride@holyspokes.org
Lake Orion’s American Summer

A summer’s worth of fun in two weeks

Summers in America are a cherished time with family, friends and community. In Lake Orion, we are fortunate to have beautiful lakes, recreation, entertainment, but most of all, a great community! Let’s embrace it all!

It’s time for another Lake Orion’s American Summer. We start the celebration with the Lake Orion Lions Club Jubilee on June 20 and continue through to the Lake Orion Fireworks Association’s show on June 29 and events around the 4th. In addition to both of these events there will be a pool party, boat cruises, beer tents, pub-crawls, flare nights, contests, car shows, concerts, a restaurant week and more! We encourage all businesses and organizations to get involved by hosting an event, volunteering or attending as a guest. For more information on how you can get involved, please email us at info@loamericansummer.com or visit loamericansummer.com.

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Membership Orientation August 20th

Maximize your Chamber membership

Join us Tuesday, August 20th from 9 to 10 am at the Orion Center for our Membership Orientation. Learn how you can maximize the benefits that come with an investment in the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce.

We will help you navigate through the opportunities we offer to create a marketing and outreach plan that best fits your business or organization goals.

Membership gives your business or organization access to online tools for promoting your events, job openings and deals on our website. Increase your reach by engaging with fellow OACC members at one of our high-energy networking events. Showcase your business by attending one of our signature events. All of this, and much more! Chamber staff and Ambassadors will be there to answer all of your questions and introduce you to people you need to know to launch your Membership with the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce to the next level.

Not a Member yet? This is an excellent opportunity to learn more before you join! For more information about the Membership Orientation or to join the Chamber, visit orionareachamber.com or call 248-693-6300.
Network with the Chamber

Meet your next customer and expand your network this summer at these Chamber events

Each month the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce offers the business community two free networking opportunities all around Lake Orion, highlighting our Member businesses and giving them the chance to show off what makes them so special to the community. These events are open to all and are a great way to check out the Chamber before you decide to join!

Thirsty Thursday
End your work day with a frosty beverage and camaraderie at our happy-hour inspired Thirsty Thursdays from 4 to 6 pm. Open to the public there is no cost to attend and registration is not required.

June 20th: Buffalo Wild Wings
July 18th: Homegrown Brewing Company
August 22nd: Dragon Pub at Dragon on the Lake

Coffee Connect
Coffee Connects are a great way to start your work day! Stop by for a fresh cup of coffee and conversation. Open to the public there is no cost to attend and registration is not required.

June 25th: Orion Art Center at Moose Tree
July: Summer Break; no Coffee Connect
August 27th: Northern Flooring & Interiors

Luncheons
Luncheons are a time to network with other members of the OACC, enjoy delicious food from area restaurants and learn tips and tricks for growing your business and widening your connections. They are from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Orion Center unless otherwise noted. Registration is required, $25 for members or $35 for prospective members.

June 6th: Annual Picnic hosted by M & B Graphics
July: Summer Break; no Luncheon
August 1st: Catered by Kruse & Muer

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

JOIN THE CHAMBER!

Call 248-693-6300 or visit orionareachamber.com
Local business builds strong communities

We say it. We hear it. But what does “Shop Local” mean and, more importantly, what’s in it for us?

We live in a world that is becoming more and more standardized. Because of this, communities that preserve their unique businesses and original character have an economic advantage. Locally-owned businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes. And local control ensures that important decisions about the business are made by our friends and neighbors. Most importantly, shopping local keeps dollars in our local economy.

Every year the Chamber hosts a Shop Local Expo. The Expo is a family-friendly event and is free for the public to attend.

Shop Local Expo features more than 100 OACC member businesses of all

Buy Local Welcome Center

A bagful of good info for our newest residents

Did you know that we provide Welcome Bags to new residents to the Orion Area? Come into the Chamber office, get a bag and fill it with fliers, promotional materials, coupons and more at our Buy Local Welcome Center. Additionally, the OACC prefills Welcome Bags and provides them to realtors in the area, homeowners associations and other groups.

If you are a new resident and haven’t received your Welcome Bag, be sure to come in and see us. And, if you are an OACC member, make sure we have your promotional materials and giveaways so that your business is represented in the Welcome Bag!

Vezina Law Group: In January the Chamber also celebrated one of our newest Members, Vezina Law Group. Located at 18 South Broadway Street, Suite 200, in Downtown Lake Orion, Vezina Law Group is a Full-Service Law Firm Focusing on Business, Healthcare and Employment Law. For more information call 248-558-2700 or visit them online at vezinalaw.com.
varieties sharing information about their services and selling merchandise. Enjoy free food samples from member area restaurants in the Taste of Orion. Visit the popular Pizza War and Sandwich Slam competitions where Expo attendees can taste and then vote for their favorite pizza and sandwich entries!

We look forward to welcoming you to our 15th Shop Local Expo!

This year’s Shop Local Expo is Thursday, October 3 from 4 to 7 pm in the Lake Orion High School Field House, during the high school’s parent teacher conferences.

We love our new and renewing members
Welcome to the Chamber!

New Members

Junior Members
The Expedition Soap Company, LLC
expeditionsoaps.com
845-397-7627

Individual Members
Cindy Pennington

Non-Profit Members
Knights of Columbus
Council #4764
kofcllakeorion.com
248-693-9824
Orion Township Firefighters Association
facebook.com/orionfirefighterassociation
248-894-9552

Business Members
Caliber Home Loans
qualifywithsteve.com
248-431-0742
Catering by Katherine
cateringbykatherine.com
248-652-0195
Corporate Benefit Solutions—Henry Foster
248-943-7555
Crawford Insurance Group, Inc
crawfordinsurancegroup.com
248-402-5005
Human Capital LLC
human-capital.com
248-353-3444
IRTS Outdoor Services
248-361-6601
Lucrative Home Loans
lucrativehome loans.com
586-292-1347
Sarah’s Bath Boutique
sarahsbathboutique.com
248-763-1146
Simple Organics
simple-organics.net
248-236-0027
Sprout Bake
248-475-2256
The Integrity Team at RE/MAX Defined
theintegrityteam.com
248-840-3434
Thrive Solutions
thrivesolutions.cc
248-793-1323
Vezina Law Group
vezinlaw.com
248-558-2700
Water Warrior Island
waterwarriorisland.com
586-864-4271

Signature Members
Kim Carrier Interiors & Staging
kimcarrier.net
844-359-3418
Michigan Greens Keeper, Inc
m-gk.com
248-393-0973
PrePlanLive
PrePlanLive.com
248-431-8898

Returning Members
Individual Members
Lisa Sokol
Todd Daniels

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New & Returning Members, continued

NON-PROFIT MEMBERS

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church
credeemer.org
248-391-1621
Holy Spokes
holyspokes.org
586-894-8895
King of Kings Lutheran Church
kofklo.org
248-693-1676
Lake Orion United Methodist Church
lakeorionumc.org
248-693-6201
North Oakland Transportation Authority
notaride.org
248-693-7100
Polly Ann Trail/PATMC
pollyantrailway.org
248-981-1242

BUSINESS MEMBERS

AAA–Craig Zmijewski
michigan.aaa.com/craig.zmijewski
248-270-4350
Advanced Nutritional Solutions
whysuffer.net
248-652-4160
Alarm Services Network
asnalarm.com
248-276-0300
Autumn Moon Holistic Wellness
autumnmoonbeauty.com
248-760-2128
Baldwin Eye Care
baldwineyec.com
248-393-1275
Bad Brad's BBQ
badbradsbbq.com
248-977-5910
Be Well and Prosper, LLC
ednastephens.thrive123.com
248-391-8990
Classic Lanes
myclassiclanes.com
248-852-9100
Enviro Turf
pestfreelawns.net
844-368-8873
fLipSpot Gymnastics and Cheer LLC
flipsportgym.com
248-340-0910
GB Training Center
gblivefit.com
248-520-8474
Henry Ford OptimEyes
henryford.com/optimeyes
248-693-3380
Heron Springs Townhomes
rentersprings.com
248-340-9400
John Reilly for State Representative
248-693-4792
Kona Ice of Northeast Oakland
facebook.com/KonaIceNEOaklandMI
248-820-5662
Lake Orion Plumbing Heating & Cooling
lophec.com
248-693-4775
Lakes Village Shop & Mediterranean Station
248-693-4565
Lifton PromoSource
LiftonPromo.com
248-809-3370
Mach Studios
mach-studios.com
734-985-0830
May Audiology and Hearing Aid Center
mayaudiology.com
248-694-9922
Mills Real Estate Ventures
248-830-3505
Motor City Granite
motorcitygranite.com
248-690-9537
New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc
newhorizonsrehab.org
248-340-0559
Oakland Christian School
oaklandchristian.com
248-373-2700
Oakland Sports Chiropractic
oaklandsportschiropractic.com
248-783-7169
Old Detroit Bar & Grill
olddetroitburgerbar.com
248-814-8109
Optimum Chiropractic Wellness and Massage
OptiChiro.com
248-590-0253
Padgett Business Services of North Oakland
padgettbusinessservices.com
248-693-6222
Palazzo di Bocce
palazzodibocce.com
248-371-9987
Paula Reese Realtor
paulareese.com
586-215-6801
Pedal Boat Pub
pedalboataub.com
248-621-2288
Rainforest Café
rainforestcafe.com
248-333-0280
Real Living John Burt Realty
realliving.com/john-burt-realty
248-628-7700
Skalnek Ford
skalnekford.com
248-693-6241
The American Cancer Society
248-663-3400
The Goddard School–Lake Orion
goddardschool.com
248-364-4401
Tim Hortons/Cold Stone Creamery Oxford
coldstoneololite.com
248-572-4069
Training and Treatment Innovations, Inc
ttinc.org
248-969-9932

Planet Fitness. In January the Chamber celebrated a new business and Chamber membership with the team at Planet Fitness. Located at 1101 S. Lapeer, the gym strives to create a workout environment where everyone feels accepted and respected. For more information on Planet Fitness memberships and services, call 248-783-7200 or visit planetfitness.com.
Impact Awards Luncheon honors exceptional members

Who stands out in our community? The Orion Chamber is seeking nominations for their 2019 Impact Awards

Each year at our annual Impact Awards Luncheon in December the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce honors exceptional chamber members who are actively making a difference in Lake Orion.

Nominations can be submitted by chamber members as well as the general public. The 2019 nominations will open in early August. If you are interested in nominating someone for one—or all—of the following high honors, please visit our website to complete the nomination form(s).

Honorees are named in these categories:
- Business Person of the Year
- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Economic Impact
- Youth Impact Award
- Community Beautification and/or Preservation Award

Full descriptions of the award criteria will appear on the website. Nominees must be an active OACC member in good standing, uphold the value proposition of the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce, and may not have won the award in the past five years.

The 2019 Impact Awards Luncheon is Thursday, December 5th at Paint Creek Country Club. Recipients will be announced in October and will receive their awards at the luncheon.

New & Returning Members, continued

Valley Tent Rental
valleyrentseverything.com
810-459-7368
Waldon Lakes Apartments
waldonlakes.com
248-391-5500
White Pine Coffee Roasters
whitepinecoffee.com
248-221-5136
Zale Group
zalegroup.com
248-243-5800

signature members

Brain Balance of North Oakland
brainbalancenercenters.com
248-716-5472
Lockhart’s BBQ–Lake Orion
lockhartsbbq.com
248-690-9362

For a complete list of Orion Area Chamber members, visit the membership directory at OrionAreaChamber.com. To join the Chamber, apply online or call us at 248-693-6300.
From the Director

Universal fun this summer!

I am so excited that the Orion Township Public Library is participating in our new community magazine, Orion Living! I hope this will bring library news and activities to light and inspire new visits to our library.

For summer, it is all about our Summer Reading Program! And it is not just for kids or just for reading novels—it is for everyone. Our theme this year is “A Universe of Stories,” and we will explore a variety of “universal” themes like space, the moon, and the world in which we live. All participants are eligible for prizes and fun throughout the summer. Got a road trip planned? Grab or download an audiobook. Movie night at home? Check out one of ours or try hoopla online. Going up north? Don’t forget to take a favorite read with you, or a board game or puzzle. The library has this and more! Looking for something to do here in Orion? We have many activities planned all summer long for all ages!

Going to an Orion event this summer? The library just might be there too—look for us, especially on our Bookbike! We always have things to give away. Don’t have a library card yet? Just bring your ID and we’ll get you a FREE card on the spot so you can also take advantage of all we have to offer. I’m always open to your ideas and suggestions as well. Drop me a line at 248-693-3000 x430 or knox@orionlibrary.org as I would love to hear from you.

Karen

Volunteering

Are you looking for a way to give back in your community? Need some service learning hours for graduation or National Honor Society? We would love to have you join our volunteer team! There are many different ways you can help out. From assisting with programs or events, helping out shelving our DVD’s, going out into the community with our bookbike and even gardening, there is a spot for you! You must be at least twelve years of age to become a volunteer and you can apply online at orionlibrary.org. Last year our volunteers contributed over 6,364 hours of service! If you would like any additional information, please feel free to contact Lori Morris, volunteer engagement specialist, at 248-693-3000 x435 or lmorris@orionlibrary.org.

Notary Services Available

Notary Services by appointment only. Contact Joyce at 248-693-3000 x431 or jbecker@orionlibrary.org.

Lions Club Vision Screenings

Saturday, June 8 in the James Ingram Room, from 10 am – 12 noon
Saturday, July 20 in the Friends Reading Room, from 10 am – 12 noon
Saturday, August 3 in the James Ingram Room, from 10 am – 12 noon

Meeting Room Renovations

We recently completed the initial projects towards renovating our large Meeting Room, which included painting and replacing the flooring (carpet and stage). This room was one of the few left from the renovations we started a few years ago, and we prioritized these projects to start with for this room. There is more we want to do in the space, as it is used by so many groups all the time. We will continue to update the amenities in the space as funding allows.

Sign up for Library Programs at orionlibrary.org/calendar or call 248-693-3001
Library Blood Drive
Wednesday, June 12, 9:30 am–6:30 pm
Since September of 2000 the library has had 55 blood drives and collected 2,089 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.

Upcoming Library Closings
4th of July: Thursday, July 4
Labor Day: Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2

Online Room Rental
Does your group or civic organization need a place to meet? Why not meet at the Orion Library? Sign up online at orionlibrary.org. Click on ‘Services’, then ‘Meeting & Study Rooms’. Once you make a reservation you will receive an email confirmation.

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.

cloudLibrary
We are excited to introduce cloudLibrary – the new feature-packed app that makes it easier than ever to borrow, organize, and return e-book and downloadable audiobooks from the library. cloudLibrary is a free service, available to all Orion residents—all you need is your library card. The app is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Patrons can simply download the app, log in using their library card/pin and start interacting with the library while they are on the go! Look for more details coming soon.

Homebound 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. Material is delivered on your schedule so we can bring a lot or a little and come only as frequently as you need.

New! Borrow a bicycle with your library card!
We are partnering with a local charity, Holy Spokes, to provide two bikes which are available to be checked out for the day with your library card. A path to the Polly Ann Trail starts at our parking lot, and from there the possibilities to explore Orion Township are endless!

New! MIBridges helps 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 newmibridges.michigan.gov. Our computers can be used to access MIBridges as always, but for one-on-one help with a navigator, call 248-693-3001 and make an appointment.

Look for us this summer!
Adult Summer Reading Program
This year the library is exploring A Universe of Stories for the Adult Summer Reading Program! Adults who read five books will get a coupon for a free coffee from ABeanToGo in Lake Orion. Continue to log books through June, July, and August to be entered into monthly drawings to win a $25 gift card to Amazon. Adults who complete the summer reading program by reading five books by August 3 will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a $100 Visa gift card. Each book logged past five books earns you an additional entry into the grand prize drawing.

Contact the Adult Department at 248-693-3001 or reference@orionlibrary.org with any questions.

Registration for the Adult Summer Reading Program will open on Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 am. Summer Reading ends on Saturday, August 3 and all prizes must be picked up by Saturday, August 10.

Drop-in Tech Help
Thursdays, 6 pm–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 before you come.

English Language Learning Conversation Group
Wednesdays, 10:30 am–11:30 am
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.

Quilting & Needle Arts Group
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
All quilters or needle artists are welcome to drop in to work on and share their projects, expertise, and each other’s company. Meetings will be held in the James Ingram Room.

Orion Historical Society
Mondays: June 10, August 12 @ 7 pm
Come to an Orion Historical Society (OHS) meeting to learn about our township’s history and work on projects to preserve the past. Newcomers are always welcome!

Community Conversations
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. Join us upstairs at Lockhart’s BBQ located at 37 East Flint Street in downtown Lake Orion for each presentation.

Monday, June 10 @ 7 pm
LGBTQ: Protecting our marginalized youth

Monday, July 8 @ 7 pm
Keep your family safe in today’s digital world. Presented by the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, Orion Station.

Writers Workshop
Wednesdays: June 12, July 10, August 14 @ 7 pm
Meet the second Wednesday of each month and connect with a group of like-minded writers to learn from each other, share ideas, and practice your writing skills.

Book Discussions
New members are always welcome for our book discussions!

Dine, Drink & Discuss @ 7 pm at CJ’s Lakeside Grill in Downtown Lake Orion
- Monday, June 24: The First 15 Lives of Harry August by Claire North
- Monday, July 22: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
- Monday, August 26: Turtles All The Way Down by John Green

Monday Evenings @ 7 pm in the James Ingram Room
- Monday, June 17th: Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott
- Thursday, July 18: The Bird King by G. Willow Wilson
- Thursday, August 15: The Silent Patient by Alex Michalides

Cook the Book @ 7 pm in the Meeting Room
You select and make a recipe from the cookbooks chosen, bring enough to share, and meet to discuss and sample recipes from that month’s cookbooks.
- Monday, June 3: Elements of Pizza by Ken Forkish or Mastering Pizza by Marc Vitri
- Monday, August 5: Magnolia Table by Joanna Gaines
**Michigan Works**

Mondays: June 10, July 8, August 12, 9:30 am–1 pm

Cynthia Hurley is here from Oakland County Michigan Works to assist you with upcoming workshops, youth and adult programs, resume ideas, job searches, interview skills and much more. She can point you in the right direction for inquiries about local resources, Department of Health & Human Services and much more.

**UFOs Over Michigan**

Monday, June 17 @ 7 pm

Did you know that Michigan has some of the biggest UFO cases on record? The 1966 sightings over Southeast Michigan and 1994 sightings over Grand Rapids each had literally hundreds of eye-witnesses to them, including law enforcement and radar returns. Find out more about these incredible events as well as several other unusual and well-documented UFO sightings from the Great Lakes State. Presenter Bill Konkolesky, State Director of the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, is a regular lecturer on the UFO phenomenon. He has appeared in or consulted for televised UFO documentaries for the History Channel, Discovery Channel, Science Channel, National Geographic Channel, SyFy, and ABC.

**Paint-Along with Bob Ross**

Saturday, June 22 @ 2 pm

The Joy of Painting comes to the library! Paint along with Bob Ross as we create happy little accidents following along with an episode of The Joy of Painting. All materials will be provided, but wear clothing you don’t mind getting paint on. Space is limited, register online.

**Makerspace**

**Paper Quilling**

Saturday, June 29 @ 2 pm

Try your hand at the paper quilling trend! Create a work of art by curling colorful paper strips into a unique picture or design.

**Disney Family Trivia**

Wednesday, July 17 @ 6:30 pm

Do you think you’re the biggest Disney fan? This all-ages and family event will test your knowledge of everything Disney including Star Wars, Marvel, Pixar, and more! Register your team of six people or less online. Please have at least one person bring a cellphone in your group. Refreshments provided.

**Outdoor Yoga @ Your Library**

Tuesdays: July 9, 16, and 23 @ 7 pm

Enjoy yoga outside in the beautiful natural setting behind our building. Teens and adults may drop-in, no registration necessary. Please bring a towel or yoga mat. In case of rain, the classes will be held indoors.

**Makerspace Intro to Glowforge**

Saturday, July 20 @ 2 pm

Learn to use the Glowforge laser engraver with an introductory wood cutting project. Register online.

**Plant-Based 101 with VegMichigan**

Wednesday, July 24 @ 6:30 pm

Please join VegMichigan for a dynamic presentation about plant-based diets and a free food tasting. Register online.

**Apollo Missions to the Moon; An Insider’s View**

Monday, July 29 @ 7 pm

Orbiting and landing on the moon is a dangerous spaceflight activity often requiring rapid and decisive changes to flight plan operations. Join us as former NASA engineer Harlan Nueville details mission control and spacecraft operations for each of the lunar landings, Apollo 11 through 17, during which he worked in mission control.

**Michigan Meteorites with the Oakland Astronomy Club**

Wednesday, August 7 @ 7 pm

The library is excited to welcome the Oakland Astronomy Club and a chance for you to explore the stories behind the oldest rocks in Michigan! We will look at a variety of these visitors from outer space, and consider what they can tell us. Real Michigan meteorites will be available for you to hold and examine.

**Makerspace Fold and Sew Wallets**

Saturday, August 17 @ 2 pm

Using a guided tutorial with our online resource Creative Bug, design, fold, and sew a chic personalized wallet.

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**Little Libraries**

The Orion Township Public Library’s 8 Little Libraries are a great way for the library to bring books out into the Lake Orion community. Visitors can take a book to read and keep it as long as they would like and also leave books for others to read. These Little Libraries encourage sharing the joy of reading by allowing patrons to add books to the collection.

Recently, the library and the Orion Art Center partnered with local artists who wanted to add an artistic flair to these Little Libraries for the community to enjoy and appreciate. You will find our newly decorated Little Libraries in parks around the community.

**Ongoing Outreach Services**

**Senior Summer Reading**  
Monday, June 10 – Monday, August 5  
Come in to the Orion Center branch for a special summer reading program for the 58+ crowd; this year our theme is *A Universe of Stories*. Participants will get a punch card to record the books they read. Every 5 punches will earn you a coupon for a free coffee from ABeanToGo. Continue to log books through the summer to be entered into a grand prize drawing! You can participate in either Senior or Adult Summer Reading – not both.

**Book Bunch Book Club @ the Orion Center @ 1 pm**  
- Wednesday, June 12: *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren  
- Wednesday, August 14: *The Broken Girls* by Simone St. James

**Orion Center Library Branch**  
The Orion Center houses a library branch that caters especially to senior citizens. The collection has large print books, audiobooks, DVDs, and “put and take” collections of paperbacks, and magazines. Additionally, there are 4 computers with Internet and printer access for patron use.

**Next Chapter Book Club**  
Mondays and Tuesdays @ 10 am  
The library is hosting book discussions for developmentally or intellectually challenged patrons in our area. The discussions are held at ABeanToGo coffee shop in downtown Lake Orion. To see about available space, please call 248-693-3000 x411.

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**Author & Illustrator Fair**  
Saturday, September 28, 1 pm–4 pm  
Meet authors from the Metro Detroit area at the library. Books for readers of all ages will be available for signing and purchase. This is a perfect opportunity to find unique gifts!

If you are a local author or illustrator who would like to apply to participate in this event, please check our website for more information, including the application form. Applications are due by July 31. Authors will be notified the following week. Please note that participation is by application only and the library reserves the right to accept or refuse applications due to space limitations or other considerations. If you have questions please email authorfair@orionlibrary.org.

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or call 248-693-3001
**Teen Summer Reading**

Our theme this year is *A Universe of Stories*. Read two, four, or six books to win prizes and complete the Teen Summer Reading Program for the chance to win the Grand Prize of $100 Visa gift card. Complete other library challenges to win additional prizes.

- 2 Books Read: Assorted Candy
- 4 Books Read: Phone Accessories
- 6 Books Read: Book of your choice
- Challenge Prizes: $10 Visa gift card (random drawings)
- Grand Prize: $100 Visa gift card (random drawing)

Teens that participate are eligible to attend the After-Hours Lock-In on Friday, August 2.

**Geek Club**

Tuesdays: June 4, July 2, and August 6, 7 pm–8:30 pm

The Geek Club is a casual hang-out night for teens who enjoy anything from anime, comics, video games, crazy YouTube clips and more! Snacks always provided and new faces always welcome!

**Dungeons and Dragons**

Tuesdays: June 18, July 16, and August 20, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Fantasy and board game fans unite! Dungeons and Dragons is the world’s greatest role playing board game. Design a character of your own and join us on an exciting adventure! We will be using the 5th edition of the game. No experience is necessary.

**Outdoor Yoga @ Your Library**

Tuesdays: July 9, 16, and 23 @ 7 pm

Enjoy yoga outside in the beautiful natural setting behind our building. Teens and adults may drop-in, no registration necessary. Please bring a towel or yoga mat. In case of rain, the classes will be held indoors.

**Magic the Gathering**

Saturday, June 15, 2 pm–4 pm

Come and play the world’s most popular trading card game! New to the game? Borrow a premade deck and learn to play! Experienced veteran? Play in a variety of formats like free play, EDH, Planechase, and Archenemy!

**Makerspace**

**Paper Quilling**

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**Intro to Glowforge**

Saturday, July 20, 2 pm–4 pm

Learn to use our Glowforge laser cutter with an introductory wood cutting project.

**Steven Universe Birthday Party**

Saturday, July 27, 2 pm–4 pm

Celebrate Summer Reading’s *A Universe of Stories* with Steven Universe! Come make custom crystal gem soaps, sing along to episodes, and sample Steven Universe snacks. Registration required.

**Summer Reading Lock-In**

Friday, August 2, 7 pm–11:30 pm

If you participated in the Teen Summer Reading Program this year, you are eligible to attend the After Hours Lock-In! We will watch movies, play video games, play capture the flag, create crafts, enjoy a late night sundae bar and much more! Dress comfortably! Registration required.

**Makerspace**

**Fold and Sew Wallets**

Saturday, August 17, 2 pm–4 pm

Using a guided tutorial with our online resource Creative Bug, design, fold, and sew a chic personalized wallet.

**Stories and S’mores at the Bonfire**

Monday, August 26, 7:30 pm–8:30 pm

Teens can come prepared with their favorite short story or poem (or one of their own) to read aloud around a campfire behind the library. Supplies for s’mores will be provided.
YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Summer Reading
Children ages 0–12 are invited to be part of our Summer Reading Program, *A Universe of Stories*. All registration and record-keeping for this program will be done online.

- **Level 1**: Prize awarded after 4 hours of reading. You can earn this with just 5 minutes of reading a day!
- **Level 2**: Prize awarded after 8 hours of reading. You can earn this with just 10 minutes of reading a day!
- **Level 3**: Prize awarded after 12 hours of reading and your name is entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. You can earn this with just 15 minutes of reading a day!

All participants will receive a summer reading tag key chain to collect throughout the summer! For more information stop at the Youth desk or go to orionlibrary.org/youth.

Why should your child participate in summer reading at the library?
Research shows that children who continue reading through the summer maintain progress made during the school year. The number of books read during the summer is consistently related to academic gains. Children who read six or more books over the summer gained more in reading achievement than children who did not. Plus, it’s fun!

FAMILY PROGRAMS

**Toy Story Party!**
Thursday, June 20 @ 11 am
All ages, drop in
Don’t let Zurg keep you from this awesome party. We will have treats, games, and fun celebrating our favorite Toy Story characters. A great way to gear up for the new movie!

**Retro Space Movies**
Saturdays: June 22, July 27, August 24 @ 2 pm
Grab a comfy blanket to enjoy a cool retro space movie inside this summer. Popcorn provided.

**Baffle Bill Magic Show**
Monday, July 15 @ 2 pm
All ages, drop in
Spend an afternoon with Oakland County Parks inflatable fun and jousting in our backyard.

**Disney Family Trivia**
Wednesday, July 17 @ 6:30 pm
All ages, register online
Do you think you’re the biggest Disney fan? This all-ages and family event will test your knowledge of everything Disney including Star Wars, Marvel, Pixar, and more! Register your team of six people or less online. Please have at least one person bring a cellphone in your group. Refreshments provided.

**Inflatable Carnival**
Thursday, July 25 @ 2 pm
All ages, drop in
Join your friends in all sorts of water fun. A great way to get soaked and stay cool.

**Finale Show with Cirque Amongus**
Saturday, August 3 @ 11 am
All ages, drop in
An outdoor circus show to close out our summer reading program. Drawings for summer reading showcase prizes will take place after the show.

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Space is Ace
Monday, June 10 @ 11 am
Ages 2–5, limit 20
Join us for a mini-storytime followed by playtime with space-themed activities.

Pick Up STEAM – Space
Tuesday, June 11 @ 10 am
Ages 3–5, limit 20
Pick up STEAM is a preschool friendly science, math, and learning series. This session we will look at outer space. There will be experiments, fun, crafts, and math all centered on space.

Toddler Dance Party
Monday, June 17 @ 10 am
Ages 1–3, limit 40
Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to shimmy and shake to some out of this world tunes.

Stroller Stories and Strides
Monday, June 24 @ 10 am
Ages 0–3, register online
Mini storytime and Stroller Strides® class with Fit4Mom instructors in our backyard.

Kindermusik Mornings
Ages 0–5, Drop in
Thursdays, June 27 and August 8
10 am: Ages 0–18 months
10:45 am: Ages 18 months–3yrs
11:30 am: Ages 3–5yrs
Children and parents join in the creative experience of Kindermusik’s blend of singing, dancing, and musical activities. These programs are led by Kindermusik instructors from the Clarkston Conservatory.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic
Monday, July 8 @ 11 am
Ages 2–5, drop in, limit 30
Celebrate Teddy Bear’s Picnic Day with stories, songs, and a craft! Bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal friend and a blanket. Teddy Gra -
hams and lemonade will be served.

Baby Wearing Dance Party
Tuesday, July 16 @ 10 am
Ages 0–18 months, drop in
Shake, wiggle, and groove with your baby in tow to some throwback hits of the 90s.

Splash + Play
Monday, July 22 @ 10 am
Ages 0–3, drop in
Water based activities held in our reading garden for our youngest patrons.

Outdoor Fun
Monday, August 12 @ 11 am
Ages 2–5, drop in
Join us for a mini-storytime in the amphitheater behind the library, followed by playtime with sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and more! Tarps will be provided, but feel free to bring a blanket to put on the grass.

Neighborhoods of Stories
Orion Township Library is partnering with Clarkston Independence District Library for a fun storytime series at local parks and beaches. In 2018, OTPL visited Friendship Park, Camp Agawam, as well as Children’s Park to read, sing, dance, and play with local families. These programs were part of the 2018 summer reading program, Libraries Rock, and attracted large crowds. This year, OTPL's Head of Youth Services, Ashley Lehman partnered with Tracy Bedford, Head of Youth Services at CIDL to expand the series for this year’s summer program, A Universe of Stories. The libraries will co-host six different offerings at the three locations listed above along with the Clarkston Community Gardens, Deer Lake Beach, and Baycourt Park, all located in Independence Township.

“With the theme A Universe of Stories, we felt it was a great idea to partner with a nearby community to explore each other’s neighborhoods! We really get to show off our “universe” to our neighbors and friends,” said Lehman.

Neighborhoods of Stories begins in the middle of June and runs Friday mornings at 10 am throughout the summer. Local librarians from Orion and Independence Townships welcome the whole family for a morning of books, activities, and fun at our local parks. All parks and beaches will be free to enter for program attendees.

- June 21: Clarkston Community Gardens
- June 28: Children’s Park
- July 12: Deer Lake Beach
- July 19: Friendship Park
- July 26: Bay Court Park
- August 2: Camp Agawam
**SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS**

**Lego @ The Library**  
Saturdays: June 1, July 6 and August 10 @ 10 am  
Grades K–5, drop in, limit 25  
This is a fun and creative time to use your imagination and our colorful bricks to create an amazing build and special space themed challenges!

**Doggone Readers**  
Saturdays: June 15, July 20 and August 17 @ 10 am  
Grades K–5, register online  
Join us for group reads with our favorite dogs this summer! Practice your reading skills and receive a stamp for each time you read. Pick out a free book of your choice after you have earned four stamps.

**Seeking the Moon: Phases and Activities**  
Thursday, June 13 @ 6:30 pm  
Saturday, June 29 @ 10 am  
Tuesday, August 6 @ 6:30 pm  
Grades K–5, drop in  
Catch the moon during different phases with our binoculars and participate in art and activities based on the moon.

**Star Lab Inflatable Planetarium**  
Wednesday, June 19 @ 2 pm & 3 pm  
Grades K–5, register online

**Shining Stars**  
Tuesday, June 25 @ 2 pm  
Grades K–5, drop in, limit 30  
Explore the galaxy with star and constellation crafts.

**Build a Rocket—Engineers 8 and up**  
Saturday, June 29 @ 2 pm  
Grades 3–6, drop in, limit 20  
Test your design skills and enjoy the research process as we test out different kinds of rockets, including straw rockets and water rockets.

**Out of This World Crafts**  
Tuesday, July 9 @ 2 pm  
Grades K–5, drop in, limit 30  
Have you ever wondered about life on another planet? Come and create your own alien spaceship, alien life form, and alien planet.

**Camp Crafts**  
Tuesday, July 23 @ 2 pm  
Grades 3–6, drop in, limit 30  
Learn to make lanyards, friendship bracelets, and more blast-from-the-past camp crafts.

**Space Food: What Astronauts Eat**  
Tuesday, July 30 @ 2 pm  
Grades K–5, register online  
Taste and compare freeze dried food to fresh, and take your turn creating a vortex slushy with a bike-powered blender.

**Create Your Own Google Logo**  
Wednesday, August 7 @ 2 pm  
Grades 3–6, drop in  
Learn some coding skills that will allow you to create your own Google logo. Some basic computer skills required.

**Gumball’s Coding Adventure**  
Wednesday, August 14 @ 2 pm  
Grades 3–6, drop in  
Learn some coding skills that will allow you to tell a story using characters from “The Amazing World of Gumball”. Some basic computer skills required.

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Detroit Festival of Books at Eastern Market**  
The Friends of the Orion Township Library will once again participate in the Detroit Festival of Books at Eastern Market on Sunday, July 21 from 10 am–4 pm. The Book Fest is a used and rare book festival in Detroit and is a goodwill effort to help generate a deeper love and appreciation of books in the community. Over 10,000 book lovers are expected to visit the festival! It’s a great way to connect with other book lovers and also raise some funds for our library as the book sellers keep 100% of their sales.

Come visit us in Sheds 5 & 6 located at 2934 Russell Street, Detroit, MI 48207. Admission is FREE and open to the general public!

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

Did you know?
Many of the programs you and your family enjoy are made possible by funds raised by the Friends of the Library!

- Battle of the Books
- Summer Reading Program For All Ages
- Community Conversations
- Star Wars
- Dungeons and Dragons
- North Oakland Dixieland Band
- Outdoor Yoga
- Roots of the Music: Origins Of the Motown Sound
- Teen and Adult Makerspace
  And many more!

Ways to help The Friends help the Library

1. Become a Friends Member. Join the Friends of the Library! Senior memberships are $5, individuals $10 and families $20. Stop by the customer service desk at the library to join.

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

3. Show Your Support with Friends Merchandise. Proceeds from “Friends” merchandise support the funding of library programming. Samples are on display at the library’s front desk. Book Bags $2 to $15, Friends T-Shirts $10.

4. Designate the Friends for Amazon Smile & Kroger Rewards. Designate the Friends of the Orion Township Library as your designated charity for Amazon Smile and Kroger Rewards. It’s a great way to support the library through your everyday shopping!

5. Give Gently Used Books. Donated books help the Friends raise funds for library programming through our book sales and the Twice Told Tales book store in the library lobby. Book donations are accepted all year long in our library lobby.

6. Make a Donation. If you’re looking for an organization to support with your charitable contributions, consider supporting the Friends with financial contributions or items we can use for our holiday basket auctions.
Dragon Hearts

Six of the Lake Orion Community School District’s 15 married couples share their perspectives of life and love in Lake Orion

Lake Orion Community Schools prides itself on the family atmosphere. Beginning with the common Dragon theme and filtering through the passionate staff, they embrace the entire LOCS connection. With 15 married couples among the 1,100 staff members, those seeing the experience from the inside have a unique perspective, sharing this special community for the inaugural issue of Orion Living.

The Dabrowskis

Every morning is family time for the Dabrowskis.
And every night.
Even during the day, only a few hundred feet separates the four-person Dabrowski family.

Dan Dabrowski is the media specialist at Stadium Drive Elementary, his wife Sarah is a third-grade teacher in the building and six-year-old twins Kendan and Kylyn finished their kindergarten year.

Which makes for some close quarters.
Especially before school when Sarah is prepping for her class and the twins are bouncing around the classroom, like six-year-old pogo sticks.

In a school with elementary students, the two teachers’ connection remains a novelty.
Even later in the year, wide-eyed younger students have their lightbulb moment—“you two are MARRIED?!”—with the requisite giggles.

Dan and Sarah appreciate every bit of it. Having lost a daughter, Kenley, before the twins were born, they embrace how the Stadium Drive community wrapped their arms around during that time and how wonderful their life is now.

They’ve returned the favor, creating an annual scholarship for an LOCS student in Kenley’s honor, one they plan to distribute for the next decade, until she would have graduated.

Watching the twins try to entertain themselves—often climbing on their parents as Dan and Sarah talk—keeps them grinning.

Because this all began by chance, at the copy machine.
“It’s like The Office,” Dan said, grinning.
He arrived at Stadium Drive in the fall of 2003 and Sarah followed a year later as a long-term substitute.

Dating began the next year and their colleagues picked up quickly.
They’ve become a family within the Stadium Drive family.

It seems more real as they run into students in the real world.

“That makes you feel like the same,” said Dan, who is connected also by coaching the LOHS freshman football team. “You don’t live at school (like) sometimes those little kids think.”

“Yeah, we do go out to dinner,” Sarah said. “Yeah, we do go grocery shopping.”

More than 15 years in, their life fits perfectly. Dan gets to teach his own kids a few times each week and Sarah may end up with one of them in a few years.

The twins understand the separation during the school day.

“They just smile and wave,” Sarah said. “They get it.”

“It’s funny,” Dan said. “Because they’re in kindergarten and the other kids, you tell the kindergarteners—my son is in Mrs. Perkins’ class or my daughter is in Mrs. Kawamoto’s.”

On those media center days, Sarah’s students appreciate the moment.

“Oh, this is the best day, we get both Dabrowskis.”
**The Fromms**

For Char Fromm, working as a middle school French teacher conducts much of her conversation in another language. But early each year, it’s a familiar English question that makes her grin.

“Do you know Mr. Fromm?” Waldon Middle School students ask each fall, recalling their apron-wearing, big-bearded elementary art teacher.

Char grins, telling them that Mr. Bill Fromm from Orion Oaks Elementary (and previously Webber, Paint Creek, Pine Tree, Stadium Drive and LOHS) is her husband.

“They were so excited to find out,” Char said, recalling the old days when she taught sixth grade and 10 students a year would flow from his elementary classes to her in middle school.

There’s a canyon between middle school French class and elementary school art. Which works just fine for the pair, nearly two decades into their LOCS adventure.

Married in 1994 after meeting as Oakland University art history majors, education was on their docket from the beginning. He remained in the art world and she jumped into a French and Spanish certification.

Bill was hired into LOCS to teach art at Webber Elementary in 1998 and Char followed in 2001 at Waldon.

The schedule balance works well as parents. Their two daughters have coverage on each end of the day—the middle school begins and ends an hour earlier—to take them to afterschool events.

Though they’re older now—Claire finished 10th grade and Natalie 5th—when the kids were younger, Bill was able to utilize their elementary brains.

“They are some of my best lessons, because I was so close to that grade level,” he said.

Because Char and Bill are in vastly different subjects, each makes a lingering impression.

Char found that out when the family was at an Armada fair and she was suddenly lifted in the air.

An LOHS senior remembered Char.

“People don’t know how attached students get,” Bill said. “There was this huge guy who picked her up. My dad was going, whoa. (I knew) it’s okay. They love her.”

LOCS is part of their lives—and on their walls.

Bill’s experience allows him creativity and exploration. A few times every year, he’s asked to create a large dragon for school events.

“I love doing it,” he said. “Three a year for 20 years. I get the kids involved too.”

They’ve appreciated the district’s evolution.

Bill is thrilled with the change to the neighborhood schools and the community feel of that and Char has seen a stronger connection between levels, especially the other foreign language teachers, grow in recent years.

“I think of it as an advantage to be in the same district,” Char said. “And a good district.”

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**The Moedes**

Not long after LOCS teachers Andrea Smith and Matt Moede began dating, they were about to begin another school year.

They were coming off another summer school season teaching together but, because they taught different levels during the school year (Andrea in elementary, Matt in middle) they knew there was only one time they would be in the same spot.

The district’s Opening Day staff introduction.

“She was so paranoid about being seen with me, she said, ‘Don’t look at me, don’t hold my hand, just walk in,’” Matt said, laughing.

(“Pretend like you don’t know me,” Andrea recalled.)

“I pick his brain all the time for ‘what would you do in this situation?’”

“So the very first staff day we were together as a district, I was not allowed to be anywhere near her,” he said. “So we always laugh about that.

“Now, we walk in holding hands.”

Matt has worked at Scripps Middle School since 1999, now teaching eighth grade, and Andrea began teaching fifth grade at Orion Oaks Elementary in 2001.
With students only as few years apart, there are many connections with her students moving on to his classes.

“We talk a lot about it,” Matt said. “We’ll have common students... It’s fun just to be able to talk about how these kids are growing. It’s a lot of fun stories that we share with one another. Sometimes we’ll have siblings at the same time and it can be quite comical.”

Matt prides himself on his “terrible jokes” and, when he drops them on his eighth graders, sometimes they get recycled at the student’s family dinner table and it pops up in Andrea’s class the next day.

“We bounce a lot of ideas off each other,” Andrea said. “I pick his brain all the time for ‘what would you do in this situation?’ or ‘what does this look like in eighth grade?’”

There are times when they have to draw the line with home sharing. They even apologize at times when one finishes venting about a school-related issue.

“Once you have kids, you’re not going to grade papers until bedtime because your own kids need you to be there,” Andrea said. “Then you’re with their homework.”

There’s a flip side as well, where it becomes awkward as their children (Mia, 13, who will be in eighth grade, and Jeremy, 11, who will be entering sixth grade) are in the classes of their colleagues.

“It’s a benefit, but there are times it can be tricky,” Matt said.

“You just don’t want (colleagues) to sugarcoat anything if something’s gone wrong,” Andrea said. “We worried about it beforehand but I don’t think it came true.”

Matt’s older son, Stefan, now 28, faced a minor challenge years ago when he was in Matt’s class and wasn’t sure what to call him.

It became a bit more unusual because Stefan was the same age as Andrea’s first teaching class. (He even told one of his classmates that his dad was “going to marry Miss Smith,” which went over how you’d think from a middle schooler.)

So, because of her connection as his stepmother, she closely followed that class through graduation.

“I don’t know that I was looking for a teacher to marry,” Matt said. “But it sure is a blessing in so many ways.”

The Rutledges

When Eric Rutledge came to LOCS as a special education teacher in 2001, he was looking for a connection.

He found it quickly when the staff there embraced him, the start of his LOCS family.

He didn’t realize for another year that would take on a deeper meaning.

When the district special education meeting kicked off the next year and Andrea Sargent entered, lightning struck.

“I’ve got to meet her,” Eric thought. “She said she was going to be at the high school... And that’s where I am!”

Yet...

“I had zero interest in dating him,” Andrea recalled. “But he was a very good friend.”

Until she got sick and suddenly Eric appeared, soup in hand.

“He wore me down with his kindness,” she laughed.

Andrea lived in an Orion neighborhood where there were also students. That led to more than a few good-natured tweaks at her and Eric.

“They were trying to set us up anyway,” Eric said. “Because we had the same students.”

While initially good humor, the community support overwhelmed them when 30 staff members attended their Upper Peninsula wedding.

After a few years, their careers diverged. Eric shifted into physical education and Andrea worked her way to the alternative Learning Options High School.

Yet with that early foundation teaching together, they’re a perfect sounding board for each other.

Occasionally that requires holding off topics when daughters Layla (10) and Maisie (6) are around, but that outlet is essential.

Andrea’s team-building skills and icebreakers have helped Eric kick off each year. He helps her to talk through the challenges of ever-evolving students.

“It helps to have the mutual understanding how insane this job can be,” Andrea said.

Yet those conversations don’t even happen as often as they would like. With busy children, everyone’s running.

“We’re in such a busy season of our life right now, when we get home, it is game time,” Andrea said. “We’ve got dinner, we’ve got kids, we’ve got homework. We don’t have time to talk about our day. We share highlights.”
As a PE teacher, Eric is exhausted physically, and dealing with high school students, Andrea is worn down mentally. So there’s often an unspoken understanding.

Living far from the district, there’s some strategy involved trying to plan. Their children can attend LOCS because their parents work in the district, but it also becomes interesting when the girls visit friends in Orion because of the logistics. Eric has the girls in class each once a week, as a physical education teacher at Stadium Drive Elementary (he splits his time at Carpenter as well.) But seeing them in the hallway, enjoying their day, is an experience he savors.

His world, especially now, remains the little kids.

Andrea deals with high school students during the day and, now with a growing private photography business, the Rutledge family sees some of those students out of school for senior pictures.

"A lot of former students for me," Eric said. "I don’t see these kids once they leave fifth grade and they will always be a fifth grader to me. Now to see them as high school seniors, it’s kind of overwhelming. It’s neat to see how they’ve evolved."

Sharing a profession and district has numerous benefits and with a family, one of the biggest is the shared vacation time. With Eric’s roots in Ohio and Andrea’s in the U.P., having the same breaks is essential.

But they’re always glad to return to Orion.

“Some of my best friends are here in the district,” Eric said. “The staff is very caring and they come together when they need to and are always willing to help.”

“The people here are just good, down-to-earth people,” Andrea said.

The Stalions

By now, you’d think everyone would know. Especially astute eighth graders.

Yet at the start of every school year, Scripps Middle School teacher Brock Stalions remains convincing.

“Brock always tells his students that we’re cousins, not married,” said Scripps teacher Kelly Stalions, actually Brock’s wife. “And this will go on and he says it straight-faced, the first few weeks of school. Some kids know because they’ve had us for sports.

“Brock always tells his students that we’re cousins, not married... They’ll say ‘why do you have a picture of the same kids?’”

“But kids from his (grade-level teaching) team, who I don’t know, will walk up to me and say, “The guy down there, my history teacher, how are you related to him? If I remember, I say ‘oh, my cousin? They’ll say ‘why do you have a picture of the same kids?’”

Brock and Kelly are such a part of the Lake Orion community, and roundly beloved, that even their Tuesday night dinners become community functions.

Not by design. But they eat at the same restaurant with the same non-teaching neighbors, and students invariably say hello.

At this point, they love it.

That’s the life of empty nesters, with daughter Meredith done with her freshman year of college and son Connor in the working world. If someone is interested, they’ll take it.

Both of their children were Scripps students for their parents in Brock’s history and Kelly’s publications classes. The tricky part was not their own children, who knew enough to be quiet and respectful of their parents, but instead their friends, who were already comfortable with the Stalions outside of school.

Both Flint natives, they “met” in high school. Brock attended Flint Kearsley, Kelly was at Holy Rosary and the shared-time program brought her into the public school, where she sat in front of him in senior-year calculus.

A predictable route followed, spending the final 3 ½ years of college together at U-M, searching for teaching jobs that took them (almost) to Alaska, then to Houston and back to Michigan. Kelly was hired by LOCS, and Brock worked in a local private school until he was hired into LOCS four years later.

The cute part of the story? Their “meeting” may have occurred 17-odd years before it was official.

Their fathers knew each other years earlier in a teachers’ poker group and, once they started dating, everyone chuckled at the connection.

“Our fathers joked that at some poker night as infants we were under the table,” Brock laughed.

Their passion for LOCS and, especially their Scripps teacher family has them embracing every day, even as their children have moved on to their own lives.

“You’d think it would ruin a marriage for us to talk about work as much as we do,” Brock said. “We used to say we have a five-minute rule, talk about school for five minutes when we get home. That’s fallen by the wayside.

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