Everyone counts in the 2020 Census

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248-858-4911

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

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

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

ORION AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
248-693-6300

ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
248-693-3000

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
248-693-5400

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)
248-693-9742

VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION
248-693-8391

ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY
877-858-4804

LAKE ORION POST OFFICE
248-693-3253

ONTV
248-693-3377

Useful Locations

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

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

VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION & POLICE DEPARTMENT
21 East Church Street

ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
825 Joslyn Road

LAKE ORION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
118 North Broadway

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
315 North Lapeer Street

Useful Web Tools

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN PARKFINDER
maps.semcog.org/ParkFinder

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

Front Cover: LOHS Sophomore Abryannah’s entry won our 2020 Census banner drawing contest. She stands outside the mural at 20 Front Street. Her banner will be on display along Baldwin Road this Spring.

Background photo by Suzanne Radabaugh
We’re counting on you to take the 2020 census

This is a very important year, one that will shape the next 10 years. The Decennial Census happens every 10 years and it’s the only time that everyone in the United States is counted. It’s important that we get an accurate count for our community. An accurate count means more access to funding for vital programs, better helps us when applying for grants, and ensures fair representation.

Be on the lookout for your invitation to respond the second week of March. Once you respond, you’re done—which means you won’t receive any additional mailings or have an enumerator knocking on your door.

There will be different events throughout the community (like Take the Census at the Library & Orion Center, and a few different block parties) in March and April, to increase the awareness of the Census and the importance of taking it. It’s only nine questions and easier than ever to respond. Remember—Everybody Counts!

The State of the Township is just around the corner. I’ll be highlighting all of the amazing things that have happened and give you a look at where our community is going. I hope you’ll join me on April 15th to celebrate our community (see page 7 for more details).

Chris Barnett
Orion Township Supervisor

Banners promoting the 2020 Census will be displayed down Baldwin Road to remind residents of the upcoming event. Over 160 Township students and residents entered the Township’s recent drawing contest to win a chance to have their banner displayed. Find out more about our winner on page 5.
The Constitution calls for a count of the entire population every 10 years. This idea wasn’t something new though. The ancient Babylonians, Chinese, Egyptians, and Romans all conducted censuses, long before our first census in 1790. However, the United States was one of the first modern countries to count all of its citizens and not just a particular group, like military-age males. It was also the first country to constitutionally mandate a regular census and the first to use it for apportioning political power. To this day, the number of seats each state holds in the House of Representatives depends entirely on census results.

**A look back**

Let’s take a look back, 230 years to be exact. It all started back in 1790, U.S. Marshals rode around on horseback to conduct the first U.S. Census, counting just over 3.9 million people. To make this possible the marshals had to hire roughly 650 assistants and sent them door-to-door to count everyone. President George Washington, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, and other high-ranking government officials believed the population was greatly undercounted. With so few people recorded in the United States, he worried about looking weak in the eyes of European powers. Assistant marshals continued in this role for nearly a century. However, in 1879 enough concerns arose over the census’ inefficiencies which prompted Congress to replace them with specially trained enumerators. In 1902 the U.S. Census Bureau was created to further professionalize the count.

Statistician Herman Hollerith saw an opportunity to further improve the efficiencies with the U.S. Census Bureau. He began looking for a time-saving
solution after census workers, tallying by hand, needed nearly a decade to process the results of the 1880 population count. He found success when he invented an electric tabulating machine in 1887. The machine could read data from the holes on paper punch cards, reducing tabulation time by two-thirds. It was soon sold to government agencies, utilities, manufacturers, and railroads around the world. Hollerith’s business would later become part of IBM. This important piece of equipment finally became obsolete in 1951 when the Census Bureau obtained a UNIVAC I, the first non–military computer ever produced in the United States which weighed nearly 16,000 pounds.

A look ahead

We’ve come a long way since then, with the 2020 Census being the first census that can be completed online! Invitations to respond will be mailed out the second week of March, with a unique code to either respond online or by telephone. This is a big deal and should make it easier than ever to respond.

I bet you’re still wondering why. So, why is it important? There are a few different reasons.

- **It’s part of your civic duty.** The Constitution requires that every person in the United States be counted, and it’s the only time that everyone is counted!

- **It’s about fair representation.** The results are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets; which also impacts how many electoral votes each state has in the presidential elections.

- **Redistricting affects all of us.** State officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts. School districts will also redraw their boundaries if needed.

- **Funding is vital.** Money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, local communities, and other vital programs.

- **Grant success.** Census data is used throughout local communities and other non–profits to secure vital grant funding.

Funding depends on it

The distribution of more than $675 billion each year in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities is based on census data. That’s a lot of money that funds vital programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Head Start, highway planning and construction, Community Development Block Grants, Medicaid, Medicare (Part B), State Children’s Health Insurance Program, Unemployment Insurance Administration, Foster Care and adoption assistance, Tax credit programs, and many more.

Planning for future

The census data is also used a great deal at the local level. Residents use the data to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality–of–life, and consumer advocacy. Businesses use the data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores—which ultimately create new jobs. Real estate developers use the data to decide where to build

Drawing Contest Winner

Getting the message out

Orion Township held a drawing contest for light pole banners along Baldwin Road, and the theme was Census 2020. Thank you to everyone who entered the contest; you all did a fantastic job! Township staff voted on their favorite and it was close, but out of 161 entries, Abryannah, a sophomore at Lake Orion High School, won the contest. The honor roll student speaks three languages (in addition to English)—Thai, Laos, and French. She enjoys music, baking, drawing, painting, and arts & crafts. Her goal is to get into a good college and become an entrepreneur. She spends a lot of her free time volunteering at local churches and temples. Abryannah’s take away from this contest is—it’s important to take the census; it benefits the entire community.

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new homes, or which areas may need more senior housing / memory care facilities. Municipalities use it for many things, including public safety and emergency preparedness, and to determine if staffing levels for firefighters and police officers are adequate for the current population.

**What about privacy?**

Did you know that there is more information on your driver’s license than what you’ll answer in the decennial census? Staff with the U.S. Census Bureau take a lifetime oath to protect your information—violations come with a penalty of up to $250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison. They cannot release any identifiable information, not to law enforcement agencies, and not even to the President. Information collected may only be used for statistical purposes, and it cannot be publicly released in any way that could identify you or your household.

**Nine simple questions**

Taking the census is beneficial to all of those in our community; it sets the stage for the next 10 years! It’s only nine questions and should take less than 10 minutes to complete (especially since you can respond online this year!). Remember to count everyone in your household, once and only once, from the youngest to the oldest. Everyone counts!

So, when you receive your invitation to respond in March, make sure you complete it as soon as possible.

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**Census 2020 Fast Facts**

- **Count Day is April 1, 2020.** Where you are living on this day is where you are counted when filling out the Census.
- **Everyone counts!** From the youngest to the oldest. Make sure every person is counted once, only once, and in the right place.
- **The Census is only nine questions!**
- **It’s required in the Constitution**
- **All responses are kept confidential**
- **More than $675 billion in federal funding is distributed each year to states and communities based on the Census.**
- **The information from the Census helps communities plan for a variety of residential needs including new roads, schools, emergency services, and more.**

For this first time you will be able to respond to the Census online! Look for your invitation to respond in the mail in early March.

If you need assistance taking the Census, don’t have internet access, or just have questions, be sure to stop by one of these Take the Census events:

**Take the Census at the Library**
- **Tuesday, March 17, 1–3 pm**
- **Thursday, March 26, 6–8 pm**
- **Wednesday, April 1, 6–8 pm**
- **Tuesday, April 7, 10 am–12 pm**

**Take the Census at the Orion Center**
- **Tuesday, March 24, 10 am–12 pm**
- **Thursday, April 19, 1–3 pm**

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**Census Timeline:** Count Day is April 1, 2020, but the Census Bureau starts preparing over a year in advance. They begin with awareness and education campaigns that continue throughout the Census. In August 2019, they hired address canvassers to go out and verify addresses and to ensure that any new construction was included in their database. Early 2020 they begin to hire enumerators to knock on doors of non-respondents. Once you respond, you’re done! You won’t receive any additional mailings or have anyone knock on your door. It’s that simple.

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It’s time to get REAL

A message from Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Your Michigan driver’s license or identification card may not get you through airport security later this year.

October 1, 2020 is when the federal government will fully enforce the post–9/11 REAL ID Act, and standard state–issued driver’s licenses and identification cards will no longer be accepted to board domestic flights within the United States or when entering certain federal facilities, such as military bases or nuclear power plants.

Many people already have a REAL ID document, such as a valid U.S. passport, a DHS Trusted Traveler Card or an Enhanced Driver’s License. A full list of acceptable REAL ID documents is available at TSA.gov. Those who don’t have an acceptable REAL ID document can make their Michigan license or identification card REAL ID–compliant by visiting a Secretary of State branch office and presenting the required documents. And, if you make an appointment, you’ll be in and out in 30 minutes or less.

Here’s what you need to do to get a REAL ID

• To schedule an appointment at one of our branch offices visit Michigan.gov/SOSAppointments or calling 888–SOS–MICH. You can make your appointment at any branch in the state, and you don’t need to have a renewal mailer to do so. Some branches fill up fast, so book your appointment a few weeks in advance of when you plan to travel. Your REAL ID license or state ID card will be mailed to you.

• Bring your driver’s license or state identification card.

• Bring your certified birth certificate, with a raised seal or stamp issued by a governmental agency; your valid, unexpired U.S. passport; or an approved citizenship or legal presence document. (Faxes and photocopies won’t be accepted.)

• If your name differs from what is on your birth certificate, bring certified documents for every time your name has changed, such as marriage licenses or court orders.

There’s no additional fee to turn a license or state ID card into a standard REAL ID if it’s done during your normal renewal time; otherwise a duplicate card fee of $9 or $10 will be charged.

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/RealID.

Absentee Voter Card

Registered voters in Orion Township received a yellow postcard in the mail regarding the Permanent Absent Voter List. Voters on the list will automatically receive their Absent Voter Ballot Applications by mail before every election. This new process comes as a result of the passing of Proposal 18–3, an amendment to Section 4 (Place and manner of elections) of Article II of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Permanent Absent Voter List

Voters on the Permanent Absent Voter List who wish to receive their ballots by mail will be required to complete the Absent Voter Ballot Application and turn it in to the Clerk’s Office. Voters on the Permanent Absent Voter List still have the option of voting in the precinct if they choose.

If you would like to be on our Permanent Absent Voter List please complete and submit the response form on the yellow postcard you received by mail. If you have questions or would like to be on the list but did not receive a postcard, please contact the Township Clerk’s Office at 248-391-0304 ext. 4000 or elections@oriontownship.org.

State of the Township

Come learn about the amazing things that have happened in our community this past year, and take a look at all of the great things coming up. You are invited to attend the State of the Township Address on Wednesday, April 15 at Woodside Church, 2500 Joslyn in Orion Township. Doors open at 8:30 am and reception to follow.
Orion Township has a long-standing and vested dedication to enhancing the trail and pathway system within the community. First presented to the Township Board in 1978, the idea of bike paths, or safety paths, in Orion Township was developed by a small committee of seven residents. They saw the need to get people safely around the growing community, whether on foot or by bicycle, and to connect the residents of the community from the Village of Lake Orion to the Gingellville area, through the most-densely populated neighborhoods, allowing them pedestrian access to schools, parks, the library, and shopping. There was also the desire to provide the opportunity for passive family recreation.

Below are summaries of the major trail networks in Orion Township.

**Orion Township Safety Paths**

Orion Township has over 47 miles of safety paths ideal for walking, running, or biking. Year-round, residents can enjoy the natural landscapes and features of our township while promoting a healthy lifestyle. The safety path network is designed to connect all of the recreational assets of the community; including the trails, parks, schools, and businesses.

**Polly Ann Trail**  
(Pure Michigan Trail—2019)

The Polly Ann Trail is a major, non-motorized trail in Oakland County extending north from Orion Township on a former Pontiac, Oxford & Northern Railroad corridor. The trail is managed by the Polly Ann Trail Management Council, Inc. (PATMC). The portion of the trail in Oakland County has a crushed stone surface and runs for 14.2 miles from Orion Township to the Oakland–Lapeer county line, and connects the Townships of Orion, Oxford and Addison and the Villages of Oxford and Leonard. The Orion Township pathway system connects the Polly Ann Trail to the popular Paint Creek Trail.

Bicyclists find exercise and respite along the Polly Ann Trail. Foley Pond along the Paint, below, teems with color and wildlife.

**Paint Creek Trail**

The Paint Creek Trail is an 8.9-mile linear park, located in northeast Oakland County. It was the first Non-Motorized Rail-to-Trail in the State of Michigan, as it was converted to a trail from the former Penn Central Railroad. Open to
the public since 1983, the Paint Creek Trail receives over 100,000 visitors annually. The non-motorized Trail is 8 feet wide, and traverses through Rochester, Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, Orion Township and the Village of Lake Orion. The trail is managed by a Trailways Commission under an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Rochester, the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, and Orion Township. Each municipality is responsible for the maintenance within its jurisdiction. It is believed that its popularity has sparked development of other trails, namely Macomb Orchard and Polly Ann.

**Iron Belle Trail**

The proposed Iron Belle Trail crosses 48 counties across Michigan, extending from the western edge of the Upper Peninsula to Belle Isle on the Detroit River. The MDNR (Michigan Department of Natural Resources), the lead agency managing and completing the trail, is working to close the gaps where sections of the trail are missing. The portion that runs through Orion Township is nearly complete, with only a short break just west of Elkhorn Lake before the trail turns north again. It continues adjacent to Indianwood Golf and Country Club, up to Seymour Lake Road, where it is then proposed to turn west. The trail enters the Township between Orion Road and Bald Mountain State Recreation Area, crosses the northern-most section of the park, and then follows Clarkston Road west. The 700-foot and 900-foot wooden boardwalks over marshland along Clarkston Road were funded by two MDNR Natural Resources Trust Fund grants totaling $600,000. The boardwalk currently connects to the Polly Ann Trail.

**Bald Mountain Recreation Area**

Bald Mountain Recreation Area consists of 4,637 rolling acres that are home to extensive trails, inland lakes, trout streams and wild game accented by some of the steepest hills and most rugged terrain in southeastern Michigan. The park provides year-round recreation opportunities, including hiking, mountain biking, swimming, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, hunting and much more. While there is no camping available in the park, there are two rustic cabins available to rent. The park has the North Unit Trails and the South Unit Trails, which combined total 15 miles. Hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing are allowed on the trails, weather permitting.

**Orion Oaks County Park**

Orion Oaks’ 916 acres offers 10 miles of hiking and mountain bike trails, geocaching, and fishing on Lake Sixteen, with a wheelchair accessible fishing pier off Joslyn Road, and the County's largest dog park (at 24 acres). A small boat launch is provided for non-motorized boats. The park may be accessed from three parking lots, Baldwin, Clarkston and Joslyn roads.

**Camp Agawam**

With roughly 140 acres, Camp Agawam is the Township's largest property. It is nestled along the east side of Tommy’s Lake with an access point to the water for swimming and catch-and-release fishing. It was purchased in 2014 and until then it was operated by the Boy Scouts of America, so most of its features are centered on camping and group recreation such as rustic campsites, cabins, fire pits, pavilions, lodges, and an outdoor auditorium. The buildings and sites are scattered across the property and connected mainly by natural trails that are not accessible to cars. It is the Township's most rustic recreational property with great potential to serve the community and the region. The site's facilities are also available to rent for large and small events. Most of the site is left in its natural state which makes the terrain difficult to cross. However, there are two major developments that are fully accessible for all levels of mobility: the KaBoom! playground and the walking trail that leads to the fishing dock. Camp Agawam is accessible from the Clarkston Road safety path; 0.5 miles east of the Polly Ann Trail, and 2.7 miles west of the Paint Creek Trail. Once the East Clarkston Road safety path is completed in 2020, it can serve as an ideal rest stop and lodging location for trail users.
How to make recycling work for you

The first quarter of the Township’s new solid waste and recycling program is wrapping up. As we enter the second quarter of the year, we’d like to move from introducing the new program, to sharing tips on making it work better for you.

Recycling is a big part of the program. Each home was provided with a rolling recycling cart, and with recycling efforts being rewarded through Recyclebank, we’re hoping to encourage better recycling in our community.

But first, let’s recap why we should recycle.

**Why recycle? What are we wasting for™?**

Recycling benefits the environment by diverting hundreds of millions of pounds of valuable materials from landfills and avoiding millions of metric tons of greenhouse emissions annually, creating healthier air and cleaner waterways. Recycling also reduces the need for sourcing new raw materials through mining and logging, which can create water pollution and emit greenhouse gases. It also saves energy used to produce new products from raw materials.

Recycling creates jobs and supports our economy. As recently as 2017, recycling generated $117 billion in economic activity and $13.2 billion in tax revenue. Today, recycling employs more than 156,000 men and women nationwide and could create more than one 1 million new jobs within the next two decades.

Recycling benefits future generations by decreasing our use and reliance on natural resources, decreasing overly wasteful landfalls, which lead to the production of greenhouse gases, and decreasing water and air pollution.

10 tips to recycle more and better in Orion Township

But just how can we recycle more and better in Orion Township? Here are some top tips to help you develop better recycling habits:

1. **Start by participating.** Every home in Orion Township receiving curbside collection service is able to participate in weekly curbside recycling. Don’t forget, in addition to your curbside carts, Eagle Valley continues to offer free recycling drop–off for Orion Township residents; plastic shopping bags can be returned to the store; and throughout the community there are green drop boxes to recycle clothing and shoes, and yellow dumpsters to recycle newspapers, magazines, and paper.

2. **Know what to throw.** Half of what American households throw away is recyclable. Check orion-township.org/recycling to know what’s accepted in our curbside recycling.

3. **Know what not to throw.** The No List. Plastic bags, clothing, food and liquid, garden hoses, electrical cords, Styrofoam, needles and yard waste do not belong in curbside recycling.

4. **Twin the bin.** Make it easy for anyone in your house to recycle—just as easy as it is to throw something away. Locate your in–home recycling bin next to your trash can. For extra credit, twin the bin in your kitchens, bathrooms, and laundry room. Most of a home’s recyclables originate in these three rooms.

5. **Empty your recyclables.** Before you toss your empty cans, bottles, and cartons, make sure you remove food waste and such—then recycle.

6. **Return items to stores for recycling.** Some items can’t be recycled at the curbside. These include plastic wraps and films, plastic shopping bags, and air shipping pillows. Many retail locations provide recycling centers for these items.
7. Keep electronics and batteries out of the recycling cart. While these should be recycled, batteries and electronics do not belong in your curbside recycling cart or bin. These can start fires at recycling centers and in trucks. Instead, recycle these items at one of Oakland County’s annual No–Haz collection days, FREE to Orion Township residents.

8. Don’t bag your recyclables. Place your recyclables directly into the cart.

9. Get rewarded for recycling. How many points can you earn?! Every home participating in curbside collection is enrolled in Recyclebank to earn rewards for recycling. Confirm your address at recyclebank.com to start earning your rewards, and then cash those rewards in for coupons and discounts at local businesses, or donate them to the schools.

10. Reduce, reuse, and rethink. When it comes to sustainability, reducing, reusing, and rethinking only help to further recycling efforts to protect our planet. Find ways to reduce your consumption, reuse items, and rethink your needs and approach. For example, you can:
   - Reduce by purchasing smaller amounts of food or having it pre–cut to your unique needs. Remember, when it comes to sustainability, it starts at the cart.
   - Reuse by eliminating single–use items and opting instead for a reusable shopping bag.
   - Rethink by considering the packaging of what you purchase to see if it’s recyclable or how you approach your consumption when it comes to items like cloth versus paper napkins.

While recycling may feel universal, the truth is only slightly more than half of Americans can recycle at home as easily as they can throw something away, but together we’re working to change this and transform recycling for good.

For more information on better recycling habits, visit recyclebank.com and recyclingpartnership.org.

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Why do coins have ridges?

Did you ever wonder why some U.S. coins have ridges on them?

The answer goes back to 1792, when the Coinage Act established the U.S. Mint. The same act of legislation stated that certain coins were to be made of their face value in either gold or silver. For example, a half dollar silver coin contained fifty cents worth of silver and a $10 gold coin contained $10 worth of gold. Because of their value, people started shaving off small bits of these coins around the edges. They could make a good profit by selling the precious metal. The coins were no longer the worth of the metal they were made from.

Before the 18th–century, the U.S. Mint began adding ridges to the coins’ edges, also known as “reeding”. This made it impossible to shave them down without the result being obvious. The new coin design was more intricate, which in turn made counterfeiting more difficult. Today’s coins don’t contain any precious metals, but you’ll still find those ridges on some coins. The ridges help distinguish the coins from one another by feel, as well as appearance. The ridges also enable visually impaired people to tell the difference between similarly sized coins, like the dime and penny.

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Know your money

With so much money changing hands each day, have you ever wondered what is done to combat counterfeit money? The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) are continuously exploring new security features for the future. Redesigns of currency help deter and prevent counterfeiting, which sounds simple, but it’s more complicated than it seems. In addition to all of the security features, the notes (bills) also need to weather many extremes, including vast ranges of temperature and humidity as they circulate Alaska, South America, and around the globe. The notes are also designed to withstand a lot of folding, more specifically it would take 4,000 double folds, forwards and backwards, to tear a banknote.

Today, the Federal Reserve notes are a blend of 25 percent linen and 75 percent cotton. Currency paper has tiny red and blue synthetic fibers of various lengths evenly distributed throughout the paper. In 2004, they incorporated background colors and large, borderless portrait images on all new notes.

Check out some of the security features on notes today:

- **Feel the paper!** Have you ever noticed the raised printing? Move your finger across the note. It should feel slightly rough to the touch as a result of the printing process and the unique composition of the paper.

- **Check with light.** If you hold the note to light you will see a security thread embedded on notes of $5 denominations and higher. The thread is in a different position for each denomination and glows a different color when held to ultraviolet (UV) light. You will also see a faint image to the right of the portrait.

- **Tilt the note.** Tilt the note to see the ink in the numbers on the lower right corner and the Bell in the Inkwell change color from copper to green. Color-shifting ink is found on denominations of $10 and higher. The 3-D Security Ribbon on the $100 note is woven into the paper. It has images of bells and 100s that move from side to side and up and down when you tilt it.

- **Check with magnification.** Microprinting is featured in several locations on denominations of $5 and higher. These small printed words correspond to the denomination or are phrases such as “THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,” “USA,” or “E PLURIBUS UNUM.”

So take a look at the money in your purse or wallet and see if you can find these security features so you can better “Know your Money.”

What do you call deer in space?

Star bucks...ba-dum-tss! When referring to money, people use the terms dollars and bucks interchangeably. It is thought by many that a dollar is called a “buck” because of deerskin trading many years ago.

About 44 years before the U.S. dollar was first minted, there is a reference to the exchange rate for a cask of whiskey traded to Native Americans as being “5 bucks”, referring to deerskins. In 1748, a man named Conrad Weiser wrote in his journal that someone had been “robbed of the value of 300 Bucks”. During that time, a buck skin was a common medium of exchange for goods and services. There is also evidence that a “buck” didn’t mean just one deerskin, but may have meant multiple skins, depending on their quality. The highest quality skins were generally assigned a one to one value with one skin equaling one buck. For lower quality skins, it might take several of them to be valued as a single buck. The specific value for given sets of skins was then set at trading. Over the next century, this use of skins as a medium of exchange gradually faded away.

When the U.S. Dollar was officially introduced after the passing of the Coinage Act of 1792, the dollar quickly became the leading item used as a medium of exchange. The term “buck” stuck around. By the mid-nineteenth century it was being used as a slang term for the dollar.
Freedom isn’t free: Honoring those who fought for us

Memorial Day is a federal holiday remembering and honoring the military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. We observe Memorial Day on the last Monday of the month of May each year. It is a time to remember the fallen and express gratitude for the freedoms that they fought and ultimately gave their lives for. Check out some ways you can honor our fallen heroes,

Five ways to honor our fallen heroes on Memorial Day

1. **Fly the flag.** At dawn raise your flag to the top of the pole, pause for a moment, and lower it to the midway point on the staff. Fly the flag at half-staff until noon and then raise it back to the top of the pole. Flying the flag at half-staff on Memorial Day is a sign of respect to those who have given their lives while serving our country. It is a reminder to those who can see your flag that an important individual has passed away. When lowering your flag at the end of the day, it should be lowered slowly and at no time should it touch the ground.

2. **Decorate the gravesite of a fallen soldier.** Memorial Day originated as Decoration Day after the Civil War. It was originally observed to honor those who died fighting in the Civil War, as volunteers decorated their gravesites with flowers. On May 30th, 1868, General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery and following that speech 5,000 volunteers helped decorate the graves of more than 20,000 soldiers buried in the cemetery. The tradition of decorating the gravesites of fallen soldiers continues today. The President of the United States now speaks each Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery and places a wreath before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Eastlawn Cemetery, located at 37 E Flint Rd, Lake Orion, hosts a ceremony with the placement of flags at gravesites beginning at 9 am. There is also a wreath ceremony, followed by a 21-gun salute at 10 am on the Paint Creek bridge in Children’s Park in downtown Lake Orion.

3. **National Moment of Remembrance.** In 2000, President Bill Clinton signed the National Moment of Remembrance Act, declaring at 3 pm local time on Memorial Day for Americans, as an act of symbolic unity, hold a moment of silence in honor of the men and women who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace. Major league baseball teams will pause games and Amtrak engineers will sound the horns of locomotives while others around the nation will hold a moment of silence.

4. **Visit a military museum or memorial.** You can learn about the lives and history of past service members through museums and memorials. Lake Orion is the home of the Orion Veterans Memorial, located on the corner of Lapeer and Odanah Roads. This memorial includes the POW/MIA Memorial, honoring the names of the Orion military personnel who are still missing in action, or have been held as a prisoner of war. The Peacoat Memorial, also located at the Orion War Memorial, is a monument dedicated to all military personnel from all branches of service who have made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives for our country and are buried beneath the oceans and seas around the world.

5. **Veterans Memorial Day 5k Run/Walk.** This year the Orion Veterans will host the 4th annual Memorial Day 5k Run/Walk. Details and registration for this event can be found at oriontownship.org. The event will begin and end on Anderson Street adjacent to the Children’s Park parking lot allowing you to be back in time for the wreath ceremony in Children’s Park. Proceeds from this event support the long-term sustainability of the Orion Veterans Memorial.

May we never forget that freedom isn’t free...with our deepest gratitude to those who have paid the ultimate price. We thank you.

Photo by Lee Smith
Summer water usage and outside water leaks

When warm weather arrives and your outside water usage begins to increase, you should anticipate a higher water bill for the two bills that cover the summer months. Watering lawns and gardens, power washing your house, lawn furniture, boats, and filling a pool all increase your water usage.

With increased water usage, there is also the possibility of outdoor water leaks. Most common are irrigation leaks that can be hard to detect and most often are not discovered until a bill is received reflecting high usage. The Water Department is frequently asked if the water bill can be adjusted due to an outdoor water leak. For any type of leak, once water has gone through the water meter, water billing cannot be adjusted.

We recommend if you are concerned about how much water your household is using, monitor your water usage. This can be easily done by writing down all the numbers on your water meter before and after heavy water usage. You can call our office with those numbers and we can give you an estimate of how many units of water you have used.

If you are interested in reducing your water usage, there are resources at oriontownship.org that can provide water conservation tips around your home.

Mandatory summer watering restrictions

Each year from May until the end of September, mandatory watering restrictions have been adopted for everyone connected to Orion Township water who has an automatic sprinkling system. If the restrictions for Monday through Saturday are not followed, your water service could be discontinued.

The following mandatory watering restrictions shall apply:

- **Monday through Saturday:** Watering may only be done between midnight and 5 am.
- **Sunday:** Watering may be done at any time.

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

Buy your 2020 dog licenses now!

The Treasurer’s office is selling 2020 dog licenses until June 1. After that, you must purchase them at the Oakland County Animal Control office in Pontiac; late fee pricing will apply. If your dog likes to run and play (what dog doesn’t), then the Orion Oaks Dog Park is the perfect place to visit. Annual County Park passes are also available for purchase in the Treasurer’s office. Stop in and see us today!
A safe ride for all

When you think of a safe ride, most people go through the basics: seat belts fastened? Check. Mirrors adjusted? Check. Car running properly? Check. But what about your child’s car seat? Is it installed properly and as safely as it can be?

The Orion Township Fire Department offers free car seat installations and inspections to anyone with a car seat. The fire department experienced an increase in demand for this service—not only from parents—but grandparents, daycare providers and caregivers. The department responded by cross-training four firefighters as certified child safety seat technicians. That’s the most certified technicians for a municipality in northern Oakland County.

Nearly half of all car seat inspections performed by the fire department are found to be installed incorrectly. Common mistakes found during these inspections include car seats that are not secured tight enough to the vehicle, child harnesses that are too loose, chest clips that are too low and front seat that are touching the car seat. This becomes a valuable teaching moment. On every inspection and installation, firefighters teach caregivers about the important features of the car seat itself and also cover safe travel tips. Also, the fire department verifies that the caregiver is able to safely install the car seat on their own, for those physically able to, in case they need to move it to another vehicle or replace the seat.

Until you can make it to the fire department to have your car seat inspected, here are some things you should look for right now:

- A car seat should not move more than one inch from the anchor point and the child’s harnesses should be tightened until you can no longer pinch the webbing (harness belt) between your fingers.
- The plastic clip should be positioned at armpit level. This allows the harness to secure the body during a crash and the plastic clip is supported by bone in the center of the chest (sternum) and not the soft tissue of the stomach.
- It’s important that the two front seats of a vehicle do not come in contact with the car seat. This is especially important for children up to two years of age.

Though vehicle crashes are unpreventable, the fire department aims to make sure that every car seat is as safe and secure as possible when inspected and secured. Just as important, those operating the vehicle are armed with the most knowledge possible before they leave the fire station.

To have your child’s car seat installed or inspected, call Fire Administration at 248-391-0304 ext. 2000 to set up an appointment.

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

New offices for Fire Administration

In January Fire Administration moved to Station 3, located at 3365 Gregory Road.

Moving to this new location allows all Fire Administration employees to work more efficiently from within the same building, ultimately better serving the community. The new addition includes seven new offices and an updated reception area for visitors.

While the address has changed, the phone number has remained the same. You can reach the Fire Department at 248-391-0304 ext. 2000.
Wonderful enhancements are on their way to Lake Orion this spring, with M-24 under construction from Goldengate to Harriet. Two-way traffic will be maintained from Goldengate to Drahner with at least one lane in each direction, while the road is milled and resurfaced. The improvements include:

- A safety crossing on M-24 near the public boat docks
- Indianwood and Elizabeth intersection reconfiguration
- A boulevard median between Broadway and Green’s Park
- Sidewalks and connections for improved walkability

Downtown Lake Orion will remain OPEN during construction! Join us for fun and entertainment every Thursday for Construction Blues Nights, beginning in May. Enjoy live music, various promotions, sales, giveaways, free tastes, fashion shows, contests, and kids’ activities. Downtown Lake Orion—known far and wide as a destination for fun since the early 20th century—invites you to celebrate “Where Living is a Vacation” every day.

45 fun things

1. Lick blue ice cream at Baskin Robbins, Cookies & Cream by Sproutbake or Eva’s Dairy Cafe
2. Sip a Blueberry Cobbler Coffee or a Blueberry Fields Iced Tea at ABeanToGo
3. Stop in for specials on ever changing blue merchandise at Twice Blessed
4. Feather your nest with goods by Motor City Granite, Builders Custom Flooring, and Lake Orion Window Treatments
5. Gather. Mingle. Celebrate. at The Event Place
6. Wash your wheels at Forster Soft Cloth Auto Wash
7. Customize your creation with Simply Marcella, Elvira’s Fashion, Ed’s Broadway Gift & Costume, Tattoo Nouveau, Orion Art Center, and M&B Graphics
8. Live healthy! Use calming essential oils and supplements from Lucky’s Natural Foods
9. Listen to LIVE music at 20 Front Street, 313 Pizza Bar, ABeanToGo, Fork N Pint, CJ’s Sandbar, Wine Social, Oat Soda, and Valentino’s
10. Bike Paint Creek Trail
11. Capture the moment with Orser Studio
12. Invest in peace of mind and plan your future at Romain Financial, Edward Jones, Capocore Professional Advisors, Abacus Accounting, Donald Chadwick, CPA; Great Lake Independent, State Farm—Steve Ockerman, State Farm Mutual—Nick Horvath, Strategic Planning Group, or Wayne Haney Farm Bureau Insurance
13. Find your happy with blue sprinkled treats from Nutz About Chocolate
14. Turn your blonde hair blue at Chris Louis Salon, Clip Away, Cutting Edge, Edwin & Roy Grooming Co., Elizabeth’s Studio, Fringe Parlor, Hair by Carrie, Lisa Ann Salon, or Salon U
15. Dress up your portraits in blue picture frames from Accent on Art
16. Pick up a “Blue Harmony Bouquet” at Amazing Petals
17. Count the ducks on Paint Creek in Meek’s Park
18. Buy blue jewels for your sweetheart at, WR Mason Jewelers or Diamond Dave’s Creative Jewelers
19. Don’t get the blues, play them! Buy music at Broadway Records
20. Get an everything bagels with blueberry cream cheese at Mannie’s Bagels and Deli
21. Learn something new in the Lake Orion Review
22. Indulge with a blue bath bomb from Sarah’s Bath Boutique
23. Gift a “Beautiful in Blue” arrangement to someone special from Jacobsen’s Flowers
24. Get pampered at Autumn Moon Aesthetics, Lo’s Beauty Bar + Med Spa, Vanity Vixen or Sarah’s Bath Boutique
25. Forget your troubles with family game night at Games4Life
26. Find a blue spruce on Paint Creek Trail
27. Stretch your stress away at Hamsa Yoga, Ideal Core Pilates, Pro Martial Arts, Caruso Chiropractic, Oakland Sports Chiropractic, Optimum Chiropractic & Massage or ATI Physical Therapy
28. Banish your construction blues with specials on bears and bibs at Broadway Embroidery
29. Run into Hanson’s for blue shoes
30. Talk it out at Indianwood Psychological Group, Treeside Psychological Clinic
31. Find your favorite blue superhero from Primetime Comics & Cards
32. Stop by Fogler’s Greenhouse for blue hydrangeas and fresh blueberries
33. Look for some blue hues within the Ben Nye Make-Up at Ed’s Broadway Gift & Costume
34. Look for a blue heron in Green’s Park
Bloomtown!

The 2020 Flower & Art Fair brings flowers, plants and unique crafts to downtown, just in time for Mother’s Day

Springtime is in the air and soon the streets of Downtown Lake Orion will be bursting with bright colors, fragrant smells, and excitement. Your senses will be heightened; your eyes will be dancing with excitement as you see tulips, peonies, begonias and more.

But the festival is a celebration of much more than flowers. The aromatic smells coming from Sagebrush Cantina, Oat Soda, and CJ’s Lakeside Grill will fill Downtown. The sounds from local performers Steve Taylor, Erica Mourad, and others will soothe your soul.

“As an avid gardener, I’ve been planning my garden for months,” says Oxford resident Pam Belding. “I love the Flower Fair because it gives me the perfect opportunity to pick up my annuals. This year I’m looking for begonias, pansies, and geraniums.”

Since this festival falls on Mother’s Day weekend, it’s the perfect opportunity to pick up a gift for mom.

In addition to flowers and succulents, there’s a multitude of different types of handmade art available. Local craftsmen (and women) will be featuring one-of-a-kind paintings, ceramics, glass and metal works, beadings, fabric, weaving, mixed media, paper, and more. One of last year’s local favorites was a stunning paper flower bouquet.

“If you haven’t been to the Flower & Art Fair,” Pam says, “make sure to mark your calendar. You’ll love spending the day with the ones you love in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.”

The Flower and Art Fair is open Friday, May 8 from 11 am to 8pm and Saturday, May 9 from 9 am to 6pm. Find out more at downtownlakeorion.org

By Pam Belding
SPECIAL EVENTS

**Bunny Bop**
Orion Center | Sat, Mar 28
9:30–10:30 am | 11 am–12 pm
12:30–1:30 pm | Ages 1–8 | $9R/$12NR
Spring is in the air! Hop on over to the Orion Center for a photo visit with a special bunny, refreshments, craft projects and egg hunt with toys and candy stuffed eggs and a few other surprises. Bring your own basket for filling with candy and prizes. Youth will be grouped by age for equal opportunity hunting for all. Pre-registration required, spaces are limited! Egg hunt will be held indoors in the event of inclement weather. Children in carriers and adults with registered participants are free.

**Flashlight Egg Hunt**
Camp Agawam | Thu, Apr 9
7:45–8:45 pm | Ages 9–15 | $9R/$12NR
Don’t let those older kids miss out on all the fun! Egg hunt will be held outdoors at Camp Agawam, Fort Pontiac. Dress for the weather—event is held rain or shine. Pre-registration required, spaces are limited! Pizza and pop included.

**Community Garage Sale**
Orion Center | Fri, Mar 6
9 am–3 pm | $10R/$13NR
Orion Center | Sat, Jun 20
9 am–3 pm | $12R/$15NR
Shop from 40+ families with one of a kind household and personal items, tools, clothing, toys, everything including the kitchen sink all at bargain prices. FREE Parking & Admission.

**Antique, Toy & Comic Expo**
Orion Center | Sat, Mar 7 & Sat, Jun 20
9 am–3 pm | $20R/$25NR
Buy, sell or trade comic books, collectibles, antiques and memorabilia at our annual Expo! Vendor set up opens at 8 am. FREE Parking & Admission.

**Orion Green Up**
Orion Center | Sat, Apr 25 | 1–4 pm
Celebrate Earth Day with us, make a difference in your community, and help make Orion Township a little greener. We provide the trash bags—you bring gloves, shovels, rakes, etc.—anything you may need to help make us clean and green. For more information check out Greener Orion on Facebook.

**Concerts in the Park at Wildwood**
Wildwood | Tue, Jun 23–Aug 11 | 7–8:30 pm
Grab your lawn chairs 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.

**Slow Row LO**
Lake Sixteen | Sun, Jun 14 | Noon
Lake Orion | Wed, Jul 15 | 6 pm
Tommy's Lake | Sun, Aug 9 | Noon
Squaw Lake | Wed, Sep 16 | 6 pm
Graham Lake | Sun, Oct 11 | Noon
Join an informal social group of kayakers on area lakes. Each participant is required to provide own craft, PFD and any user fees to gain access to boat launch. Visit SlowRowLO on Facebook for event details and exact location. Parking permits/passes may be required for some locations.

**Dragon Dash 5K**
Join us in September for an all new Dragon Dash!

**Summer Sizzle**
Orion Center | Thu, Jun 25 | 6–8 pm
Kick off your summer with a mini family staycation right here in Orion Township. Your kids will love the carnival games, face painting, bounce house, balloons, grilled hot dogs, and much more without breaking the bank to get there! All of this fun is free for everyone, a staycation that SIZZLES! FREE Parking & Admission.
YOUTH ENRICHMENT

TR Adaptive St. Patrick’s Day Dance
Orion Center | Mon, Mar 16 | 6–8 pm | Ages 14+ | $6R/$8NR
Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with an evening of music, dancing, and light refreshments. Dance is designed for those with special needs and disabilities. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins are welcome. Chaperones are free.

SAT Prep Class
Orion Center | Mon & Thu, Mar 2–Apr 9 | 5:30–8:30 pm | Ages 15–19 | $1095R/$1125NR
If your SAT scores are not where they should be, you do not perform well on tests, or you simply want to impress college admissions teams, sign up for our proven SAT prep program and get results! Class size is limited for greater one on one time with the instructor. Instructors are SAT certified by Sylvan and the State of Michigan.

Home Alone Training
Orion Center | Mon, May 11 | 6:30–7:30 pm | Ages 9+ | $16R/$19NR
Is your young teen staying home alone after school? Prepare yourself and your child for this new adventure with Home Alone Training. Instructor Merry Lowis presents the skills your child will need to be home alone safely. Includes walking home, key responsibility, securing the house, answering the phone, safe choices, and emergency procedures. Training follows the American Red Cross Curriculum. Certificate is presented upon completion of the workshop. Hand-outs are included.

Babysitter Training
Orion Center | Mon, May 18 | 6–8:30 pm | Ages 11+ | $19R/$22NR
Instructor Merry Lowis presents the skills needed to start your own babysitting business—basics such as meeting the family, setting appointments, age appropriate activities and safety instruction. Handouts are included. Certificate presented upon completion of the workshop. Program incorporates the American Red Cross guide and video into the curriculum. Suggested pre-requisite class: Home Alone Training.

ORV Safety
Friendship Park | Sat, Apr 25 | 9 am–4 pm | Ages 12+ | $18R/$20NR
Open to persons of all ages, but is required for students ages 12–16 who wish to operate an ORV (ATV, UTV, Motorcycle or related 2–wheel, 3–wheel or 4–wheel). This course is designed to teach you how to be a safe and responsible ORV operator and covers the latest laws. To earn your certificate, students must attend 7 hours of instruction and pass a written state exam. Students age 8–10 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Instructor: Chuck Comstock

Boater Safety
Orion Center | Tue, Jun 23 | 9 am–4 pm | Ages 12+ | $18R/$20NR
This DNR Course teaches how to be a safe and responsible boater and fundamentals: boat maintenance, personal watercraft and boat operation, legal requirements of boating, personal preparedness and survival skills. After passing the required test, those 12 years and older are given Boating Safety Certificate Cards. Students 8–11 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Instructor: Chuck Comstock.
PARKS & RECREATION
THE ARTIST’S APPRENTICE
Classes taught by Pamela Palmer B.F.A.

Paint, Pour & So Much More!
Orion Center | Mon, Apr 6–May 4 | 5:30–7 pm | Ages 7+ | $75R/$80NR
Let’s try a sink strainer paint pour using pattern instead of the object, where we have the silhouette speak for itself. Our young artists will be working with watercolors and acrylics to execute these fun experimental works of art. We will attempt a fresco paint on plaster with egg tempera paint that we make ourselves! $30 material fee payable to instructor on 1st day of class.

Flower Art Power—Parent & Child
Orion Center | Mon, May 18–Jun 8 | 5:30–7 pm | Ages 6+ | $85R/$90NR
Participants will work on similar projects as they work individually side by side with their cherished young artist. We will paint, sculpt, and draw in such mediums as paper–mache, watercolor pencils & paints, as well as crayon on sandpaper. Fee includes child and parent. $30 material fee payable to instructor on 1st day of class. $42R/$45NR + $15 material fee for each additional child.

Clayworks
Orion Center | Thu, May 21–Jun 4 | 5:30–7 pm | Ages 7+ | $40R/$45NR
 Egyptian canopic ‘pinch pot’ jars with jackal heads and neon tropical fish or birds made from Model Magic are the projects we will be working on in this 3 week series. Our artwork and drawings will be on display at a ‘Viewing of Creations’ that will be extended to families after class on the last day. $15 material fee payable to instructor on 1st day of class.

Tea Time with Princess Belle
Orion Center | Sun, Apr 19 | 1–3 pm | Ages 2+ | $50R/$52NR
Princess Belle would love to see smiling faces for cookies and tea! Dress your best for a magical day of fun and play. Registration includes wand making, cookie decorating, charm lessons, high tea, story and a special take–home gift from Belle! Pictures will be from 2:30–3 pm so that this magical day can be cherished for years to come. A dream come true for your little prince/princess!

Youth Fishing Derby
Camp Agawam | Sun, Jun 14 | 10 am–12 pm | Ages 1–15
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. Event will take place at the fishing dock behind Alberici Lodge. Pre-registration is required.

Better Robotics Workshop
Friendship Park | Sat, Apr 18
9:30 am–12:30 pm | Ages 7–14
$35R/$40NR
Students work with a partner to build a robotic model that helps make the world a better place. Students learn to program and customize their model to solve a problem—cleaning up pollution, helping people with disabilities or solving transportation issues.

Awesome Robotics Adventure Jr. Workshop
Orion Center | Mon, Jun 1 & Thu Jun 4 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Ages 4–6 | $26R/$31NR
Children will begin to explore the world of robotics as they build simple models that teach the fundamentals of robotic design. Whether learning about sensors while building drills and magic wands, or discovering ways that gears and pulleys create movement while building helicopters and robotic dogs, your child is sure to have a great time.

Adventures with Star Wars® Workshop
Friendship Park | Sat, May 2
9:30 am–12:30 pm | Ages 5–12
$30R/$35NR
If you love Star Wars®, this is the workshop for you. Come participate in Star Wars® themed activities using LEGO® bricks and other interactive learning tools, build scenes from the movie, build ships, light sabers, you name it…May the force be with you.
Kiddie Kickers
Friendship Park, Soccer Field #1 | Wed, May 6–Jun 10 6–7 pm | Ages 3–4 or 5–6 | $57R/$60NR
Youth soccer encourages an active lifestyle while enhancing your child’s social and physical development. This program offers a fun and safe atmosphere for learning the basics of soccer, and incorporates fun activities and non–competitive scrimmages that promote sportsmanship and teamwork. The coaching staff for this instruction based program is provided by the Orion Oxford Soccer League (OOSL). Participants are encouraged to bring a size 3 soccer ball. Soccer balls are available for purchase at registration for $12 (limit of 1 per registered participant). Rain date scheduled for June 17 if needed.

Youth Golf Lessons
Mulberry Hills Golf Course | Mon, Jul 20–Aug 24 6:30–7:30 pm | Ages 7–15 | $120R/$125NR
Lessons with Mulberry Hills will introduce proper grip, stance and posture, basic putting and chipping and examine the fundamentals of the full swing. Students will be approached as if they have little or no experience. Group lessons are designed to create a comfortable and affordable instructional environment for the new or intermediate golfer.

Horseback Riding Lessons
Times Square Riding Academy | Sat, Apr 18–May 23 Jun 6–Jul 11 | 1:30–2:30 pm | Ages 7+ | $150R/$160NR
Give your child the experience they have been dreaming of. Each lesson consists of basic grooming, riding and horse care for beginner riders in the English Saddle style. Riders are required to wear long pants and hard sole shoes with 1-inch heel. Looking for that special time with your child? Take lessons together. Register early for a rewarding and unforgettable experience.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Ontv Classes
Classes held at ONTV Studio

Video Production
Mon, Mar 16–May 18 | 7–9 pm
Ages 13+ | $30R/$60NR
ONTV teaches you how to operate cameras, audio equipment, and be a director. Learn about green screen and basic editing.

Podcast Class
Wed & Thu | Mar 11 & 12
Apr 8 & 9 | May 13 & 14 | Jun 3 & 4 | 7–9 pm | Ages 18+ | $25
If you are interested in radio broadcasting or recording a podcast, ONTV teaches you to run the radio equipment so you can record your own show that can run on our station.

Call 248–693–3377 for information and to register.

Alcohol Ink Tile Class
Orion Center | Wed, Apr 15
10 am–12 pm | 1–3 pm | Ages 30+
$10R/$12NR
Complete 3 tile projects using alcohol inks with additional introduction of various metallic mix–additives. Your project will be left on site for drying and sealing. Projects can be picked up on/after April 20. $7 material fee is due directly to the instructor the day of class. Sample works are on display in the Orion Center lobby.

Community Garden Plots
Friendship Park | May—October
$25R/$30NR
Community gardens create awareness, sense of ownership, sustainable living principles, environmental stewardship and more. Get your 4’ x 8’ Garden Plot at Friendship Park today! Registration opens to returning gardeners on March 2. Registration opens to everyone on April 1. Returning gardeners who do not reserve their plot by March 31 may not be guaranteed the same plot as the previous year. Call 248–391–0304 x3500 or come to the Orion Center for more information. ADA accessible plots are available. $5 discount per plot when reserving 2 or more plots.
ADULT FITNESS AND WELLNESS

**TaikoFit Cardio Drumming**  
Free Trial Class Thu, Mar 26  
Orion Center | Thu, Apr 2–Jun 25  
6:30–7:30 pm | Ages 16+  
$93R/$100NR  

Japanese drumming uses big drums, big sticks and big moves. Combine the Taiko drumming style with high energy music and cardio and you have a really fun workout that reduces stress and is good for your mind, body and soul. No drumming experience is necessary. Drums and sticks provided. Instructor: Cindi Carter, with Great Lakes Taiko Center in Novi. Drop in rate, $14R/$15NR per night. No class April 9, 16 & June 18.

**Tone & Stretch**  
Free Trial Class Thu, Mar 26  
Orion Center | Thu, Apr 2–Jun 25  
7:45–8:30 pm | Ages 16+  
$55R/$60NR  

Combine strength training for all areas of the body using closed loop resistance bands and full body stretching with and without closed loop resistance bands, high-density foam roller, and yoga mat. Instructor: Cindi Carter. Drop in rate, $9R/$10NR per night. No class April 9, 16 & June 18.

**HEF HIIT It**  
Clear Lake Elementary School  
Tue and/or Thu, Apr 7–Jun 11  
7–8 pm | Ages 18+ | $70/$125  
Friendship Park | Tue and/or Thu,  
Jun 16–Aug 20 | 7–8 pm | Ages 18+  
$70/$125  

Push yourself to reach new levels with new friends in this high-energy interval training class. We’ll hit every muscle group and burn tons of calories using a variety of equipment and exercises for one great workout. Register for one or two nights. All fitness levels welcome. Bring a mat and weights to class. No class Jul 7 & 9.

**Hatha Yoga Gentle**  
Orion Center | Mon, Apr 6–May 11  
5:45–6:45 pm | Ages 18+ | $60R/$64NR  

Learn the foundational yoga poses and experience all the wonderful benefits, including breathing and relaxation techniques to help calm the mind. Instructor: Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga. Drop in rate, $12R/$13NR per night.

**Hatha Yoga Continuing**  
Orion Center | Mon, Apr 6–May 11  
7–8:20 pm | Ages 18+ | $60R/$64NR  

We review the foundational yoga poses learned in the gentle class and explore new postures and practices. Class includes meditation and relaxation. Instructor: Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga. Drop in rate, $12R/$13NR per night.

**FIT4MOM**

**Stroller Strides®**  
Friendship Park | Fri | 9:30–10:30 am | Ages 18+  

Stroller Strides® is a total fitness program that moms can do with their babies. It includes power walking/jogging and intervals of strength and body toning exercises using resistance bands, the stroller and the environment. Taught by certified and specially trained fitness instructors, it is a great workout for any level of exerciser.

**Stroller Barre®**  
Friendship Park | Mon & Wed | 9:30–10:30 am | Ages 18+  

Stroller Barre® is a unique blend of ballet, Pilates, barre, yoga and stroller–based exercises designed to help moms build strength and muscle tone and improve posture. Stroller Barre® focuses on strengthening and creating an ideal length/tension relationship in all the postural muscles.

**Body Back Transformation®**  
Friendship Park | Mon & Wed | 7–8 pm | Ages 18+  

Body Back Transformation® is a results–based program designed for moms who want their body back, whether they just had a baby or their last child was born twenty years ago! Body Back clients experience targeted HIIT workouts, inspiration and motivation in every class.

**FIT4BABY®**  
Friendship Park | Mon & Wed | 6–7 pm | Ages 18+  

FIT4BABY® is designed specifically for moms–to–be. All exercises are carefully selected to prepare your body for the many changes you will experience during pregnancy. The 60–minute workout includes cardio, strength, balance, and flexibility training and ends with a relaxing meditation; everything you need during this precious time!
Hatha Yoga Open
Orion Center | Thu, Apr 2–May 7
10–11:20 am | Ages 18+ | $60R/$64NR
Exploring yoga asanas, breathing and relaxation techniques. Open to beginning or returning students. Bring a yoga mat and strap to class. Instructor: Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga. Drop in rate, $12R/$13NR per class.

Yoga with Ease
Orion Center | Thu, Apr 2–May 7
1–2 pm | Ages 40+ | $38R/$42NR
Join us for adaptive yoga as we explore gentle stretches to bring flexibility into your body, strengthen your muscles and relax your mind. With the support of chairs and the wall you will explore Yoga with Ease. Bring a yoga mat to class. Instructor: Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga. Drop in rate, $8R/$9NR per class.

Yoga & Sound Workshop
Orion Center | Thu, May 28
10:30 am–12:30 pm | Ages 18+
$20R/$22NR
In this gentle yoga practice we explore gentle yin and restorative yoga poses as we are bathed by the sounds of Crystal Bowls, Himalayan bowls and beautiful soft chimes. The yoga portion will be led by Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga, and the sound immersion will be provided by Cristina Pavey of Flow of Life Services. You will be soothed by the physical vibration of the bowls, as you move through gentle restorative and yin postures. We end class with 20 minutes of relaxation soaking in the beautiful sounds.

Zumba Gold
Orion Center | Mon, May 18–Jun 29
9:30–10:30 am | Ages 40+
$48R/$51NR
A Latin-inspired cardio workout, incorporating merengue, salsa, cumbia, belly dancing and more! This class is different from regular Zumba in that it provides more verbal instruction to better learn the moves and is done at a slower pace. You will have so much fun dancing, you will forget you’re working out! It’s exercise in disguise! No class May 25.
Instructor: Cyndy DuVal. Drop in rate, $10R/$11NR per class.

MELT Method Workshop
Orion Center | Wed, May 20
10:45 am–12:00 pm | Ages 18+
$22R/$25NR
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 and 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! (Must be able to independently get on and off the floor.) Instructor: Cyndy DuVal.

MELT Method Class
Orion Center | Wed, May 27–Jun 17
10:45 am–12:00 pm | Ages 18+
$57R/$60NR
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 and 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! (Must be able to independently get on and off the floor.) Instructor: Cyndy DuVal. Drop in rate, $15R/$16NR per class.

Zumba Gold Toning
Orion Center | Wed, May 20–Jun 24
9:30–10:30 am | Ages 40+
$48R/$51NR
Zumba® Gold Toning blends the Zumba® party you love at a slower pace with a redefining total body workout using Zumba® Toning Sticks (1 lbs. weights recommended, no more than 3 lbs.) to shake up those muscles! Walk in ready to have a blast and tone up, leave exhilarated and empowered! Just want to dance without using the weights? No problem! Instructor: Cyndy DuVal. Drop in rate, $10R/$11NR per class.

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

Spring 2020 | Orion Living
Heartfulness Meditation Programs

**Learn to Meditate**
Friendship Park | Wed, Apr 22–May 13
7–8:30 pm | Ages 18+
Offers a simple set of relaxation and meditation exercises, which when practiced daily, help restore balance in life, manage stress, improve your health, and most of all will lead you to inner calm and peace. Program is conducted by certified Heartfulness trainers.
Class is free, but registration is required.

**Adult Golf Lessons**
Mulberry Hills Golf Course
Mon, Jun 15–Jul 13 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Ages 18+ | $145R/$150NR

Review and improve existing skills, introduce variations of the golf swing, shot techniques and implement aspects of golf course management.

**Womens Only Learn & Play**
Mulberry Hills Golf Course
Mon, Jun 1–Aug 17 | 5:30–6 pm
Tue, Jun 2–Aug 18 | 6–6:30 pm
Ages 18+ | $264R/$269NR

Each week includes a 30 minute group lesson covering putting, pitching and chipping instruction, full swing instruction with irons and wood. Nine holes of golf also included weekly.

**Pickleball Lessons—Beginner & Intermediate**
Jesse Decker Park | Tue, May 12–May 26 | 11:00 am–12:30 pm
Ages 30+ | $50R/$55NR

Are you new to the sport or are you looking to take your game to the next level? Our instructors will assist you no matter your skill level. Bring your own paddle if you have one.

**TOPS**
Orion Center | Thu | 5:45–8 pm
Ages 18+
(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) A weight loss support group. Members receive encouragement while making changes slowly and steadily in their life. Call Sue Shubert for more information at 248–931–1881.

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**CPR CLASSES**

American Heart Association

**HeartSaver CPR/AED**
Fire Station #2 | Wed | Mar 18
Apr 15 | Jun 17 | 5–9 pm
Ages 12+ | $40

Fire Station #2 | Sat | Apr 18
Jun 20 | 10 am–2 pm | Ages 12+ $40

Class will cover CPR/AED/Choking for all age groups.

American Heart Association

**HeartSaver CPR/AED/First Aid**
Fire Station #2 | Sat | Mar 21 | May 16 | 10 am–5 pm
Ages 12+ | $50

Class is held the third Saturday of every other month. Class will cover CPR/AED/First Aid/Choking for all age groups.

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**Blood Pressure**
Need your blood pressure taken? Cindy, Beaumont’s Wellness Liaison is here to help you with that. Stop by and she will be glad to help. Also, don’t forget to ask about upcoming classes.

**Stay Strong Exercise Class**
Every Thu | 10:15–11:15 am | Ages 50+ | Free

Come and join the seniors for some gentle chair and standing exercises. Registration preferred.

**Advanced Stay Strong Exercise Class**
Every Tue | 1–2 pm | Ages 50+ | Free

This program is designed to provide baby boomers and older adults with exercises to improve muscular strength and endurance, posture and flexibility with the help of resistance bands. Registration preferred.

**Healthy Nutrition and Eating Seminar**
Tue, Mar 10 | 2 pm | Ages 50+ | Free

**Nutrition and Eating for Families Seminar**
Thu, Mar 19 | 6 pm | All Ages | Free

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or call 248–391–0304, ext. 3500
Free Orion Center Membership
Want to participate in our programs? Register for a FREE Orion Center membership for 50+ Orion Township residents and non-residents. Stop by or call to register, then sign up for a program. Additionally, the Orion Center has many resources available to community members such as medical equipment, dental, housing, Alzheimer’s, and many other support groups.

Ask the Financial Guru
Orion Center | Thu | 11:30 am–2 pm
Ages 50+
Appointments are 30 minutes and on the first Thursday of the month.

Ask the Attorney
Orion Center | Mon, Mar 9 or May 11 1–2:30 pm | Ages 50+
Attorney Dana Wilson provides private consultations at the center. If you need assistance with legal problems or if you have legal questions, call the center for a 15 to 20-minute appointment.

Cinco de Mayo
Orion Center | Tue, May 5 | 12 pm
$8R/$10NR
Join us at the Orion Center for a fiesta! Your favorite Mexican dishes will be served while you listen to authentic Mexican music.

FIELD TRIPS
Registration opens March 4

Michigan Opera Theatre
Thu, Mar 26 | 9:30 am | $10R/$35NR
Terence Blanchard’s Champion: An Opera in Jazz makes its Detroit Opera House debut March 26. Based on the real story of prize fighter Emile Griffith, Champion is a reflection on the boxer’s life as he struggles with regret, prejudice and the fluidity of morality.

Lake Orion High School Spring Play Pippin
Wed, April 22 | 9:30 am | $5R/10NR
A Senior tradition, Lake Orion Seniors put on their Spring play, Pippin. Enjoy a continental breakfast before you go.

Leader Dogs for the Blind Tour
Thu, May 14 | 1 pm | $5R/$7NR
Participants will receive a tour of the canine development center in Rochester Hills, a one-of-a-kind 100% philanthropic facility offering those who are blind a life of independence and mobility.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Guardian Angel Lunch and Learn
Orion Center | Wed, Mar 11 | 12 pm
FREE
Pre-planning cemetery arrangements is the most important gift you can give your family. Come to the Orion Center and learn about your options.

St. Patrick’s Day
Orion Center | Tue, Mar 17 12 pm | $7R/$9NR
May the luck of the Irish be with you! Join us for a festive meal and entertainment while we celebrate this popular Irish holiday.

Tigers Home Opening Day
Orion Center | Mon, Mar 30 12:30 pm | $3R/$4NR
Join us for Tigers Opening Day and watch our Detroit Tigers against the Kansas City Royals on the big screen. Our luncheon starts at 12:30 pm with all your baseball favorites.

ENRICHMENT

Java Joes
Orion Center | 9:30–10:30 am
Registration preferred
Java Joes meets the 4th Tuesday of the month. Each month the Orion Center will have a special guest or the group discussion leader. Join us for a fresh cup of joe and great conversations with your neighbors.

E N R I C H M E N T
CLUBS

K4 Knit/Crochet
Mon | 12:30–3:30 pm

Chinese Mahjong
Mon, Apr 6–Jun 29
12:30–3:30 pm | $4R/$5NR

Ham Radio
Mon & Thu | 6–8:45 pm

Bingo
Tue | 10–11:45 am and
12:45–2:45 pm

Painting
Tue, Apr 7–Jun 30 | 10 am–2 pm
$4R/$5NR

Walking Club
Wed | 9:30 am

Pinochle/Euchre
Wed | 12:30–3:30 pm

Library Book Club
Wed, 2nd of the month | 1–2 pm
Ages 30+

Orion Center Band
Thu | 10–11:30 am

Game Day
Fri | 12:30–3:30 pm

Movies
Fri | 1–3 pm

Quilting
Fri | 9 am–12 pm

American Mahjong
Fri, Apr 3–Jun 26
11 am–3:30 pm | $4R/$5NR
*You must bring your own 2019 Official Standard Hands and Rules card.

Orion Center Highlight: Ham Radio Club

Hams lend their eyes and ears for the public good

A “ham” is a licensed radio operator who works with radio waves and equipment, including antennas, in the hobby of communication with other hams, locally and around the world. They study radio propagation and develop equipment, which is used for chatting, and for public service communication, since the early 1900s.

Hams often serve as extra eyes and ears in support of public functions like the Woodward Dream Cruise and The Brookside Way Race, reporting to public officials. For instance, through communication via radios a group of over a dozen hams worked together to reunite a 10-year-old who had been separated from their group during the Woodward Dream Cruise. That was just one example of the importance of these amateur radio operators.

Hams are trained in emergency response by Homeland Security in order to help with large scale disasters, like hurricanes, tornados, and epidemics. Hams prepare to operate independent or public services such as utilities, phones, etc. as needed. Practice exercises with hams and public services have recently been conducted by the local Homeland Security: helping search for a lost child and reporting damage from a storm for coordination efforts. Hams also pass along welfare inquiries during disasters to relieve local officials as much as possible and reduce phone overload. Another duty of hams is to observe and report the monthly tests of the emergency warning sirens to ensure safe warning of the public. This is especially important at the start of Spring, which brings weather concerns that everyone should monitor. The hams also recommend that everyone get a weather radio which will put out a warning for severe weather, even when you are asleep. In general, all other emergencies should be planned for by families. Hams will help with communication in public emergencies, not home emergencies. Hams only help when called out by public officials.

The Ham Radio Club at the Orion Center has been going since 2000. They meet every Monday and Thursday from 6 to 8:45 pm. at the Orion Center. If you’re interested in learning more about becoming a ham please call the Orion Center at 248-391-0304 x3500.
LEAGUES

Support Orion Recreation Youth Athletics Team Sponsor

Orion Girls Softball League (OGSL) and/or Lake Orion Youth Baseball League (LOYBL)
$400/team or $350/2+ teams (either league)
Call or email Jesse Hayes at 248-391-0304 x3506 or jhayes@oriontownship.org for details.

Adaptive Softball
Friendship Park | Thu, Apr 30–Aug 6 6–8:30 pm | Ages 13–45 | $35R/$38NR
TR softball league is for persons between the ages of 13–45 years with developmental disabilities, with or without physical impairments. All ability levels are encouraged and welcome to participate. Practices and home games will be played at Friendship Park, Miracle Field; away games are played in neighboring communities. Join the fun! Go Hawks!

Junior Golf League
Mulberry Hills Golf Course
Tue, Jun 16–Aug 18 | 1–3:30 pm
Ages 10–15 | $135R/$140NR
Designed for boys and girls with some prior playing experience and a firm understanding of the game. Participants will play nine holes each week on a semi-competitive basis. Scores and handicaps will be calculated to maintain a level playing field. Includes on-course supervision, a hot dog & pop, games, contests, awards and prizes each week.

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

LOYBL Umpire Program
Apr–Jun | Ages 14+ | $10
Classroom Training | Orion Center Mon, Apr 6 | 7 pm
On–Field Training | Friendship Park Sat, Apr 25 | 9:30 am TBD
Are you interested in becoming a paid baseball umpire? LOYBL is seeking new and returning umpires for the 2020 season. A $10 registration fee will get you an umpire shirt, hat, indicator, use of umpiring equipment, on-field training, and online certification. We will provide everything you need to get out on the field and start making calls and money!

NEW! Fall Leagues!
Look for information soon about Fall OGSL and LOYBL Leagues starting in August or September.
Park Highlight

Wildwood Amphitheater
2700 Joslyn Ct.

Check out the Orion Township Parks & Recreation Facebook page for upcoming events on the hill. Starting on June 23 until August 11, Orion Parks will be hosting FREE Tuesday night concerts from 7 pm—8:30 pm.

Come join us on the hill!

FRIENDSHIP PARK
3380 W. Clarkston Rd.

CAMP AGAWAM
1301 W. Clarkston Rd.

CIVIC CENTER PARK
2525 Joslyn Rd.

WILDWOOD AMPHITHEATER
2700 Joslyn Ct.

ORION COMMUNITY CENTER
& Parks Office
1335 Joslyn Rd.

Jesse Decker Park
4100 N. Squirrel Rd.

GINGELL NATURE AREA
2689 Maybee Rd.

www.OrionParks.com
248-391-0304 ext. 3500
**SUMMER CAMP**

**Camp Oak Ventures**
Orion Center | Mon–Fri, Jul 6–10, Jul 20–24, Aug 10–14
8:10 am–4 pm | Ages 6–12
$15R/$160NR

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! Camper activities may include making waves at our water parks, strolling trails through guided nature hikes, lying under the stars in our star lab, shooting archery, scaling a rock wall and soaring through the air with a free-standing zip-line! Campers will also spend their days running through inflatable obstacle courses, riding the BMX track, doing crafts, and participating in wacky games to name a few!

**Youth Sports Camp**
Civic Center Park | Mon–Thu, Jul 13–16
10 am–12:30 pm | Ages 4–7
$45R/$48NR

Basketball, soccer, hockey and t-ball too! Not sure which sport is right for them? Come and join us for Youth Sports Camp, each day they will learn different basic sport skills. Pre-registration required. Beginner level.

**Go Wild!**
Camp Agawam | Mon–Thu, Jun 22–25
10 am–12:30 pm | Ages 4–7
$45R/$48NR

Join us at Camp Agawam for hands-on, Growing Up Wild, nature investigation! Use all 5 senses to explore animal habits, recycling for a cleaner environment, animal tracks and become aware that Wildlife is Everywhere!

**Play It Safe Camp**
Friendship Park | Mon–Thu, Jul 6–9
10 am–12:30 pm | Ages 4–7
$45R/$48NR

Learn by doing with daily hands-on activities and guest speakers, including many of the following topics: stranger danger, bus safety, bike safety, 911, health and nutrition. Daily nutritious snacks are included.

**Horseback Riding Camp**
Times Square Riding Academy
Mon–Fri, TBD | 9 am–4 pm | Ages 7+
$250

Give your child a summer they will never forget with two hours of daily riding, bathing, grooming, feeding, as well as fun crafts and games on and off horseback at Times Square Riding Academy. Campers need to bring a sack lunch each day. Times Square Riding Academy is located at 4835 Oakwood Rd in Ortonville.

**Young Scientist**
Camp Agawam | Mon–Thu, Jul 20–23 and Jul 27–30 | 10 am–12:30 pm
Ages 4–7 | $45R/$48NR

How are tornadoes formed? What is a fossil? What makes electricity? So much more to discover in our Young Scientist camp. Daily activities to stretch young minds and to make a mess in our space. Daily nutritious snacks are included.

**Kids Can Act!—Summer Theater Camp**
Wildwood Amphitheater
Mon–Fri, Jul 13–17 | 9 am–Noon
Ages 6–12 | $87R/$90NR

Let your kids’ imaginations and creativity go wild. While they have fun, they will also learn to develop some very valuable skills, such as speaking in public, problem-solving, and teamwork. 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” at the Wildwood Amphitheater.

**ONTV Kids Video Camp**
ONTV Studios | Mon–Fri, Jun 15–Jun 19 | 1–4 pm | Grades 6–8
$145

Kids will learn about television production, video operation and more! They will also make a show that will air on our channel. Camp includes t-shirt, pizza party and DVD. To register call 248-693-3377 or email ontv@oriontv.org.

Register for Parks & Recreation Programs at ORIONPARKS.COM or call 248–391–0304, ext. 3500
Junior Golf Camp
Mulberry Hills Golf Course
Mon–Thu | Jun 15–19 | Jul 6–10
Jul 27–31 | 9:30 am–1 pm | Ages 7–15
$214R/$219NR
All aspects of the game are covered and the instruction is kept simple, fun and relaxed with games and contests. Camps begin with the basic fundamentals of the golf grip, stance, posture, aim alignment and moves through the swing plane and motion. Youngsters will be taught lessons in fairness, perseverance, self-control and self-esteem that will help them long after they have left the instruction tee. Camp includes; camp shirt, lunch, on–course instruction, practice balls, range use, essential gift bag, certificate reduced green fees all season, use of equipment (if needed), games, prizes and awards!

Free Community Event June 20
Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!
Go Green! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle in the Orion Center on Saturday, June 20 from 9 am to 3 pm.
Shop indoors at the Antique, Toy & Comic Expo and outdoors at the Community Garage Sale for one–of–a–kind toys, comics, books, classic and household items all in one location. Bring your old, expired and out–of–date prescription drugs for disposal. Drop off your confidential documents for shredding (limited hours from 11 am–1 pm). Recycle old working cell phones to OCSD for reusing.
All this will cost you zip, zilch, nada to attend, Free parking and free admission.

Half Day & Full Day Options: Register for a morning and/or afternoon session. Drop off is permitted as early as 8:30 am. Pick–up can occur as late as 5:00 pm. Children should bring a snack for half day sessions and a packed lunch for full day sessions.

Sports Science
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Jul 13–Jul 17 | 1 pm–4 pm | Ages 7–14
$145R/$155NR
In this class, children will learn the science behind their favorite sports. Students will learn about momentum, energy, measurement, air pressure, and much more as they perform simple experiments related to sports. Perfect for both sports and science lovers, this fun interactive program exercises both the body and the mind.

Amusement Park Adventure
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Jul 27–Jul 31 | 9 am–12 pm | Ages 6–12
$145R/$155NR
Design your own amusement park in this super fun program! Learn how to use LEGO® bricks and other building materials to make coasters and other awesome rides.
Can you design the next Disney World?
Remote Control Robot Challenge  
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Jul 27–Jul 31 | 1 pm–4 pm | Ages 7–14  
$145R/$155NR  
Learn engineering strategies and building techniques to use robots constructed from LEGO® bricks to complete missions using remote controls. Apply your knowledge and skill in friendly competition. Complete as many missions as you can in a specific time frame to win the ultimate challenge match. Take your building to the next level.

Black Belt Engineers  
Camp Agawam | Mon–Fri, Aug 3–Aug 7 | 9 am–12 pm | Ages 8–14  
$145R/$155NR  
Build super–cool models that use gears, axles and technic bricks. Children use engineering and physics concepts as they work in teams under guided instruction to build a different model using LEGO® TECHNIC® bricks each class!

Minecraft: Advanced  
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Jun 22–Jun 26 | 9 am–12 pm | Ages 7–14  
$145R/$155NR  
Minecraft® lovers unite! Snapology’s Advanced Minecraft® is a technical class involving advanced Minecraft® building using LEGO® bricks and game–play experience. Students will learn the art of crafting and stirring up their own potions using LEGO® bricks. You came, you saw, you mined at Snapology’s Advanced Minecraft®! Material fee of $12 due to instructor at first class.

Animation Studio: Let’s Make a Movie  
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Jun 22–Jun 26 | 1–4 pm | Ages 7–14  
$145R/$155NR  
Create amazing movies with stop motion animation using LEGO® bricks. Children will work in teams to produce their very own movie complete with dialogue and sound effects. Movies are uploaded to a secure site for family and friends to see how cool they are! Material fee of $12 due to instructor at first class.

Gamebots: Beginner Coding  
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Jul 13–Jul 17 | 9 am–12 pm | Ages 7–14  
$145R/$155NR  
Calling all gamers! Have a blast learning how to code while building robotic games to test your code. Students will learn about sequencing commands, value and sensor inputs, and loops. Whether creating a robotic hockey player, pinball machine, or a ring toss, your child is sure to have fun building, learning, and playing.

Video Game Design  
Camp Agawam | Mon–Fri, Aug 3–Aug 7 | 1 pm–4 pm | Ages 8–14  
$145R/$155NR  
Students create their own video game in this awesome Snapology camp. We’ll teach students how to design their very own side–scrolling platforming game with Stencyl game creation software. They even get to take their game home on a flash drive that can be shared and played at home with family & friends.

Mechanical Masterminds  
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Aug 17–Aug 21 | 9 am–12 pm | Ages 8–14  
$145R/$155NR  
This program gives your student the tools they need to understand mechanical movement through the foundations of simple machines, physics, and engineering design. They will see moving parts up close as they follow instructions to build various machines, then use the models to develop new design ideas, test out physics concepts, and even play games with their partners and classmates.

Robotic Olympics  
Friendship Park | Mon–Fri, Aug 17–Aug 2 | 11 pm–4 pm | Ages 8–14  
$145R/$155NR  
In Snapology’s Robot Olympics, students will build and program robots to compete in sports themed challenges. Your child will learn both mechanical and computer programming concepts as they create robots that run races, play hockey, and much more. Students will work in groups, using LEGO® Mindstorms® EV3 technology, to complete challenges. Your child is sure to have fun as they build, learn, and play.
1-18 Immigration: an American Story display, Orion Township Public Library
2 Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm
3 LOHS Senior/Parent Graduation Meeting, LOHS
3 Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences, respective middle schools
4 Parent University (9-12) “College Prep,” LOHS Kiva
5 High School and Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences, respective schools
5 LOHS Senior/Parent Graduation Meeting, LOHS
5 LOYBL and OGSL walk in registration, Orion Center
6 Community Garage Sale, Orion Center
6 Webber Discovery Fair, Webber Elementary
7 Antique, Toy & Comic Expo, Orion Center
7 LOHS Maker Fair, LOHS
10 Kindergarten information night, all elementary schools
10 Pine Tree Parent/Teacher Conferences
12 Incoming 6th grade Middle School Orientation, respective middle schools
13 Scrahtastic Designs, Orion Township Public Library, 2 pm
15 LOHS Art Show/Auction, LOHS
16 Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm
17 St. Patrick’s Day
17 Census at the Library, Orion Township Public Library, 1 to 3 pm
18 Leadership Book Discussion, Orion Library, 7 pm
18 Scripps Band Concert, Scripps Middle School
19 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences, respective elementary schools
21 Orion Art Center’s Totally 80s Murder Mystery Fundraiser, Paint Creek Country Club
24 Census at the Orion Center, 10 am to 12 pm
24 Orion Chamber’s Women in Business Conference, King’s Court Castle
24 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences, respective elementary schools
24 Middle Schools Sweet Sounds Choir Concert, Scripps Middle School
25 Blood Drive, Orion Township Public Library, 10:30 am to 6:30 pm
25 Kindergarten Registration, CERC Building
26 Census at the Library, Orion Township Public Library, 6 to 8 pm
27 Coffee with Chris, Orion Center, 9:30 am
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30-Apr 3 Spring Break, Schools closed

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Photo by Leah Sands
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1–3 Spring Break, Schools closed

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7 Census at the Library, Orion Township Public Library, 10 am to 12 pm

9 Census at the Orion Center, 1 to 3 pm

9 Family Maker Night, Orion Township Public Library, 6 pm

15 Federal Tax Day

15 State of the Township, Woodside Church, 8:30 am

18 MSBOA Solo and Ensemble, Waldon Middle School

19–25 National Library Week

20 Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm

21 Parent University (K-12) “Mindfulness”, LOHS

23–26 LOHS Spring Musical “Pippin”, LOHS Performing Arts Center

24 Coffee with Chris, Orion Center, 9 am

25 Orion Green Up, Orion Center

25 Orion Chamber’s Healthy Body Healthy Mind Expo, Orion Center

25 Tech Recycling Drop-Off Day, Orion Library, 10 am to 1 pm

26 Nature Family Concert with Joe Reilly, Orion Library, 2 pm

4 Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm

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20 Bees in the D, Orion Township Public Library, 6:30 pm

21 LOHS Senior Band Recital, LOHS

22 Coffee with Chris, Orion Center, 9:30 am

22 Scripps Talent Show, Scripps Middle School

25 Memorial Day

25 Orion Veterans Memorial Day 5K, Veteran’s Memorial, 9 am

25 Schools Closed for Memorial Day

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Dear Orion,

It is my great pleasure to address you as the new Executive Director of the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce (OACC). Over the past year I have had the pleasure of working with the OACC as the Membership Services Coordinator, learning about the incredible businesses that make Orion a great place to live, work and play.

I look forward to building upon the incredible work of the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce over the past 70 years and continue the growth and development of the Orion Area business community in the years to come.

If you would like to find out how the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce can help your local business or non-profit please contact us to learn the benefits of membership and what the Chamber can do for you.

I thank you for your support as I begin this new role and I look forward to meeting with you.

Noelle Champagne

Women in Business Conference

Encouraging empowerment

The Orion Area Chamber of Commerce will host its second annual Women in Business Conference on **Tuesday, March 24** from 11 am to 1 pm at the beautiful King’s Court Castle at Canterbury Village. Building on the success of last year’s sold out event, the Chamber will be bringing in inspirational speakers to engage with the audience. Topics will be geared towards living an empowered lifestyle and empowering future generations of women.

While the event is primarily geared towards women, men are encouraged to attend. The event includes a full luncheon, meaningful networking and a special gift for each attendee.

**This event is $45 for Orion Chamber members and $60 for non-members. To register visit orionareachamber.com or call 248-693-6300.**

The Chamber held a ribbon cutting in December for **Freedom Kitchen**, a new business in what was the Fuel Your Life Café space within the **Legacy 925 building** in Oxford. Freedom Kitchen is a healthy fast food kitchen with a made-to-order menu of power bowls, smoothies, juices, salads, paleo, keto, vegetarian and vegan options. It is also the ideal location for pop-up guest chefs, cooking classes, private parties, birthdays, showers, book clubs, and networking events. Visit **freedomkitchen.net**.
The grass is always greener...

Trust these professionals to start your summer off right

Michigan weather can be quite tricky in Spring. One day it’s glorious and warm, the next frosty and bitter. By the time March arrives, we’ve been cooped up indoors for too long! Thoughts turn to being outdoors and enjoying green grasses and lush gardens. If you’re making plans to improve your outdoor living space this year, look no further than the trusted, local professionals who belong to the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce.

Begin in early Spring by sprucing up your lawn and getting rid of pesky critters that can damage it from deep below. Get in touch with the experts at EnviroTurf Enterprises and Greens Master Lawn and Pest Service who will help you get a head start on pest control and fertilization.

Want to nurture the trees on your property? Michigan Greens Keeper uses state of the art equipment and highly trained and certified technicians who are experts in tree and shrub care, in addition to lawn fertilization and weed control programs.

From weed removal and prevention to flower planting, maintenance and mulching PMA Lawn and Landscaping will help you get your gardens ready for summer. If you don’t have time to mow your lawn, PMA Lawn and Landscaping can help with that too.

IRTS Outdoor Services helps refresh your home after harsh Michigan winters with power washing, roof cleaning and brick paving services. Looking to refresh your entire landscape? Call Rhino Earthwork for grading and excavating services that can assist with flooding, topsoil and seeding.

Are you a “do it yourself” kind of person and ready to get your hands dirty in your garden? Visit Environmental Wood Solutions for top-quality mulch, soil mixes and compost to refresh your landscaping. If you’re doing big yard and home projects, they accept and dispose of stumps and logs, wood construction debris, sod and grass as well as concrete.

Orion Stone Depot is the best place to shop locally for hardscaping needs to build your dream garden. From beautiful and colorful boulders and flagstone for a rock wall feature to smaller stones to fill in walkways, you’ll find it at Orion Stone Depot.

If you need a lawnmower, a wheelbarrow, pruning shears or garden accessories head to Home Depot on Lapeer Road. While you’re there, pick up some annual flowers to brighten up your porch pots and garden beds!

Great Lakes Ace Hardware will help protect your investment in outdoor machinery with blade sharpening and STIHL certified repair to keep your equipment stay as good as new.

Once your lawn is greener than it’s ever been and your flowers are in bloom, perfuming the summer air, you’ll want to spend time outside enjoying it as much as possible. If your deck needs repair, or you want to add a pergola or gazebo for some shade, give Advanced Carpentry a call.

Outdoor entertainers rejoice! Shores Fireplace & BBQ does it all, from stand-alone grills to complete outdoor kitchens. Shores Fireplace & BBQ specializes in designing and installing custom-built outdoor kitchens and firepits that will turn your backyard into an entertaining paradise.

Complete your outdoor space and entertain your guests in comfort with spectacular patio furniture, cast aluminum fire pits, umbrellas, fountains, indoor/outdoor garden rugs, outdoor canvas art and garden accessories to reflect your personal style, found at Pine Tree Furniture and Lighting.

Summer will be here soon so start calling and visiting these trusted, local outdoor professionals today!
Healthy Body Healthy Mind Expo

For the Health of It

The 6th annual Healthy Body Healthy Mind Expo will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 1 to 4 pm at the Orion Center.

Like last year, the Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Expo event is in partnership with both the Orion Green–Up and the national DEA Prescription Drug Takeback. The Orion Green–Up is an event hosted by the Orion Township Parks & Recreation Department that brings the community together through projects that improve Orion Township’s environment. National DEA Drug Takeback is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs.

The Healthy Body Healthy Mind Expo showcases Chamber members and organizations that promote nutritional, fitness, spiritual/behavioral, medical, environmental, financial and family health. There will be health screenings and healthy food samples. Chamber members will also be competing for the “Dessert Dash” and the “Soup and Stew Stroll” trophies with Expo attendees sampling the competitors’ food and voting for their favorite!

So come along, bring the family and enjoy seeing (and sampling) what our Chamber members have to offer! Entry to the Expo is free to the public!

The Chamber is accepting registrations from Exhibitors until April 10. The Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Expo is open to members in good standing of the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, or to register your business, visit orionareachamber.com or call 248–693–6300.

Lucky’s Natural Foods celebrated 45 years in business with a Chamber ribbon cutting last October. Lucky’s has been a constant and popular presence in downtown Lake Orion, offering natural foods and supplements. Visit them at 101 S. Broadway or at luckyssnaturalfoods.com.

Photo by Jim Newell
A grrreat place to be a pet!

With a motto like, “Where Living is a Vacation” it is easy to see that Orion is a great place to be a human. But what is often overlooked is what a great place Orion is to be a pet! Orion Township boasts state-of-the-art veterinary facilities, top-of-the-line groomers and boarding facilities that give you peace of mind when your pets need a home away from home.

For owners with pocket pets and reptiles it can be a challenge to find veterinary care services for the smallest members of your family. Luckily Orion Oaks Animal Hospital offers specialty medicine and surgery for exotic animals as well as traditional veterinary services for dogs and cats.

Orion Animal Hospital takes a whole-body and whole-life approach to the health and wellness of your pet. They offer dentistry, allergies & dermatology for pets, internal medicine and surgery services for cats and dogs.

Orion Animal Care Center has designed their new facility to resemble a home to put your pet at ease when they arrive. They can handle specialized medical needs with digital radiology, ultrasound, oral and orthopedic surgery.

For end of life care Loyal Paws Crematory and Memorial Garden helps you determine the most fitting way to make memorial arrangements for the special animals in your life. They work with local veterinarians to care for your beloved pet while creating lasting mementos and offering grief support for the family.

Whether your pet needs a place to stay overnight or for an extended period of time Orion Kennel Club is a home away from home for your dogs and cats. All of their staff are trained in animal behavior, animal first aid and animal CPR to set your mind at ease when separated from the furry members of your family.

Looking for a groomer to ensure your pup looks its best? Try Mount Ruffmore Doggy Salon! Their experienced groomers offers haircuts, grooming and deshedding treatments to help your canine companion look like one dapper dog.

Paws down Orion truly is a grrreat place to be a pet!

Simple Organics is a health and wellness store that provides the highest quality supplements, body care, and other health and wellness products. They also offer one-on-one consultations, an online weight loss class, free vitamin analysis and meditation classes. Check out their store at 111 S. Washington in Oxford.

When you are looking for recommendations for a reliable, reputable and established firm to do business with, stop first at the Chamber’s Member Directory at orionareachamber.com. We have over 300 member businesses and organizations from a wide spectrum of specialties, all eager to do business with you.

Open Networking
Each month the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce offers the business community two free networking opportunities all around 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!

Coffee Connects
Coffee Connects are typically the last Tuesday of every month (except July) from 8 to 9 am. Start the day with coffee, conversation and networking! No cost to attend and no need to register!

Our upcoming Coffee Connects are:
- Tuesday, March 31 at Golling Buick GMC
- Tuesday, April 28 at Independence Village, Oxford
- Tuesday, May 26, location TBD (Check our online events calendar at orionareachamber.com nearer to the date for location)

Thirsty Thursday
Can’t make a morning networking event? Then what about late afternoon/early evening? Thirsty Thursdays are typically the third Thursday of every month from 4 to 6 pm. Open to anyone in the business community who wants to network. No cost to attend and no need to register. (Buy your own drinks).

Upcoming Thirsty Thursdays are:
- Thursday, March 19
- Thursday, April 16
- Thursday, May 21

Check our online events calendar at orionareachamber.com nearer to the dates for locations.

Monthly Breakfast or Luncheon
Every month the Chamber hosts a breakfast or luncheon. These events are an excellent opportunity for networking with fellow Members, connecting with Village, Township and County officials, and learning timely and important information that affects not only your business but the community as a whole.

Our upcoming Breakfasts and Luncheons are:
- Thursday, March 5. Breakfast at Pomeroy Living Orion, 8:30 to 10 am
- Thursday, April 2. Luncheon at Johnny Black’s Public House, 11:30 am to 1 pm
- Thursday, May 7. Luncheon at 313 Pizza Bar, 11:30 am to 1 pm
Non-Profit Spotlight: Orion Historical Society

Preserving Orion’s unique heritage

The Orion Historical Society (OHS) was founded in 1994 when local history expert James Ingram and other local history buffs first met to preserve the unique heritage of the Orion area.

Through the years OHS has been instrumental in preserving local history by obtaining historic designations for sites such as the Union Church, the Decker Settlement, Rudd's Mill and the Howarth School house. Orion Township officials are now working with the Orion Historical Society in assisting with the renovation of the historical Howarth schoolhouse in Friendship Park. The intention is that it will become the future site of the OHS Historical Museum.

OHS offers presentations several times a year in conjunction with the Orion Township Library and Orion Parks & Recreation. In 2019 OHS held a series of “Orion History Lessons” as well as a presentation on life during the Civil War. In 2020 OHS will be offering presentations on famous Michigan women and the Suffrage Movement in celebration of the 100th anniversary of women earning the right to vote.

The Historical Society is always looking for donations of “Orion-centric” memorabilia for their collections and possible display in the future museum.

The Historical Society will host a Springtime Classical/Dixieland Jam fundraiser on Sunday, May 17 at the Orion Center. The event will feature a classical woodwinds group as well as a Dixieland band to set the tone of the event. Enjoy appetizers, wine tasting, tacos, Coney's and craft beer. You can also purchase an engraved brick paver that will be installed at the Howarth School site at Friendship Park. Check Historical Society website for details about the event.

The Orion Historical Society meets on the second Monday of each month, excluding July and December, at 7 pm in the James E. Ingram Room of the Orion Township Public Library. New members are always welcome! For details, visit orionhistoricalsociety.org.

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New Chamber member Gateway Pediatric Therapy held a ribbon cutting for their new location at 1236 S. Lapeer in Lake Orion. With an expert team of therapists, modern facilities, and state of the art technology, Gateway is the premier center for ABA therapy, providing services of the highest level for all children. Learn more at GatewayPediatricTherapy.com.
New Members

New & renewing members
October through December 2019

New Members

NON-PROFIT MEMBERS
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Preschool

JUNIOR MEMBERS
Rhino Earthwork
Zayden Kilgo

BUSINESS BASIC MEMBERS
120 South Broadway
Gateway Pediatric Therapy
Paul’s Carpet Shine
Marcus Schirr Farm Bureau Agency
Mount Ruffmore Doggy Salon
Thai Fix

SIGNATURE MEMBERS
Great Lakes Laser Design

RENEWING MEMBERS

NON-PROFIT MEMBERS
Crossroads for Youth
Freedom Road Transportation
Greater Oakland Republicans
King of Kings Lutheran Church
Orion Area Parade Group
Orion Veteran’s Memorial

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
Joe Kent

BUSINESS BASIC MEMBERS
925 Social
Advance Carpentry
Advanced Nutritional Solutions
Auger Klein Aller Architects
Baker College of Auburn Hills Center Square Superstore (Sunoco)
DTE Energy
Fenner, Melstrom & Dooling, PLC
fLipSpot Gymnastics & Cheer
Good Closetkeeping Systems
Heartfelt Impressions Learning Center
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King’s Court Castle
KMT Construction
LegalShield
Liberty Way Realty
Liberty Way Realty—Sue Campbell
Michigan Shooting Centers
Milosch’s Palace Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
Orion Kennel Club
Padgett Business Services of North Oakland
Palazzo di Bocce
PMA Lawn and Landscaping
SOAR Learning Inc
The Boutrous Companies
Vezina Law Group
White Pine Coffee Roasters

SIGNATURE MEMBERS
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ELITE MEMBERS

API Consulting
339 W. Clarkston Road
Lake Orion, MI 48362
248-690-9171
apiconsultingacct.com

Capocore Professional Advisors
46 W. Shadbolt, Suite A
Lake Orion, MI 48362
248-564-1410
capocore.com

Golling Buick GMC
1491 S. Lapeer Road
Lake Orion, MI 48360
248-783-6783
gollingbuickgmc.com

Pomeroy Living Orion
101 E Scripps Road
Lake Orion, MI 48360
248-621-3100
pomeroyorion.com

The beautiful new apartments at 120 South Broadway in downtown Lake Orion were open for viewing to the public last December. To celebrate, owner Jeff Schmitz cut a ribbon with the Chamber. For leasing information visit 120southbroadway.com.

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

Marching into 2020

As we march further in 2020, spring must be just around the corner. Which means new and exciting things are underway at the Orion Township Public Library!

In partnership with the Orion Community Cable Communications Commission by way of a grant, we are planning to upgrade the audio-visual equipment in our large meeting room space. This room is frequently in use by so many different groups of people for so many different purposes. We know the technology in the space is outdated, so we have plans to upgrade it and make it more accessible to all who use the space. Watch for these improvements in 2020.

We are also working on adding a “family movie collection” to our youth services room. These are titles selected by our librarians as fun for all ages and great to watch together as a family. We are adding some shelving to accommodate these titles, and we hope you ask at the youth services desk if you have any questions.

For those leaders in our community, I want to personally invite you to join me on Wed, March 18 at 7 pm for a leadership book group. We’ll be discussing one of my favorite authors, Brené Brown, and her latest book from 2019, Dare to Lead. Register online for this discussion, and ask at the adult services desk for a copy of the book. I’m excited to learn from all of you on this important topic.

Finally, in closing, I must offer my condolences to the family of Linda Sickles. Linda was the director of the Orion Township Public Library for over 31 years, having retired in early 2012. As her successor, I had big shoes to fill. Sadly, Linda passed away on December 15, 2019. I know Linda put her heart and soul into this library, and she is missed.

As always, if you ever have any questions or suggestions for us, please call or email me, 248-693-3000 x430 or kknox@orionlibrary.org. I look forward to seeing you at the library!

Karen

Library Blood Drive

Wed, Mar 25
10:30 am–6:30 pm
Since September of 2000, the library has had 58 blood drives and collected 2,240 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.

General Federation of Women’s Clubs—Lake Orion (GFWC)

Do you like to have fun? Do you like to volunteer in your community? Come join the GFWC! We meet at the Orion Library the 2nd Thursday of the month from 12–3 pm. For more info, contact Renee at 248-701-8821.

General Info

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

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.

Upcoming Library Closings
Easter: Fri, Apr 10, Sat, Apr 11, and Sun, April 12
Mother’s Day: Sun, May 10
Memorial Day: Sat, May 23, Sun, May 24, and Mon, May 25
Sundays during the summer

For a calendar of all library events please visit the Events tab at orionlibrary.org or stop in the library for a printed copy.

Department Numbers

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

Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 19-25, 2020

Find Your Place
At the Library

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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. Check out our Wishlist at orionlibrary.org/library–wishlist.

**In memory of Linda Sickles**
(1947–2019)

Linda was the Director of the Orion Township Public Library for over 31 years, from Nov 3, 1980 to Jan 31, 2012. She began her career at OTPL when the library was located on Lapeer Road (where Northern Flooring is today).

Linda held many leadership positions within community organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Senior Center, Downtown Development Authority, and Cable Commission, working to increase the visibility of the library in the Orion community. She believed in community; she strove to provide good customer service and what the community wanted and needed. She stayed current and viable in changing ways to access information, and made the library into the “hub” of the community where residents come to socialize, get information, and enjoy activities.

Linda has been a beloved member of our Orion Township Public Library family, and she will be missed.

**Leave your mark**

**Personalize a stepping stone in the Orion Library’s Reading Garden**

Stepping stones in the Reading Garden at the Orion Township Public Library can now be engraved with a personalized name or thoughtful message. Proceeds will benefit the library. There is a limited number of engraveable stones in the Reading Garden, and orders will be filled in a first come, first served basis. The library director will approve all requests before orders are placed. After an order is placed, a proof will be sent for final approval before the stone is engraved. A 50% deposit is due when order is placed, and balance due with final approval. You can submit an order by completing the form online at orionlibrary.org/donations, or stopping in the library to get a form. Look for new engraved stones in the Reading Garden this spring!

**Two million checkouts!**

Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) recently announced that they achieved a record–breaking two million digital book checkouts in 2019, a milestone for this library consortium consisting of Ann Arbor District Library, Capital Area District Library and other local libraries in the Michigan and Indiana including the Orion Township Public Library whose patrons read over 43,300 titles! This accomplishment illustrates the continued growth and importance of library lending of ebooks and audiobooks along with the creative ways libraries have served their communities with digital services. MCLS is one of 73 systems around the world—including standalone libraries and consortia—that surpassed one million checkouts through Rakuten OverDrive, the leading digital reading platform and its award–winning app Libby.
**FAMILY FUN!**

**Scraptastic Designs**
Fri, Mar 13 | 2 pm | All ages, drop in
Using leftover “art scraps,” this open-ended art program will encourage attendees to create something amazing with little more than their own imaginations.

**Thornapple Woodlands Maple Syrup Seminar**
Sun, Mar 29 | 2–3 pm | All ages
In this maple syrup seminar, you will learn the legend of how people first “discovered” maple syrup and how sap has been collected, stored, and boiled down to produce syrup throughout history. Participants will also learn how to identify a maple tree with or without its leaves, what sap is, why sugar is in it, and what makes it flow inside a tree. All participants are allowed to try tapping a tree with the spiles and small hammer provided. To close the program on a sweet and tasty note, maple syrup is served drizzled on top of vanilla ice cream for all to enjoy (to the first 100 patrons).

**Nature Family Concert with Joe Reilly**
Sun, Apr 26
2 pm | All ages, drop in
Celebrate Earth Month with a fun nature-themed family concert that will get you up and moving! Joe Reilly loves nature so much that he writes songs and sings about it, and he hopes that you and your family will sing along too.

**Free Comic Book Day!**
Sat, May 2 | All day
Free Comic Book Day is a single day—the first Saturday in May each year! Children, teens, and adults are welcome to stop by the library and select a free comic book of their choice. While supplies last.

**Fandom Fest**
Sat, May 2 | 10 am–4 pm
All ages, drop in
A celebration of anime, comics, movies, gaming, and cosplay! Join us for great events like free comics, geek crafts, retro gaming, a cosplay contest, escape rooms, trivia, a presenter, and more! Vendors and food truck will be available.

**Bees in the D**
Wed, May 20 | 6:30 pm
The library is excited to welcome Bees in the D, a Detroit based non-profit organization whose mission is to contribute to both the health of honey bee colonies and the education of their importance to our environment. In this presentation individuals will get an introduction to the variety of bees, benefits of bees and the practice of honey beekeeping. Enjoyable for kids through adults.

**Intergenerational Storytimes**
Tue | May 5 | 10:30 am
Heritage Place Senior Apartments
All ages, drop in
Tue | May 12 | 10:30 am
Pomeroy Living Orion
All ages, drop in
We’re taking storytime on the road! Held at various senior living centers around Lake Orion, this story and activity time promotes welcoming environments and social interactions with community members in all phases of life. A small craft and snack will be provided. See more on page 50.

**Summer Reading Kickoff**
Saturday, June 6, 11 am to 2 pm
Look for more details coming soon for the whole family to enjoy!

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

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**IMAGINE YOUR STORY**

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ADULT SERVICES

Note: In the case of inclement weather, check the library website or call 248-693-3001 for program cancellations.

Immigration: an American Story
On display through Wed, Mar 18 during open hours.
This traveling display, created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, presents documents, maps, and images to tell select stories of those who came to America, some by coercion and others by choice, in search of a better future for themselves and later generations.

Adult Dungeons and Dragons
Mondays | Mar 2 and May 4 | 6:30 pm
Beginner and veteran adult players can join us to create a character and play the world’s most popular tabletop role playing game.

Michigan Works
Mondays | Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11 9:30 am–1 pm
Oakland County Michigan Works will assist you with upcoming workshops, youth and adult programs, resume ideas, job searches, interview skills and more. They can point you in the right direction for inquiries about local resources, Department of Health & Human Services and much more.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group
Mondays | Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11 10:30 am
This monthly support group for individuals who care for those with Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementia is led by a trained facilitator and sponsored by the Michigan Alzheimer’s Association. Come to a support group meeting and hear from others who really understand.

A Community Conversation
Mon, Mar 9 | 7 pm | 313 Pizza Bar, downtown Lake Orion Childhood Immunizations: should they be mandatory?
Dr. Erica Harding MD and a representative from the Michigan For Vaccine Choice organization will present on this important topic. Join us upstairs at 313 Pizza Bar located at 37 East Flint Street for this discussion.

Adult Murder Mystery
Fri, Mar 13 | 7 pm | Register online
Will you be lucky at Casino Fatale on unlucky Friday the 13th? Patrons will be assigned roles from a cast list and work together to figure out who—dun—it. Light refreshments will be provided at this after-hours event.

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MAKERSPACE

Introduction to Tinkercad
Sat, Mar 21 | 10 am | Register online
Using our online learning service, Lynda.com, learn drafting skills to design 3D objects, great for 3D printing and laser cutting. No prior design skills needed!

Indoor Herb Gardens
Mon, Mar 30 | 6:30 pm
Register online
Get a head start on growing season by making your own indoor herb garden.

Family Maker Night
Thurs, April 9 | 6 pm
All ages, drop in
Families with kids of all ages are invited to experiment in a variety of creative technology projects.

Glowforge Leather Bracelets
Thu, May 7 | 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm
Register online
Create and print a custom leather bracelet while learning how to use the Glowforge laser cutter.

To reserve equipment or make an appointment visit orionlibrary.org/makerspace. Makerspace reservations are 2–hour blocks. Training is available on all of the equipment by appointment only. Appointments will be scheduled within 48 hours, no walk-ins.
**North Oakland Genealogical Society (NOGS)**

**Thursdays | Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21 7 pm**

Anyone with an interest in genealogy and family history research is encouraged to attend!

**Orion Quilting Group**

**Thursdays | Mar 26, Apr 23, May 28 6:30 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 cozy warmth of the James Ingram Room.

**Pierogi Making 101**

**Sat, Mar 14 | 2 pm | Register online**

The library is excited to welcome Irena’s Pastry and Bistro from Sterling Heights for a hands-on class demonstrating how to make the traditional Polish dumpling. Participants will get to taste and make their own pierogi with a variety of fillings. Space is limited.

**Spring is Here!**

**Ask a Gardener**

**Tuesdays | Mar 24 and Apr 21 | 6:30 pm**

Master gardener, Cheri McCallum, will be available on a drop-in basis to help you with your gardening questions. No sign up is required. Just stop by the table in the lobby and bring a photo or video of the area or plant in question.

**Let’s Grow Herbs at Fogler’s Greenhouse**

**Mon, May 4 | 6 pm | Fogler’s | Register online**

Come to Fogler’s at **559 S Lapeer Rd** and learn a few dos and don’ts for growing and harvesting fresh herbs. Along with some knowledge, you will leave with an herb garden in a pot. There is no cost for attending this class due to a partnership between Fogler’s and the library.

**Seed Saving Sunday**

**Sun, May 17 | 3pm**

Join other libraries around Michigan in the “One Seed, One State” program by participating in our new seed library! Pick up your seed packets, learn about planting, harvesting, and how to dry and return your seeds to the library at the end of growing season.

**Meet Your Elected Officials**

**Representative John Reilly**

**OFFICE HOURS**

- **Monday, Mar 16 | 7:30–8:30 pm**
  - Meeting Room A

- **Monday, Apr 20 | 7:30–8:30 pm**
  - Youth Activity Room

- **Monday, May 18 | 7:30–8:30 pm**
  - Meeting Room A

**Oakland County Executive David Coulter**

**MEET & GREET**

- **Monday, Apr 6 | 6–7 pm**
  - Meeting Room A
Guardians of Detroit
Thu, Apr 2 | 7 pm
This presentation by Author Jeff Morrison, *The Guardians of Detroit: Architectural Sculpture in the Motor City*, will feature more than 100 spectacular photos of architectural sculpture from throughout Detroit. You will also learn about the symbolism behind the ornamentation and hear some of the untold stories of the artists, artisans, and architects involved in their creation.

OTPL Team Trivia Tourney
Thu, Apr 23 | 7:30 pm | C–Pub
Register by calling 248–693–3001
Gather a team and test your knowledge! We partner with the C–Pub to host trivia nights; register your team of 2–6 people. The C–Pub is located in Canterbury Village at 2325 Joslyn Rd.

Tech Recycling Drop–Off Day
Sat, Apr 25 | 10 am–1 pm
The Orion Library is partnering with ElectroCycle to offer free recycling of your old computer and electronics equipment. Library IT staff will be on hand to collect your equipment during the designated drop off period. For information regarding acceptable and unacceptable items, please see orionlibrary.org/techrecycling.

DIY Pallet Signs
Sat, Apr 25 | 2 pm | Register online
Stop by to create a beautiful custom painted pallet sign for your home. All supplies including wood, paint, and stencils will be provided.

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

- **Monday Evening Book Discussion**
  7 pm | James Ingram Room
  Mon, Mar 16: *What the Eyes Don’t See* by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha
  Mon, April 20: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
  Mon, May 18: *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover

- **Dine, Drink & Discuss**
  7 pm | CJ’s Lakeside Grill, downtown Lake Orion (no May meeting)
  Mon, Mar 23: *Mrs. Everything* by Jennifer Weiner
  Mon, Apr 27: *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabriele Zevin

- **Next Chapter Book Club**
  Mondays or Tuesdays | 10 am
  ABeanToGo, downtown Lake Orion (no meeting Mon, May 25)
  The library hosts book discussions for developmentally or intellectually challenged adults. Register by calling 248–693–3000 x411.

- **Book Bunch Book Club**
  1 pm | Orion Center Branch
  Wed, Mar 11: *The Red Address Book* by Sofia Lundberg
  Wed, April 8: *Then She Was Gone* by Lisa Jewell
  Wed, May 13: *The Girl He Used to Know* by Tracy Garvis Graves

- **Thursday Afternoon Book Club**
  1:30 pm | James Ingram Room
  Thu, March 19: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean
  Thu, April 16: *What the Eyes Don’t See* by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha
  Thu, May 21: *Garlic and Sapphires* by Ruth Reichl

Leadership Book Discussion for Orion Community Leaders and Aspiring Leaders
Wed, Mar 18 | 7 pm
Register online
Join our Library Director, Karen Knox, to discuss the book *Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts* by Brené Brown. This discussion will be geared towards local community business leaders and aspiring leaders of all kinds. The library will have some copies of the book available by the beginning of February at the adult reference desk.

Cook the Book
Mon, Apr 6 | 7 pm
Select and prepare a recipe from *Detroit’s Eastern Market: A Farmers Market Shopping and Cooking Guide*, Third Edition by Lois Johnson and Margaret Thomas, bring enough to share, and meet to discuss and sample recipes.
OUTREACH SERVICES

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Come to an OHS meeting to learn about our community’s history and work on projects to preserve the past. Newcomers are welcome!

Special Presentation! Michigan Women
Mon, Apr 20 | 7 pm
This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women earning the right to vote! Prominent and lesser–known ladies in Michigan’s history will be featured, women who have rocked the boat and the cradle! Refreshments provided.

Springtime Fundraiser
OHS is hosting a “Springtime Classical/Dixieland Jam” fundraiser on Sunday, May 17 at the Orion Center. It will be an afternoon of music, food, fellowship and fun! Proceeds will help renovate the historic Howarth Church and School for use as a community museum.

The Census is coming
See page 6 for help programs at the library.

Home Delivery
If you or someone you know in Orion Township 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 tell us what you like so we can introduce you to new authors. Call 248–693–3000 x411 for details.

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

One–on–One Technology Help for Seniors
Wednesdays | 10 am
Orion Center Library (by appointment only) | Register at 248–693–6840
Seniors, do you need help with your computer, tablet, cell phone or other technical device? Do you need assistance with email, texting, surfing the internet or eBooks? Our volunteer technology expert, Dr. Bob Hazzard can help!

English Language Learning Conversation Group (ELL)
Wednesdays | 10:30 am
The group is open to all who wish to practice their English language skills in a relaxed and informal setting. The topics vary widely, and it is a great learning experience as well as an opportunity to meet people.

ELL Small Group Class
Thursdays | Mar 5–Apr 9 | 11 am
Register online
Led by an Oakland Literacy certified ESL tutor, this 6–week class for the English Language Learner will focus on bolstering conversation confidence, increasing listening skills, and expanding vocabulary. Weekly homework assignments will include reading and writing skills. Open to all levels.

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

Senior Moments Activity Hour
1st and 3rd Thursdays
1:30 pm | Orion Center Branch
Join our conversation group for trivia, games, and fellowship. Any senior is welcome to this fun, casual program.

Special Needs Adult Programming (SNAP)
Wed, April 29 | 1:30 pm
Adults with special needs and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs, movement and activities.
JUST FOR TEENS

Note: If schools are closed due to inclement weather, library teen programs are canceled.

Think Link After School
Mondays | Mar 2, 23, Apr 13, 27
3–5 pm | Register with school
LOCS 6th–8th graders can register with their school and receive a special bus pass to come to the library Mondays after school. Middle schoolers can socialize, study, use the library, and participate in the day’s planned activity, like art projects, video games, book discussions, makerspace projects and more!

Teen Advisory Board
Mondays | Mar 2, Apr 13, May 4
4–5 pm
Want to earn extra volunteer hours just for spending time with other teens? Join the newly established Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and have exclusive opportunity to plan events and programs, suggest improvements to the Teen department, and talk about books, movies, and video games with other teens.

Geek Club
Tuesdays | Mar 3, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 5, May 19 | 6:30–8 pm
(no meeting April 7)
Geek Club is a casual hang-out for teens who enjoy anything from anime, comics, video games, board and card games, D and D, crazy YouTube clips and more! Even if you’re curious, stop by and meet some new friends. Snacks always provided and new faces always welcome.

SAT Practice Test
Sat, Mar 7 | 10 am–2 pm
Register online
Get ready for test day! If it’s your turn to take the SAT, let the Orion Library guide you in preparation for the start of the 2020 SAT dates. Sign up to take a practice test and come back a few days later to view your results, all courtesy of Sylvan Learning Center of Troy. SAT test results and presentation, Thur, Mar 12, 7–8 pm.

Painting with a Teen
Sat, Mar 21 | 2–3:30 pm
Register online
Whether you are a budding artist, or need a more step by step approach, join OTPL Teens as we learn how to paint acrylic canvas paintings with a step by step painting tutorial!

Murder Mystery
Fri, Mar 27 | 6–9 pm | Register online
There was a murder in Casino Fatale! Bring your detective skills and sixth sense as we try to uncover a list of suspects. Teens will be assigned rolls from a cast list and work together to figure out who–duh–it. Light refreshments will be provided at this after–hours event.

Edible STEM
Sat, Apr 18 | 2–3:30 pm
Register online
We love playing with slime, but what about eating it? Let’s see what kind of flavors we can make and put our taste buds to the challenge!

Oreo Taste Test Challenge
Tue, Apr 21 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Register online
Do you know how many different flavors there are of Oreo cookies? You think you know all the Oreo flavors by taste alone? If you’re up for the challenge, test your taste buds with “America’s Favorite Cookie!”

Eagle Scout project brings two new Little Libraries
Nick Bennett from Boy Scout Troop 186 has built and installed two little libraries for us as his Eagle Scout Project! The new little libraries are located on the Paint Creek Trail and the Polly Ann Trail. Please look for all of our little libraries in the community at orionlibrary.org/locations. Our little libraries are stocked with books for you to take and read; bring them back when you’re done or donate some great books to share with others.

Teen Book Club
Sat, May 16 | 2–3 pm | Register online
Informal book club where we talk about our favorite reads, genres and get recommendations from others. Pizza will be provided.

Disney Terrariums
Sat, May 30 | 2:30–3:30 pm
Register online
With spring in the air, terrariums are a cool and simple project where teens will become botanists as they recreate a scene with some of their favorite Disney characters.
Note: If schools are closed due to inclement weather, library youth programs are canceled.

New Early Literacy Kits at the OTPL
The Orion Township Public Library’s youth department has been working with the literacy coaches at the Lake Orion Community Schools to develop new early literacy kits, called Lit Fit Kits. Recently, the Michigan Legislature passed a law that requires schools to identify and provide help to learners in grades 3 and under who are struggling with reading and writing. This law requires student to be evaluated on their reading level at the beginning of the year. Those that are behind their grade level will receive an Individual Reading Plan (IRP), which includes extra practice reading in school and in the home.

Our Lit Fit Kits can be used to supplement these reading plans. We are calling these early literacy kits Lit Fit Kits because we want kids to find a good fit learning reading and writing skills. Available now are kits are geared for younger students in DK & 1st grade. The topics for these kits include fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, phonics, and phonemic awareness. Each kit contains books and hands on learning tools for each reading topic. Lit Fit Kits are located by the STEM Kits just past the graphic novels. Kits for 2nd & 3rd graders will be available soon.

Parent Program: Tips and Tricks to Improve Reading Comprehension
Tues, April 28 | 6 pm | Parents
Create and learn some tools to help your student build understanding with any material that they read.

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

Saturdays | Mar 7, Apr 18, May 9
10 am–12 pm | James Ingram Room

Books bridge the generations
Orion Library to host intergenerational storytimes
American society has become more and more “generationally segregated,” a phenomenon that libraries are trying to address by presenting programs that are aimed at bringing generations together. A new programming series at OTPL plans to offer just that.

Put together by the Outreach and Youth Services departments, the library is hosting an Intergenerational Storytime series off site at local senior living facilities. Itsy Bitsy Babies and Friends welcomes parents and their children of all ages along with senior residents to a storytime environment that will encourage social interaction between generations.

“A lot of our senior residents are faced with families that live far away, and this is a way to enrich the lives of everyone all around,” stated Head of Youth Services, Ashley Lehman. “Our young attendees and their parents will benefit from the wisdom and experience of our older neighbors.”

OTPL librarians will read stories, sing songs, and provide a snack, a craft, and social time for all attendees. Intergenerational programs come with a host of benefits for seniors, including decreased loneliness, delayed mental decline, and new connections, along with increasing the amount of smiling and conversation among all involved!

Tue, May 5 | 10:30 am | Heritage Place Senior Apartments | All ages, drop in
Tue, May 12 | 10:30 am | Pomeroy Living Orion | All ages, drop in
Spring Storytimes

**Bring your child for age-appropriate stories, songs, finger plays, puppets, and activities. Regular storytimes will run the weeks of March 16–April 27. Siblings are welcome.**

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

**Toddler Time**
Mondays and Thursdays | 10 am  
Tuesdays | 11 am | Ages 1 & 2  
Drop in, limit 20  
Ones and twos develop social, emotional, and language skills through movement, stories, songs, and rhymes.

**Preschool Pals**
Mondays and Thursdays | 11 am  
Ages 3–5 | Drop in, limit 20  
Preschoolers build vocabulary, language development, and listening comprehension with stories, rhymes, songs, movement, and creative expression.

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

**Sleepy Storytime**
Mondays | Mar 9, Apr 13 | 6:30 pm  
All ages | Drop in, limit 20  
Bring your jammies, blanket, and favorite stuffed animal for evening storytime fun. Just like our morning storytimes, but at night!

**Storytime Yoga with Miss Jess**
Sat, Mar 21 and May 30 | Ages 0–5  
Drop in, limit 30  
Join certified yoga instructor, Jess from Pushna Wellness for a yoga and storytime session focusing on mindfulness.

**SENSational Storytime**
Fridays | Mar 27, Apr 17 | 12 pm  
All ages | Drop in, limit 20  
An inclusive storytime with a focus on stories, songs, rhymes, group activities, sensory exploration, and crafts appropriate for children with special needs.

**Bounce and Boogie**
Saturdays | Mar 14 and Apr 18  
10 am | Ages 0–5 | Drop in  
A music and movement-based program just for ages 0–5! Join us as we dance, groove, jump, and move to our favorite songs and rhymes!

**1, 2, 3 Play with Me**
Wednesdays | April 29, May 13, 20, 27  
10 am | Register online (opens Mar 29)  
Spend time together at this parent child workshop. Have time to play, experience art activities and meet new friends. Each week a Community Resource Specialist will be on hand to answer questions about their early childhood topics. Please plan on attending all 4 weeks.

**Going Buggy**
Mon, May 11 | 11 am | Ages 2–5  
Drop in, limit 20  
Join us for a mini–storytime followed by playtime with bug-themed activities.

**Pick Up STEAM—Rainbows**
Thurs, May 21  
10 am | Ages 3–6  
Drop in, limit 20  
Pick up STEAM is a preschool-friendly science, math, and learning series. This session we will look at rainbows. There will be experiments, fun, crafts, and math all centered on these colorful masterpieces.

**Pete the Cat Storytime**
Tues, May 26 | 11 am | All ages  
Drop in  
Join Pete and friends for a groovy storytime! Come ready to read stories, sing songs, and enjoy activities.

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

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Friendship Crafts and Fun
Sat, March 14 | 2 pm–4:30 pm
Grades 3–5 | Drop in
Join NHS students as they lead an afternoon of fun craft making and creating friendship connections, including friendship bracelets and tie blankets. NHS students will provide younger students friendship advice and fun conversation.

Doggone Readers
Wednesdays | March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 8, 15, 29, May 6, 13, 30 | 6:30 pm
Saturdays | March 28, April 25, May 30 | 10 am | Grades K–5
Register online
Practice your reading skills with our lovable dogs, and receive a stamp for each time you read. Receive a free book of your choice after you have earned four stamps.

LEGO® @ the Library
Saturdays | March 7, April 4 | 2 pm
Grades K–5 | Drop in, limit 25
Calling all builders! A fun and creative time to use your imagination and our colorful bricks to make an amazing object!

Kids Create: Knitting
Thursdays | April 9, 16, 23, 30
4:30 pm | Grades 3–6
Register online (opens March 9), limit 10
Create a fun project learning multiple stitches during our 4–week Kids Create session on knitting. A knowledgeable instructor will walk attendees through creating a project, where yarn and knitting needles will be provided. Please plan on attending all 4 weeks.

Pizza Garden Kickoff
Sat, May 9 | 11 am | Grades K–5
Drop in
We’re starting a garden with ingredients to make a pizza, including tomatoes, bell peppers, basil, and oregano. At this kickoff event we will plant the vegetables to grow at the library all summer, and create a craft and plant to take home.

Scooby Doo: Let’s Party with You!
Sat, May 16 | 2 pm | All Ages
Drop in
Celebrate the new movie with some Scooby–themed crafts, games, and fun! Be ready to enjoy some Scooby snacks as well.

5th Grade Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books: Tips and Tricks Study Session
Sun, March 1 | 2 pm OR 3:30 pm
Register online (opens Feb 1)
Last minute Battle study session with a seasoned battle coach, the Tutor Doctor! Sign up your team for only one session.

Awards Ceremony
Tues, March 10 | 6:30 pm
LOHS Auditorium
Winners of the 2019 Battle of the Books will be announced and everyone will get a chance to meet Michael Spradlin, author of Into the Killing Seas. All teams will be called on stage to receive their certificates, prizes, and applause for a job well done! Books by Michael Spradlin will be available for purchase and signing after the ceremony.

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Spring has sprung; work has begun!

Many of us have an annual spring-cleaning ritual. It’s a great time to deep clean and declutter our homes and donate items we no longer need. As you delve into your decluttering duties, remember the Friends of the Orion Township Library accept donations of gently used books and other materials.

We welcome your book donations! Gently used book donations are accepted all year long in the bins against the wall by the Twice Told Tales shelves in the lobby of the library.

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Thank you, and good luck with your spring cleaning!

Spring into action!

Spring is a time of renewal as we shake off the winter chill. If you’re looking for something new to do as the days grow longer this spring, volunteering with the Friends of the Orion Township Library could be a growth opportunity for you!

Volunteer with the Friends Board
The Friends have an opening on the board for a PR/Marketing Chairperson. Duties include leading development of an annual PR plan and PR committee; creating multi-channel content to promote our events, tell our story in our efforts to support the library and engage with the community.

Serve on a committee
Share your time and talent with periodic committees...fundraising, PR, membership.

Volunteer for a book sale
We need help with set up, tear down, staffing during the book sale.

If you would like to get involved with the Friends of the Orion Township Library, email us at friends@orionlibrary.org, or visit orionlibrary.org/friends.

Homemade Squishies

Tues, March 31 | 2 pm | Grades 3–5 | Drop in, limit 20

Don’t buy another squishie! Make your own by sculpting memory foam and using paint to create your own one-of-a-kind design.

Mulan Celebration

Wed, April 1 | 11 am | Grades K–5 | Drop in

Let’s celebrate the release of the new live-action Mulan movie! Watch the original animated movie while making crafts and trying traditional Chinese snacks.

Mad Science—Magic Wands

Thurs, April 2 | 2 pm | Grades 2–5 | Drop in, limit 30

Learn how to use the magic of electricity to create your own light-up magic wand. Lumos!

Party Like a Troll

Fri, April 3 | 2 pm | All Ages | Drop in

Get your dancing shoes ready for a fun party celebrating all things Trolls. We will have games, dancing, and crafts to celebrate our hair-raising friends.
The Friends are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was started in 1985 “to promote public support of the Orion Township Public Library and the library in the community, to promote reading, literacy and lifelong learning, and to maintain an association of persons interested in the library.” Friends act in cooperation with the library board and staff, serving as a liaison between the community and library. All money raised by the Friends, except for minimal administrative costs such as postage and printing, is donated directly to the library in the way of program funding, material purchases and monetary contributions.

**Thank You!**

Thank you to our Friends members and volunteers for your support of the Friends and the library we love. Your sharing of time and talents is so appreciated and makes a difference in our library and our community!

**Four favorite programs funded by your support of the Friends**

1. Battle of the Books
2. Summer Reading Program
3. Community Conversations
4. Makerspace Programs

These are just a few favorite programs out of the hundreds of programs that are made possible each year by funds from the Friends. What are your favorite programs?

**Amazon Smile & Kroger Rewards**

Remember you can designate the Friends of the Orion Township Library as your charity of choice with your Amazon Smile & Kroger Rewards accounts.

**Become a Friends member!**

Membership is also an easy way to support your local Friends group. If you are not a Friends member, please join by using our website, visiting us at a book sale, or by filling out an application in the lobby of the library. Senior memberships are $5, individuals $10 and families $20.

**Friends Spring Book Sale**

**Tue, May 5**
10 AM–4 PM
Friends of the Library Member Day & Teacher Day *(Membership will be available for purchase at the door)*
4–8:30 PM
Open to the Public

**Wed, May 6 & Thu, May 7**
10 AM–8:30 PM
Open to the Public

**Fri, May 8**
10 AM–4:30 PM
Open to the Public
1/2 off books day

**Sat, May 9**
9:30 AM –1 PM
Open to the Public $5 bag day *(fill a bag supplied by the Friends for $5)*

Mark your calendar for our Friends Fall Book Sale on Tuesday, September 15–Saturday, September 19, 2020.

**About the Friends**

Friends of the Orion Township Library Board. Back: Michelle Jerome, membership chair; Carla Tousley, treasurer; Shae Smith, secretary; Jan Thomas, president. Front: Mary Duenow, fundraising chair; Bob Bambach, deputy treasurer; Dale Bell, book sale chair; Don Walker, vice president
Community Spotlight: Orion Veterans Memorial

A red, white and blue day to honor our heroes

While most of us are making plans for a long holiday weekend, members of the Orion Veterans Memorial are busy organizing a number of events to make sure our community rightfully honors those who have given their lives for our freedom.

Memorial Day was originally observed in 1868 to honor the sacrifices of those who fought in Civil War and has since been a national holiday to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in all military conflicts since. Memorial Day is Monday, May 25 and the Orion Veterans Memorial encourages you to wear your best red, white and blue and come participate in the series of events they have planned for that day.

**Run or walk**

The day begins at 9 am with a patriotic 5K Run/Walk, which starts on Anderson Street and winds through downtown Lake Orion and onto the Paint Creek Trail. Last year over 170 participants of all ages, including kids and mothers pushing strollers, took to the streets to honor our Vets. Dog tags are given to all participants to further enhance the Veteran theme of the event.

Local businesses are invited to get involved in the Run/Walk; sponsorship opportunities are available for those interested. Proceeds raised from the Run/Walk support the long-term sustainability of the Memorial.

**Ceremonies**

A Wreath Ceremony at Children’s Park starts at 10 am, where a wreath will be laid in the adjacent creek to commemorate all veterans.

The Memorial Day Parade travels down Broadway at 11 am. At 1 pm, the community is invited to gather at the Orion Veteran’s Memorial on South Broadway at Odanah for their Memorial Day Ceremony.

“The community is very supportive of our events,” says Orion Veteran Memorial Board Member Brian Penz. “They come out in force for our events. It is good to see the participation; Lake Orion is about community.”

Let’s show our veterans that we honor and support them by participating in this year’s Memorial Day festivities.

Learn more about the Orion Veteran’s Memorial and their Memorial Day activities at orionveteransmemorial.com.
From mental health to bullying prevention and an open environment, Oakview, Scripps and Waldon middle schools are supporting the early teen years with lifelong lessons.

Creating a culture

Middle school can be one of the most challenging times in a child’s development.

In 2009, Lake Orion Community Schools took a lead in researching a bullying prevention program, deciding on the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Two district staff members were trained and certified to lead the district-wide implementation of the program.

Each district school had an Olweus committee trained in the program and each committee then led the building-level implementation.

Each of the three LOCS middle schools has evolved its culture to fit its students and staff, creating a supportive and comforting environment.

From mental health to bullying prevention and an open environment, Oakview, Scripps and Waldon middle schools are supporting the early teen years with lifelong lessons.

“With everybody being at different stages in their growth—physically, emotionally, socially, and academically,” Oakview principal Sarah Manzo said, “it’s important for people to see that we are all different... It also takes a really strong person to stand up for someone or to stand up for themselves.”

Oakview

Oakview’s history with the Olweus program always has been unique, as it began the “Bully Busters” connection back in the 2010-11 school year.

In the years since, a select number of Lake Orion High School students visit Oakview each Wednesday morning to assist with a bullying prevention lesson. Wednesdays are designated late-start days at LOHS, so the assistance fits around the high schoolers’ class schedule.

The program evolved this year into “Mentoring Middle Schoolers,” with the high school students, who were trained in mentorship earlier in the year.

“Sometimes it’s easier to hear it from a high school peer and they have a different perspective on it,” said Oakview counselor Nicole Gaberdiel.

The mentor relationship goes well beyond bullying, using a targeted approach for students who would benefit from the connection.

Last year, the Oakview staff provided the high school students a brief run-through the lesson before they went into middle school classrooms and shared the message with STAR classes.

This year’s monthly topics: Respect, the Bullying Circle, Anti-Bullying Rules, Bullying Behaviors in Me and You, Hallway Hazards, Spreading Rumors and Gossip, Cyberbullying and The Masks We Wear.

“We actually see kids standing up for somebody who is being picked on,” Manzo said. “Those Olweus basics come into play every single day.”

While the Olweus program is a part of Oakview’s culture plans, the administration and staff have branched out in additional directions.

Oakview implemented the Positivity Project, a nationally recognized program involving 24 character traits, in the fall of 2018. Each trait is shared in a student lesson each week throughout the school year, eventually filling into the complete picture.

The program revolves around the overarching concept that “Other People Matter” and manifests itself specifically with the traits. Some mimic the anti-bullying concepts (kindness, integrity, humility and self-control) while others help with the broader view (leadership, purpose, perspective, gratitude.)

There are five Positivity Project categories that apply. Among them: words and actions affect others, paying attention to other people and their needs, and supporting others when they struggle.

“The Positivity Project resounds with our students,” Gaberdiel said. “They repeat the language... Bravery, open-mindedness, integrity. I think it’s made a difference in how students behave and interact with each other.”

Last year, teachers Laura Martin and Cindy Kaump brought the WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) program to Oakview.
The goal was to ease the transition of the sixth graders into the middle school environment. It softened the shock of the bigger building and bigger students and allowed the older students to mentor the younger students. It kicked off as the school year began, with a rally and connections on the first day and continued with events through the year, such as the WEB leaders treating the sixth graders to a Thanksgiving pie lunch.

All of the branches come off the same tree to support the students. Student and staff surveys help tweak the programs each year.

“It’s not been a drastic change,” eighth grader Maddi Martinec said of her three years. “It’s more people becoming more aware and it makes the school a better place and eases people to come in. This is a safe place I can go to and not worry about getting picked on. So it’s really nice.

“I feel like our (Oakview) community is very good at stopping bullies. It’s just very good at making people feel welcome and safe in our school. Because it’s not fun to come to school when you don’t feel welcomed or safe.”

“In a school there are (usually) only a couple kids that are bullies and a couple that are victims, the majority of the population of your school is bystanders, just around when things happen,” Couture said. “So some bully programs they target the bully. But you’re probably not going to change that person… Our program empowers those bystanders to notice when something is occurring… It focuses on empowering the 90% of your school that can do something when something happens.”

The students have embraced the Olweus concepts and seen the impact in the Scripps school culture. Part of their focus is the repeated emphasis on the bully circle and how students can improve their position to a more accepting place.

In elementary school, the Olweus concepts were more general and directed toward the larger group. Once the students arrived in middle school, the program became constant, allowing them to dive deeper into the issues and lessons involved.

“It really helps to talk about it more often so we have people not bully,” said Scripps student Gianna Perazza. “I worried more about bullying about what I wore. In elementary school, people don’t really care, but in middle school people think, oh, they’re going to say I don’t look good and stuff like that.”

That’s what she expected. Instead, arriving at Scripps, Gianna quickly felt comfortable and those fears vanished.

“It really helps to talk about it because then we know how important it really is,” Gianna said. “In elementary school, no one really thought about it because...
we knew each other. But now there’s a lot more people here and we (didn’t) know them.”

The evidence is often small, but staff members see the connection.

The student sitting alone at lunch is approached by others and invited to the group.

The inclusion in physical education class when teams are created.

There is an increased awareness.

One of Scripps’ key techniques is its online bully reporting sheet. Students can go to a link and share whatever thoughts they have—anonymously or by name—and assistant principal Dave McKay addresses those situations.

They’re not necessarily all the classic definition of bullying, but all are items that could use some eyes on them.

The file has student submissions dating back to 2011, so McKay can see the evolution and has seen a decrease in incident reporting over his six years at Scripps.

Combined with the weekly class meetings, there are multiple outlets for students to express themselves.

“There are a lot of things in place that do give support,” McKay said. “Having that common time once a week (in STAR class,) gives kids a time to know you’re not alone in dealing with this.”

At one point in the lunchroom, students were feeling left out of a group. There was a simple solution, more chairs at the table. A big personal problem solved in a small way. The staff just needed to understand.

Last year at Scripps, the before-school waiting area was uncomfortable for some students, so this year there are staff members waiting with the students, just indoors.

“We’re just around in the areas the kids are,” Couture said.

A critical part of the Scripps focus is a true team concept. Just as there are representatives from all grade levels and areas of the school on the Olweus/bullying

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**It starts with U**

One of the key components of the Olweus program is the bully circle, a document and scenario where students can role-play the different roles of potential students.

“That’s another reason why I like the program, because (students) have a visual where they can see where they fit,” Scripps teacher Danielle Couture said. “It’s basically like this U (shape).”

The victim of the bullying is in the center of the U and the curve around shows the various roles students fill, often unconsciously.

- On the upper left of the U, is the student who is the bully, who initiates the action.
- Just below is the student who sustains the action, whether out of a desire to impress the bully or a reluctance to push back
- Below that is the student who laughs along at the action.
- Along the bottom are the students who ignore the situation or refuse to get involved because the bullying may end up in their direction.
- On the right side of the U is the defender, who is strong and comfortable to halt the action and/or check on the victim later.

“The aim of this program is to shift everybody over one spot,” Couture said. “If you’re a bully, maybe you laugh along when other people say mean things, but you don’t need to start it. Because you’re not going to make that person come over (to the other side), not realistically. If you normally laugh along, try not to, try to stay out of it.”

The process and education works for the students.

“It’s what actually goes on and gave us more information, how to understand a situation,” said Maddi Martinec, an Oakview student. “Some people don’t really know what’s going on and it really gave awareness to what really happens.”
prevention committee, there’s also a constant dialogue among the staff about what they see, where they see it and the ability for everyone to help support or even just observe students who need it.

“Middle school is a critical point in an adolescent’s life,” Scripps principal Dan Haas said.

“Having the Olweus program, giving us a common language, a common vocabulary and a common cause about anti-bullying, (helps with) not allowing that kind of behavior to go unnoticed,” Scripps principal Dan Haas said. “When we first went through the training, it gave everyone permission—students, staff, parents, administrators—to call it the way we see it. … That’s the lesson in Olweus: Everyone plays a role in (ending bullying.)”

“We got to them with our school improvement team,” Duva said. “A few years back, they had talked about some way to build upon measuring the citizenship part. They had come up with this acronym.

“We instilled that into our character education.”

A typical month, say November, features a sixth-grade Olweus lesson one week, a character education lesson the following week based on Determination, and gives examples. Teachers take it from there to determine what applies to that specific group and what is specific for that age.

The four-person committee—Duva, teachers David Abbott and Char Fromm and assistant principal Sarah Perry—analyze and figure out the pertinent lessons and prep the staff with notes.

The group also created a webpage for staff where resources are available. That’s where links to the movie clips, speeches and videos beyond the general Olweus lessons are located.

The lessons are listed by date with the links embedded for easy reference.

While the current character education program is presenting different approaches as well, that is all built on the foundation of students understanding terms.

Because the Olweus has helped root them in the differences between bullying, harassment and less intense interactions, they’re able to distinguish.

All of it is making an impact at Waldon.

“They knew what words to use with what happens,” said principal Randy Groya, in his 12th year at Waldon. “Then we really could hone in on cases of bullying. They did exist and we’re not seeing them as often.”

There are fewer suspensions and discipline for those actions. Fewer parents reaching out with concerns and when they do, more appropriate terms are used.

“The level of trust that takes place—students, staff and administrators know what the expectations are,” Groya said. “Students know if something was to happen, they could talk to a teacher and they have that trust from the STAR (class) relationships or to Mrs. Perry or myself and they know it will be addressed and how it will be addressed.”

The ability to anonymously share concerns about anything, not just bullying behaviors, has allowed the students to have that comfort zone. Some teachers have a box where the messages can be deposited, and then be addressed confidentially at a later point.

“All my STAR classes have had an impact on me because everyone has their own things that they’re going through,” Waldon eighth-grade student Gabrielle Allen said. “Having the lessons, sometimes it’s just perfect timing. You can be going through something and you’ll talk about it in your STAR class, with your STAR class, and it will help realization come and you can focus on, that’s what I needed in my life.”

Just as it helps some students internally, it can help others externally.

“When it has an impact on me or my friends in any positive way, it wants for me to make an impact on other students,” Waldon eighth-grader Anthony Castro said. “I almost teach the lesson that I’m learning and take what I’ve learned and spread it throughout.”

Waldon

The Waldon Middle School culture has built through Olweus, along with a character education component.

“We’ve tried to adjust it to make it age-specific and need-specific,” said Waldon teacher David Duva, one of the school’s program organizers. “We’ve taken a lot of videos and TED Talks off (the web) as conversation starters. What we’ve tried to do is use the Olweus and then, the last couple years, we’ve built this monthly theme of character traits.”

The character education components work with the acronym DRAGONS, with each month having a theme, beginning in November: Determination, Respect, Appreciation, Generosity, Optimistic, Nice and Strong.

For a list of Spring & Summer class offerings, see our Enrichment Catalog, mailed to residents March 1. Copies are available at the CERC and class information and registration is available online at digitalsignup.com/lakeorion.
River Day is coming – June 13th, 2020!

River Day is designed to encourage appreciation and recreational use of the waterways of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair, and to celebrate the leadership of local citizens, organizations, and communities whose efforts are critical to protecting and enhancing the overall quality of the Clinton River watershed.

If you are interested in coordinating an event and are wondering what you could do. Here are some suggested activities that are always popular amongst participants.

- **Nature hike:** Hike your local nature center, nature preserve or state park and discover the local beauty of your area. Pick up any litter you find along the way.

- **Bike rides:** Take your bikes along the many trail systems of the Clinton River Watershed i.e. Clinton River Trail, Polly Ann Trail, Paint Creek Trail and many more.

- **Restoration projects:** Lend a hand in a restoration project taking place in the watershed. Contact CRWC if interested.

- **Picnics:** Pack some lunches and enjoy the local beauty of our watershed at your local municipal, state or county parks.

- **Canoes/Kayak trips:** Plan an afternoon outing while floating along the Clinton River or its tributaries.

- **Native plantings:** Add some native plants to your yard, or contact CRWC to find a local project.

- **Fishing lessons:** Share the knowledge of angling to those less experienced at a local waterway.

- **Storm Drain Stenciling:** Stencil a message next to a street drain to remind people “Dump No Waste – Drains to River”. Contact CRWC for materials and more information.

- **Riverside Cleanups:** Know of an area near a river that could use a little cleanup? Organize a group effort to keep our riversides clean.

- **Park Cleanups:** Lend a hand to your local municipal park and clean up any trash that may be lying around.

- **Water Treatment Plant Tours:** Tour your local Water Treatment Facility and get an inside look at how the plant works.

To register your event or for more information, please contact Kathleen Sexton, CRWC Program Manager at 248-601-0606 or by email Kathleen@crwc.org
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