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OF ORION

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YOUR QUARTERLY
Guide
TO LIFE IN ORION



Useful Numbers

- EMERGENCIES
911
- NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH
POLICE/FIRE/EMS
248-858-4911
- LAKE ORION POLICE
DEPARTMENT (VILLAGE)
248-693-8321
- ORION TOWNSHIP
(INCLUDING FIRE DEPARTMENT)
248-391-0304
- WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCIES
AFTER-HOURS
248-858-4911
- ORION AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
248-693-6300
- ORION TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY
248-693-3000
- LAKE ORION COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS
248-693-5400
- DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (DDA)
248-693-9742
- VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION
248-693-8391
- ROAD COMMISSION FOR
OAKLAND COUNTY
877-858-4804
- LAKE ORION POST OFFICE
248-693-3253
- ONTV
248-393-1060

Adventure AWAITS IN ORION

As we prepare to dock our boats and let memories of summer fireworks give way to the crackle of cozy bonfires, let's welcome the crisp days of another fantastic fall in Orion Township.

Though the temperatures will drop and the days will grow shorter, Orion doesn't hibernate.

In autumn, Orion is both a sight to see and a place to be. With more than half of our Township covered by a vibrant tree canopy, fall transforms our community into one of the most picturesque places in Michigan. So, whether you're out for a scenic drive or exploring by bike or on foot along our 100-plus miles of trails and safety paths, be sure to look upward and outward and take it all in.

As I've mentioned before, "Choose Adventure" is a philosophy I hold close to my heart (it's also my only tattoo), and Orion autumns offer the perfect

opportunity to do just that. Get out and expLOre a new park or trail. Between our Township, state, and county parks (all within Orion's boundaries) I'm willing to bet you can find a route you haven't tried or an adventure you haven't experienced.

Speaking of Orion Parks, our parks — Friendship, Camp Agawam, Civic Center, Jesse Decker — will be full of activity all season long, with fall leagues, special events, playground adventures, Active Aging field trips, and community gatherings, including our annual Fall Festival of Family Fun. Just like summer, you'll find me most weekends at Miracle Field, located at Friendship Park, supporting their fall baseball league. And while there's so much fun to have outdoors, fall is also the perfect time of year for an indoor adventure. Visit the Orion Recreation Center, grab a cup of coffee at a local café, get lost in a good

book at the Orion Township Public Library, try a painting or pottery class at the Orion Art Center.

Of course, our local students will also embark on academic adventures at our LOcal schools. Students, teachers, and administrators, we wish you the very best as you embrace the new school year with the GRIT and Dragon spirit we're so proud of.

It may be cliché, but we say it at least once every fall because it's so easy to do this time of year: fall in love with Orion all over again. Whether you're discovering something new or revisiting a seasonal favorite, there's always another reason to love calling Orion Township home.

Wishing everyone a wonderful fall season!



Chris Barnett
Orion Township Supervisor

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School Bus Safety: A Shared Community Responsibility

By: Orion Township Fire Department Battalion Chief, Kyle Hagan



As students travel to and from school each day, Orion fire officials are reminding drivers that school bus safety is one of the simplest and most important ways they can help protect children in the community.

Every school day, bus drivers make frequent stops throughout the township and village as students board and exit the bus. During these stops, children may cross streets unexpectedly, walk through blind spots, or become difficult to see due to poor weather or lack of early morning light. For fire department personnel, incidents involving school buses remain a serious and preventable public safety issue.

Fire officials noted that school buses are designed with numerous safety features, but their ability to protect students depends on motorists and drivers following traffic laws. Passing a stopped bus or failing to slow down in school zones increases the risk of serious injury.

Under Michigan law, drivers are required to stop when a school bus activates its flashing red lights and extends its stop arm. This applies to traffic approaching from either direction on roads that are not divided by physical medians. Motorists must remain stopped until the red lights stop flashing and the bus begins moving. Flashing yellow lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop, signaling drivers to slow down and be prepared to stop.

“Kids can be more focused on getting to school or getting home and may not recognize traffic hazards,” said Assistant Fire Chief John Pender. “When drivers ignore a stopped school bus or fail to yield as the bus prepares to stop, they put students, families and the entire community at risk. It’s important to take a few extra seconds and practice patience around bus stops and in school zones.”

Drivers should remain alert during morning and afternoon commute times when buses are most active and required by law to eliminate distractions (such as cell phone use), monitor speed, and maintain safe following distances behind buses.

Parents can also reinforce safety habits with their children by reminding them to wait for the driver’s signal before crossing the street. Wearing bright or reflective clothing and remaining attentive around roadways can further improve visibility and safety of students.

School bus safety is a shared responsibility involving drivers, students, schools and the whole community. “Our goal is prevention through public education,” Pender said. “We want every student to return home safely at the end of the day, and that starts with every driver making safe decisions behind the wheel.”

Orion residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with Michigan school bus laws and remain attentive whenever buses are present on local roadways.



Kyle Hagan joined the Orion Township Fire Department in 2010. He holds a BA in Communication from Oakland University, an MA in Public Safety Leadership & Administration from Arizona State University, and Professional Emergency Manager designation from the Michigan State Police. Kyle serves as the Team Leader for the Oakland County Hazardous Materials Response Team and sits on the Local Emergency Planning Committee for Oakland County. He is a proud Lake Orion Community Schools Alumni Class of 2008.

Protect Yourself from Fall Tax Scam Alerts

As autumn approaches and property tax season continues, the Treasurer’s Office wants to remind residents to stay alert for scams targeting taxpayers.

Scammers often pose as government officials claiming to be from the Treasurer’s Office, IRS, or even local law enforcement in an attempt to pressure residents into making immediate payments. These calls, emails, or text messages may threaten arrest, property liens, or legal action if payment isn’t made right away, often demanding gift cards, wire transfers, prepaid debit cards, or “auto-enrollment” in a payment plan.

Remember:

- ▶ Our office will never call demanding immediate payment over the phone or threaten arrest.
- ▶ The Township does not accept wire transfers, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or automatic/recurring payments for property taxes. If anyone claims otherwise, it’s a scam.
- ▶ The only accepted payment methods are those listed on your official tax bill (such as check, cash, or in-person/online payments through our website: oriontownship.org/payments).
- ▶ Official notices regarding property taxes are always sent by mail.

If you receive a suspicious call, email, or text:

- ▶ Hang up or do not respond, do not click links in unexpected emails or texts
- ▶ Do not click links in unexpected emails or texts.
- ▶ Do not provide personal information, account numbers, Social Security numbers, or payment details.
- ▶ Contact our office directly using the number listed on your tax bill, our official township website, and below to verify any claims.
- ▶ Report suspected scams to local law enforcement.

A simple rule of thumb: if someone is pressuring you to pay immediately through wire transfer, gift cards, or claims your taxes are now on “autopay,” it is not legitimate—our office does not operate that way.

When in doubt, reach out to the Treasurer’s Office directly. We are always happy to help you with any questions.

Treasurer’s Office Phone: 248-391-0304 ext. 8000

Treasurer’s Office Email: treasurer@oriontownship.org



What's going there?



Kroger Fuel Center

A former bank building at 3111 Baldwin Rd. has been demolished to make way for a new Kroger Fuel Center. Located just west of the existing Kroger store in The Shops at Waldon Pond, the gas station will operate during the same hours as the grocery store. The facility will feature one fuel canopy with eight fuel dispensers and an approximately 500-square-foot transaction kiosk.



Lavender Ridge

Construction is underway on Lavender Ridge, a new 75-acre residential development located at the southeast corner of E. Silverbell and N. Squirrel roads. The community will include 78 detached single-family homes, 48 duplex homes, and 35 townhomes. Planned amenities include a clubhouse/community center and a 4.3-acre neighborhood park for residents.



The Final Election in 2026 is the General Election on November 3

Your vote counts! Make a plan to vote.

General Election: November 3, 2026

- ▶ Voters will elect local, county, state (governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and state senate) and federal congressional (house and senate) representatives to office.
- ▶ It will also include nonpartisan offices (such as judges) and proposals.

Key Dates for the November 3, 2026, General Election

- ▶ Absent voter ballot mailing to eligible voters is planned for early October 2026
- ▶ Absent voter ballots are available to eligible voters in the Clerk’s Office starting October 24, 2026
- ▶ In-person early voting is October 24, 2026, through November 1, 2026
- ▶ In-person Election Day voting is November 3, 2026 from 7 am–8 pm

Reminders for Marking Your General Election Ballot

- ▶ Use blue or black ink only.
- ▶ In the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a “straight ticket,” a “split ticket,” or a “mixed ticket.”
 - ▶ Straight Ticket: Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further needs to be done in the partisan section of the ballot.
 - ▶ Split Ticket: Vote a straight ticket and vote for the individual candidates of your choice.
 - ▶ Mixed Ticket: Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.
- ▶ Nonpartisan and proposal sections of the ballot must be voted on separately.
- ▶ Be sure to read all ballot instructions.
- ▶ If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a new ballot — do not attempt to erase or correct any marks made in error.



Check Out Our New Orion Township Voter Guide

The voter guide was created by the Clerk’s office and contains everything you need to know about voter registration and elections. It includes:

- ▶ Important election dates
- ▶ Voter registration
- ▶ Voting by mail
- ▶ In-person early voting
- ▶ Voting on Election Day
- ▶ Polling location consolidations
- ▶ Emergency absent voter ballots

Voter Guide



The Voter Guide is available on the Clerk’s page on the Orion Township website.

Do You Have Voter or Election Questions?

Contact the Orion Township Clerk’s Office, we are here to serve.

- ▶ **Phone:** 248-391-0304, Ext. 4000
- ▶ **Email:** Elections@OrionTownship.org
- ▶ **Web:** OrionTownship.org/Elections
- ▶ **In Person:** 2323 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, (Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm)
- ▶ **Orion Township Clerk:** Julia Dalrymple



Where To Vote on Election Day

As those who voted in the August Primary Election are aware, the Orion Township Clerk’s Office consolidated the number of voting precincts from 14 to 11 following the implementation of PA 227 in 2023, which increased the maximum precinct size to 4,999 active voters.

With the addition of absentee and early voting, voters have more choices to cast their vote.

Voters can continue to expect the same voting experience at their designated precinct location.

To view the most up-to-date precinct locations, see the precinct map or scan the QR code for the interactive map. You can also look up your Election Day precinct at MI.gov/Vote. Questions may be directed to the Orion Township Clerk’s Office at 248-391-0304, Ext. 4000



Thank You Orion Township Voters, Election Workers, and Polling Locations

The Township extends its sincere thanks to all voters who participated in the 2026 August Primary Election. Your engagement and commitment to the democratic process helps ensure that our community’s voice is heard.

We are also grateful to our dedicated election workers for their time, professionalism, and attention to detail throughout the election process. Their service is essential to conducting fair, accurate, and secure elections.

A special thank-you is extended to the community churches, Orion Township Library, and Lake Orion Community School Administrative Building for opening their doors and supporting voters on Election Day. Their partnership plays an important role in making voting accessible and welcoming for voters.

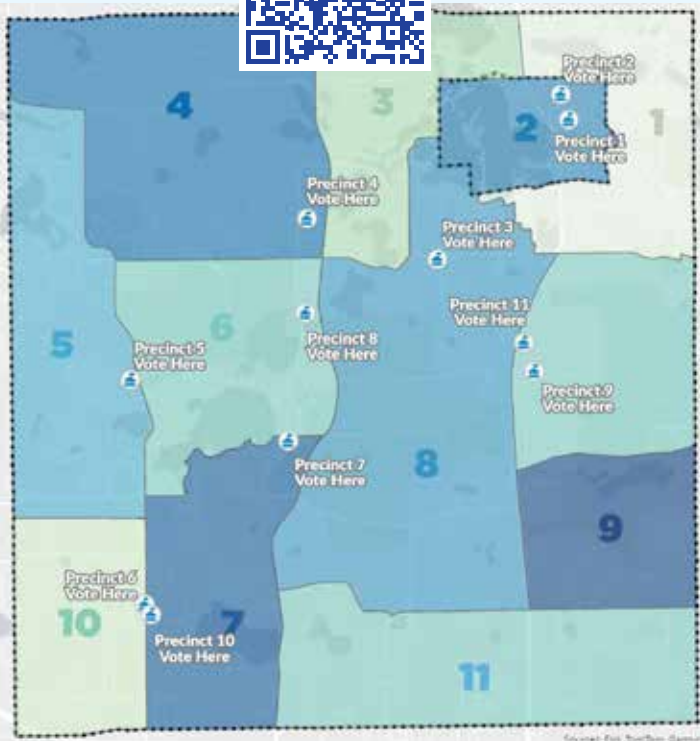
We appreciate everyone who contributed to the success of the August Primary Election and thank you for your continued service. We look forward to your continued support during the 2026 November General Election.

2026

Precinct Locations

- Precinct 1: Lake Orion United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint Street Lake Orion, MI 48362
- Precinct 2: The Village of Lake Orion, 21 E. Church Street Lake Orion, MI 48362
- Precinct 3: Lake Orion Church of Christ, 1080 Hemingway Lake Orion, MI Road 48360
- Precinct 4: Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road Lake Orion, MI 48362
- Precinct 5: Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 1950 S. Baldwin Road Lake Orion, MI 48360
- Precinct 6: The River Church, 3920 S. Baldwin Road Orion Township, MI 48359
- Precinct 7: St. Mary’s in the Hills Episcopal Church, 2512 Joslyn Court Orion Township, MI 48360
- Precinct 8: Lake Orion Community Schools Admin Building, 1335 Joslyn Road Lake Orion, MI 48360
- Precinct 9: Lake Orion Baptist Church, 255 E. Scripps Road Lake Orion, MI 48360
- Precinct 10: Mt. Zion Community House, 4005 S. Baldwin Road Lake Orion, MI 48359
- Precinct 11: King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1715 S. Lapeer Road Lake Orion, MI 48360

Precinct Locations



Winter Water Service Tips

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

Before the cold weather hits, ensure that:

- ▶ Outside water faucets are open, and inside the home, the line is closed.
- ▶ The adults in your house know where the main water valve is located. Water damage can be minimized if all adults know where to turn off the water in the event of an emergency.
- ▶ Any pipes that are near outside walls, under the home (in crawl spaces), or in the attic are insulated, if necessary.

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

If your pipes do freeze, remember that you should never thaw the pipes with an open flame. It is best to use a small portable heater, or a hair dryer. (Note: to prevent electric shock, please be cautious while operating electric sources near water).

If your home is going to be vacant for any prolonged period, you can contact our office and have the water shut off at the street to prevent damage from occurring within the home. You may also drain the water from your lines inside your home. Additionally, you might consider keeping your heat over 60° F.

Winter storms increase the probability of losing power. In case of an extended power outage, turn the water off at the main shut-off valve in your home. Open faucets in all levels of your home to allow for expansion should any water left in the lines freeze.

If you notice anything unusual, such as unfrozen puddles or large pools of water, please contact the Orion Township Water and Sewer Department to shut off the water at the road.

Water pipe breaks and corresponding damage that occur in your home, or on your property, must be resolved through independent contractors.



FOG Affects Everyone!

Fat, oil and grease in sanitary sewer lines are commonly referred to as FOG.

FOG enters the sanitary sewer lines through drains in residential homes or businesses. Once it enters the sewer system it sticks to the pipes and lines, and can eventually block the sewer line completely, causing sewage backups and overflows.

Sewage backups resulting from FOG can impact everyone connected to the sewer system, and the environment.

If a backup occurs within a resident’s sewer line, on their property, then they are responsible for the cleanup. For example, if a homeowner consistently pours grease or oil from cooking down their sink drain, it will eventually cool and harden. When the sewage backs up in their home, they will need to hire a licensed plumber to clean their lines and make any necessary repairs. Cleaning FOG build-up from the main sewer line can increase maintenance costs for Orion Township.

The environment can be impacted by sewage backups overflowing into the streets, lakes and rivers.

Sources of FOG include:

- ▶ Cooking Oil
- ▶ Butter, Margarine, or Shortening
- ▶ Meat Fats
- ▶ Lard
- ▶ Food Scraps
- ▶ Dairy Products

To keep your drains clear follow these easy tips:

1. Pour or scrape oily or greasy foods into a container and allow it to cool before disposing of it in your garbage. Mix any liquid oils with an absorbent material, such as kitty litter or coffee grounds, before throwing it in the trash.
2. DO NOT pour fat, oil, or grease down your sink. Hot water does not dilute FOG when rinsing cookware, utensils, or dishes.
3. Keep your drain clean by pouring ½ cup baking soda down the drain followed by ½ cup vinegar. Wait 10 to 15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.

Water Leaks in Your Home

If your home is connected to the Orion Township water supply, your water line is “metered” for accountability and billing purposes. Water line leaks can be very costly as residents must be charged for usage once water has passed through the meter.

If you suspect you have a leak due to a higher water bill, your first step is to check your water meter. To do so, check your water meter and write down the reading before you go to bed, when you know there will be no water usage. In the morning, before water is used, check the meter again, and write down the number. If the reading has changed, you have a water leak somewhere in your home.

Once you’ve determined a water leak is present, here are some places to check to help you locate the leak prior to calling a plumber:

Hot Water Tanks

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

Toilets

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

If nothing is noticeable, add a couple of drops of food coloring in the tank (not

the bowl). Wait several minutes and if you have coloring in the bowl, you have a leak in the flapper at the bottom of the tank that allows water to seep through. At this point you can assess if you want to do the repair yourself or call a plumber.

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

Hose Bibs

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

Other Leaks

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

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

If you have a swimming pool, it is important to check to see if it has any leaks.

Recognize that, in many cases, leaks can be challenging to locate. Even those outlined above might be difficult to identify without plumbing positioning familiarity. We hope, however, that this article gives you some insight into locating leaks, which might give your plumber a starting point, saving them time and translating into savings for you!



In Case of a Water or Sewer Emergency:

During Township Hall Business Hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm):
Call 248-391-0304, Extension 8500

During Non-business Hours:
Call Oakland County Emergency
Dispatch: 248-858-4911



Moving? Schedule a Final Bill

If you are moving out of Orion Township, PLEASE CALL 248-391-0304, ext. 8500 to schedule a final water/sewer bill.

When you call, please have the following information available:

- ▶ Property address
- ▶ Date of closing
- ▶ New owners name
- ▶ Name and address of the title company



Hometown Heroes Banner Program

Since June, residents' Baldwin Corridor commutes have been illuminated by Orion Township's Hometown Hero Banners, proudly displayed on light poles, honoring local loved ones' service members, veterans, first responders, and other individuals whose selfless service has made a lasting impact. The banners recognize those who have served or are currently serving our community directly, as well as those with Orion roots who continue to serve citizens across the state, nation, or around the world.

Orion area residents purchased banners to honor loved ones, many of whom were surprised and deeply touched to see their banner displayed publicly. Proceeds from every banner purchase directly support the Orion Veterans Memorial, the Township's lasting, year-round tribute to those who have sacrificed and served.

The Hometown Hero Banners will remain on display beyond Veterans Day. If you would like to honor a loved one with a banner, please contact Samantha Timko at stimko@oriontownship.org.



Bud Abbott
U.S. Army Air Corps,
World War II
1943–1946



SPC Ava Adkins
U.S. Army
2025–Present



LCpl Gavin Adkins
U.S. Marine Corps
2024–Present



MSgt George Augustus
U.S. Air Force
1963–1984



1SG Michael (Mike) Austin
U.S. Army
1989–2017



PFC Ernest W. Baker, Jr.
U.S. Army
1943–1948



Captain Kenneth J. Barnett
West Bloomfield Fire
Department
1973–1992



SPC Alexander Basigkow
U.S. Army
2020–Present



Sgt Brian Birney
U.S. Marine Corps
1999–2005



Police Officer Brianne Rae Carlson
Detroit Police
Department
2016–2025



LT Brendon Clarkston
U.S. Navy
2013–Present



Michael Cooper
Firefighter/Paramedic/
EMT
1985–2025



WO3 Nicole Daisley
U.S. Army
1995–2016



Joshua Daubenmeyer
U.S. Navy
2002–Present



Cpl Todd Donnelly
U.S. Marine Corps
1995–1999



Gavin Dooley
U.S. Navy
1979–1981



SPC James L. Downey, Military Police
U.S. Army
1962–1966



PO1 Payne A. Downey
U.S. Navy
1941–1945



SP4 William Dye, Medic
U.S. Army
1969–1970



Seaman Aidan Faber
U.S. Navy
2013–2017



Kane Felarca
U.S. Navy
2020–Present



1LT Cameron Giegler
U.S. Army
2024–Present



Douglas F. Green
U.S. Army
1971–1972



SSG Jonathan P. Gronow
MI Army National
Guard
2013–2025



Sgt Dennis F. Gulich
U.S. Army (KIA)
1967–1968



SrA James Hafner III
U.S. Air Force
2009–2014



LCDR Matthew Haney
U.S. Navy
2012–Present



SP4 Albert Hay
U.S. Army, 101st
Airborne
1961–1964



CPL James S. Henry
U.S. Army
1952–1953



SP4 Jim Hubbard
U.S. Army
1965–1968



PO3 Timothy Jenkinson
U.S. Navy
1964–1967



1LT Helen M. Turnbull King
U.S. Army Nurse Corps
1942–1945



SrA Haydee Kosch
U.S. Air Force
1981–1984



AN Cristian Kowal
U.S. Navy
2024–Present



PFC Al Kriewall
U.S. Army
1962–1966



Sgt Michael Kuttkuhn
U.S. Marine Corps
1972–1977



Kevin Laviolette
U.S. Air Force
2022–Present



Ronald H. Leonard
U.S. Army
1955–1957



SrA Kelton Lovell
U.S. Air Force National
Guard
2022–Present



Rob Longo
U.S. Air Force
1968–1972



LCpl Daniel Rowe
U.S. Marine Corps
2024–Present



MSgt A.J. Sampson
U.S. Air Force
2003–2023



Deputy Jeffrey Sauve
Oakland County
Sheriff's Office
1995–Present



CW3 Ryan J. Savage
MI Army National
Guard
2010–Present



LTJG George Sinnott
U.S. Navy
1961–1964



E-5 Robert Mahan
U.S. Navy
1970–1976



**Dr. Joseph
Mastromatteo**
U.S. Army
1970–1971



Michael McCabe
U.S. Air Force
1987–1995



**PFC Elvis
McConnaughay**
U.S. Army
1944–1945



SGT Michael McGeary
U.S. Army
2018–2026



Sgt Bob Smith
U.S. Air Force
1967–1971



GM Kenneth Smith
U.S. Navy
1966–1970



Rodney L. Smith
U.S. Army
1967–1969



LCpl Wilson Theunick
U.S. Marine Corps
2021–2026



**Melissa Waddell
(Valken)**
U.S. Army
19 years of service



SSG Jakob Will Mert
U.S. Army
2020–Present



Sgt Howard A. Michels
U.S. Army, 2nd
Armored Division
1941–1945



**SSgt Jack Thomas
Mingay**
U.S. Air Force
2022–Present



Stanley E. Olszewski
U.S. Navy
1951–1953



CPT Alex Pace
U.S. Army
2005–Present



Bob Watros
U.S. Navy
1955–1958



LCDR Daniel Westcott
U.S. Navy
2013–2023



**CPL Specialist 4
Raymond Whelpley**
U.S. Army (Purple Heart)
1967–1968



SSG Grant Wilcox
U.S. Army
2012–Present



RM3 Joseph Zikewich
U.S. Navy
1942–1946



SSG Mike Palmer
U.S. Army
2005–2013



**MMN1 Anthony
Palmeri**
U.S. Navy
1998–2004



John D. Ranville II
U.S. Navy, Seabees
1969–1971



Sgt Trey Reynolds
USMC, U.S. Army
2015–2025



Vernon Riojas
U.S. Army Ranger
1988–1992

“Our son graduated from Lake Orion High School in 2005, earned his pilot’s license during grad school at University of Michigan, and went on to become a Naval Aviator. He served 10 years, including three tours in Bahrain, and his final mission as Lieutenant Commander and Catapult Officer aboard the historic USS Nimitz before becoming a commercial airline pilot. We’re equally proud of the husband and father he has become.”

—Jim & Louise Westcott, Parents of Daniel Westcott

“We surprised my dad with his banner to honor his service in the Navy and with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office. The Navy taught him discipline, leadership, and responsibility, but he often told us the bond with his shipmates felt like family. He brought that same sense of loyalty, love, and togetherness from the Navy into our home.”

—Leslie Jennings, daughter of Timothy Jenkinson

“We adopted Michael from Seoul, South Korea, as a baby. Inspired by both of his grandfathers’ military service, he joined the U.S. Army in 2018 and proudly served for eight years. Watching him serve the country that became his home made me incredibly proud, and I’m grateful to have supported him on that journey.”

—Lori Morris, mother of Michael McGeary

Hometown Hero Highlights From the Orion Township Team



Pictured from left to right: Mike Kruzel, Jason English, Vince Sinacola, Bill Basigkow, Vito Sinacola, Josh Clubine, Todd Carrothers, Michael Berger, Greg Gearheart, Anthony Vettraino, Tanner Cartner, and Christian Cartner

Department of Public Services

Some heroes wear badges and serve on the front lines. Others serve our community behind the scenes (or even beneath the ground), supporting the infrastructure that keeps Orion running.

This past May, the dedication our Department of Public Services came into focus as the Township endured the effects of a water main break. We honor these unsung heroes for the countless hours spent monitoring, testing, and, ultimately, restoring safe drinking water and ample water for use to the Orion Township Water Tower. The important work they do every day, whether in times of crisis or through their routine efforts, is critical in keeping our community thriving.



Deputy Musse of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office

We continue to recognize the outstanding public service of Deputy Musse for his courageous and swift response to a house fire on July 10. When two young boys were trapped on the second floor, Deputy Musse climbed onto a garbage can to reach them, ultimately helping rescue the children and bringing them to safety.

Deputy Musse was honored as Orion Township Citizen of the Month during the July Board of Trustees meeting, where the boys' father, Sgt. Michael Knight of the Rochester Police Department, shared a powerful reminder of the impact a hero can make — even when that hero is simply doing the job they were called to do:

"I have no idea what would have happened if Deputy Musse did not do what he did. I am aware that in our profession we adopt a 'just doing my job' mentality, where we 'don't praise a fish for swimming.' But Deputy Musse's actions saved the lives of my children, and I can't think of a scenario that deserves more praise than that."



Smoke Detectors Save Lives

When it comes to home fire safety, no device is as important as a working smoke detector. Fire officials stress that properly installed and maintained smoke detectors provide families with early warning and notification during a fire — often making the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy.

Most fire-related deaths occur in homes, and many of these incidents involve absent or nonworking smoke alarms. As part of the fire department's ongoing community risk reduction efforts, residents are encouraged to routinely inspect, test and maintain smoke alarms in their homes. Smoke alarms are designed to detect smoke in the earliest stages of a fire, alerting occupants with a loud alarm. This early warning is critical because modern homes and furnishings burn faster than ever before, which can reduce the amount of time to escape safely.

"Working smoke alarms give families the time they need to react and escape," said Fire Inspector Anton Roths. **"They are one of the most effective and affordable life-saving devices found in any home."**

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, inside every sleeping room, and outside of sleeping areas. Homes with interconnected smoke alarms provide an added level of protection because when one alarm sounds, all alarms throughout the house activate at once.

Residents should test smoke alarms monthly by pressing the test button to ensure the device is operating properly. Batteries in traditional battery-operated smoke alarms should be replaced at least every six months. As easy reminders, Inspector Roths recommends changing batteries when clocks are changed for daylight saving time in the spring and fall. Even smoke alarms equipped with long life batteries require routine testing and

eventual replacement. **"Smoke alarms can only save lives if they are working,"** Inspector Roths said. **"Taking a few minutes each month to test your alarms and replacing batteries every six months is a simple step that can protect your family when seconds matter most."** The official recommendation is to replace all smoke alarms every 10 years, or sooner if they fail testing or are damaged.

Another important reminder: batteries should never be removed due to a detector being a nuisance, such as when activated by steam, or from cooking. Safer solutions for these situations include attempting to relocate the alarm, cleaning dust from the unit, or upgrading to newer alarm designed to reduce false activations.

In addition to maintaining smoke alarms, every household should develop and practice a home escape plan. Families should identify two ways out of every room, establish a designated outdoor meeting place outside, and practice their escape plan at least twice each year.

Smoke alarms can be purchased with integrated Carbon Monoxide (CO) detection capabilities. CO is an odorless and colorless gas which is deadly if not detected. In addition to smoke alarms, Carbon Monoxide alarms are also recommended on each level of the home.

The fire department encourages residents who need assistance with smoke alarm installation or have questions regarding home fire safety to contact the fire department for additional information and resources.

Above all else: be sure to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and dial 911 in an emergency.

Article Contribution by Kyle Hagan, Orion Township Battalion Chief



Coming Soon

Learn about the Lumber Yard and ALL events @downtownlakeorion.org



Fall Days, Cool Nights



Michigan's finest season comes alive in Downtown Lake Orion. Events for all ages, attitudes and adventure seekers all designed to welcome the transition to cooler temperatures and leaf-covered grounds. Join friends, family and travelers around warm fire pits, on joy filled patios, and keep the cold at bay as we enjoy the warmth of the season in Downtown Lake Orion.



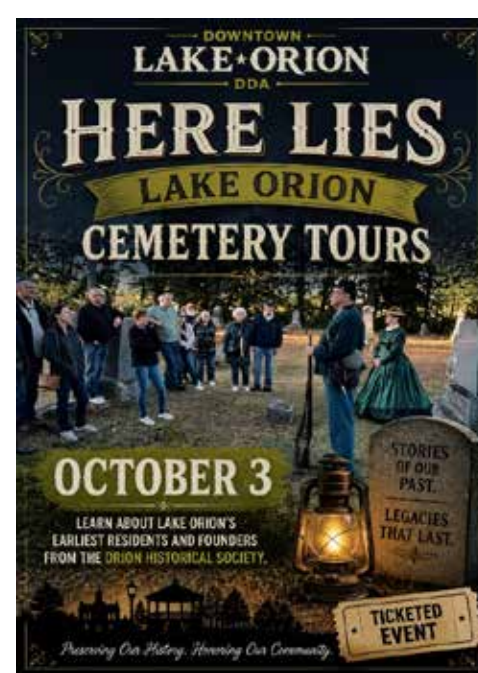
OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

September 18: Evening in Children's Park. Free kids movie for the family to enjoy! Bring blankets and chairs. Eats and treats available in the park along with kid games and crafts!



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

October 2: Dusk at Cookies & Cream. Free movie night for our grown up friends to enjoy! Bring blankets and chairs. In our Social District, so grab that drink and your date!



OCTOBER 3

LEARN ABOUT LAKE ORION'S EARLIEST RESIDENTS AND FOUNDERS FROM THE ORION HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

TICKETED EVENT

SEPTEMBER 19

ZOMBIE WALK AND POKER RUN

September 19, 8 pm. Start at Ed's Broadway Costume & Gifts for Zombie makeovers and gear (arrive at 6 pm) then crawl and creep to area restaurants for food and drink specials. Event continues to the American Legion. Proceeds benefit the Orion Lighted Christmas Parade. A hauntingly good time! This is a ticketed event.



Halloween Extravaganza

October 21, 5-7 pm

Gather your little ghouls and come downtown for trick or treating, kids' entertainment, cider/donuts, DJ in the streets, and fun family-friendly activities. Take part in the Costume Parade, too!

MASSIVE FALLOUT

October 10 - All Day

A massive group ride ending in Lake Orion! Maps will be available before the event. Join us for the mass start to be part of one of the largest mountain bike group rides in Southeast Michigan. If you aren't familiar with the area, hop on with some of your fellow riders to show you the



Witches Night (Lake Orion & Oxford Downtowns)

October 24, 5-10 pm



Dress in your wicked best and make your way through hauntingly good activities, cool music, merchant shops, and restaurants in both Lake Orion and Oxford. The trolley will take you between the two downtowns. Free gift at check in!

Holiday Lighted Parade

December 5 - 6pm

Proudly known as Michigan's largest lighted Christmas parade, this beloved tradition is brought to life each year by the dedicated volunteers of the Orion Area Parade Group (OAPG) and the incredible support of our community.



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Sing & Stroll Tree Lighting Horse & Carriage Rides

November 19, 5-7 pm.

A family friendly favorite tree lighting that you gather, sing carols, and welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to town. Watch out for the Grinch, too! Fun kids activities abound!



Shop Small Saturday Horse & Carriage Rides

November 28 - All Day

Shop local at our Downtown shops and restaurants. Enjoy special perks, activities, and holiday festivities as you get the perfect gifts for those on your list!



Polar Express Trolley

December 12, 1-5pm

This ticketed event has your family nestled in a trolley listening to the Polar Express being read and singing Christmas carols. Enjoy character visits, plus the #1 Elf - Santa! A unique experience to get your Wish List direct to the North Pole. Hot Cocoa Bar and cookies round out the fun.



THE ORC



ORION RECREATION CENTER

As the seasons change, there's no better place to stay active and connected than the Orion Recreation Center (ORC). Whether you're enrolling the kids in a new program, reaching your fitness goals, or spending quality time with family, ORC offers opportunities for every age and interest. Join our community this fall!

AMENITIES:

- Basketball Courts
- Children's Center
- Enrichment Classes
- Guest Passes \$10R/\$12NR
- Group Fitness Classes
- Indoor & Outdoor Pools
- Indoor Track
- Olympic Lifting Room
- Personal Training
- Senior Matinee
 - Mon-Fri | 10 am-1 pm
- Senior Services
- Steam Room & Sauna

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Membership Rates!



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FITNESS CENTER HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 5 am-9 pm
Sat & Sun: 6 am- 8 pm

CHILDCARE HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 8 am-1 pm | 4-8 pm
Sat: 9 am-1 pm
Sun: Closed

SENIOR WING HOURS

Mon-Fri: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Sat & Sun: Closed

INDOOR POOL HOURS

Lap Swim:

Mon-Fri: 5 am-6 pm
Sat & Sun: 9 am-6 pm

Adult Swim:

Tue & Thu: 5 am-4 pm
Mon, Wed, Fri: 5 am-6 pm
Sat & Sun: 9 am-6 pm

Family Swim:

Tue & Thu: 11 am-4 pm
Mon, Wed, Fri: 11 am-6 pm
Sat: 12- 6 pm
Sun: 9 am-6 pm

SPECIAL HOURS

Thanksgiving Day: 5 am-3 pm



WELCOME BACK TO THE INDOOR POOL!

COMPLETED INDOOR POOL RENOVATIONS

- Steel Deck Replacement
- Roofing Modifications
- New RTU
- New Ductwork
- Painting
- Fire Suppression Update

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Hatchling Hustle

Camp Agawam | Sat, Sep 12 | 9-10 am
Ages 5-12 | \$20R/NR

A mini-version of our Dragon Trails Triathlon created for our novice Dragons. This untimed race will consist of a short swim around the wading area of Tommy's Lake (about 25 meters), followed by a half-mile bike ride and a quarter-mile run in beautiful Camp Agawam.

Fledgling Fleet

Camp Agawam | Sat, Sep 12 | 10-11 am
Ages 8-12 | \$25R/NR

Introducing the first-ever Fledgling Fleet! A slightly longer, more challenging version of the Hatchling Hustle, featuring a 200m swim, 3-mile bike ride, and 1-mile run. This event is untimed, but first-place male and female finishers will receive an award.



Dragon Trails Triathlon

Camp Agawam | Sun, Sep 13 | 9 am-1 pm

Our 3rd Annual Dragon Trails Triathlon will take place Sunday, September 13th at Camp Agawam and surrounding parks and trails. After last year's successful event, we are excited to invite any adventurous athletes to race this scenic and rugged sprint triathlon course. You will be challenged with a .75K (.46 mile) freshwater swim through Tommy's Lake, a 20K (12.4 miles) of mixed terrain biking through Bald Mountain, the Polly Ann Trail, and Orion Oaks County Park, and a 5K (3.1 miles) run through the forested trails of Camp Agawam. Register at runsignup.com.



Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Center

Orion Recreation Center | Tue, Sep 15
Nov 17 | 1-5:30 pm | Ages 17+

Every day, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan needs more than 560 blood products to meet hospital demand. What we collect will be used to help people in your community. The key to success is to fill all appointment slots. Schedule your appointment at donate.michigan.versiti.org.



Fall Fest

Camp Agawam | Sat, Sep 19 | 11 am-3 pm
Free

Come out to beautiful Camp Agawam for a day filled with fall activities for the entire family, including crafts, petting farm, hay wagon rides, bounce house (socks required) games, and more!



Oakland County Glow Up

Friendship Park | Fri, Sep 25 | 6:30-9 pm
Free

Say goodbye to summer in glowing style at Glow Bye Summer—an unforgettable evening featuring a dazzling Hot Air Balloon Glow, live concert, glow-in-the-dark games like putt-putt, creative crafts, and delicious food trucks. It's a bright, high-energy sendoff the whole family won't want to miss.



Holiday Art & Craft Market

Orion Recreation Center | Sat, Oct 3
10 am-3 pm | Free

Orion Recreation Center | Fri, Dec 4
3-6 pm | Free

#BuyNearBy and Shop Local! Satisfy your shopping fix with one-of-a-kind, hand-made unique arts and crafts featuring distinctive and classic Made in Michigan products, made by Michiganders for Michiganders! Find an exclusive holiday, birthday, or just because gift for yourself and your friends & family!

50+ Resource Fair

Orion Recreation Center | Fri, Oct 9
10 am-1 pm | Free

This free community event is designed to connect seniors and their families with local resources and services, offering information on topics like health, financial planning, housing, legal assistance, and more. Our vendors will include professionals from various agencies and organizations that offer vital services for the aging population. Enjoy light refreshments, raffles, wellness demonstrations, and more!



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Spooktacular Bingo

Orion Recreation Center | Wed, Oct 14
6-7:30 pm | Free

Need something to do this spooky season? Join us for some fun in the Oak Room at Orion Recreation Center playing Bingo! All participants will receive a set of bingo cards and directions upon arriving.



Boo Bash

Orion Recreation Center | Fri, Oct 16
5 pm | 5:30 pm | 6 pm | 6:30 pm | Ages 1-8
\$13R/\$14NR

Join us for an evening of Halloween fun including cider and snacks, haywagon rides, trick-or-treat street, pick a pumpkin from a pumpkin patch, games and much more! Pre-registration is required, spaces are limited. Infants in carriers are free with registered siblings. Don't forget your camera, costume, flashlight and a trick-or-treat bag for all of your goodies! Dress for the weather, activities are both in and outdoors.



Puzzle & Game Day Swap

Orion Recreation Center | Wed, Oct 28
Tue, Dec 22 | 9 am-3 pm | Free

Game Day Swap will have puzzles, books, DVDs and board games for anyone to swap. Event is free for anyone to participate.

Beast Before the Feast

Orion Recreation Center | Thu, Nov 26
9:30-10:30 am | Ages 11+ | Free

Join ORC Personal Trainer Jen Pozzi for her fifth annual Beast Before the Feast, Strength & Cardio extreme class. On Thanksgiving Day, unleash your inner beast with high-intensity cardio mixed with powerful strength moves.

Merry & Mischief

Orion Recreation Center | Sat, Dec 12
10 am | 11 am | 12 pm | Ages 1-8
\$16R/\$17NR

Join us for cookies, Claus and a little Grinchy chaos. Visit with Santa, decorate cookies, make reindeer food that is sure to make reindeer fly and enjoy some holiday cheer. Write a letter to the big guy and a return letter will be mailed back to you the week of Christmas. While you're here, strike a pose with the Grinch in person and enjoy the movie How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Be sure to take tons of pictures because this will be the BEST DAY EVER! Parents and youth in carriers are free with paid participant(s).





Youth ENRICHMENT

Pins & Beetles — Bug Pinning Workshop

Camp Agawam | Thu, Sep 17 | 6–8 pm
Ages 10+ | \$6R/\$8NR

Bug! Insects! Arthropods! Calling all young and young at heart scientists! Join us for an exciting opportunity to create your own mini bug box, where we have plenty of creepy crawlies just waiting to be part of your very own collection. In this class, we'll learn about insects, classifications, and how to pin them like a pro. Youth from 10-12 must have an adult chaperone. Instructor/Naturalist Jarred McPherson.

Parents Night Out

Recreation Center | Fri, Sep 18 | Oct 9
Nov 13 | Dec 4 | 6–9:30 pm | Ages 3–12
\$30R/\$35NR

What's better than a babysitter on a Friday night? An awesome night out for your kids too! Your kids will have a blast participating in their favorite gym activities, arts and crafts, along with pizza and fruit!

*Price is per event, per child. All children must be potty trained.

Home Alone Training

Orion Recreation Center | Mon, Sep 28
6:30–7:30 pm | Ages 9–12 | \$17R/\$20NR

Is your young teen staying home alone after school this fall? Prepare yourself and your child for this new adventure with Home Alone Training. Instructor Kristen Tamm presents the skills your child will need to be home alone safely. Includes walking home, key responsibility, securing the house, answering the phone, safe choices, and emergency procedures. Training follows the American Red Cross Curriculum. Certificate is presented upon completion of the workshop. Handouts are included. Instructor: Kristen Tamm

Babysitter Training

Orion Recreation Center | Mon, Oct 5
6–8:30 pm | Ages 11–14 | \$20R/\$23NR

Instructor Kristen Tamm 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. This program incorporates the American Red Cross guide and video into the curriculum. Suggested pre-requisite class: Home Alone Training. Instructor: Kristen Tamm



Basic Life Skills for Kids

Alberici Lodge | Nov 1–15 | 2–4 pm
Ages 7+ | \$85R/\$90NR

Kids will learn how to make chicken gnocchi soup, breaded chicken with mashed potatoes, bake a Thanksgiving related bread, and hand sew a small pillow. These basic life skills will enable your child to become more self-sufficient and confident. \$20 material fee due first class. Instructor Paula Kotrba and Luminita Murphy

Frosting & Fun

Orion Recreation Center | Tue, Dec 15
6–7 pm | Ages 9–15 | \$9R/\$10NR

Love Cookies? Who doesn't? Get in the Holiday spirit with some sugar cookie decorating fun while we enjoy a Christmas classic movie! Snacks and beverages will be provided.



Be Smart. Add ART!

Orion Recreation Center | Tue, Sep 8–29
6:15–7:45 pm | Ages 7–16 | \$69R/\$74NR

Students will be involved in learning about fractals in nature and creating beautiful artwork using inks on watercolor paper to represent this phenomenon. We will also be adapting our acrylic paintings using the golden ratio as our guide and talk about the Fibonacci sequence. Let's also learn about patterns with A tessellation project! So, is this a math class? Of course not. We're just here to have fun and make our best art! As always, siblings of any age are welcome. Sign up today and join the fun! A Gallery Show will be extended to family at 7:30 on the final day. Please bring a water bottle, snack, and wear clothes that are not precious. Taught by artist/educator Pamela Palmer, B.F.A. of The Artist's Apprentice. \$20 material fee payable to instructor on the first day of classes.

Smart Art that Ends with a BOO!

Friendship Park | Fri, Oct 9–30 | 5–6:30 pm
Ages 6+ | \$69R/\$74NR

In this art series kids will try their hand at all things art; painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking and more! On the final day we will end with a Halloween SHEBANG with fun projects of ghosts, pumpkins, and black cats. Kids will be delighted with celebration balloons, popsicle treats and Halloween knick-knacks to take home! Wear your Halloween costume if you like! Families are invited to the Viewing of Creations at 6:15 pm on the last day of class. Taught by Artist Pamela Palmer BFA, Founder of The Artist's Apprentice. \$25 material fee payable to instructor on the first day of class.



Cute & Fantastic Animal Art

Orion Recreation Center | Thu, Dec 3–17
6:30–8 pm | Ages 6+ | \$55R/\$60NR

Young artists will create the cutest creatures ever—from fluffy foxes, baby woodland animals, and playful sea friends to enchanting unicorns, friendly dragons, adorable axolotls, and other fantastic beasts! Using acrylics, watercolor, colored pencils, pastels, and sculpting materials, students will learn exciting techniques for drawing, painting, shading, adding texture with beads, and bringing their imaginative animals to life. Every project includes easy, step-by-step instruction, giving children the confidence to succeed while encouraging their own unique creativity. A Gallery Show will be extended to families at 7:30 pm on the final day. Kids will also design their own custom zippered case to take home! Taught by artist/educator Pamela Palmer, B.F.A. Founder of The Artist's Apprentice. \$15 material fee payable to instructor on the first day of class.



Learn to Draw SpongeBob & Friends!

Orion Recreation Center | Fri, Nov 6–Dec 4
6:15–7:45 pm | Ages 6–12 | \$69R/\$74NR

Join us for four fun-filled classes where kids will learn how to draw SpongeBob, Patrick, Squidward, Sandy, Plankton, and other favorite characters. Through easy step-by-step instruction, students will develop drawing skills, creativity, and confidence while creating a portfolio of cartoon artwork they'll be excited to take home. Perfect for beginners and young artists who just love these cartoons! Kids will also design their own custom zippered case to take home! Expect a little mess and a lot of creativity—please wear clothes that are not precious. A Gallery Show will be extended to families at 7:30 pm on the final day. Kids will also design their own custom zippered case to take home! Taught by artist/educator Pamela Palmer, B.F.A. Founder of The Artist's Apprentice. No class Nov 27. \$20 material fee payable to instructor on the first day of class.

Holly Jolly Workshop

Friendship Park | Fri, Dec 18 | 5:15–7:15 pm
Ages 6+ | \$20R/\$25NR

Let's ring in the holidays by painting a glittery gingerbread house, including all the fabulous trimmings in candy cane and holly and cute woodland animals! Kids will learn to master one point perspective when they draw bedazzled gifts for their 3D Christmas tree. Sculpture of Frosty the snowman using Model Magic is also included. This art experience is a wonderful opportunity for parents to unlock their child's full potential and give them confidence, understanding, and skills to help them flourish. A Gallery Show of the students' work will be extended to families at 7 pm with sweet treats for all! Taught by Artist/Instructor Pamela Palmer B.F.A., Owner/Entrepreneur of The Artist's Apprentice. \$10 materials payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.

Youth FITNESS

Amazing TOTS

Orion Recreation Center | 5:15–5:40 pm
Ages 18m–2.5

Session 1:
Tue, Sep 8–Oct 27 | \$120R/\$130NR

Session 2:
Tue, Nov 3–Dec 15 | \$105R/\$115NR

Amazing Tots is a guided program for children aged 18 months to 2.5 years, focusing on structured physical activities tailored to toddlers. Each 25-minute weekly class introduces one of four sports through discovery lessons, balancing physical challenges and exploration activities designed for young children. The program combines fitness with learning through imaginative activities like color recognition and letter identification, enhancing both physical and cognitive development. This approach prepares toddlers for preschool and encourages a lifelong love of healthy living.

Amazing Athletes

Orion Recreation Center | 5:50–6:25 pm
Ages 2.5–6

Session 1:
Tue, Sep 8–Oct 27 | \$128R/\$138NR

Session 2:
Tue, Nov 3–Dec 15 | \$112R/\$122NR

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

Youth *FITNESS*

Junior Track Club — FUNdamentals

Orion Recreation Center
Mon, Sep 28-Nov 2 | 5-6 pm | Ages 5-8
\$144R/\$150NR

An engaging introduction to the sport of running! Practices feature movement-based games, running form drills, relays, and age-appropriate races designed to build confidence, coordination, and a love of track.



Junior Track Club — Performance

Orion Recreation Center
Mon, Sep 28-Nov 5 | 5-6 pm | Ages 7-12
\$144R/\$150NR

Designed for young athletes who are eager to take their running to the next level, this session emphasizes racing and skill development. Practices include dynamic warm-ups, form and technique instruction, speed and endurance workouts, racing strategy, and opportunities to improve race performance in a supportive, team-oriented setting.



Street Dance

Orion Recreation Center
6-7 pm | Ages 7-11

Mon Session 1:
Mon, Sep 14-Oct 26 | \$145R/\$147NR

Mon Session 2:
Mon, Nov 2-Dec 14 | \$132R/\$138NR

Thu Session 1:
Thu, Sep 10-Oct 29 | \$176R/\$184NR

Thu, Session 2:
Thu, Nov 5-Dec 17 | \$132R/\$138NR

Fresh moves and non-stop fun for young groovers! Students learn to move with confidence and control in a focused, positive environment. No class Sep 7, Nov 16, Nov 23. Instructor: Dynamics Street Dance Academy

Street Dance Advanced

Orion Recreation Center | 7-8 pm
Ages 7-17

Mon Session 1:
Mon, Sep 14-Oct 26 | \$168R/\$175NR

Mon Session 2:
Mon, Nov 2-Dec 14 | \$144R/\$150NR

Thu Session 1:
Thu, Sep 10-Oct 29 | \$192R/\$200NR

Thu, Session 2:
Thu, Nov 5-Dec 17 | \$144R/\$150NR

Performance and competition team for students looking to take their training to the next level. No class Sep 7, Nov 16, Nov 23. Instructor: Dynamics Street Dance Academy

Tap Dance

Orion Recreation Center
5-6 pm | Ages 7-11

Mon Session 1:
Mon, Sep 14-Oct 26 | \$140R/\$147NR

Mon Session 2:
Mon, Nov 2-Dec 14 | \$120R/\$126NR

Thu Session 1:
Thu, Sep 10-Oct 29 | \$160R/\$168NR

Thu, Session 2:
Thu, Nov 5-Dec 17 | \$120R/\$126NR

Rhythm, coordination and musical fun! Small class sizes to ensure individual attention. Tap shoes required. No class Sep 7, Nov 16, Nov 23. Instructor: Dynamics Street Dance Academy

Intro to Pickleball Club

Friendship Park | Sat, Sep 26-Oct 17
2-3 pm | Ages 5-6 | \$95R/\$100NR

This Intro to Pickleball Club introduces kids to one of the fastest-growing sports in a fun, beginner-friendly environment. Players will learn the fundamentals of the game including serving, returning, volleying, dinking, court positioning, and scoring through engaging drills and games designed for younger athletes. The focus is on building confidence, developing skills, and having fun while learning the game the right way. Pickleball is a great way for kids to improve hand-eye coordination, agility, balance, and overall athletic movement, while also encouraging teamwork and positive social interaction. Instructor: National Academy of Athletics



Pickleball Club

Friendship Park | Sat, Sep 26-Oct 17
3:15-4:15 pm | Ages 7-11 | \$95R/\$100NR

The world's fastest-growing sport is now a club your kids will love. Pickleball has been described as a combination of tennis, badminton & ping pong. The game is easy to learn and tons of fun. Pickleball helps kids learn hand-eye coordination, agility and balance, and provides social interaction in a team setting. Kids are having so much fun they do not realize the cardiovascular benefits they are receiving, which can improve mood and mental wellness. Campers are taught the fundamentals of serving and receiving the ball, volleying, dinking, positioning, and scoring. Instructor: National Academy of Athletics



Jr. Academy Basketball Club

Orion Recreation Center | 12-1 pm
Ages 4-6 | \$140R/\$145NR

Session 1: Sun, Nov 8-Dec 13

Session 2: Sun, Jan 10-Feb 14

Session 3: Sun, Feb 28-Apr 11

Participants are guided through rhythm, speed, balance, and coordination skills and drills. They will work through obstacles learning to dribble, pass and shoot. This club will introduce young kids to a fun, healthy lifestyle while learning the game of basketball. No class Mar 28. Instructor: National Academy of Athletics



Basketball Club

Orion Recreation Center
1:15-2:15 pm | Ages 7-9 | \$140R/\$145NR

Orion Recreation Center
2:30-3:30 pm | Ages 10-12 | \$140R/\$145NR

Session 1: Sun, Nov 8-Dec 13

Session 2: Sun, Jan 10-Feb 14

Session 3: Sun, Feb 28-Apr 11

Players who are interested in developing individual and team skills will learn a lot at this club. Drills include ball-handling, offense, defense, passing, footwork, movement skills, and layups. Skills-based challenges will be combined with games and other small-sided competitions. Basketball is an excellent sport for teaching children the importance of teamwork, hard work, determination, winning and losing with dignity, and mental and emotional stability. Kids will PLAY HARD and HAVE FUN! No class Mar 28. Instructor: National Academy of Athletics



Volleyball Club

Orion Recreation Center
3:45-4:45 pm | Ages 8-11 | \$140R/\$145NR

Session 1: Sun, Nov 8-Dec 13

Session 2: Sun, Jan 10-Feb 14

Session 3: Sun, Feb 28-Apr 11

The volleyball club is great for beginning and intermediate players. Each week the players are challenged to do their best while learning serving, passing, and setting. Skill development drills will include defending, attacking, and blocking. Volleyball is an excellent game for children to learn effective communication, improved concentration, fast thinking, and teamwork. Kids will learn from mistakes and improve their confidence. No class Mar 28. Instructor: National Academy of Athletics



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Therapeutic Recreation

TR Halloween Dance

Orion Recreation Center | Thu, Oct 29
6-8 pm | Ages 13+ | \$3R/NR

Scary or funny? What Halloween costume will you be wearing? Whatever you decide, just make it great! Special needs and individuals with disabilities ages 13+ and older are invited to an evening of music, dancing, and light refreshments with DJ Nick. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins are welcome. Chaperones are free.

ADULT Leagues

Adult Cornhole League

Orion Recreation Center | 6-8 pm
Ages 18+ | \$80R/\$90NR/Team

Fall Session: Wed, Sep 30-Nov 18
Winter Session: Wed, Jan 20-Mar 10

Sign up your backyard team and show us your skills. Bring your own cornhole bags. Playoffs will be held the last week of the season. Each match is best 2 of 3 games. Teams of 2, one registration per team.



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Adult Fitness & WELLNESS

Personal Training at the Orion Recreation Center

Personal Training at the ORC is a great way to build a solid fitness routine that works for you. Whether your goal is athletic performance such as running or golf, recovering from an injury, achieving a healthy weight or building muscle, we've got a plan for you! Visit orionparks.com and select "Meet the Trainers" to learn more about how we can help you reach your fitness goals.

Recreation Center Group Fitness

Orion Recreation Center | Ongoing | Daily Drop-In \$10R/\$12NR

Included in the price of your membership! We offer a variety of Group Fitness classes to help you reach your fitness goals. Check us out for a groovy Zumba vibe, a hard core kettlebell session or anything in between. You'll meet new friends and feel inspired through every workout. See OrionParks.com for the most updated schedule and class descriptions.

Empower GLP-1: Coaching for Lasting Change

Orion Recreation Center | Ages 18+

Individual sessions available by appointment. Please submit requests to [Regan at rslocum@oriontownship.org](mailto:rslocum@oriontownship.org).

Navigating weight loss while on GLP-1 medications can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. Led by personal trainer and GLP-1 peer mentor and fitness coach Jen Pozzi, this program is designed to guide you through the challenges of nutrition, exercise and behavioral changes that come with medically assisted weight loss. Through individual or group sessions Jen provides personalized strategies to help you:

- ▶ Build healthy, sustainable eating habits that work with your medication.
- ▶ Create a fitness routine that fits your lifestyle and supports your goals.
- ▶ Tackle the behavioral and emotional side of weight loss with practical tools and encouragement.

Whether you're just starting GLP-1's or looking for ongoing support, this program helps you feel confident, empowered, and in control of your journey. Instructor: Jen Pozzi

All Orion Recreation Center
Members receive 20% off on Paid
Fitness Programming



TaikoFit Cardio Drumming

Orion Recreation Center
Thu, Sep 10 | 6:30-7:30 pm | Ages 16+ | Free

Orion Recreation Center | Thu, Sep 17-Dec 3 | 6:30-7:30 pm
Ages 16+ | \$10R/\$11NR per class

Japanese drumming uses big drums, big sticks, and big moves. Combine the Taiko drumming style with high-energy music and cardio, and you have a really fun workout that reduces stress and is good for your mind, body, and soul. No drumming experience is necessary. No class Nov 26 Instructor: Cindi Carter. is good for your mind, body, and soul. No drumming experience is necessary. Instructor: Cindi Carter. No class Nov 27.

Hatha Yoga Open

Friendship Park
Thu, Oct 1-Dec 10 | 10-11:15 am | Ages 16+ | \$110R/\$120NR

Drop-in rate: \$12R/\$13NR

Enjoy a Thursday morning "yoga break" led by Barbara. Undo hours of sitting and leave feeling refreshed and grounded. This class begins with centering practice such as breathwork/ meditation and some gentle warmups. Next, we'll explore traditional postures while connecting to the breath to calm and focus the mind. We'll also develop flexibility, strength, and balance. Whether you are seeking an introduction to yoga or are someone who prefers a slower pace for their practice, this class will meet you where you're at! You will also learn how to use props and modify poses to suit your unique body. Chairs will be available as support for standing postures. Instructor: Barbara Wilker



Hatha Yoga Gentle

Friendship Park
Mon, Sep 28-Nov 16 | 4:45-5:45 pm | Ages 16+ | \$88R/\$92NR
Drop-in rate: \$12R/\$13NR

In this gentle yoga class, we will start with warm-ups to warm the muscles and stretches to bring flexibility into our bodies. We also will learn breathing techniques to help calm the mind and regulate the nervous system. Chairs will be available for this class with optional standing asanas and floor work. We also will go over the roots of yoga incorporating the eight limbs of yoga and practices to support relaxation and meditation. Sue has studied yoga with Michael Johnson of Clearlight Yoga, Joseph Lepage with Integrative Yoga and Accessible Yoga with Jivana Heyman along with many others. Instructor Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga



Accessible Chair Yoga

Orion Recreation Center
Wed, Sep 23-Nov 4 | 2-3 pm | Ages 16+ | \$77R/\$80NR

Drop-in rate: \$12R/\$13NR

Come join us for this Accessible yoga class for everyone! In this class we will explore gentle stretches, breathing, and relaxation techniques to promote mobility in our bodies. We will explore yoga poses from the chair, wheel chair users welcome, with optional standing poses using the chair to help with balance. Classes taught by Suzanne Albert of Heartfelt Yoga who has studied Adaptive yoga with Jivana Heyman and Mindy Eisenberg of Yoga Moves. Instructor: Suzanne Albert, Heartfelt Yoga.



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OrionParks.com
248-391-0304 x3500

Adult *Fitness* & **WELLNESS**



Tai Chi Wu Style Beginner

Orion Recreation Center | 6-7 pm | Ages 18+

Session 1: Mon, Sep 14-Oct 19 | \$60R/\$66NR

Session 2: Mon, Oct 26-Dec 14 | \$70R/\$77NR

Drop-in rate: \$12R/\$13NR.

Discover the calming and strengthening power of Tai Chi Chuan, a soft-style Chinese martial art rooted in mindful movement. This class focuses on learning the 108-posture Wu Style hand form, known for its compact, graceful movements that promote internal energy flow and mindfulness. Each session includes warm-up and focused exercises, Tai Chi walking, and guided practice of the form, moving every muscle through a natural range of motion to enhance strength, agility, balance, and coordination. Over time, students may experience reduced stress, improved posture, increased natural energy, and sharper concentration, supporting both daily activities and overall well-being. Join us to explore the harmony of body and mind in a supportive, welcoming environment. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water. No prior experience required. No class Nov 9. Instructor: Michael Dwyer.

Tai Chi Wu Style Intermediate

Orion Recreation Center | 6-7:30 pm | Ages 18+

Session 1: Mon, Sep 14-Oct 19 | \$72R/\$78NR

Session 2: Mon, Oct 26-Dec 14 | \$84R/\$91NR

Drop-in rate: \$14R/\$15NR

This class continues learning the 108-posture Wu Style hand form, known for its compact, graceful movements that promote internal energy flow and mindfulness. Each session includes warm-up and focused exercises, Tai Chi walking, and guided practice of the form, moving every muscle through a natural range of motion to enhance strength, agility, balance, and coordination. Over time, students may experience reduced stress, improved posture, increased natural energy, and sharper concentration, supporting both daily activities and overall well-being. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water. Continuing students of the 108 form may join this intermediate class with permission of the instructor. No class Nov 9. Instructor: Michael Dwyer.

Tai Chi Beginner

Orion Recreation Center | 11 am-12 pm | Ages 18+

Session 1: Tue, Sep 8-Oct 20 | \$70R/\$77NR

Session 2: Tue, Oct 27- Dec 15 | \$80R/\$88NR

Drop-in rate: \$12R/\$13NR.

This beginner class includes chair and standing exercises, Tai Chi walking, and guided learning of the 12-posture Wu Style hand form. Tai Chi Chuan is a soft-style Chinese martial art. Its slow, repetitive, and circular movements open internal circulation to improve strength, agility, balance, and mobility. The forms gently move every muscle of the body through a complete and natural range of motion. Over time, students may see a reduction of stress with an increase of natural energy, coordination, and the power of concentration. Join us to explore the harmony of body and mind in a supportive, welcoming environment. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water. No prior experience required. Instructor: Michael Dwyer.

Tai Chi Continuing

Orion Recreation Center | 10 am-11 pm | Ages 18+

Session 1: Tue, Sep 8-Oct 20 | \$70R/\$77NR

Session 2: Tue, Oct 27- Dec 15 | \$80R/\$88NR

Drop-in rate: \$12R/\$13NR.

This continuing class is for students who have been through the 12-posture beginner form. Class includes warm-up and focused exercises, as well as guided learning of the 12-posture Wu Style hand form. Tai Chi Chuan is a soft-style Chinese martial art. Its slow, repetitive, and circular movements open internal circulation to improve strength, agility, balance, and mobility. The forms gently move every muscle of the body through a complete and natural range of motion. Over time, students may see a reduction of stress with an increase of natural energy, coordination, and the power of concentration. Instructor: Michael Dwyer.



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Cardio-Groove

Orion Recreation Center | 9:30-10:30 am | Ages 18+

Session 1: Mon, Sep 14-Oct 26 | \$63R/\$67NR

Session 2: Mon, Nov 2-Dec 21 | \$72R/\$76NR

Drop-in rate: \$12R/\$13NR.

Discover your inner diva by getting lost in the music while sweating the stress away! This class will get you moving and inspired to an awesome variety of upbeat music using simple dance steps that will leave you feeling exhilarated and refreshed. Laugh, sing, and burn a ton of calories! No dance experience necessary, dance socks over sneakers are recommended. Instructor: Michelle Kitching



Core Barre

Orion Recreation Center | Tue, Sep 8-Oct 27 | Nov 3-Dec 22

9-10 am | Ages 18+ | \$72R/\$76NR

Drop-in rate: \$12R/\$13NR.

A unique total body workout utilizing ballet-inspired movements to perform small isometric exercises that strengthen and tone. Designed for people of all shapes and sizes to challenge even the fittest athletes! The Core Barre theory focuses on small muscles not only to strengthen, lengthen, and tone your body but also improve balance, flexibility and endurance. Please bring your own mat and a set of light weights (1-3 lbs.). Bring resistance bands and a small squishy ball if you have them. Wear grippy socks or bare feet. Instructor: Michelle Kitching

Karate

Orion Recreation Center | Tue and/or Thu, Sep 8-Oct 22

Oct 27-Dec 10 | 5:30-7:30 pm | Ages 8+

\$95R/\$99NR or \$115R/\$119NR

Our Karate program emphasizes respect, discipline, honor, commitment, focus, and other "Life's Lessons," in addition to the physical aspects, like kicking, blocking and punching. Of course, self-defense is also an integral part of this program. The style of Karate we teach is Tang Soo Do (very similar to Tae Kwon Do), more popularly known as "Korean Karate." This art has evolved into one of the most effective means of unarmed self-defense ever created. Master Floyd Soo has been involved in martial arts since 1966. He holds a 7th-degree Black Belt (Master Instructor Rating) in Moo Duk Kwan-Tang Soo Do. Instructor: Master Floyd Soo



Instructor Highlight — Barbara Wilker

Orion Township has been my home for twenty seven years and my children are all proud graduates of Lake Orion High School.

I received my RYT 200 yoga teacher certification in 2016 along with Yin and Adaptive Yoga Teacher Training. The Adaptive training was offered through Yoga Moves MS, an organization serving the Metro Detroit community for over 20 years.

I have taught yoga studio classes for beginners as well as Adaptive yoga classes for those living with Multiple Sclerosis and other conditions for ten years. Through my own practice and serving the community in this way, I see firsthand how yoga brings people together and changes lives. Although the physical benefits of a regular yoga practice are often emphasized, over time it offers practical tools for improved concentration, stress management and better sleep.

September

- 1** Half Day (DK-8) — First day of School
- 4** No School — Labor Day break
- 7** Labor Day
- 7** No School — Labor Day break
- 7** Township Hall Closed
- 8** Orion Township Board of Trustees Meeting, Municipal Complex, 7 pm

- 11** Patriots Day at Wildwood Amphitheater
All day commemoration, evening ceremony 6 pm
- 12** Opening Reception for The Art of Storytelling, Orion Art Center, 6-8 pm
- 12** Hatchling Hustle, Camp Agawam, 9-10 am; Fledgling Fleet, Camp Agawam, 10-11 am (Registration Required)
- 13** Dragon Trails Triathlon, Camp Agawam, 9 am-1 pm (Registration Required)

- 14** Summer Taxes Due
- 15** Blood Drive, Orion Recreation Center, 1-5:30 pm
- 18** Parents Night Out, Orion Recreation Center, 6-9:30 pm (Registration Required)
- 18** Kids Outdoor Movie Night, Childrens Park, Activities 7 pm, Movie at Dusk
- 19** Fall Fest, Camp Agawam, 11 am-3 pm

- 19** Zombie Walk, Ed's Broadway Gifts, make up 6 pm, Downtown Walk 8 pm
- 20** Coffee Mug Glazing Workshop, Wee Bean, 2-4 pm
- 21** Orion Township Board of Trustees Meeting, Municipal Complex, 7 pm
- 24** General Election Absent Voter Ballots Available at Clerk's Office



Lee Smith

- 25** Township Talks, Municipal Complex, 9:30 am
- 25** Oakland County Glow Up, Friendship Park, 6:30-9 pm



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October

- 2** Outdoor Grown-Ups Movie Night, Cookies & Cream Downtown, Dusk
- 3** Made in the Mitten Art & Craft Show, Orion Recreation Center, 10 am-3 pm
- 3** Here Lies Cemetery Tours, Evergreen Cemetery, 11 am-5 pm
- 4** LOCS Homecoming Parade
- 5** Orion Township Board of Trustees Meeting, Municipal Complex, 7 pm
- 9** Homecoming football game

- 9** Parents Night Out, Orion Recreation Center, 6-9:30 pm (Registration Required)
- 50+ Resource Fair, Orion Recreation Center, 10 am-1 pm
- 10** Opening Reception for The Midnight Gallery: A Haunted Exhibition, Orion Art Center, 6-8 pm
- 10** Massive Fallout Bike Ride, Ending at Lake Orion Bike & Adventure, 3-9 pm
- 12** No school (DK-12, PHASES)

- 16** Boo Bash, Orion Recreation Center, 5-7 pm (Registration Required)
- 19** Orion Township Board of Trustees Meeting, Municipal Complex, 7 pm
- 21** Halloween Extravaganza, Downtown Lake Orion, 5-7 pm
- 23** Township Talks, Municipal Complex, 9:30 am
- 24** Witches Night w/Oxford DDA, Downtown Lake Orion, 5-10 pm
- 24-Nov 1** Early Voting — General Election, Orion Recreation Center

- 25** Meet Me at the Moose Tree & Echoes of Autumn Exhibition, Moose Tree Studio, 1-3 pm
- 27** Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade, Orion Library, 10 am
- 28** Puzzle & Game Swap, Orion Recreation Center, 9 am-3 pm

- 29** Half Day — Grades 9-12
- 30** Half Day — Grades DK-12, PHASES
- 31** Halloween



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November



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- 1** Early Voting — General Election, Orion Recreation Center
- 2-3** No school — Fall Break
- 3** Election Day, 7 am-8 pm
- 11** Veterans' Day
- 12** Half Day — DK-8

- 13** Parents Night Out, Orion Recreation Center, 6-9:30 pm (Registration Required)
- 16** Orion Township Board of Trustees Meeting, Municipal Complex, 7 pm
- 17** Blood Drive, Orion Recreation Center, 1-5:30 pm
- 19** Holiday Sing & Stroll, Children's Park 5-7 pm

- 26-27** Township Hall Closed
- 28** Artists Holiday Market Opens, Orion Art Center, 11 am-7 pm
- 28** Shop Small Saturday, Downtown Lake Orion, All Day



- 25-27** No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- 26** Thanksgiving
- 26** Beast Before the Feast, Orion Recreation Center, 9:30-10:30 am; ORC Hours 5 am-3 pm

December

- 4** Holiday Art & Craft Market, Orion Recreation Center, 3-6 pm
- 4** Holly Jolly Folly, Golling GMC, 6 pm
- 5** Holiday Lighted Parade, Downtown Lake Orion, 6 pm



David Watts

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Easy Decoupage

Orion Recreation Center | Sun, Sep 27
2-4 pm | Ages 15+ | \$20R/\$22NR

Decoupage technique is an old, uncomplicated and varied art form. It is the process of layering paper, fabric or cutouts on a flat surface by using glue and sealing the layers with glue or varnish. There are two simple techniques which can be quickly mastered to create lovely and personal crafts for your home or to give as gifts. All the materials needed will be provided for you to decorate and create a picture frame ready to gift to yourself or a loved one. Instructor: Barb Pote



Sourdough Bread Class

Orion Recreation Center | Thu, Oct 22
6:30-8:30 pm | Ages 18+ | \$75R/\$78NR

Ready to bake bread that's as wholesome as it is delicious? My foolproof 4-step method makes sourdough simple — with less than 30 minutes of hands-on time! What's included: your own live sourdough starter, step-by-step instructions to follow at home, a ready-to-bake loaf to take with you, ongoing follow-up support with video instructions, access to Facebook sourdough bread group, continued learning with recipes, tips, and tricks via email. Instructor: Alaina Campbell



Make & Take Stained Glass Workshops

Bryce Glass Art Studio | Oxford | Ages 16+ | 6-8 pm

Butterfly Pot/Wall Hanger
Wed, Sep 16 | \$70R/\$75NR

Cardinal Suncatcher
Mon, Nov 10 | \$80R/\$85NR

Snowflake Palooza
Wed, Dec 2 | \$85R/\$88NR

Create a beautiful stained-glass project in a single evening. You'll get experience with a bit of cutting and then you can focus on learning to grind, assemble, foil, solder, and finish the process while completing a project, you'll be proud to take home. No experience is necessary. All tools, materials, and safety equipment are provided. Due to the high temperatures used during soldering, participants must be 16 years or older. The studio address will be included with your registration confirmation. Completion times may vary, and may take longer than 2 hours, plan accordingly. Instructor: Margie Bryce, Bryce Glass Art



3D Stained Glass Creations

Bryce Glass Art Studio | Oxford | Ages 16+
6-9 pm | \$95R/\$105NR

3D Pumpkin | Mon, Oct 13

Lighted 3D Tree | Mon, Dec 14

Bring stained glass to life with a three-dimensional project that adds color and dimension to your home décor. These beginner-friendly workshops will teach you some cutting and grinding and assembly to allow you to complete a unique seasonal project in a single class. No experience is necessary. All tools, materials, and safety equipment are provided. Due to the high temperatures used during soldering. The studio address will be included with your registration confirmation. Instructor: Margie Bryce, Bryce Glass Art



Beginner Stained Glass

Bryce Glass Art Studio | Oxford | Ages 16+
\$190R /\$200NR

Wed, Oct | 14 & 21 | 6-9 pm

Sat, Sep | 12 & 19 | 6-9 pm

Sat, Nov | 7 & 14 | 1-4 pm

Learn the fundamentals of stained glass in this hands-on beginner series. Working from pattern selection through the finished piece, you'll learn how to cut and grind glass, apply copper foil, solder, and finish your project using professional tools and techniques. Choose from a selection of beginner-friendly projects, including a sunrise, tulip, or geometric design. All tools, materials, and safety equipment are provided.

The studio address will be included with your registration confirmation. Instructor: Margie Bryce, Bryce Glass Art.



Blueberry Muffin Basket

Orion Recreation Center | Tue, Sep 29
1-5 pm | Ages 18+ | \$55R/\$60NR

Weave this charming basket perfect for your favorite muffins—or dog treats! Measures 6.5" diameter x 5" tall with navy accents. Instructor: Deborah VanderLinde

Utensil Basket

Orion Recreation Center | Tue, Oct 27
1-5 pm | Ages 18+ | \$60R/\$65NR

This utensil basket has asymmetrical color accents and welcomes whimsical add-on beads (not included). Measures 5" diameter x 6.5" tall. Some color options are available. Instructor: Deborah VanderLinde



Holiday Table Topper Basket

Orion Recreation Center | Tue, Nov 10
1-5 pm | Ages 18+ | \$75R/\$80NR

This beautiful square-to-round basket will look stunning on any table filled with your holiday decorations. Beautifully crafted red or green leather handles. Measures: 12" diameter x 3.5" tall. Instructor: Deborah VanderLinde



Adults 50+

Are you ready to live your best life and stay active in a vibrant community? Join our Active Aging programs today! Whether you're a resident of Orion Township or from outside the area, if you're 50+, we welcome you to become a part of our dynamic community. Best of all, joining our community is absolutely FREE!

Simply stop by the 50+ Wing or call 248-391-0304 x3500 to register. Once you're signed up, you can immediately enroll in any of the exciting programs we offer — designed with your health, wellness, and enjoyment in mind. In addition, we're here to support you with a range of services, from home-delivered meals (Meals on Wheels) to resources for caregiver support, medical equipment, dental services, and more.

Don't forget to pick up your monthly newsletter to stay in the loop on all the senior offerings available through Orion Parks & Recreation. We're excited to have you join our community — your active and fulfilling lifestyle starts now!

SPECIAL EVENTS 50+



Veteran's Day Lunch

Orion Recreation Center | Wed, Nov 11
12 pm | Free

Veterans and one guest are invited to pre-register and enjoy a free meal in honor of you! Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, goodie bags, and raffle prizes as we celebrate your service and sacrifice. Thank you for your service!

End of Summer Luau

Friendship Park | Wed, Sep 16 | 12 pm
\$10R/\$12NR

Come say "Aloha" to summer with us! This tropical party will have delicious island inspired food and entertainment.



Gather & Give Thanks Lunch

Orion Recreation Center | Fri, Nov 20
12 pm | \$10R/\$12R

Celebrate the holiday with a warm and festive gathering of friends and family! Enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Thanksgiving favorites, joyful company, and delightful entertainment as we come together in gratitude and cheer.

Fall into Autumn Lunch

Camp Agawam | Wed, Oct 7 | 12 pm
\$10R/\$12NR

Enjoy the crisp air, colored leaves, and all your warm fall favorites!

Dinner & Dancing

Orion Recreation Center | Fri, Oct 23
6 pm | \$20R/\$22NR

Enjoy an evening out for a nice dinner, great music by George Sinnott's Dixieland Band, and a night of dancing.



CLUBS 50+

Registration required.

K4 Knit/Crochet

Mon | 12:30-3:30 pm

Chinese Mahjong

Mon | 12:30-3:30 pm



Ham Radio

Mon & Thu | 6-8:45 pm

Billiards

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri | 8:30-11 am

Bingo

Tue | 10 am & 12:45 pm
Please bring nickels



Hand and Foot/Cards

Wed | 12:30-3:30 pm

Ukulele and More

Wed & Fri | 11 am-1 pm

Euchre

Thu | 1-4 pm | \$2 Drop-in Fee + Dimes

Creative Hands Crafting

Thu | 1-4 pm

Quilting

Fri | 9 am-12 pm



American Mahjong/ Games

Fri | 12:30-3:30 pm

ENRICHMENT 50+

Ask the Attorney

Orion Recreation Center | Mon, Sep 14
Oct 12 | Nov 9 | Dec 14 | 1-2:30 pm | Free

Attorney Dana Wilson provides private consultations at the Recreation Center. If you need assistance with legal problems or if you have legal questions, call Parks and Recreation for a 15-minute appointment. 248-391-0304 x3500



Financial and Medicare Counseling Services

MRA can help with Medicare enrollment and plan reviews, Life Insurance policy reviews and provide unbiased annuity support. Schedule a one-on-one session with Chad Day from The Michigan Retirement Agency, Don't Be Sold, Be Informed. Appointments are 30 minutes. Please call Parks and Recreation to let us know what day works best for you. 248-391-0304 x3500

QPR Suicide Prevention Training

Orion Recreation Center
Wed, Sep 9 | 12 pm | Free

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) is an evidence-based, emergency mental health training designed to teach everybody how to recognize warning signs of crisis intervention. This training is adapted for senior citizens that focuses on late-life suicide prevention, combating loneliness, and recognizing the unique stressors faced by older adults. This is presented by the North Oakland Community Coalition.



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50+ Resource Fair

Orion Recreation Center | Fri, Oct 9
10 am-1 pm | Free

This free community event is designed to connect seniors and their families with local resources and services, offering information on topics like health, financial planning, housing, legal assistance, and more. Our vendors will include professionals from various agencies and organizations that offer vital services for the aging population. Enjoy light refreshments, raffles, wellness demonstrations, and more!

Pumpkin Decorating

Orion Recreation Center | Tue, Oct 13
12 pm | Free

Bring your creative side with an afternoon of carving or painting pumpkins while indulging in some fall treats!



Secretary of State

Orion Recreation Center | Tue, Nov 10
10 am-1 pm | Free

Book a visit to the Senior Area at Recreation Center to complete your Secretary of State transactions, including: First-time Michigan ID, Renew Driver's license or ID, Transfer Title, Apply for/Renew disability placard. Appointments can be booked in 15-minute increments. Walk-ins are welcome as well!

TRIPS



Ortonville History Museum

Ortonville | Fri, Sep 15 | Depart 11:30 am
Return 4:45 pm | \$5R/\$40NR

We will start our day with a tour at Cook's Farm Dairy that will end with a scoop of ice cream. Then you will have a short time to explore the Farm Shop. From there we will head to the Ortonville Community Historical Society where we will get to tour the Old Mill Museum, the Mann School, and the Blacksmith Shop. Transportation will be motorcoach. This trip is partially funded for the residents by an Orion Township millage.

DIA Melodies at the Museum

Detroit | Thu, Oct 15 | Depart 12 pm
Return 4 pm | Free

Enjoy a trip to the DIA to enjoy Melodies at the Museum with a silent film with a live musical score. After the performance, you will have a self-guided tour of the DIA and end the trip with a cookie. We will depart from the Orion Recreation Center at 12 pm and arrive in time for the 1 pm performance. Your self-guided tour will start at 2:30 pm and we will head back to the Orion Recreation Center at 3 pm with an approximate arrival at 4 pm. This trip's cost is covered by a millage for the residents of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb County.



Kewadin Casino Overnight

St. Ignace | Tue, Oct 20-Wed, Oct 21
Depart Tue, Oct 20 at 7 am
Return Wed, Oct 21 at 8:30 pm

Single: \$255R/\$265NR
Double: \$235R/\$245NR

Enjoy a fun getaway to Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace! We'll make a brief stop in West Branch on the way up and return with a dinner stop at The Lumberjack in West Branch. Your trip includes comfortable motorcoach transportation, a boxed breakfast, and daily perks of a \$10 food credit plus \$10 in Kewadin play credit. Be sure to register by Sep 16. Trip details are subject to change.

Soaring Eagle Casino

Mt. Pleasant | Wed, Nov 4 | Depart 9:45 am
Return 7:15 pm | \$10R/\$65NR

Try your luck and enjoy a fun-filled day at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mt. Pleasant! Sit back and relax with round-trip motorcoach transportation before spending 5 hours gaming, dining, or exploring everything the casino has to offer. Your trip includes \$20 in Free Play plus 15,000 points loaded onto your Players Club card. Points may be redeemed for additional Free Play, Bingo Bucks, or food. (Redemption value: 1,000 points = \$1 in Free Play or Bingo Bucks, or \$2 in food credit).

Looking to play bingo? A 1:30 pm matinee session is available at the Soaring Eagle Bingo Hall. A complimentary shuttle to the bingo hall departs from the casino's main entrance for your convenience.



Parade Company

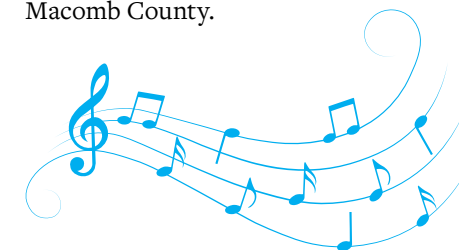
Detroit | Thu, Nov 12 | Depart 10 am
Return 3 pm | \$94R/\$104NR

Discover one of Detroit's most enchanting hidden gems! Step into Parade Land for a behind-the-scenes look at America's Thanksgiving Parade. Explore the Parade's rich history, wander a 200,000-square-foot world of floats, and see how skilled artisans bring them to life. Marvel at the world's largest collection of papier-mâché heads and visit the costume shop, home to over 3,000 vibrant creations. Trip includes lunch at Sinbad's Restaurant. Motorcoach transportation is provided. The last day to register is Oct 27. DIA

Melodies at the Museum

Detroit | Thu, Dec 17 | Depart 12 pm
Return 4 pm | Free

Enjoy a trip to the DIA to enjoy Melodies at the Museum with a live holiday jazz performance. After the performance, you will have a self-guided tour of the DIA and end the trip with a cookie. We will depart from the Orion Recreation Center at 12 pm and arrive in time for the 1 pm performance. Your self-guided tour will start at 2:30 pm and we will head back to the Orion Recreation Center at 3 pm with an approximate arrival at 4 pm. This trip's cost is covered by a millage for the residents of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb County.





EXTENDED TRIPS

Extended Trip Seminar with Collette Travel

Orion Recreation Center | Thu, Sep 10
10:30 am | Free

Edward McKenna from Collette Travel will be hosting an informational seminar covering all the trips offered by the Orion Recreation Center for 2027. Attendees will learn what each trip includes, hear detailed highlights, and have the opportunity to ask questions before registering.

Winter in Croatia

Croatia | Mar 13-22, 2027 | Single \$4,699 | Double \$3,999 | Triple \$3,969

Get ready to savor the sights, sounds, and flavors of beautiful Croatia and its stunning Adriatic coast. Shoulder-season travel means fewer crowds and more opportunities to explore. Highlights include: Opatija, Pula Amphitheater, Farm-to-Table Dinner, Zadar, Sea Organ and Greeting to the Sun, Split, Traditions of a Dalmatian Village, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Zagreb. Trip includes 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners. Book by Sep 14, 2026.

Discover Highlights of Norway

Norway | Jun 2-10, 2027 | Single \$7,099 | Double \$5,999

Begin your journey to a land of mountains, glacial fjords, legends, and charming people, as you set off for Norway. Dive into the culture of the region, connecting with layers of Viking history, attention-grabbing nature, and a sense of refined traditions. Highlights include: Bergen, Nordfjord Folk Museum, Geirangerfjord Cruise, Loen Skylift, Flam Railway, Borgund Stave Church, and Oslo. Trip includes 7 breakfasts and 5 dinners.

Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise

Alaska | Sep 8-20, 2027 | Veranda Single \$12,199 | Ocean-View Single \$10,999 | Inside Single \$9,999 | Veranda Double \$8,499 | Ocean-View Double \$7,699 | Inside Double \$6,999

Arrive in Fairbanks, on an adventure that brings together the best of both land and sea. Highlights include: Sternwheeler Discovery, Music of Denali Dinner Theater, Denali National Park, Luxury Domed Rail, Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Skagway Juneau, Ketchikan, and Inside Passage. Trip includes 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 8 dinners. Book by Nov 8, 2026.

South Pacific Wonders

Australia and New Zealand | Oct 26-Nov 9, 2027 | Single \$10,499 | Double \$8,999

Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead, and begin your adventure of a lifetime. Highlights include: Christchurch, Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration, Milford Sound, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, and Sydney Opera House. Trip includes 12 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 6 dinners. Book by Apr 28, 2027.

Hawaiian Adventure

Hawaii | Oct 28-Nov 6, 2027 | Single \$8,599 | Double \$6,899 | Triple \$6,799

Aloha! Your adventure begins on the sun-drenched beaches of Waikiki. Relax and “hang loose”! Highlights include Pearl Harbor, Polynesian Luau, Iolani Palace, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Iao Valley, Kailua Kona, and a Lei Making Class. Trip includes 9 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Book by Apr 28, 2027.

FITNESS 50+

Matter of Balance

Orion Recreation Center | Thu & Thu, Sep 1-Oct 1 | 12-2 pm | Free

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

SILVER SNEAKERS



Circuit

Orion Recreation Center | Mon | 9:30-10:20 am | 10:30-11:20 am
\$3R/NR per class | Free for Silver Sneakers Members

Combine fun with fitness to increase your cardiovascular and muscular endurance power with a standing circuit workout. A chair is used for standing support, stretching, and relaxation exercises. Instructor: Becki Doyle

Classic

Orion Recreation Center
\$3R/NR per class Free for Silver Sneakers Members

Wed | Fri | 9:30-10:20 am | 10:30-11:20 am

Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activities for daily living. A chair is available if needed for seating or standing support. Two class times to choose from. Instructor: Becki Doyle (Wed)/Cheryl Sussman (Fri)



Register for Parks & Recreation Programs:
OrionParks.com | 248-391-0304 x3500

ONTV Classes

Classes held at ONTV Studio, call 248-393-1060 to register.

ONTV Podcast Classes

ONTV Studio | Ages 13+ | \$25R/NR

ONTV is offering classes providing instruction on how to record a podcast.

Studio Production Class

ONTV Studio | Mon, Sep 14-Oct 12 | Ages 13+ | 7-9 pm | \$55R/NR

In this class, you will learn about all the crew positions and equipment necessary to produce a program in the studio. During 10-minute mock productions, you will rotate into crew positions such as Director, Audio, Graphics, Camera, Floor Manager, Host, and Guest. The class will plan a final project that will be recorded in Week 5 and air as a real TV program.

Field Production Class

ONTV Studio | Mon, Oct 19-Nov 16 | 7-9 pm | Ages 13+ | \$55R/NR

You will be introduced to the Canon XA11 professional camcorder and all the accessories that go with it, including light, microphones, headphones, and a tripod. Weeks 1 & 2 will focus on news-style shooting and interviews. Weeks 3 & 4 will focus on filmmaking. The final week will cover music videos and other experimental forms of video production.

ONTV Wildwood Film Challenge & Festival

Write, shoot, and edit a 10-minute film in less than one week! See your film on the Big Screen. Win cash prizes for the top three films and have fun with your friends. Team entry fees. Cash prizes for top three films. Public welcome.

Tue, Oct 13 | 7-9 pm | Short Film Workshop for Beginners (Free)

Thu, Oct 15 | 6 pm

Film Challenge Kickoff, ONTV Studio (\$25 to enter)

Tue, Oct 20 | 6 pm | Film submission deadline and judging

Wed, Oct 21 | 7 pm

Wildwood Film Festival screening at Oxford 7 Theater





Imagine. Express. Discover.



Gallery Exhibitions

Art of Storytelling –
Annual Partnership with Orion
Township Public Library

Sep 12 – Oct 4

Opening Reception: Sep 12, 6 pm–8 pm

The Midnight Gallery: A Haunted Exhibition

Oct 10 – 31

Opening Reception: Oct 10, 6 pm–8 pm

Echoes of Autumn

Meet Me At The Moose Tree

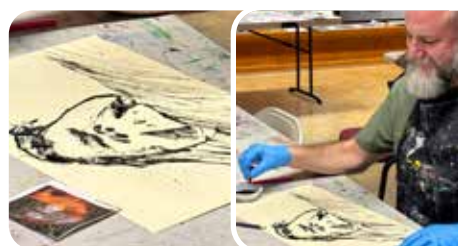
Oct 25, 1 pm–3 pm

Artists Holiday Market

Nov 28 – Dec 19

Opening Reception: Nov 28, 1 pm

Now accepting artists applications!
Join a curated holiday
market featuring
handcrafted art, décor,
jewelry, ceramics, and
unique gifts from
talented local artists
and makers.



Adult & Teen Classes

Intro to Printmaking (14+)

Explore the basics of printmaking in this one-night class. Design, carve, ink, and press your own original print using beginner-friendly techniques.

Oil Painting Fall Workshop (14+)

Explore the alla prima (wet-on-wet) oil painting technique as you create a pumpkin and sunflower still life. Learn color mixing, expressive brushwork, and direct painting methods in this beginner-friendly workshop.

Intro to Illustration (14+)

Discover the exciting world of illustration through engaging projects inspired by books, comics, animation, and imagination. Students will develop drawing skills, create original characters and scenes.

Pottery Wheel Courses (14+)

Learn, create, and grow on the pottery wheel this fall! Choose from beginner 3-week and 6-week courses or build your skills in our intermediate class.

Handbuilding Courses (14+)

Learn the fundamentals of handbuilding while creating functional and decorative pottery. Courses explore a variety of techniques and projects for all skill levels.

Watercolor Exploration (14+)

Build your watercolor skills through guided lessons in color mixing, brushwork, layering, and composition. Perfect for beginners looking to explore this expressive medium.

For more details, visit
orionartcenter.org/classes

Become a Member!

Help us in Continuing Our Mission:

Since 1981, Orion Art Center has made fine art experiences available to Southeast Michigan residents and artists. We believe in nurturing the artistic expression and creativity of individuals of all ages and creative levels through art classes, outreach programs, exhibitions, and community events.

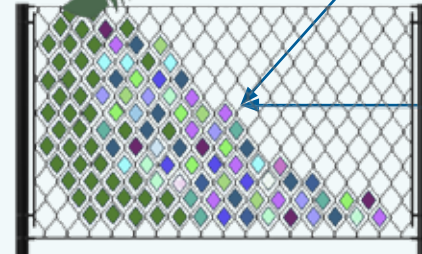
- ▶ 10% off all Orion Art Center classes and workshops
- ▶ 10% pottery punch card memberships
- ▶ Discounted entry fees into all gallery exhibitions
- ▶ Member appreciation events throughout the year
- ▶ Your name is included in our membership list in every monthly newsletter
- ▶ Membership renewal reminders and insights
- ▶ Customized membership rate options for families, individuals, or age range



Dragon Scales Community Fundraiser

Each scale raises funds for the Orion Art Center

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ORION
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Kids & Family Classes

Middle School Illustration

(Grades 6-8)

Bring your ideas to life through illustration! Middle school students will strengthen drawing skills while creating original characters, comics, and imaginative scenes inspired by books, animation, and pop culture.

Elementary Art Club

(Grades K-5)

Explore a different art medium each week, including watercolor, pastels, drawing, and printmaking. Perfect for young artists in grades K-5 who love to create and experiment.

Middle School Art Club

(Grades 6-8)

Discover, experiment, and create in the Middle School Art Club for grades 6-8! Each week features a new project inspired by a famous artist's style or technique, giving students the chance to explore painting, collage, drawing—and more!

Kids Pottery

(Ages 6+)

Unleash your child's creativity with clay in our Kids' Hand Building Pottery Class! Designed for young artists aged 6 and up, this class introduces the fun and creative world of pottery.

Family Clay Day

(All ages!)

Join us for a fun and creative Saturday afternoon designed for all ages. This family-friendly clay workshop invites kids ages 3 and up and their grown-ups to explore clay together, squish, shape, and create one-of-a-kind pieces in a relaxed and welcoming studio environment.

For more details, visit
orionartcenter.org/classes

Gallery: 115 S. Anderson St., Lake Orion
Studio: 3191 W. Clarkston Rd., Lake Orion
orionartcenter.org | 248-693-4986

Preparing the Library for the Next 100 Years

On any given day, the Orion Township Public Library is filled with children discovering new books, students gathering in study rooms, patrons using technology, neighbors attending programs, and community members looking for a welcoming place to connect. Last year, over 134,000 people visited the library; over 28,000 attended programs, and over 455,000 books and media items were checked out. These numbers tell an important story: our library is busy, well-loved, and increasingly asked to serve needs that look vastly different than they did when the current building was designed.

To meet those needs and prepare the library for the next 100 years, the library has been planning building improvements that would expand services, improve access, and create more flexible spaces for the community. This fall, voters will see a bond proposal on the November 3 ballot to help make those plans possible.

When the current library building was planned and built in the 1980s, the facility was designed to serve a population of around 30,000. Since then, the population we serve has increased to almost 40,000 and will likely reach around 50,000 soon. Additionally, people use the library in quite different ways than they did 40 years ago; utilizing emerging creative technology in the makerspace, studying collaboratively in small meeting spaces, working remotely, or simply using library spaces and resources to connect with others in the community. In order to continue meeting these changing needs of the community, building improvements need to be made.

In 2024, the library conducted a space utilization study and created a master plan. Five key needs were identified: an expanded children's area, additional access to technology, more space for informal gathering, improved adult resources, and a re-imagined outdoor space that takes advantage of existing trails in Orion Township. In collaboration with award-winning architectural firm, MCD Architects, we have developed plans that address these needs. With feedback from community members, we feel that we have developed a solid plan that will prepare us for the future, while remaining mindful of the cost to the community.

The Board of Trustees of the Orion Township Public Library has demonstrated fiscal responsibility for decades, relying on the same operating millage since 1992 not only to meet building maintenance needs, but also accomplish significant improvements, most recently including a new parking lot and drive-up window. While we can continue to plan maintenance and improvements to the building within our current funding, imagining and delivering an even stronger library calls for a change.

Therefore, the library will have a bond proposal on the November 3rd ballot for \$13.3 million for capital improvements to the library based on the proposed plans. The bond would be repaid over 20 years, with an estimated average millage rate of 0.3117 mills. At that rate, a home with a market value of \$300,000 would see an estimated annual cost of around \$47 or \$3.90 a month; about the cost of a cup of coffee. I invite you to take a moment to review the renderings of the proposed changes, learn more about the project at <https://orionlibrary.org/bond>, and reach out with your questions or feedback. Most importantly, please make a plan to vote on November 3rd and encourage your neighbors to learn about what is being proposed.



I can be reached at cmcmunn@orionlibrary.org or 248-287-8010.

Sincerely,

Chase

Chase McMunn, Library Director



Learn about the Library Bond

Thu, Oct 8 | 6:30 pm

Join us to learn about the proposed bond and millage for the library building renovation on the November ballot. We will explain the bond language, why the library is seeking a bond, and gather community input on the planned renovations.

Orion Library Awarded StoryWalk Grant

We are excited to announce that the Orion Township Public Library received a grant in the amount of \$16,650 to update an existing trail and install a StoryWalk by Fall 2026 on its wooded property to promote literacy and outdoor activity engaging families, encouraging early literacy, and connecting the community with nature. The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This project is supported with funds from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation in collaboration with The Library Network, Woodlands Library Cooperative, and Suburban Library Cooperative.

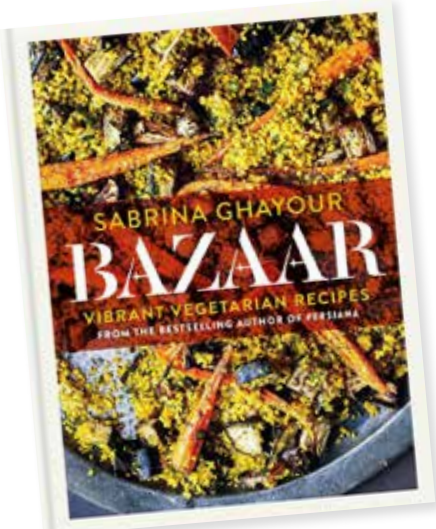
Keep an eye on our online calendar for our celebratory StoryWalk Kickoff event in the fall!

ADULT PROGRAMS

How Gardening & Houseplants Support a Healthy Mind & Body

Wed, Sep 16 | 6:30 pm | Register Online

Gardening and indoor plants offer more than beauty—they support mental and physical well-being. Explore research based benefits including stress reduction, improved mood, sensory engagement, and gentle physical activity. Leave with ideas for integrating healing plants and gardening practices into daily life.



Cook the Book

Mon, Oct 5 | 7 pm

You select and prepare a recipe from the cookbook chosen, and we meet to sample and discuss recipes from that month's cookbook! Call (248) 693-3001 if you need assistance acquiring a cookbook.

October Title: Bazaar: Vibrant Vegetarian Recipes by Sabrina Ghayour or The Weekday Vegetarians by Jenny Rosenstrach

Fraud Prevention Seminar

Wed, Oct 14 | 6 pm | Register Online

Attend an informative fraud seminar where we'll cover the latest fraud trends and the different strategies you can use to protect yourself and your money. Our team will share practical tips, real-world examples, and helpful resources to help you stay informed and better prepared. Presented by the Michigan United Credit Union.



Sign Up for Library Programs:
OrionLibrary.org/calendar
248-693-3000

ADULT PROGRAMS

Joy as Resistance: Navigating Invalidating Systems with Clarity and Confidence

Wed, Oct 28 | 6:30 pm | Register Online

We will explore practical strategies for strengthening self-trust, honoring lived experiences, and engaging systems with clarity, confidence, and cultural grounding. We will also discuss the intentional cultivation of joy as a critical protective practice in the face of systemic invalidation, positioning joy as the guiding overlay for how we sustain ourselves. This event will have opportunities to learn and practice joy and self-protection strategies.



Southeast Ghost Hunters Society Presentation

Thu, Oct 29 | 6:30 pm

Brad and Brenda Mikulka, Co-Directors of the SouthEast Michigan Ghost Hunters Society, present this riveting and eerie program. The group was established in 1996, making this their 30th anniversary as paranormal investigators! They have conducted 100 investigations over the years with many stories to tell. Brad has written 6 books on the subject and hosts a weekly podcast called ‘Talking Paranormal with the Old Man’! The group appeared on the TV Show ‘A Haunting’ and they were also featured on a documentary called ‘A Haunting on Hamilton Street’. You won’t want to miss this. No registration required.



International Games Day

Sat, Nov 7 | 1 pm

Libraries in more than 50 countries around world have registered to celebrate International Games Day. Join OTPL for an afternoon of board, card, and video games. Snacks will be provided.



From Past to Future: Centennial Finale & Time Capsule Sealing

Sat, Nov 14 | 1 pm

Join us as we close a remarkable year honoring our library’s 100th anniversary with a meaningful look toward the future. This program will reflect on the legacy of our library while unveiling exciting plans for the years ahead including upcoming initiatives, spaces, and ideas designed to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Guests will also take part in a memorable time capsule ceremony as we seal a new collection of items representing today’s library and community life—preserved for the future. This time capsule will remain sealed until it is opened 25 years from now, offering future generations a glimpse into this milestone moment.



Oakland University School of Music, Theatre & Dance Faculty Recital Series

Jeffrey Heisler and I-Chen Yeh,

Saxophone and Piano

Sun, Nov 15 | 2 pm

We are pleased to welcome back award-winning saxophonist Jeffrey Heisler with I-Chen Yeh on piano for a crowd-pleasing concert featuring a bit of everything from classical to pop. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Orion Township Public Library, the Oakland University School of Music, Theatre and Dance, and the Kawai Piano Gallery of Michigan.



Native American Basket Traditions with The Birmingham Museum

Tue, Nov 17 | 7 pm

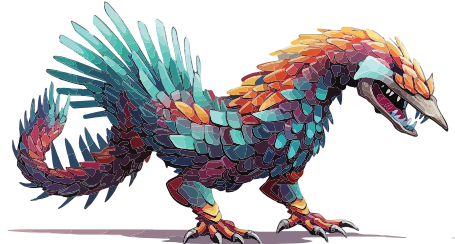
Join museum specialist Donna Casaceli to see a variety of traditional Native American baskets and materials. Donna will discuss the cultural importance of traditional basket arts for Michigan’s native peoples, their connection to the natural world, and the impact of non-native influence.

RECURRING ADULT PROGRAMS

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesdays, Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10 | 6:30 pm

Create a character and join a group to play the world’s greatest tabletop role playing game. Ages 12 to adult



The Write Stuff Writer’s Workshop

Wednesdays, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11 | 7 pm

Thursdays, Sep 24, Oct 29 | 7 pm

Meet the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday of each month and connect with a group of like-minded writers to learn from each other, share ideas, and practice your writing skills.



Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Thursdays, Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 12 | 1:30 pm

September: How to Read a Book by Monica Wood

October: Home Before Dark by Riley Sager

November: Theo of Golden by Allen Levi



Orion Historical Society

Mondays, Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16 | 7 pm

Visit the Orion Historical Society and learn about LOcal history. New meeting dates (the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm) and a fresh new format, including a theme and/or speaker for each meeting. Join us to get involved in projects to preserve and promote the history of Orion Township and The Village. New members are always welcome. No December or July meetings. Check us out on Facebook.

Orion Library Film Society

Saturdays, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7

1 pm Movie/3 pm Discussion

Register Online

Let’s talk movies! Watch the movie with us at the Library or come prepared to talk about the movie after viewing it from Kanopy or our DVD collection.

Sep 12: Playtime (1967)

Oct 3: Kwaidan (1964)

Nov 7: All That Jazz (1979)



Sips and Pages Book Club

Tuesdays, Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10 | 7 pm

Calling all romance lovers— Sips and Pages, OTPL’s first romance book club is just for you! We’ll read a different romance book geared toward a specific romance genre/trope. Come prepared to share all your favorite juicy details! Sips and Pages will be held the second Tuesday of the month at Sick Town Hall 37 E Flint St, Lake Orion, MI 48362.

September: Icebreaker by Hannah Grace

October: Her Soul To Take by Harley Laroux

November: The Witness by Nora Roberts

North Oakland Genealogical Society (NOGS)

Thursdays, Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19 | 7 pm

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

Dine, Drink, and Discuss

Mondays, Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 16 | 7 pm

Join us at Orion Grill, 3667 S. Baldwin Rd., Lake Orion, for this monthly book discussion.

September: Fight Night by Miriam Toews

October: Bat Eater and Other Names for Cora Zeng by Kylie Lee Baker

November: Kin by Tayari Jones



OUTREACH



Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

Tuesdays, Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10 | 10:30 am

This monthly support group is for individuals who care for those with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia. This program is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter and led by a trained facilitator.



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 setting. Topics vary widely, and the group offers a great learning experience and an opportunity to meet people. Please note there will be no meeting on November 25.

Book Bunch

Wednesdays, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11 | 1 pm

September:

Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

October:

Piranesi by Susanna Clarke

November:

Run for the Hills by Kevin Wilson



Senior Social Hour

Fridays, Sep 11, 25, Oct 9, 23, Nov 13

11 am

Join us the 2nd and 4th Fridays of most months for a chance to get out and socialize. Each week will feature a different topic so that participants can enjoy the company of other seniors!



Express Yourself: After-Hours Fashion Show

Fri, Oct 16 | 5:30 pm

Adults with special needs and their caregivers are invited to join us for an evening celebrating self-expression, individuality, and personal style. Show off your confidence and creativity as you walk, roll, or dance down the runway in an outfit that reflects who you are—you're even welcome to bring a prop that represents your passions. Enjoy a fun and supportive atmosphere with music, snacks, photos, and more!

SNAP

Mon, Nov 9 | 12:30 pm

Adults with special needs and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs, movement, and activities.



Teen



Teen Creative Writing Workshop

Tue, Sep 1 | 7 pm

Whether you're an aspiring poet or author, playwright or fanfic writer, we'll have creativity games to break you out of your writer's block!

GAP at OTPL

Mondays, Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 9,

Nov 16 | 2:30-4 pm

Join the latest GAP activity at the library. Lake Orion Middle school students in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in an exciting after-school program featuring crafts, activities, games, snacks, and more. Every week, students will be bussed from their respective middle schools to OTPL. Our school outreach librarians will be eagerly awaiting their arrival, ready to engage them in a different fun activity each time. Parents can pick up their children directly from the library. Sign up forms will be in your child's school office.

"Bring Your Favorite Manga" Teen Book Club

Tue, Oct 27 | 7 pm

The perfect place to meet fellow manga nerds! Bring a copy of your favorite manga to share (or grab it from our shelves) and bond over Japanese snacks! Your recommendations will help inspire future manga book club reads!

Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping Release Party

Fri, Nov 14 | 5:30-7 pm

Come celebrate the release of the latest Hunger Games film with Sunrise on the Reaping themed activities, including a mock-Hunger Games! Be sure to wear clothes and shoes comfortable for running around as the library becomes the arena after hours!



Teen Manga Book Club

Tue, Nov 24 | 7 pm

The perfect place to meet fellow manga nerds! We'll discuss a different manga each month over Japanese snacks!

November:

Witch Hat Atelier by Kamome Shirahama



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TECHNOLOGY



Scams & Other Internet Dangers

Wed, Sep 9 | 2:30 pm

Scams have become tech savvy and even harder to detect. Come learn about the different ways scams can trick you and how you can stay safe.



Practical AI

Wed, Oct 21 | 3:30 pm

AI is a great tool to have in your toolbox but can be confusing on where to start. Come learn how to use AI to create notes, job resumes and other important documents. We will be using Copilot and ChatGPT and it is strongly suggested you bring your own device to learn alongside the presenter



Introduction to Cloud Storage

Wed, Nov 4 | 3:30 pm

Come learn about the basics of cloud storage, including how to store, access, and share files online. You will explore popular platforms and learn about the benefits and disadvantages of cloud storage.

MAKERSPACE



Makerspace Workshop Series: Bookmarks

Tuesdays, Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 10 | 6 pm

[Register Online](#)

If you haven't experienced our Makerspace; this is your chance! Each month we highlight a new machine and skill. Learn hands-on and leave with a small project. Register early as space is limited. September's focus is the laminator. October's focus is the Glowforge. November's focus is sublimation.

Altered Book Club

Thursdays, Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5 | 6 pm

This monthly book club is different! Come explore your creative side as we turn old books into new ART journals. The cover and pages become our canvases. We will explore artistic themes and techniques to personalize your experience. Return with your book/journal every month to create additional art pages or drop in when you need a creative outlet. All supplies are provided. All skill levels are welcome.

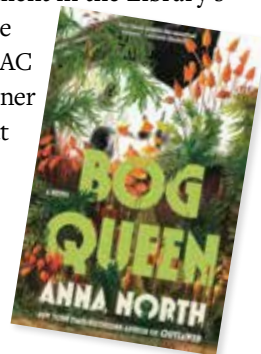


FEATURED MAKERSPACE

The Art of Storytelling — Art Exhibition Opening Reception

Sat, Sep 12 | 6 pm | Orion Art Center, 115 S Anderson Street, Lake Orion

Join us as we celebrate the artists who participated in this year's Art of Storytelling Exhibition. Contestants received a copy of Bog Queen by Anna North and were challenged to create a piece of art based on a concept or passage from the book, and incorporate the use of equipment in the Library's Makerspace. The OTPL and the OAC are proud to partner in endeavors that foster our community's literacy and creativity.



Small Business Makerspace Open House

Sat, Sep 26 | 2 pm

Small business owners are invited to visit the Makerspace and learn how the library can be a low-cost, high-impact resource offering tools, skills, and connections that can help you innovate, market, and grow. Wherever you are on your journey, we can help!



Take & Make — Heirloom Holiday Ornament

Sat, Nov 14 | 9:30 am

Pick up a kit to make a unique heirloom holiday sequin ornament that harkens back to days of yore. Maybe your grandmother or a loved one had one hanging on their tree? Now you can create your own small piece of nostalgia. The second in this annual series will be available on a first come-first served basis while supplies last.



Stamped Brass Gift Tags

Sat, Nov 21 | 2 pm

Elevate your gift giving this holiday season with these elegant hand stamped metal tags. Create 6 custom fun and unique gift tags, or labels, to give or keep!

Youth



International Games Day

Sat, Nov 7 | 1 pm

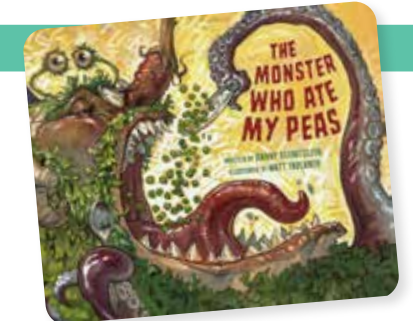
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FAMILY PROGRAMS

Monsters! Featuring Matt Faulkner

Sat, Oct 24 | 2 pm | All Ages

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Monster Who Ate My Peas by Danny Schnitzlein, illustrated by local author/illustrator Matt Faulkner. Matt will be here to read the book and autograph copies, and there will be fun monster-themed activities! Books will be available to purchase.



DinoNite: Trapped in the Stacks

Fri, Nov 20 | 6:30 pm | All Ages | [Register Online](#)

After Hours event! Dinos are in the building! In fact, they have taken over the building. We need your help to contain them before they destroy the library and wreak havoc in all of Lake Orion. Work together to solve puzzles and clues to keep the dinos secure. Light refreshments will be provided.

BABY, TODDLER, AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



Big Lit

Tuesdays | 10 am | Sep 8-29 (no Big Lit Sep 22), Oct 6-27, Nov 10, 17 | Ages 0-5, No Limit

Join your OTPL librarians in this big, huge, and super interactive program where we reenact stories, lead dances, and other early literacy fun for a bigger crowd! Be sure to join us for special Mail Carriers on Oct 6 and Halloween Big Lit on Oct 27!

Little Lit

Wednesdays & Thursdays | Sep 9-30, Oct 1-22, Nov 11-19 | 10 am, 11 am | Ages 0-5
[Register Online](#)

Children ages 0-5 and their families are invited for stories, songs, and activities that promote the five staple early literacy practices: reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing! Limit 15 children per storytime. Please register for only Wednesday OR Thursday.

Broadway Babies

Fri, Sep 11 | 10 am | Ages 2-5

[Register Online](#)

Broadway babies is designed to keep your dancer moving for 30 minutes! Sing-along songs, creative movement, fun props, and beginner dance terminology will be provided by a professional instructor from Broadway Dance Company.



Bounce and Boogie

Saturdays | Sep 12, Nov 28 | 11 am
Ages 0-5

Learn physical literacy and fundamental motor skills to promote a healthy, active lifestyle with experts and fun activities.

Intergenerational Storytime at Pomeroy Senior Living

Tue, Sep 22 | 10:30 am | Ages 0-5,

[Register Online](#)

We welcome caregivers and children ages 0-5 to join senior residents for a story-time, encouraging social interaction between generations. Librarians will read stories, sing songs, and provide a snack, craft, and social time for all attendees. Intergenerational programs come with many benefits for both children and seniors, including decreased loneliness, delayed mental decline, and new connections, along with increasing the amount of smiling and conversation among all involved!

Youth

BABY, TODDLER, AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



Early On Play Group

Session 1:

Fridays | Oct 2, 9, 16, and 23 | 11 am

Ages 18 months-3 | Register Online

Session 2:

Fridays | Nov 6, 13, 20 and Dec 4 | 11 am

Ages 18 months-3 | Register Online

Early On playgroups provide a welcoming space where children ages 18 months-3 years and their caregivers can learn and explore together through play-based activities, stories, and songs. This 4-week series supports early development while also helping families connect with local resources and other parents in the community. Please register for only one session.



Music and Movement

Sat, Oct 3 | 10 am | Ages 1-2

Register Online

Through songs, finger plays, dancing, and games, you'll learn fun ways to help your child grow. Join our friendly therapists from Early On to discover easy ways to add movement to your child's day! For children age 1 and 2 who are already walking, and their caregivers.

Community Helpers Storytime: Mail Carriers

Tue, Oct 6 | 10 am | Ages 0-7

Join us for a special storytime and meet a mail carrier from USPS in Lake Orion. We will read stories, dance, sing, and learn more about these special helpers in our community.



Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade!

Tue, Oct 27 | 10 am | Ages 0-7

Join some of your favorite youth librarians in costume as they lead you in a Halloween-themed storytime with music, dancing, stories, and fun. A costume parade and trick or treating through the library follows this fun-filled event!



Happy Halloween



Cookie Monster's Birthday Party

Thu, Nov 5 | 11 am | Ages 2-5

Register Online

C is for Cookie! Celebrate Cookie Monster's birthday with stories, songs, activities, and cookies, of course! This program is for ages 2-5.

Storytime in Sign Language

Sat, Nov 7 | 11 am | Ages 0-7

Enjoy stories, songs, and movement with a live American Sign Language interpreter signing throughout the entire program. This storytime is perfect for Deaf and hard-of-hearing families, as well as anyone interested in learning and experiencing ASL together.



Doggone Readers

Tuesdays, Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10

6:30 pm | Grades K-5 | Register Online

Visit with one of our therapy dogs to practice your reading skills with a silent listener — the dog! Readers can collect stamps for a free book. Readers will be assigned a 15-minute timeslot upon arrival.



4-H Chicken Embryology

Tuesdays, Sep 15, 22, 29, Oct 6 | 6:30 pm

Bring science to life with this fun, hands on program from Oakland County 4-H! Patrons will explore the fascinating world of chick development through weekly sessions led by MSU Extension 4-H staff.

Rather be Reading Book Club

Wednesdays | 2 pm | Grades 4-8

If you would rather be reading, then join us for this book club. Read the title ahead of the meeting date and then we will gather to discuss and enjoy activities based on the book. Titles for the meetings are:

Sept 16 — Borrowers by Mary Norton

Oct 21 — The Last Resort by Erin Entrada Kelly

Nov 18 — Knights vs Dinosaurs by Matt Phelan



SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS



Dragon Tales

Saturdays, Oct 10, Nov 14 | 11 am

Grades K-3 | Register Online

Join us for a fun-filled hour of learning and creativity designed especially for children in kindergarten through 3rd grade! Our Dragon Tales program brings favorite stories to life through engaging storytime and a themed craft activity. No pre-reading required—just come ready to listen, create, and have fun!



PJ Storytime

Thursdays, Oct 15, Nov 19 | 6:30 pm

Preschool-2nd Grade

Grab your softest plushie and your best pajamas and join us for a wind-down adventure into bedtime with a night-time-themed storytime.



Mighty Mosaics

Sat, Oct 17 | 11 am | Preschool-5th Grade

Register Online

Dabble in the ancient art of mosaics with the Hot Spot! Paint them your way and then decorate them with an array of gems, mirror bits, tiles, and more.



5th Grade Battle of the Books Kickoff

Thu, Nov 5 | 5:30 pm & 7 pm | 5th Grade

Register for Battle of the Books 2027 and find out more information including how to form teams, who can mentor, new 2027 activities, and more. Our 2027 featured author will also be revealed!



Art Class with Ms. Halli: Painting

Fri, Nov 13 | 2-3:15 pm | Register Online

Learn and explore different art techniques and materials while you create your very own masterpieces. This program is for children in 2nd-5th grade.



Kindergarten Library Card Party

Sat, Nov 21 | 11 am | K | Register online

Designed especially for kindergarten students, this program invites young learners and their families to explore, create, and have fun at the library! Enjoy hands-on activities and crafts while also discovering the many resources and services available to support your child's learning and growth.



Sign Up for Library Programs: OrionLibrary.org/calendar | 248-693-3000



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Now Accepting Donations for Holiday Basket Auction

The Friends of the Orion Township Library (FOTPL) is now accepting donations for our annual **Holiday Basket Silent Auction**, which will be held **November 1-21, 2026** at the Orion Township Library.

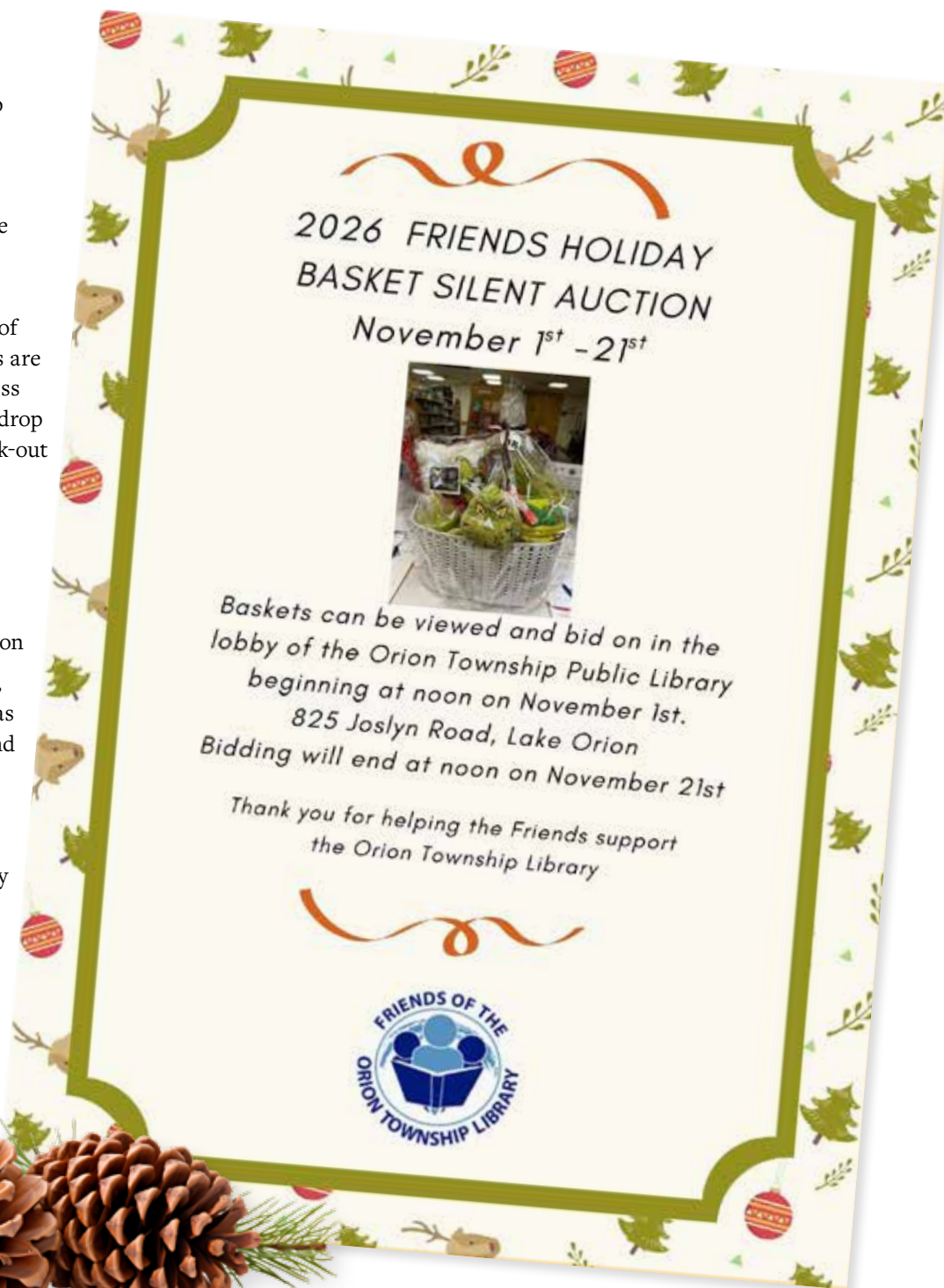
If you own or represent a business, we'd love your support! Donations of merchandise, services, or gift cards are a great way to promote your business while supporting the library. Please drop off your donation at the library check-out desk by October 20th and include:

- ▶ Your business name
- ▶ Contact information
- ▶ A list of the donated item(s)
- ▶ The estimated value of each donation

We also welcome donations of new, unused, and unopened items such as games, puzzles, household goods, and other gift-worthy items that can be included in our holiday baskets.

Thank you for helping make this fundraiser a success! Your generosity supports Orion Township Library programs and services that benefit our community.

If you have any questions, please email the Friends at mjerome@friendsorionlibrary.org



A True Planning Champion: Building Orion's Future from the Ground Up and the Inside Out



For an entire generation, Tammy Girling has been a true champion of planning, quietly, consistently, and effectively shaping Orion Township for the better. From her own professional journey within the Township to the neighborhoods, businesses, and gathering places her work has helped bring to life, Tammy's career has been defined by humility, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to the community she calls home.

Her leadership begins from the inside out: rooted in service, strengthened by integrity, and reflected not only in the places she has helped shape, but in the people she has mentored along the way.

Tammy began her Township career as a Parks & Recreation Office Assistant before steadily advancing through roles as Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Coordinator, Zoning and Planning Administrator, and ultimately Planning & Zoning Director in 2016. Her professional journey mirrors the kind of thoughtful growth she has championed throughout Orion Township, built with patience, purpose, and a commitment to long-term stewardship.

This year, Tammy's dedication earned statewide recognition as the sole recipient of the 2026 Planning Champion Award, presented by the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP), Michigan's chapter of the American Planning Association. The award honors planning professionals whose leadership brings people together, navigates complex decisions, and helps communities grow thoughtfully.

For Orion Township, the honor celebrates far more than a professional achievement. It recognizes a career built on whole-hearted, community-focused service.

Planning is one of local government's most foundational responsibilities, with many of its greatest impacts taking shape long before a project ever breaks ground. It influences where businesses invest, how neighborhoods evolve, and how communities balance progress with preserving what makes them unique. Tammy has built a reputation for bringing people together, working collaboratively with developers, architects, consultants, residents, and Township officials to find solutions that strengthen both individual projects and the community as a whole.

That collaborative approach has earned widespread respect. Planning Commission Chair Scott Reynolds described Tammy as "a dedicated and passionate leader" whose professionalism, fairness, and steady leadership have earned the respect of colleagues, commissioners, consultants, and residents alike.

Development consultant Jim Butler called her "helpful, insightful, accessible, demanding, but fair," while landscape architect and township planner Jim Eppink noted that every project is better

because of Tammy's knowledge and commitment to doing what is best for the community.

Supervisor Chris Barnett highlighted Tammy's role in guiding Orion's thoughtful growth, stating, "Tammy's dedication to implementing the Township's vision has been instrumental in guiding development in a manner that is both responsible and aligned with community values. She represents the very best of municipal planning: thoughtful, service-oriented, and grounded in long-term stewardship."

The same qualities that shape Orion's future also shape the people around her. Planning & Zoning Clerk Courtney praised Tammy as "an outstanding boss and mentor," while Planning & Zoning Specialist Lynn Harrison credited her willingness to share knowledge, encourage others, and lead with both support and humor.

As an Orion Township resident herself, Tammy approaches planning as more than a profession. She understands that planning is about far more than build-ings or zoning ordinances. It is about creating places where people want to live, work, gather, and build their futures.

After more than two decades of service, Tammy Girling's legacy can be seen throughout Orion Township, in the thoughtful development decisions that have shaped the community, in the professionals she has guided, and in the future she continues to help build from the ground up and from the inside out.

What Do Dragons Need?

A 2026 bond proposal that addresses aging buildings and expands career technical education



Providing students with safe, efficient, and relevant learning environments is a shared responsibility with our community.

Rigorous and relevant hands-on learning requires more than an up-to-date curriculum or dedicated staff members. The physical learning environment directly contributes to (or detracts from) our students’ experiences as they navigate new real-world concepts and hands-on skills. The goal is facilitating practical learning in Career Technical Education (CTE) courses and trades.

STEM areas in Lake Orion High School are inadequate to prepare students for the workplace. Health Sciences, for example, meets in a traditional classroom full of desks with a rogue, donated hospital bed tucked in the corner. With limited equipment to apply the practices being taught, class time consists of waiting around, worksheets, and note taking as students wait their turn to apply what they are learning.

A Reduced Proposal to Address Critical Facility Priorities

The challenges faced in CTE programming are not the only facility-related issues that students, staff, and administrators face in the pursuit of safe, efficient, and distraction-free learning. Across the district, infrastructure is nearing the end of its useful life cycle. Mechanical and electrical systems, plumbing and septic, roofing and parking, safety and security, ADA accessibility, and learning environments all present challenges.

That’s why, this November, voters will see a bond proposal on the ballot. After deep study of school buildings, conversations with students, staff and community members, consultation with our construction manager and architect, review of surrounding districts, a community workshop, and two community-wide surveys, the District is pursuing funding to proactively address our facility needs.

In the November 3 Election, voters in Lake Orion Community Schools will consider a bond proposal to fund facility improvements throughout the district.

The proposal focuses on four categories of projects: safety and security, aging infrastructure, career and technical education, and special education learning environments.

Our schools face a challenge in providing quality education for our students: school buildings continue to age, and community-approved bond funding is the only way to address significant improvements to cover our top priorities.

The 2026 proposal comes after months of re-evaluating facility conditions and gathering input from our community about their priorities. Following that process, the original proposal was reduced to focus on projects identified as the District’s highest facility priorities.

Funding for our Top Priorities: Safe & Efficient Learning

If approved, the proposal, reduced from the 2025 proposal, would provide \$115 million to address:

- ▶ **Improving safety & security:** Replacing generators for safety, replacing security lockdown doors, enhancing access controls and cameras, adding fencing for playground areas, moving the Waldon Middle School locker rooms out of the basement, and improving LOHS pickup and drop-off circulation.
- ▶ **Replacing aging infrastructure, equipment, and technology:** Improving mechanical and electrical systems, replacing instructional and co-curricular technology, updating plumbing, septic systems and High School restrooms, replacing roofing, and addressing site issues and dugouts at the baseball and softball fields.
- ▶ **Providing adequate space for Career Technical Education:** Building a wing and renovating space at LOHS for real-world educational experiences in STEM, robotics, medical foundations, engineering, arts, and architecture.
- ▶ **Renovating Special Education learning environments:** Heavily renovating the Community Education Resource Center (CERC) and improving special education spaces throughout the district, including sensory rooms, space and equipment for life skills, and activity space for fine motor skill development.

Partnering with Our Community

How can LOCS address all of these priorities? Well, that depends on our community.

Bonds are the only funding mechanism available to school districts in Michigan that provides enough funding to address our top facility priorities. LOCS’ State-provided per-pupil funding does not allow for funding major facility priorities and improvements, that is left up to the communities of local districts to fund. Therefore, any significant improvements to school facilities rely on the support of the local community.

The proposal is structured with no projected change to the current debt millage rate of 7.00 mills.

How was the Proposal Reduced with Community Input?

For community members, this proposal may sound familiar. Last November, residents voted on a proposal for facility improvements. In a 59-vote difference, the 2025 proposal was not approved by the community. Regardless of that vote, however, school infrastructure needs persist.

After months of engaging the community in conversations, surveys, and a community workshop, the District prioritized the list of potential improvements according to the most critical needs, reducing the 2026 bond proposal to \$115 million.

Vote September 24 through November 3

The Lake Orion Community Schools bond proposal will appear on the November 3 ballot, meaning absentee ballots become available beginning September 24, and early voting will occur October 24 to November 1. Additional information about the proposal, including project details and election information, is available on Lake Orion Community Schools’ website at lakeorionschools.org/bond2026.

Ultimately, the decision rests with LOCS voters. Community members are encouraged to review the available information, ask questions, participate in the election, and ask along with our school district, **“What Do Dragons Need?”**



Example of special education spaces included in the proposal

Aging building systems that would be improved



Sign up for Fall & Winter Enrichment Programs: LakeOrionSchools.org/departments/enrichment-services



WHAT DO DRAGONS NEED?

\$115M

For critical facility needs

FUNDING FOR SAFE & EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

The reduced bond proposal prioritizes safety & security, building efficiency, and practical learning needs.

1,881

Students in career tech programming

REAL-WORLD LEARNING

The bond would provide renovations for STEM and hands-on career technical education.

Reduced significantly from the 2025 proposal

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We have reduced this proposal to match our community's top priorities.

0.00

Millage change

A SOLUTION WITH A ZERO-MILL CHANGE

In an effort to be attentive to household budgets, LOCS is proposing to maintain the millage at the current level of 7.00 mills with no projected change.

PRIORITY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

On November 3, 2026, voters will consider a bond proposal for top-priority school facility improvements. If approved, the bond would provide \$115 million to address:



CERC Reconstruction



Infrastructure and Safety and Security



LOHS Career Education

VOTE

by November 3

Did you know?

Bonds are the only way that MI schools can fund significant facility improvements.

Learn more about the bond at:

lakeorionschools.org/BOND2026

What's in the Bond?



IMPROVEMENTS TO SAFETY & SECURITY

Installing updated cameras and access controls, security lockdown doors, and generators for life safety.



REPLACING AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Addressing plumbing, mechanical, electrical, paving, roofing, instructional technology, and other infrastructure challenges.



CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Building a wing and renovating space at LOHS for real-world educational experiences in STEM, robotics, medical foundations, engineering, arts, and architecture.



SPECIAL EDUCATION RENOVATIONS

Providing adequate learning environments for our special education programs through reconstruction of the CERC and special education improvements across the district.

VOTE

by November 3

Vote Absentee starting September 24

Vote on Election Day
Tuesday, November 3,
from 7 am – 8 pm

Vote early in-person
October 24 – November 1

Register to vote at
mi.gov/vote



Why is Career Tech Ed Important?

Students need hands-on learning to prepare them for their futures, whether college-bound or dedicated to the trades.

Career Technical Education enables students to achieve their potential in environments that support real-world learning.

How is this bond reduced for taxpayers?

LISTENING TO COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Our facility needs still persist across the district. After the 2025 proposal was not approved by voters, we reduced the overall bond amount to \$115 million to focus only on the most pressing facility needs for our students' education.

SAME TAX RATE, MORE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

The reduced bond proposal allows us to levy a millage of 7.00 mills with a projected 0-mill change.

Learn more about the bond at:

lakeorionschools.org/BOND2026

Wildwood Film Challenge Is Back!

Grab your cameras! The Wildwood Film Challenge is back!

Get ready to grab your camera crew! The Wildwood Film Challenge and Festival is back this fall, and it is the perfect excuse to gather your friends, family, or fellow creatives for a wild weekend of filmmaking.

Whether you are a seasoned pro or have never picked up a camera, this community challenge is all about having fun and competing for some cold, hard cash.

The Challenge

You and your crew have just five days to write, shoot, and edit a 10-minute short film. You can tackle any genre you like—comedy, horror, drama, or something totally artsy.

- **Kick-Off:** Thursday, Oct 15, 6 pm (ONTV Studio)
- **Drop-Off:** Tuesday, Oct 20, 6 pm (ONTV Studio)



The Big Screen Experience

After the judges review the submissions, every single film will play on the big screen at the Oxford 7 Theater on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be handed out right after the screenings. Because entry fees fund the pot, more teams mean bigger prizes!

Need a Few Pointers?

If you want to sharpen your skills before the clock starts ticking, join our Free Short Film Beginners Workshop on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 pm. You will learn quick tips and tricks that may give your team an edge.



Sign Up Today

Registration is just \$25 per team, and you can enter as many teams as you like.

- **Call:** 248-393-1060
- **Click:** Head over to OrionONTV.org and hit the Film Festival link
- **Visit:** 1349 Joslyn Road, Orion, MI 48360

We cannot wait to see your name in the credits!

Ian Locke
Executive Director, ONTV



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ORION VETERANS MEMORIAL

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Orion Veterans Memorial All-Day 9/11 Event Wildwood Amphitheater

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Sheriff Michael Bouchard

The Orion Veterans Memorial (OVM) Board invites the community to join in a special Patriots Day commemoration on Friday, September 11, 2026, at Wildwood Amphitheater, honoring the lives lost during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks while celebrating the resilience, unity, and patriotism that emerged in their aftermath.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the attacks that claimed the lives of thousands of civilians and first responders. For many years, the annual ceremony has been held at the Orion Veterans Memorial. In recognition of this significant milestone, the event has been relocated to Wildwood Amphitheater to welcome more community members and provide a larger gathering space for remembrance and reflection.

The day's events begin with doors opening at 8:00 a.m., followed by a National Moment of Silence at 8:46 a.m., marking the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Following the moment of silence, video footage commemorating September 11 will play on a continuous two-hour loop throughout the day, leading up to the evening ceremony.

Beginning at noon, Golling Buick GMC will host a community car show at Wildwood Amphitheater. The car show will run until 5:00 p.m., with proceeds benefiting the Orion Veterans Memorial. Food concessions and family-friendly activities will also be available throughout the day.

The evening ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m. with the posting of the colors, followed by an opening prayer and the National Anthem. This year's keynote speaker will be Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to remain at Wildwood Amphitheater for the Orion.Events Garth Brooks & Shania Twain Tribute Concert, with complimentary admission for those who attend the Patriots Day ceremony.

The Orion Veterans Memorial Board encourages residents of all ages to come together in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to honor the courage, compassion, and unity that continue to define our nation.

Let's Get Back To The Basics Of Recycling.

Remember these three simple rules each time you recycle:



Recycle empty and dry plastic bottles & cups, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.



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☒ VOTE YES

On the library bond Nov. 4 for building updates that will add more space for programs and resources for all.

Let's write our next chapter together!

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Chasing Autumn

Crisp air, colorful leaves and endless energy — it's the perfect season to explore Orion.

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