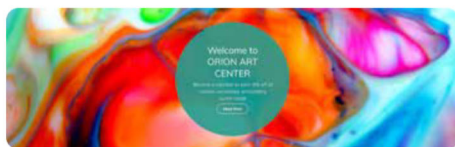


Summer Starts in the Heart of Downtown



Downtown Lake Orion begins to buzz with energy and excitement with warm days and plenty of sunshine! We invite you to stroll our streets and view the new Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) Inside/Out art installation at ten locations in our downtown. Each piece is a replica of a famous painting from the DIA complete with information on the piece. Watch for programming wrapped around these pieces as the installation will be up until October to enjoy. Your strolls will weave you amongst our unique shops and boutiques. Find the latest fashion trends, grab a healthy list of groceries, learn a new pattern or skill in fiber arts, do a gallery tour, take music classes, schedule a portrait session, select a fresh bouquet for a loved one, sleuth out that hard-to-find vinyl record, just to name a few. Our downtown welcomes you for a quiet coffee with friends, a quick lunch to catch up with neighbors, or dance the night away! So enjoy a day on Lake Orion, join in the fun of an event or activity in downtown within our Social District, and enjoy your Summer destination of Downtown Lake Orion!



Orion Art Center

Enjoy new gallery shows during the months of June and July! Warp and Weft opens June 7 and runs until June 28. Exposures opens July 5 and runs until July 26. Check out www.orionartcenter.org for more details on opening day activities.

Boat Tours

You can experience Lake Orion or even learn a little history about it with two types of Boat Tours. Gather friends for the Pedal Boat Pub Tours. A great way to unwind and have fun pedaling around Lake Orion. Another popular tour is the Orion Boat Tours with two tours available, Orion Essentials or Ghosts & Gangsters! It is a unique way to relax during the Summer months and learn the unique history of Lake Orion. Tours launch in June and run through August, weather permitting.

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Thursdays Mean Cornhole

The Sons of the American Legion Post #233 break records each year, adding more teams to the annual Downtown Lake Orion Cornhole Tournament. It starts June 5 and runs until September. Cornhole boards are placed throughout downtown on Thursdays, and play starts at 7 pm. Come down to root for the participants!

National Trails Day

As the Lake Orion DDA works to build out a Trailhead for the Paint Creek Trail at the historic Lumberyard property, we invite the community to join us on June 7 to see the plans, take part in runs, walks, and biking to celebrate the trails in our community, plus enjoy more family fun.

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Carnival Time with the Jubilee

The Lions Club brings in the Lake Orion Jubilee Carnival from June 19-22 right in the heart of Downtown Lake Orion. Get your fill of elephant ears, carnival games, and thrilling rides. It's a fun family outing that supports local charities!



Fabulous Food

The Lake Orion Summer Restaurant Week (June 23-29) takes place at restaurants in both Lake Orion and Oxford. Add to that the never-to-be-missed LOAS Pub Crawl on June 27, also in Lake Orion and Oxford. It is a great way to find a new food spot or enjoy a tried-and-true favorite.

Outdoor Movie Nights

The Lake Orion DDA added two more movie nights this year! Check out Date Night on July 18. Order a meal, bring a blanket, and have a romantic night out. Teens also get their own night — with pizza available — on August 15.

Kops & Kids Car Show (and Pancakes!)

Downtown Lake Orion streets fill with show-stopping cars for attendees to view. The event includes a tasty pancake fundraiser. A fun time out with the family! It is hosted by Lake Orion Police Department.



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Fourth of July Time Rocks

We do it right in Downtown Lake Orion for 4th of July time! July 4 brings in Flare Night. Homeowners buy flares as part of a Lions Club fundraiser, and they place them around the lake edge for a beautiful effect. A tradition since WWII. Lake Orion Fireworks launch on July 5. One of the largest shows in the area. Watch for fundraisers to help support the fireworks program through the Lake Orion Fireworks Association.

LOLive! Music Concert Series

Listen to national touring acts as they make their way to our gazebo stage at Children's Park. New this year is a local opening act each date! Visit www.downtownlakeorion.org for a full concert schedule with bios and more details. Dates are July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13, 20, 27. Concerts at 6:30-8 pm.

Dragon on the Lake

August 21-24 ushers in the ultimate event which defines Downtown Lake Orion — Dragon on the Lake. Since earning our dragon heritage from a long-ago tale, the dragon represents all that is wonderful about Lake Orion. Complete with artists, live music, dragon boat races, kids activity area, food, chalk art contest, and more, this event is never to be missed. It also includes a Lighted Boat Parade by LOAS on August 22. Check www.orionartcenter.org to learn more!

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