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TO LIFE IN ORION

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FROM LOCAL *Pride* TO NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

As we roll into fall, I wanted to take a moment to check in, reflect on all we've accomplished together, and share some excitement about what's coming up next.

Fall always brings a natural pause; kids are back in school, football is on TV, and maybe (hopefully?) we can all catch our breath for a minute. Around here, it's also a great time to look back at the wins we've had as a community, and to gear up for what's ahead. And let me tell you, there's a lot to be proud of!

This year, Orion Township got a lot of well-deserved attention. Thanks to our participation in America in Bloom, we hosted national visitors who came to see the best of what we have to offer. From our beautiful parks and thriving neighborhoods to the incredible spirit of our volunteers, they saw what we already know: Orion is truly special.



Photo: Nancy Bennett

And now, we get to take it up a notch.

This September, we're hosting the 2025 America in Bloom National Symposium right here in Orion Township! Over 200 guests from all across the country will be coming to see what makes our community shine. This is our chance to showcase the heart, creativity, and energy that make Orion the best place to live, and I couldn't be more excited.

Of course, you don't have to wait for a national symposium to enjoy what makes Orion awesome. Fall is one of the best times of year around here, whether you're walking the trails (check out the pedestrian bridge over the Paint Creek near Kern & Clarkston for a true tree canopy experience), hanging out at Camp Agawam, or bumping into neighbors at one of the many fall events happening all over town. However you enjoy it, I hope you take a moment to soak it all in and feel proud of the place we all call home.

Thanks for letting me serve as your Township Supervisor. I truly love this job, and I love this community. My door's always open, so don't be shy with your ideas, feedback, or just a quick "Go Dragons!"

Wishing you and your family a safe, colorful, and fun fall season.

Chris Barnett
Orion Township Supervisor

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Orion Township in Full Bloom: A National Spotlight Through America in Bloom



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Orion Township is no stranger to natural beauty, community pride, and forward-thinking initiatives—but this year, those efforts have earned us national attention. As part of our ongoing involvement in the **America in Bloom (AIB)** program, we were honored to host two national advisors earlier this summer for a comprehensive tour and evaluation of our township. Their visit wasn't just a judging panel—it was a celebration of what makes Orion truly exceptional.

What is America in Bloom?

America in Bloom is a nationwide nonprofit organization that helps towns and cities of all sizes improve their quality of life through beautification, environmental stewardship, and community engagement. Participating communities are evaluated across several key categories, including:

- ▶ Floral Displays
- ▶ Landscaped Areas
- ▶ Urban Forestry
- ▶ Environmental Efforts
- ▶ Heritage Preservation
- ▶ Community Vitality
- ▶ Overall Impression



Each visit is an opportunity for local communities to receive expert feedback, share best practices, and showcase the work of residents, volunteers, organizations, and municipal staff who are helping make their towns bloom—literally and figuratively.

A Guided Tour of Orion

During their summer visit, the AIB advisors, Douglas Airhart and Alex Pearl, toured the full breadth of Orion Township, from municipal buildings and local parks to business districts, neighborhoods, and historic sites. Along the way, they spoke with community members, township staff, volunteers, and leaders to get a deep understanding of our values and vision.

Highlights of the visit included:

- ▶ A look at our expansive trail and park systems, including our commitment to green space preservation.
- ▶ Conversations with volunteers and local groups dedicated to beautification projects.
- ▶ Visits to key landscaped areas and floral installations maintained by both the Township and local businesses.
- ▶ An overview of Orion's ongoing sustainability initiatives, from recycling programs to tree preservation efforts.
- ▶ Showcasing our local history and heritage, including preservation of landmarks and community storytelling.

The feedback we received was both encouraging and insightful, offering ideas and inspiration to help Orion grow even stronger in the years to come.

Looking Ahead: Hosting the 2025 AIB National Symposium

Building on this momentum, Orion Township is thrilled to announce that we will be the **host community for the 2025 America in Bloom National Symposium**, taking place September 25-27.

This prestigious multi-day event will welcome more than 200 **guests from across the country**, including municipal leaders, urban planners, landscape architects, civic volunteers, and representatives from other participating AIB communities. It's an extraordinary opportunity to place Orion on a national stage, showcasing everything from our environmental initiatives to our warm, welcoming community spirit.

Hosting the symposium will bring significant benefits to our township:

- ▶ **Economic Boost** – Local hotels, restaurants, and small businesses can expect increased activity from visiting guests.
- ▶ **National Recognition** – Orion Township will be featured prominently in AIB communications and media.
- ▶ **Civic Pride** – Residents will have the opportunity to take part in volunteer efforts and share their love for their community with a broader audience.
- ▶ **Networking and Learning** – Our township staff and leaders will gain access to cutting-edge ideas and practices being used in other successful communities across the U.S.



How You Can Get Involved

Planning is already underway for this year's symposium, and there will be plenty of ways for residents and local organizations to participate:

- ▶ **Volunteer Opportunities** – Help welcome visitors, assist with events, or contribute to beautification projects leading up to the symposium.
- ▶ **Community Partnerships** – Local groups and businesses can become event sponsors and volunteer at key points throughout the symposium.
- ▶ **Showcase Projects** – Got a garden, landscaping effort, or civic project you're proud of? You may have a chance to be featured on the tour route! Reach out to Jenny, jbhatti@oriontownship.org with the details of what you think should be highlighted.

Whether you've been deeply involved in local initiatives or are just learning about AIB, this is a moment for all of Orion to come together and shine. Our community has always been rooted in collaboration, creativity, and care for our shared spaces—and now, we have a chance to share that spirit with the entire nation.

In Bloom and On the Rise

America in Bloom has reminded us of what's possible when a community works together toward common goals of beauty, sustainability, and connection. As we prepare to host communities from across the country for the **2025 America in Bloom National Symposium**, we're not just polishing our public spaces—we're deepening our roots and broadening our reach. The eyes of the nation will be on Orion Township, and we're excited to show them what makes our hometown so special.

Our commitment doesn't end with this year's advisor visit or September Symposium. We're in this for the long haul—continuing to build a township that is bold in vision, responsible in growth, and rich in natural and cultural beauty. Orion Township is not just participating—we are leading. We are setting a standard for what it means to be a community that thrives in every season.

Together, we're not just blooming—we're flourishing.

What's going there?



Ridgewood Development

Construction is currently underway on the Ridgewood residential development, located on the south side of W. Clarkston Road. The project spans approximately 11.3 acres, situated across from the stretch of land between Fairledge Street and nearly to Merritt Avenue.

Once complete, Ridgewood will feature thirty (30) single-story, ranch-style homes arranged in fifteen (15) duplex buildings. Each unit will include a two-car attached garage, blending modern convenience with a quiet neighborhood feel. A designated portion of the property includes a conservation easement to protect the wetland area, which will remain preserved in its natural, undeveloped state.



3850 Joslyn Road: Gas Station & Convenience Store

Exciting redevelopment is taking place at 3850 Joslyn Road, just north of Hammerslea Road. Approved plans are moving forward for a brand-new, nearly 4,500-square-foot gas station and convenience store.

This project will replace the existing gas station, which is scheduled for demolition. Construction is expected to begin soon, bringing a fresh, modern look and improved services to the area.

Smart Lawn Care: Protecting our Waterways



Photo: David Watts

Orion's Waters, One Yard at a Time

Every time it rains or snow melts, the water that runs off your roof, driveway, and lawn doesn't just disappear—it travels. Along the way, it picks up pollutants like oil, road salts, pet waste, fertilizers, and even stray grass clippings. Eventually, all that runoff flows into our local storm drains. What many don't realize is that those storm drains lead straight to the Clinton River, our lakes, and streams—without being filtered first.

Whether you live on the water or miles away from it, your lawn care choices matter. Here's how to keep your yard beautiful this fall and help protect Orion's treasured waterways.

Start with the Soil

The foundation of a healthy lawn is healthy soil. Start with a soil test—it's a simple way to find out what nutrients your lawn actually needs. Fall is the ideal time to fertilize, building strong roots for a healthier lawn come spring. But be sure to choose earth-friendly fertilizers with low or no phosphorus. In many cases, fertilizing before May is unnecessary.

Looking for a natural alternative? Rake about ½ inch of compost over your grass—it's a great way to enrich your soil without synthetic inputs.



Mow Smart

Taller grass (around 2½ to 3 inches) grows deeper roots, crowds out weeds, and retains moisture better. Leave your grass clippings on the lawn to naturally return nutrients to the soil—just be sure to sweep any clippings that land on sidewalks or driveways back onto the lawn so they don't get washed into storm drains.

When it comes to watering, think light and often. This helps avoid overwatering and gives your grass roots time to absorb moisture efficiently.

Go Easy on the Chemicals

Weed-and-feed products may promise convenience, but they can harm beneficial insects and native plants. Instead, treat weeds selectively and sweep any fertilizer granules off hard surfaces and back onto your lawn. This prevents them from washing into our waterways, where they can fuel harmful algae blooms.

Live near a lake or stream? Maintain a 15-foot buffer zone with no fertilizers or chemicals. This natural strip helps protect freshwater ecosystems and keeps our rivers and lakes in balance.

Small Changes, Big Impact

Every Orion resident can play a part in protecting the Clinton River and its watershed. A few simple changes to your lawn care routine this fall can make a big difference for our water quality, our wildlife, and our community.

Tips, resources, and information can be found through the Clinton River Watershed, www.crw.org.



Mark Your Calendar: Orion Township Free Disposal Day Returns September 13, 2025

Orion Township residents looking to get rid of bulky items and other hard-to-dispose-of materials will once again have the opportunity to do so—free of charge—during the upcoming Free Disposal Day, held in partnership with Waste Management.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Eagle Valley Recycling & Disposal Facility

Eligibility: Open to Orion Township residents only — a **valid ID is required** at drop-off

This is a great chance to clean out your garage, basement, or storage shed and dispose of unwanted items responsibly. However, please read carefully: **not all items will be accepted.**

Items NOT Accepted on Free Disposal Day:

- ▶ Yard waste (leaves, grass, branches, etc.)
- ▶ Whole tires
- ▶ White goods containing (or formerly containing) Freon, such as refrigerators and air conditioners
- ▶ Household hazardous waste (HHW)
- ▶ Electronics (e-waste)

(Note: This event is not part of the Oakland County NO HAZ collection program.)

What Is Accepted:

- ▶ General household waste
- ▶ Small-scale home improvement project debris (e.g., old cabinets, drywall scraps, flooring materials)

Please note: Commercial construction debris is strictly prohibited.

Plan Ahead

Free Disposal Day is a popular event—expect lines and plan accordingly. For safety and efficiency:

- ▶ Secure all loads before traveling
- ▶ Be prepared to show proof of Orion Township residency
- ▶ Follow all site staff instructions

For more information on acceptable materials or alternative disposal options, visit wm.com or contact Eagle Valley Recycling and Disposal Facility directly at 248-391-0990.

Let's work together to keep Orion Township clean and clutter-free—responsibly and sustainably.



Now Accepting Passport Applications at the Orion Township Clerk's Office!

Planning a trip soon? Need a passport? The Orion Township Clerk's Office is now an official passport acceptance facility, making it more convenient than ever for residents to apply for or renew their passports—right here in the community.

Schedule Your Appointment Online

Visit OrionTownship.org/passports to find detailed information, required documentation, and to schedule your appointment. Services are available by appointment only to ensure personalized assistance and efficient processing.

Who Needs to Apply in Person?

Minor Applicants (Under 16 Years Old):

All minors applying for a passport book or card—whether for the first time or as a renewal—must apply in person.

First-Time Adult Applicants:

If you are 16 or older and applying for your first-ever passport book or card, you are also required to apply in person.

Renewing an Adult Passport?

Most adult passport renewals can be completed online or by mail through the U.S. Department of State Passport Services. Be sure to check the eligibility requirements before deciding how to renew.

Questions?

Our team is here to help. Call the Orion Township Clerk's Office at 248-391-0304 ext. 4006 with any questions about passport services, required documents, or how to prepare for your appointment.

Don't wait until the last minute—passport processing times can vary depending on demand. Let us help you get ready for your next adventure!

Celebrate National Voter Registration Day with Us!

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Are you registered to vote? Need to update your information? Now's the perfect time to make sure your voice is ready to be heard.

In honor of **National Voter Registration Day**, Orion Township encourages all eligible residents to register, check, or update their voter registration status. It's quick, easy, and essential for participating in our democracy.

How to Register or Update Your Voter Information:

Online

Visit the 'Michigan Voter Information Center' website and click on "Preregister or register to vote online."

To use this service, you'll need a valid Michigan driver's license or state ID.

Use the site to:

- ▶ Register to vote
- ▶ Verify your current voter registration
- ▶ Update your residential or mailing address

In Person

You can also register or update your information at one of the following locations:

Orion Township Clerk's Office

2323 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion, MI

Stop by, fill out a quick voter registration form, and we'll take care of the rest.

Note: If you update your address with us, we'll notify the Michigan Secretary of State, and a new address sticker for your license will be mailed to you.

Michigan Secretary of State Office

Visit any SOS office to register in person or update your information.

Have Questions?

Call the Orion Township Clerk's Office at 248-391-0304 ext. 4006 — we're happy to help!



Empowering Every Voter: Voter Assist Terminal Community Demonstration

On June 18th, the Orion Township Public Library welcomed David Foster, Ombudsperson for Accessible Elections from the Michigan Bureau of Elections, for a special community event aimed at making the voting process more inclusive. Foster led a hands-on demonstration of the Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) — a critical tool designed to ensure that all voters, including those with disabilities or other accessibility needs, can cast their ballots privately, independently, and with confidence.

The demonstration offered residents a unique opportunity to interact directly with the same accessible voting equipment that will be available in their precincts on Election Day. Participants were able to explore the terminal's features, ask questions, and gain firsthand experience navigating the voting process using assistive technology.

The VAT is equipped with audio ballots, tactile keypads, and compatibility with personal assistive devices, ensuring full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and reinforcing Michigan's commitment to equal access in the electoral process.

Attendees expressed appreciation for the chance to familiarize themselves with the equipment in a calm, supportive setting — eliminating uncertainty and building confidence for future elections.

As Orion Township continues its efforts to encourage informed and inclusive voting, the success of the Voter Assist Terminal demonstration highlights the importance of community education and outreach. The Township extends its sincere thanks to David Foster and the Bureau of Elections for their dedication to making every vote count and the library for hosting such an important event.

New Polling Location for Former Lake Orion Schools Administrative Building Voters

If you previously voted at the **Lake Orion Community Schools Administrative Building**, please note an important change: that facility is no longer available to serve as a polling place. But don't worry—we've made arrangements to ensure your voting experience remains convenient and accessible.

Your New Polling Place

Voters who were assigned to the former precinct at the school administration building have been reassigned to a nearby location:

**Precinct 1 – Lake Orion United Methodist Church
140 E. Flint Street, Lake Orion, MI**

This change effectively combines the former Lake Orion Community Schools Administrative Building precinct and the Lake Orion United Methodist Church precinct into one updated voting location.

What You Need to Know

- ▶ **In June, all affected voters received official notification letters along with new Voter Identification Cards reflecting this change.**
- ▶ As required by Michigan election law, local clerks must notify voters of any changes to precinct boundaries or polling locations.

Helping Us Keep Voter Records Accurate

If you receive election mail for someone who no longer resides at your address, please help us by:

1. Writing **"Not at This Address"** on the envelope.
2. Placing the mail back in your mailbox for USPS to return to the Orion Township Clerk's Office.

If you happen to know updated contact information (such as a phone number or email) for the voter in question, feel free to call our office. While we cannot cancel a voter's registration without their written consent, we can make efforts to reach out to them directly.

Questions?

We're here to help. Contact the **Orion Township Clerk's Office** at 248-391-0304 ext. 4006 with any questions or concerns regarding your polling place, voter registration, or upcoming elections.



Attention Election Inspectors (and Aspiring Inspectors)!

Orion Township is updating its Election Inspector master list and assessing availability for future elections — and we need your help!

Inspectors already on our list:

- ▶ Please scan the QR code and complete the updated Election Inspector application form, even if you won't be working in November. This helps us ensure our records stay accurate.
- ▶ If you're no longer interested in serving, simply answer the **first three questions** and submit the form; we'll remove your name from the master list.

New to Election Inspecting?

Interested in becoming an Election Inspector? The same QR code and form let you sign up! We welcome newcomers eager to support fair and efficient elections.

Your contribution — current or future — is essential to our community's democratic process. Thank you for your continued dedication!

Orion Township to Join **New Michigan Senate District** in 2026



A change is coming to how Orion Township is represented in the Michigan Senate. Beginning with the 2026 election, Orion Township voters will be part of the newly drawn Michigan Senate District 23. This change replaces the current alignment with Senate District 24, which is currently represented by Senator Ruth Johnson.

To keep all voters informed, the Orion Township Clerk’s Office has mailed updated Voter Identification Cards to all registered voters in the township. These new cards reflect the change to District 23 and serve as official notice in accordance with state election law, which requires clerks to inform voters whenever district or registration information changes.

Why the Change?

This shift is the result of a constitutional process overseen by the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC), which is responsible for redrawing electoral maps following the decennial census and in response to court rulings.

Here’s what you need to know about the process:

- ▶ The MICRC was established after voters passed Proposal 2 in 2018, creating an independent body to draw legislative district maps in a fair and transparent manner—removing control from partisan lawmakers and reducing gerrymandering.
- ▶ The commission is composed of 13 randomly selected members: four Democrats, four Republicans, and five independents. Members are selected from a vetted applicant pool overseen by the Secretary of State.
- ▶ In November 2023, a federal lawsuit found several Michigan Senate districts unconstitutional. As a result, the commission was required to redraw six Senate districts in the Detroit Metro area.
- ▶ These updates had a ripple effect on surrounding districts—including Orion Township.

In June 2024, the commission approved new maps, and in July 2024, the revised boundaries—reflected in the Crane A1 Senate map—were officially approved by a three-judge panel. These new boundaries will be in effect starting with the 2026 election cycle.

Stay Informed

To learn more about the redistricting process, view the new maps, or read about the commission’s work, visit the official Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission website at michigan.gov/micrc.

If you have questions about your voter information or would like to confirm your registration, contact the Orion Township Clerk’s Office at 248-391-0304 ext. 4006 or visit oriontownship.org.

Orion Township Rental Housing Certification Ordinance

The Orion Township Board of Trustees approved a new Rental Housing Certification Ordinance, that took effect on July 1st, 2025. This ordinance is designed to enhance the safety, quality, and compliance of rental housing throughout the community.

The goal of the ordinance is to ensure the well-being of all residents by establishing clear standards for rental properties. Orion Township is committed to providing safe, healthy, and code-compliant housing for all community members.



More information, including an FAQ, required forms, and details on compliance are available at oriontownship.org/rentals.

Further questions can be directed to rentals@oriontownship.org

Understanding the Upcoming Water & Sewer Rate Changes

On July 1, 2025, Orion Township’s updated water and sewer rates went into effect.

Residential customers will now be billed \$4.57 per unit of water (where 1 unit equals 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons), with a minimum monthly charge of \$9.14. The flat sewer rate for residents is now \$41.77 per month. Commercial billing is based on usage, with added charges for industrial waste based on meter size.

These changes are part of a broader trend across the country, driven by rising costs from our service providers—the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (WRC). The increases help ensure safe, reliable water and sewer services for our community while supporting infrastructure maintenance and future improvements.

When determining new rates, Orion Township considers not only our financial obligations but also the needs of our customer base and the broader economic climate. For example, the sewer rate will increase by 7% this year, despite an 11% increase from the WRC. The final rate presented to the Board reflects careful deliberation and extensive discussions, with the goal of keeping services affordable while continuing to provide safe drinking water and reliable sewage disposal for our community.



To learn more about the How’s and Why’s of Water and Sewer Rates, scan the QR or visit our Water and Sewer page, under Public Services at oriontownship.org.



Water or Sewer Emergency?

In the event of a water or sewer emergency, it is important to act quickly to prevent damage to your property and to maintain service to your home or neighborhood.

During Business Hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm):
Call 248-391-0304, Extension 8500 (Orion Township Water & Sewer Department)

Outside of Business Hours:
Call 248-858-4911 (Oakland County Emergency Dispatch)

Pay Your Water/Sewer Bill or View Your Account Online

For your convenience, you can now access your account and pay your water and/or sewer bill online. A QR code has been added to your monthly billing statement—simply scan it with your smartphone or tablet to:

- ▶ View your account balance
- ▶ Make a secure payment
- ▶ Track previous bills and usage

This secure and easy-to-use system helps you manage your utility account anytime, anywhere.



Moving? Schedule a Final Bill

If you are moving out of Orion Township, please call the Water & Sewer Department at 248-391-0304, Extension 8500 to schedule a final water/sewer bill prior to closing.

Please have the following information ready:

- ▶ Property address
- ▶ Date of closing
- ▶ Name of the new property owner
- ▶ Name and contact information for the title company (email or mailing address)

This helps ensure a smooth and accurate billing transition.



Fall Maintenance Tips to Prevent Winter Water Damage

As colder temperatures approach, take time to prepare your home and plumbing for winter. Preventative maintenance can help you avoid burst pipes, costly repairs, and water damage.

Checklist for Fall:

- ▶ **Turn off outdoor water faucets.** Open the outside spigot, then close the shut-off valve inside your home to drain the line and prevent freezing.
- ▶ **Know where your main water shut-off valve is located.** All adults in the household should be familiar with its location so water can be quickly turned off during an emergency.
- ▶ **Insulate exposed pipes.** Pipes located in crawl spaces, basements, attics, or along exterior walls are most at risk. Use foam pipe sleeves or insulation tape as needed.
- ▶ **Seal gaps and cracks.** Use caulk or foam insulation to seal any openings in walls or around pipes that could let cold air in.

If Pipes Freeze:

- ▶ Never use an open flame to thaw frozen pipes, as this creates a serious fire risk.
- ▶ Use a portable space heater, heat lamp, or a hair dryer to thaw pipes—being extremely careful to avoid water and electrical contact.
- ▶ Always follow safety guidelines to prevent electric shock or injury.

Leaving Town or Vacant Home Precautions

If your home will be unoccupied for an extended period, take the following steps to protect your plumbing:

- ▶ **Call the Water & Sewer Department to have your water shut off at the street.** This is the most effective way to prevent water damage while you're away.
- ▶ **Maintain indoor heat above 60 degrees Fahrenheit.** Keeping your home warm helps prevent freezing, especially in exposed or poorly insulated areas.
- ▶ **Drain your water lines.** You may choose to drain the pipes inside your home as a precaution. Contact our office for assistance and proper procedures.

What to Do During a Power Outage

Extended winter power outages can lead to frozen pipes. If you lose power for a significant period:

- ▶ Turn off your main water shut-off valve.
- ▶ Open all faucets throughout the house. This allows water in the pipes to expand if it freezes, reducing the risk of pipe bursts.

See Unusual Water Activity?

If you notice water pooling or puddles forming on your property or in the street—especially during freezing weather—please contact Orion Township Water & Sewer immediately. A quick response can help prevent significant water loss or damage.

Important: If a pipe breaks on your private property or within your home, repairs must be made by a licensed plumber or contractor. Orion Township is not responsible for private line repairs.

KNOW THE RULES BEFORE YOU POST!

RESIDENTIAL	BUSINESS	SPECIAL EVENT & DECOR SIGNS	WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED:
Number: 1 sign per lot	Number: Up to two signs total	Occasions: Allowed for grand openings, model homes, and special sales	✗ Signs on trees, utility poles, or rocks
Types: Portable, A-Frame, or Banner	Types: Portable, A-Frame, Banner, or Blade (any combo of 2)	Time Limit: 14 days max/event + 2 renewals (42 days/year)	✗ Flashing or moving signs
Max Sizes: Portable - 3ft ² /side A-Frame - 8ft ² /side Banner - 32ft ² max	Blade Size: 10 ft tall, 3.5 ft. wide	Permit: REQUIRED	✗ Signs on vehicles left for over 72 hours
Time Limit: 30 days/year	Time Limit: 30 days + 2 renewals (90 days/year)		✗ Signs in the road right-of-way
Permit: Not required	Permit: REQUIRED		
Election Periods: Unlimited portable signs allowed			
IMPORTANT: ⚠ Keep signs clean and safe. ⚠ Damaged or unapproved signs may be removed.			

It's not "one sign fits all"...

TEMPORARY SIGN GUIDE

Orion Township's regulations for temporary signage.



Please direct any questions or permit requests to the Orion Township Building Department:





Explore the Colors on the Trails

Breathe in the crisp air, crunch through fallen leaves, and soak in Orion’s autumn beauty.

Fall is one of the most magical times to explore Orion Township. As temperatures cool and the trees erupt in brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold, our trail network transforms into a natural masterpiece. Whether you’re hiking, biking, walking the dog, or simply taking in the view, there’s no better way to enjoy the season than on the trails.

Here are some of the best spots to catch fall color in full glory:

Camp Agawam

This historic site isn’t just for summer camps—Camp Agawam has become a year-round destination with beautiful, natural trails open to the public. Nestled in the woods off Clarkston Road, the trails loop through quiet forest areas and around open clearings. Fall events and bonfires make it a festive place to gather, but it’s also perfect for a quiet walk among the trees.



Friendship Park

Centrally located and easy to access, Friendship Park is more than just a playground and ballfields. Its walking paths loop around colorful tree-lined landscapes and natural areas, ideal for a casual walk or short family adventure. Additionally, Friendship Park features dedicated mountain biking trails that attract riders of varying skill levels. These trails wind through wooded areas with natural terrain, offering an exciting way to enjoy the fall colors on two wheels.

Polly Ann Trail

Stretching north-south through Orion Township, this peaceful, paved and crushed lime stone rail-trail cuts through wooded corridors, open farmland, and quiet neighborhoods. It’s a perfect option for families, cyclists, and bird-watchers alike. In autumn, the trail glows with color, and you’re likely to spot deer, wild turkeys, or migrating song-birds along the way.

Paint Creek Trail

This beloved regional trail connects Orion with Rochester and beyond. The crushed limestone path follows the winding Paint Creek, passing through mature hardwood forests and wetland boardwalks. It’s especially popular in mid-to-late October when sugar maples and oaks create a canopy of fiery leaves overhead. Don’t forget your camera—this is a prime spot for fall photography.

One highlight not to miss is the Van Tassel Pedestrian Bridge, located just off the trailhead at Clarkston and Kern Roads. The bridge offers panoramic views of Paint Creek and the surrounding forest—especially breathtaking when framed by fall color. It’s a popular rest stop for walkers and cyclists, and a great spot for photos or a peaceful pause along your journey.

Bald Mountain Recreation Area

Looking for a deeper nature experience? Bald Mountain offers miles of rustic trails that lead through rolling hills, dense woodlands, and around hidden lakes. With fewer crowds and more rugged terrain, it’s ideal for hikers looking to fully immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and solitude of the season. Bring your boots—some trails here are delightfully wild.

Orion Oaks County Park

A true four-season favorite, Orion Oaks County Park spans over 900 acres of natural beauty and is a must-visit in the fall. The park features multi-use trails that wind through mature oak forests, wide meadows, and lakeside views. As the leaves turn, these trails come alive with vibrant color and peaceful stillness.

Whether you’re mountain biking, hiking, or walking your dog, Orion Oaks offers a trail for every pace. The off-leash dog park is the biggest and best in the region—so your furry friends can enjoy fall too! For those seeking tranquility, the wooded paths near Lake Sixteen offer a peaceful escape surrounded by fall foliage and calm waters.

Part of Something Bigger

Did you know Orion Township plays a key role in the Iron Belle Trail, Michigan’s premier cross-state trail system?

The Iron Belle is the longest designated state trail in the nation, stretching from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood in the western Upper Peninsula. Orion’s section connects via the Paint Creek Trail, providing residents and visitors access to this iconic route. Whether



you’re exploring a few miles or dreaming of a longer trek, you’re walking or riding along a trail system that spans nearly 2,000 miles.

Our ongoing investments in trail connectivity—such as the planned Bald Mountain connector and Safe Routes to School initiatives—are helping Orion become one of the most accessible and connected trail communities in southeast Michigan.

Make a Day of It

Fall outings are best with a little preparation:

- Bring a thermos of cider, hot coffee, or cocoa to sip on the trail

- Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy it lakeside or at a scenic rest stop
- Layer up and bring a light jacket, as temps can shift quickly
- Don’t forget your camera or binoculars—you’ll want to capture the colors and wildlife!

Whether you’re strolling for ten minutes or exploring all afternoon, Orion Township’s trail system offers one of the best ways to experience Michigan’s fall beauty. These paths connect us—to nature, to each other, and to the broader adventure of life in Pure Michigan.





Cool Days, Cooler Events!

Our hands wrap around warm mugs of hot cocoa as we gaze at the festive streets of Downtown Lake Orion adorned in cornstalks, hay bales, and mums. Fall has washed over the streets as merchants freshen up their shops and boutiques with outfits, trinkets and gifts readying with fall finds and upcoming holidays. Michigan's finest season comes alive in Downtown Lake Orion. We have a host of events welcoming the transition to cooler temperatures and fiery colored foliage. We welcome you around warm fire pits and on patios that keep the cold at bay with heaters and outdoor fireplaces. Enjoy the fall splendor in Downtown Lake Orion.

Fall Celebrations in Downtown

SEPTEMBER



Outdoor Movie Night / Date Night

September 12, 6-9:30 pm, Location: TBA

A special night curated for a well-deserved couples night out! Enjoy a romantic movie, along with special activities and deals to make it a night not to miss!



Outdoor Movie Night

September 19, 6-9:30 pm 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!



Zombie Walk & Poker Run

September 20, 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.



Michigan Downtown Day

September 27

Show support and help the registers ring for our Downtown Lake Orion merchants! Retailers will be holding sales, specials, and experiences to enjoy!



Classic Car Show

September 27, 8 am-1 pm

In downtown, reminisce on the rides from yesteryear. This show is hosted by Golling Buick GMC and raises funds for the Orion Veterans Memorial.

OCTOBER



Here Lies Lake Orion Cemetery Tours

October 4-5, Ticketed event

Learn about Lake Orion's earliest residents and founders from the Orion Historical Society in Evergreen Cemetery. Tours at 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm.



Halloween Extravaganza & Costume Parade

October 15, 5-8 pm

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



Witches Night (Lake Orion & Oxford Downtowns)

October 24, 5-10 pm

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

NOVEMBER



Sing & Stroll Tree Lighting with Horse & Carriage Rides

November 20, 5-7 pm

Join us for family-friendly holiday favorites including the tree lighting ceremony, singing carols, and welcoming Santa and Mrs. Claus. Watch out for the Grinch, too! Fun kids activities abound!



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Shop Small Saturday with Horse & Carriage Rides

November 29, 10 am-2 pm

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!

DECEMBER

Orion Lighted Christmas Parade

December 6, 6 pm

It's the area's largest lighted Christmas parade! Bundle up and enjoy creating family memories watching the bright lights and festive floats!



Polar Express Trolley Rides

December 13, 1-5 pm

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 rounds out the fun.



Orion Art Center

A stop in downtown wouldn't be complete without taking in the artistic finds at the Orion Art Center.

Gallery Show Openings:

September 6 — The Art of Storytelling, 6 pm

October 4 — The Midnight Gallery: A Haunting Exhibition, 6 pm

November 1 — Janet Almstadt Davison Solo Exhibition, 6 pm

November 29 - December 31 — Artists Holiday Art Market



DIA Inside|Out

In partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts, there are ten installations of artist replicas of pieces from the DIA in downtown. Check downtownlakeorion.org or socials for a link to the map and photos of the pieces throughout the downtown. A unique experience to soak in art and learn about the artists and their work. On display until October.

Storybook Stroll

Fall will launch another Storybook Stroll in partnership with the Orion Township Public Library. A fall-themed book will have it's pages on retail windows throughout downtown. Use the map found on downtownlakeorion.org or socials to read the story page by page as you make your way throughout downtown. A unique way to keep reading fun for your family!

GREAT LAKES ATHLETIC CLUB

In a season of change, we are where community takes root.



FACILITY HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

5 am - 9 pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

6 am - 8 pm

AMENITIES

Pickleball

Group Fitness Classes

Basketball Courts

Steam Room & Sauna

Olympic Lifting Room

MYZONE Technology

Personal Training

Indoor Track

New and Improved Fitness Studios

Children's Center

Outdoor Pool (OPEN PAST LABOR DAY)

Renovated Indoor Pool Space (COMING SOON)



BEAST BEFORE THE FEAST



NEW GROUP FITNESS SPACES



FALL JUNIOR TRACK CLUB

GUEST PASSES

COMMUNITY DAY PASSES

\$10R | \$12NR

SENIOR MATINEE

MONDAY-FRIDAY

10 am-1 pm

\$7R | \$9NR

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3800 South Baldwin Road

SPECIAL EVENTS



Puzzle & Game Day Swap

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Wed, Sep 3
9-5 pm | Free

Game Day Swap will have puzzles, books, DVDs and board games for anyone to swap. Event is free for anyone to participate. Registration is not necessary.

Puppy Plunge

Great Lakes Athletic Club | TBD | 5-7 pm
\$5R/\$7NR

The dog days of summer aren't over yet! Bring your pup(s) for a swim in the outdoor pool after it closes to humans for the season! Pricing is per pup; each dog may bring up to two humans as free guests. Dogs must be licensed and provide proof of up-to-date vaccines upon registration.

Hatchling Hussle

Camp Agawam | Sat, Sep 6 | 9-10 am
Ages 5-10 | \$15R/NR

Join us for a mini-version of our Dragon Trails Triathlon created for our younger Dragons. Children ages 5-10 can experience their first triathlon with a short swim (25 meters) in Tommy's Lake followed by a ¼ mile bike ride and a ½ mile run in beautiful Camp Agawam. Entry fee includes an event T-shirt.



Dragon Trails Triathlon

Camp Agawam | Sun, Sep 7 | 8 am-1 pm
\$125R/NR (\$180/relay)

Join us for the first official Dragon Trails Triathlon! After last year's successful trial 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. This event is truly one of a kind, and our race organizers are excited to host a limited number of athletes through an intimate and organized open water swimming, mountain biking, and trail running experience. While competitive, we've capped registration at 100 participants to limit chaos and congestion and ensure athlete safety. All registrants will receive a swim cap, high-quality tri-blend shirt, pre-run fuel options and on-course nutrition, and a drink ticket to use in our "Dragons Lair" after the race. **Sign up at:** runsignup.com/Race/MI/LakeOrion/DragonTrailsTriathlon

Dragon Trails Triathlon Volunteer Sign-Up

Camp Agawam | Sun, Sep 7 | 7 am-1 pm

Interested in being part of the event without entering the race? Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community and experience this one-of-a-kind event! Sign up with the QR code below.



Slow Row LO

Join an informal social group of kayakers on area lakes. Each participant is required to provide their own craft, PFD and any user fees to gain access to boat launch.

Visit SlowRowLO on Facebook for event dates, details and exact location. Parking permits/passes may be required for some locations.



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SPECIAL EVENTS



Fall Festival of Family Fun

Camp Agawam | Sat, Sep 20 | 11 am-3 pm
Free Parking & Admission

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) carnival games, and more!



Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Center

Municipal Complex | Tue | Sep 23 | Nov 25
1-5:30 pm | Ages 17+ | Free

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 <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org>.

50+ Resource Fair

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Fri, Oct 3
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!



Holiday Art & Craft Market

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Sat, Oct 4
10 am-3 pm | Free Parking & Admission

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Fri, Dec 5
3-6 pm | Free Parking & Admission

#BuyNearBy and Shop Local! Start your holiday shopping early 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! Vendors will be throughout the Club with everything from one-of-a-kind, hand-made jewelry, clothing, and home décor. Interested vendors can contact Jennifer Vezina at jvezina@oriontownship.org or 248-391-0304 x3503 for details. Only hand-made, locally produced products will be considered.



Boo Bash

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Fri, Oct 17
5 pm | 6 pm | 7 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 pumpkin patch, carnival 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.



Car Bingo Spooktacular

Friendship Park | Tue, Oct 21 | 5:30-7 pm
All Ages | Free

Spooky season is here! Get your dobbers ready for some Halloween fun in the Friendship Park Parking Lot and Pavilion. All participants will receive a set of Bingo Cards and will mark their card when they hear the numbers over the radio. If you get a BINGO, you'll honk your horn and flash your lights and we will come give you a prize! Halloween costumes are highly encouraged.

Beast Before the Feast

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Thu, Nov 27
9:30-10:30 am | Ages 11+ | Free

Join GLAC Personal Trainer Jen Pozzi for her fourth 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

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Sat, Dec 13
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

Parents Night Out

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Fri
Sep 19 | Oct 24 | Nov 21 | 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, along with pizza! We've also partnered with our favorite Baldwin corridor restaurants so you can enjoy a special night out in close proximity. *Price is per event, per child. *All children must be potty trained



Babysitter Training

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Thu, Oct 16
6-8:30 pm | Ages 11-14 | \$20R/\$23NR

Instructor Merry Lowis presents the skills needed to start your own babysitting business — basics such as meeting the family, setting appointments, age-appropriate activities, and safety instruction. Handouts are included. Certificate presented upon completion of the workshop. Program incorporates the American Red Cross guide and video into the curriculum. Suggested pre-requisite class: Home Alone Training. Instructor: Merry Lowis



Frosting & Fun

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Mon, 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.

Home Alone Training

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Mon, Oct 13 |
6:30-7:30 pm | Ages 9+ | \$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 Merry Lowis presents the skills your child will need to be home alone safely. Includes walking home, key responsibility, securing the house, answering the phone, safe choices, and emergency procedures. Training follows the American Red Cross Curriculum. Certificate is presented upon completion of the workshop. Handouts are included. Instructor: Merry Lowis



Youth **ENRICHMENT**

I am the Artist's Apprentice

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Mon, Oct 6-27
4:30-6 pm | Ages 7+ | \$65R/\$70NR

Do you have an art kiddo who would enjoy embracing new and unusual experimental ideas? In this art series your child will be learning traditional painting techniques along with the avant-garde. We will be working with acrylic paints as well as zentangles, mosaics, and collage! Subject matter will include trees, owls, landscapes and asymmetrical designs. We'll try out a new spin art using a lazy-Susan wheel. (Psst! It's a lot of fun.) Sign up early for this one, space is limited. A Gallery Show will be presented to families following class on the final day. As always, siblings of any age are welcome. Instructor/Artist: Pamela Palmer B.F.A., The Artist's Apprentice. \$20 material fee payable to instructor on the 1st day of class.



Boo! Art Workshop

Friendship Park | Fri, Oct 17
4:30-6:30 pm | Ages 7+ | \$30R/\$35NR

BOOTIFUL artwork will be created in this fun Halloween workshop. Black cat silhouettes in sunsets, wax relief gossamer paintings, and ghostly sculptures, Model Magic ghosts! A Viewing of Creations of our artwork with Popsicle treats will be extended to families at the end of class! This is a fun event, hope to see you here! As always, siblings of any age are welcome. Instructor/Artist: Pamela Palmer B.F.A., The Artist's Apprentice.



Ready. Set. Paint.

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Mon, Nov 3-17
4:30-6 pm | Ages 7+ | \$45R/\$50NR

Does your kiddo love to paint? Great! Let's get these young artists started! Students participating in this series will be learning skill-improving techniques in acrylics and watercolor painting. We will be engaged in three creative projects aimed with individual interests in mind as we embark on understanding color, composition, and value, including tint and shade awareness. Sign up early for these fun classes! A Gallery Show will be presented to families following class on the final day. As always, siblings of any age are welcome. Instructor/Artist: Pamela Palmer B.F.A., The Artist's Apprentice. \$15 material fee payable to instructor on the 1st day of class.



My Fanciful Creature

Friendship Park
Tue, Nov 25-Dec 9 | 4:30-6 pm | Ages 7+
\$45R/\$50NR

Let's tap into the fresh, avant-garde creativity of the young artists within our midst! We will be working with all sorts of color combinations to enhance our fantastical beings, so learning about primary, secondary, and tertiary colors will be fun with rewarding outcomes. Monochromatic kitten & puppy or bunny will be set to flight as we add glorious butterfly, bat, and bird wings to these wee beasties. A Gallery Show will be presented to families following class on the final day. Instructor/Artist: Pamela Palmer B.F.A., The Artist's Apprentice. \$15 material fee payable to instructor on the 1st day of class.



Fa La La Love This Fun Art Class

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Fri, Dec 19
4:30-6:30 pm | Ages 7+ | \$30R/\$35NR

Kids will have a joyous time painting a holiday-themed, glittery gnome village, including Model Magic reindeer, bedazzled snowmen, and a fabulously decked-out Christmas tree! 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 in an area that is important to them. A Gallery Show of the students' work will be extended to families at the end of class with sweet treats for all! Instructor/Artist: Pamela Palmer B.F.A., The Artist's Apprentice.



Horseback Riding Lessons

Times Square Riding Academy | Ages 7+
\$225R/\$235NR

Give your child the experience they have been dreaming of. Each lesson consists of basic grooming, riding and horse care for beginner riders in the English Saddle style. Riders are required to wear long pants and hard sole shoes with 1-inch heel (No tennis shoes). Looking for that special time with your child? Take lessons together. A maximum of 3 riders per class, classes fill quickly. Register early for a rewarding and unforgettable experience. Lessons are available Monday-Friday evening hours, and Saturday-Sunday afternoon hours. After registering, please contact Leslie at 248-240-4488 for availability.



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Youth **FITNESS**

Amazing Athletes Sports Discovery

Clintonwood Park | Sat, Sep 6-Oct 25
10:30-11:30 am | Ages 7-12
\$136R/\$146NR | Football, Volleyball, Baseball

Explore, learn, develop, and play with Amazing Athletes Sport Discovery! For ages 7-12, this 8-week program is designed to empower kids to discover their inner athlete & love of sport. Together, we explore three sports with 2 weeks of concentrated play & practice for each, followed by a 'finale' game and an award ceremony. Your amazing athlete will have the opportunity to develop skills with practice, apply what they've learned with confidence, have fun with gameplay, and discover sports they love!



Amazing Athletes

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 5:50-6:25 pm
Ages 2.5-6

Fall Session 1 | Tue, Sep 2-Oct 28
\$144R/\$154NR

Fall Session 2 | Tue, Nov 4-Dec 23
\$128R/\$138NR

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.

Amazing TOTS

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 5:15-5:40 pm
Ages 18 months-2.5

Fall Session 1 | Tue, Sep 2-Oct 28
\$135R/\$145NR

Fall Session 2 | Tue, Nov 4 - Dec 23
\$120R/\$130NR

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.

Junior Track Club

Great Lakes Athletic Club
Mon, Oct 20-Nov 24 | 5:30-6:30 pm
Ages 5-11 | \$144R/\$150NR

Introduce your young athletes to the sport of competitive running through form drills, games, and races. This program taps into kids' innate love for running and helps them develop mental and physical tools to run further and faster while ensuring they have lots of fun and build friendships in the process. Our fall season will also feature a cross-country element.



Youth *FITNESS*

Kid Fit

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 9:30-10 am
Ages 7-10

Fall Session 1 | Wed, Sep 10-Oct 1
\$40R/\$42NR

Fall Session 2 | Wed, Oct 8-Oct 29
\$40R/\$42NR

Give your child a jumpstart on an active lifestyle. Kids ages 7-10 will have fun learning basic fitness skills while participating in age-appropriate activities. Activities may include rock wall, obstacle courses, yoga, body weight exercise, and much more. Instructor: Brittney Parker



Kid Fit Jr.

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 9-9:30 am
Ages 4-6

Fall Session 1 | Wed, Sep 10-Oct 1
\$40R/\$42NR

Fall Session 2 | Wed, Oct 8-Oct 29
\$40R/\$42NR

The perfect class for your youngster to work the wiggles out! This class includes fun fitness games for children, including parachute, obstacle courses, yoga, and much more. Instructor: Brittney Parker



Fearless and Fit

Great Lakes Athletic Club
Mon, Sep 8-Oct 27 | 5-6 pm | Ages 11-15
\$196R/\$200NR

This empowering strength training class is designed specifically for teenage girls who want to learn how to lift safely, confidently and effectively. Led by a certified coach, each session focuses on proper barbell technique, form fundamentals and progressive strength building. Girls will develop full body strength, boost their confidence, and gain the knowledge to train with purpose. whether they are new to lifting or ready to level up. This is a supportive, judgement-free space where young women are encouraged to challenge themselves, lift heavy and celebrate what their bodies can do. Instructor: Brittney Parker



Jr. Academy Basketball

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 12-1 pm
Ages 4-6

Fall Session | Sun, Nov 2-Dec 7
\$130R/\$135NR

Winter Session | Sun, Jan 11-Feb 21
\$130R/\$135NR

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. Program is run through the National Academy of Athletics.



Youth Basketball Club

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 1:15-2:15 pm
Ages 7-12

Fall Session | Sun, Nov 2-Dec 7
\$130R/\$135NR

Winter Session | Sun, Jan 11-Feb 21
\$130R/\$135NR

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! Program is run through the National Academy of Athletics.



Youth Volleyball Club

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 2:30-3:30 pm
Ages 7-12

Fall Session | Sun, Nov 2-Dec 7
\$130R/\$135NR

Winter Session | Sun, Jan 11-Feb 21
\$130R/\$135NR

This Volleyball Club offers beginner to intermediate players the opportunity to build a solid volleyball foundation. The drills taught at this program will help them to serve, pass, set, block, and hit the ball. Volleyball is an excellent sport for teaching children effective communication, teamwork, fast thinking, and concentration. Your kids will learn a lot and have a blast! Program is run through the National Academy of Athletics.



Youth Basketball Clinic

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Sat
Oct 4 | Nov 1 | Dec 6 | 12-2 pm | Ages 7-12
\$25R/\$30NR

This Basketball Clinic offers beginner to intermediate players the opportunity to build a solid foundation and develop their game. Participants will work on the core fundamentals, including shooting, passing, defense, and rebounding, while building confidence and improving overall skills in a fun, supportive environment. Program is run through the National Academy of Athletics.

Youth Volleyball Clinic

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Sat
Oct 4 | Nov 1 | Dec 6 | 2:30-4:30 pm
Ages 7-12 | \$25R/\$30NR

This Volleyball Clinic offers beginner to intermediate players the opportunity to build a solid volleyball foundation. The drills taught at this clinic will help them to serve, pass, set, block, and hit the ball. Players will also work on teamwork and game awareness to help them feel more confident on the court. Program is run through the National Academy of Athletics.



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ADULT Leagues



Adult Cornhole League

Winter | Great Lakes Athletic Club
Wed, Jan 21-Mar 11 | 6-8 pm | Ages 18+
\$80R Team/\$90NR Team

Nothing better to get out of the house on those cold nights than to play some friendly cornhole. 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 week you will play 3 teams. Each game is best 2 of 3 matches.

Teams of 2, one registration per team.

TR Hawk Basketball League

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Thu, Sep
4-Dec 4 | 6-8 pm | Ages 13+ | \$40R/\$43NR

TR Hawk basketball league is for persons with developmental disabilities, with or without physical impairments is for all ability levels. Practices and games will be played at Great Lakes Athletic Club and neighboring communities. Come on out and join the fun! Go Hawks! Late registration is accepted, but team shirts are not guaranteed after the initial order.

Health & Wellness with Henry Ford

Pain Management Lecture

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Tue, Sep 16 | 6-7 pm | Free

Join physical medicine and rehabilitation (PMR) physician Shawn Achtman as he presents on pain management. Dr. Achtman's focus is on alleviating pain and enhancing function through a multi-disciplinary approach. This includes using medications, physical therapy, interventional procedures, holistic remedies and lifestyle modifications. Dr. Achtman will tailor treatment plans to individual needs, aiming to improve mobility and quality of life.

Fall Risk Assessment

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Thu, Sep 18 | 10 am-12 pm | Free

Using the Btrack System we'll provide an objective assessment of an individual's ability to balance. This system will provide a baseline score and that number will indicate whether an individual is at high, moderate or low risk of falling. The score also provides a baseline score to work from - either maintaining the score or improving it. Future assessments can be done to gauge progress.

Menopause and Women's Health

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Wed, Sep 24 | 6-7 pm | Free

Learn about expectations for management during and after that last period. Recommendations for screenings to maintain women's health. What options are available for menopausal symptoms, bladder issues, bone loss/osteoporosis, a decrease in sex drive and what we need to continue to do.

Osteoporosis Lecture

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Thu, Oct 30 | 12-1 pm | Free

Join family physicians from Henry Ford Rochester Hospital to learn about thinning bones called osteoporosis and osteopenia. We will review prevention and testing for these disorders. Find out what kinds of supplements and exercises may help strong bones stay that way. Register today at henryford.com/classes or call 248-844-4540



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Adult *Fitness* & WELLNESS

Personal Training at Great Lakes Athletic Club

Personal Training at Orion Township Great Lakes Athletic Club 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.

Great Lakes Athletic Club Group Fitness

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Ongoing | Daily Drop-In
\$10R/\$12NR

Included in the price of your membership! Great Lakes Athletic Club offers 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.



"I've been following my mom to the gym forever. When I was 12, I got my first taste of group fitness when I tagged along with her to circuit class. It grew from there to include cycle, step, strength and cardio, barre,

and whatever other group fitness classes GLAC has offered throughout the years, even if they're at 5:45 in the morning. Here we are over 20 years later and she's turned me into such a big group fitness enthusiast that I have my own class. We may exercise on opposite schedules now, but the motivation is still there. She's definitely stronger than me, so group fitness is a fun and challenging way for me to hopefully get to where she's at someday. Group fitness hasn't just impacted my life, it is my life."

-Catie & Deb McFarland



FiT

Great Lakes Athletic Club

Mon & Thu, Aug 18-Sep 25 | 9:30 am | Ages 16+ | \$296R/\$300NR
Mon & Thu, Sep 29-Nov 6 | 9:30 am | Ages 16+ | \$296R/\$300NR
Mon & Thu, Nov 10-Dec 18 | 9:30 am | Ages 16+ | \$296R/\$300NR

FiT is a program for women that focuses on building and maintaining strength. Bethani's focus is on helping women gain strength with the understanding that this is the foundation to generally desired health and body composition results. FiT is personalized group training, with a heavy emphasis on personalization. Bethani tracks individual fitness goals, progress, and results. Instructor: Bethani Desantis

Glutes & Core

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Mon & Wed, Sep 8-Oct 29 | 9:30 am

Ages 16+ | \$396R/\$400NR

Build a powerful foundation from the inside out in this strength-focused class designed to target glutes and core muscles. Whether your goal is athletic performance, injury prevention, or simply feeling strong and confident, this class will help you activate, strengthen, and sculpt where it counts. Through a mix of resistance training, functional core work, and glute-focused movements, you'll develop strength, stability, and better posture — all in a supportive, encouraging environment made for women. Instructor: Brittney Parker



TaikoFit Cardio Drumming

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Thu, Sep 11-Dec 18 | 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. Instructor: Cindi Carter. No class Nov 27.



Hatha Yoga Open

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 10-11:15 am | Ages 16+

Fall Session 1 | Thu, Sep 18-Oct 23 | \$68R/\$72NR

Fall Session 2 | Thu, Nov 6-20 | \$34R/\$38NR

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

Exploring yoga asanas in a slow and subtle way to increase awareness in the body. We will start with some gentle warm-ups and learn poses for strengthening and balance. We will also explore breathing and meditation practices to help with stress relief. Please bring a Yoga mat and blanket. Instructor: Suzanne Albert, Heartfelt Yoga.

Hatha Yoga Gentle

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 4:45-5:45 pm | Ages 16+

Fall Session 1 | Mon, Sep 15-Oct 27 | \$80R/\$84NR

Fall Session 2 | Mon, Nov 3-17 | \$34R/\$38NR

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

In this slower-paced Yoga class, we will explore gentle movement to bring flexibility and relaxation into your body. We will learn the foundational Poses of yoga and breathing techniques to help calm the mind. Chairs will be available for people who prefer not to sit on the floor and to help with balance in standing Postures. Please bring a yoga mat and a firm blanket to class. Instructor: Suzanne Albert, Heartfelt Yoga.

Hatha Yin/Yang

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 6-7:15 pm | Ages 16+

Fall Session 1 | Mon, Sep 15-Oct 27 | \$80R/\$84NR


Fall Session 2 | Mon, Nov 3-17 | \$34R/\$38NR

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

In this class, we will start with gentle movements to warm the body and then move into Yin Yoga, where the poses are held longer and closer to the earth, working on the deeper connective tissues. This helps to create more ease of movement. Please bring a yoga mat and blanket, and any other props you prefer. Instructor: Suzanne Albert, Heartfelt Yoga.

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September

- 1** Labor Day 
- 2** Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm
- 2** K-8 Half Day (First Day)
- 3** Puzzle & Game Swap, GLAC, 9 am-5 pm
- 3** Early Childhood (First Day)
- 5** Home Football Vs. Stoney Creek

- 6** Hatchling Hustle, Camp Agawam, 9-10 am, Registration Required
- 6** The Art of Storytelling Opening, Orion Art Center, 6 pm
- 7** Dragon Trails Triathlon, Camp Agawam, 9 am-1 pm, Registration Required
- 12** Outdoor Movie Night (Adult Date Night), location TBD, 6 - 9:30 pm

- 15** Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm
- 19** Outdoor Movie Night (kids movie), Children's Park, 6-9:30 pm
- 19** Home football vs. West Bloomfield
- 20** Fall Festival of Family Fun, Camp Agawam, 11 am-3 pm

- 20** Lake Orion Zombie Walk & Poker Run (Lighted Parade Fundraiser), Ed's Broadway Gift & Costume. 6 pm for makeup; 8 pm event start.
- 23** Blood Drive, Municipal Complex, 1-5:30 pm
- 26** Oakland County Glow Up, Friendship Park, 6:30-9 pm
- 26** Township Talks, Township Hall, 9:30 am

- 26** Oakland County Glow Up, Friendship Park
- 26** Home football vs. Oxford
- 27** Michigan Downtown Day, Downtown Lake Orion, Hours vary by store location
- 27** Classic Car Show (Orion Veterans Memorial Fundraiser) hosted by Golling Buick GMC, Downtown Lake Orion, 8 am-1 pm



David Watts



Parallel 45 Photography



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October

- 3** No School (Fall Break)
- 4** Here Lies Lake Orion Cemetery Tours with Orion Historical Society, Evergreen Cemetery, Ticketed event, 4 pm, 5 pm, or 6 pm
- 4** Made in the Mitten Pop-Up Market, GLAC, 10 am-3 pm
- 4** The Midnight Gallery: A Haunting Exhibition Opening, Orion Art Center, 6 pm
- 5** Here Lies Lake Orion Cemetery Tours with Orion Historical Society, Evergreen Cemetery, Ticketed event, 4 pm, 5 pm, or 6 pm

- 6** Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm
- 6** No School (Fall Break)
- 12** Homecoming Parade
- 15** Lake Orion Halloween Extravaganza & Costume Parade, Downtown Lake Orion, 5-8 pm
- 17** Boo Bash, GLAC, 5-8 pm, Registration Required
- 17** Homecoming football vs. Oak Park

- 18** Homecoming Dance
- 20** Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7:00 pm
- 24** Township Talks, Township Hall, 9:30 am
- 24** Witches Night, Downtown Lake Orion & Downtown Oxford, 5-10 pm
- 27** Hark! Follow My Hoofbeats, Orion Library, 10 am
- 30** Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade, Orion Library, 10 am

- 30** Grades 9-12 Half Day
- 31** Halloween 
- 31** K-12 Half Day



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November



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- 1** Janet Almstadt Davison Solo Exhibition Opening, Orion Art Center, 6 pm
- 3** Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm
- 7** Owl's Fall Feast Fiasco Author Talk, Orion Library, 2 pm
- 7** K-8 Half Day

- 11** Veterans' Day 
- 17** Board of Trustees Meeting, Township Hall, 7 pm
- 20** Lake Orion Sing & Stroll Tree Lighting and Hometown Holiday Horse & Carriage Rides, Downtown Lake Orion, 5-7 pm
- 25** Blood Drive, Municipal Complex, 1-5:30 pm
- 26** No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- 27** Thanksgiving 
- 27** Beast Before the Feast, GLAC, 9:30-10:30 am
- 27** No School (Thanksgiving Break)

- 28** No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- 29** Shop Small Saturday and Hometown Holiday Horse & Carriage Rides, Downtown Lake Orion, 10 am-2 pm
- 29** Artists Holiday Art Market, Orion Art Center, thru Dec 31

December

- 1** Artists Holiday Art Market, Orion Art Center, thru Dec 31
- 5** Holiday Market, GLAC, 3-6 pm
- 5** Holly Jolly Folly (Lighted Parade Fundraiser), Golling Buick GMC, Ticketed event, 6-11 pm

- 5** K-5 Late Start, 6-8 Half Day
- 6** Orion Lighted Christmas Parade hosted by Orion Area Parade Group, Downtown Lake Orion, 6 pm
- 12** K-5 Early Start Half Day
- 13** Polar Express Trolley Rides, Downtown Lake Orion, Ticketed event, 1-5 pm
- 13** Merry & Mischief, GLAC, 10 am-12 pm, Registration Required
- 22** No School (Holiday Break) THRU JANUARY 2

Adult *Fitness* & **WELLNESS**



Tai Chi Beginner Wu Style

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 7-8 pm | Ages 18+

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

Fall Session 2 | Mon, Oct 27-Dec 8 | \$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 12-posture and 108-posture Wu Style hand forms, known for their compact, flowing movements that promote internal energy flow and mindfulness. Each session includes warm-up and focused exercises, as well as guided practice of the forms, 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. Instructor: Michael Dwyer

Tai Chi Beginner

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 11 am-12 pm | Ages 18+

Fall Session 1 | Tue, Sep 9-Oct 21 | \$70R/\$77NR

Fall Session 2 | Tue, Oct 28-Dec 9 | \$70R/\$77NR

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

This beginner class includes chair and standing 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. 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 Beginner

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 10-11 am | Ages 18+

Fall Session 1 | Tue, Sep 9-Oct 21 | \$70R/\$77NR

Fall Session 2 | Tue, Oct 28-Dec 9 | \$70R/\$77NR

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

Cardio-Groove

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 9:30-10:30 am | Ages 18+

Fall Session 1 | Mon, Sep 8-Oct 13 | \$54R/\$58NR

Fall Session 2 | Mon, Oct 20-Nov 24 | \$54R/\$58NR

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. Instructor: Michelle Kitching



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Core Barre

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 9-10 am | Ages 18+

Fall Session 1 | Tue, Sep 2-Oct 14 | \$63R/\$67NR

Fall Session 2 | Tue, Oct 21-Nov 25 | \$54R/\$58NR

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 6:30-7:30 pm | Ages 18+

Fall Session 1 | Wed, Sep 3-Oct 15 | \$63R/\$67NR

Fall Session 2 | Wed, Oct 22-Nov 26 | \$54R/\$58NR

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.). Wear grippy socks or bare feet. Instructors: Tonya Potts, Michelle Kitching

Pilates

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 8:30-9:30 am | Ages 18+

Fall Session 1 | Wed, Sep 10-Oct 15 | \$54R/\$58NR

Fall Session 2 | Wed, Oct 22-Nov 26 | \$54R/\$58NR

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

This mat class focuses on improving coordination, core strength, balance, flexibility, and posture while performing a series of full-body exercises. Small equipment such as Thera-bands and the Pilates ring will be used to increase overall strength. All fitness levels are welcome! Instructor: Leslie Glenn

Cardio & Strength

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 8:30-9:15 am | Ages 18+

Fall Session 1 | Fri, Sep 12-Oct 17 | \$54R/\$58NR

Fall Session 2 | Fri, Oct 24-Nov 28 | \$54R/\$58NR

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

A fusion of athletic conditioning and strength-challenging movements for a total body workout set to heart-pumping music to inspire and challenge your cardiovascular system. Class finishes with a deep stretch to restore oxygen, increase flexibility, and make your hard work most effective, leaving you with a sense of accomplishment! Instructor: Leslie Glenn

Intro to Yoga

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 9:30-10:30 am | Ages 18+

Fall Session 1 | Fri, Sep 12-Oct 17 | \$54R/\$58NR

Fall Session 2 | Fri, Oct 24-Nov 28 | \$54R/\$58NR

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

New to yoga? This is a great place to start. Learn the fundamentals and principles of yoga with this easy-to-follow practice. We will incorporate our breath with basic poses and will move at a very slow pace that accommodates most body types. Instructor: Leslie Glenn.

Groove Sculpt

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 9:30-10:30 am | Ages 18+

Fall Session 1 | Wed, Sep 10-Oct 15 | \$54R/\$58NR

Fall Session 2 | Wed, Oct 22-Nov 26 | \$54R/\$58NR

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

Have fun with a great cardio workout with uplifting music and easy-to-follow moves. Bring some light weights (1-3 lb.) and perform sculpting exercises. Get ready to sweat! Instructor: Leslie Glenn.

Karate

Great Lakes Athletic Club | 5:30-7:30 pm | Ages 8+

Fall Session 1 | Tue and/or Thu, Sep 9-Oct 23

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

Fall Session 2 | Tue and/or Thu, Oct 28-Dec 1

\$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



ADULT ENRICHMENT

Preparing For Winter

Friendship Park | Tue, Oct 14 | 6-7 pm
Ages 12+ | \$3R/\$5NR

How to winterize your garden, with a focus on preserving habitat, protecting plants from the cold, and preparing for spring. This includes removing dead plants, mulching, adding compost, protecting tender plants, and tree planting. Registration is required. Instructor: Conner Reiter



Small Market Basket

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Tue, Sep 23
4:30-8:30 pm | Ages 18+ | \$60R/\$65NR

Classic market basket style with a notched handle and choice of color accent. Measure 6” x 8.5” x 4” + handle. Additional \$15 material fee due to instructor night of class. Instructor: Deborah VanderLinde

Classic Potluck Basket

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Tue, Oct 14
4:30-8:30 pm | Ages 18+ | \$70R/\$75NR

Perfect size for a “dish to pass” or beautiful filled with pinecones or holiday greens. 12” x 12” x 4” + handle. Additional \$20 material fee due to instructor night of class. Instructor: Deborah VanderLinde



Holiday Basket

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Tue, Nov 11
4:30-8:30 pm | Ages 18+ | \$60R/\$65NR

This charming wall basket with a woven tree features an oak bushel basket for hanging on the wall or doorknob. Embellishments include a star button, jingle bells and a cardinal. 6” wide x 7” tall. Additional \$20 material fee due to instructor night of class. Instructor: Deborah VanderLinde



Centerpiece Basket with Pineneedle Rim

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Tue, Dec 9
4:30-8:30 pm | Ages 18+ | \$75R/\$80NR

This beautiful square to round bowl basket features a gorgeous pine needle rim. 9” x 9” x 6”

Additional \$20 material fee due to instructor night of class. Instructor: Deborah VanderLinde

Planting Magic Amaryllis Bulbs

Friendship Park | Sat, Nov 15 | 10-11 am
Ages 13+ | \$40R/\$45NR

Add a splash of color to your home during the winter months with a beautiful Amaryllis! Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or curious beginner, this fun hands-on workshop will guide you through planting your very own Amaryllis bulb – perfect for brightening your home or that of a loved one. What’s included? One large Dutch Amaryllis bulb, potting container, soil, expert planting instructions, and care tips for reblooming. You’ll leave the workshop with a potted bulb ready to grow! Want to share the joy? Additional gift-boxed Amaryllis bulbs will be available for purchase during the workshop for just \$20 each. Instructor: Cheri McCallum, Serenity Gardens LLC



Make & Take Stained Glass Workshops

M-24 & Drahner Rds | 6-8 pm | Ages 16+

Colorful Teardrop | Mon, Oct 13
\$85R/\$88NR

Christmas Ornament | Mon, Nov 10
\$85R/\$88NR

Snowflake Suncatcher | Mon, Dec 1
\$85R/\$88NR

Get a taste of doing stained glass art with this Make & Take class. In this workshop, you get a “taste” of stained glass art as pre-cut and ground glass will be provided to you. You assemble, foil, solder, and finish your project. Due to the high soldering temperatures used (400 degrees), this is limited to ages 16+. All tools and materials will be provided. Margie has been doing stained glass for more than 10 years, and requests for these workshops keeps growing. Class is taught at Bryce Glass Art Studio in Oxford. Exact address will be included on the registration receipt. Instructor: Margie Bryce, Bryce Glass Art.



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New Email Software Coming Soon!

Our weekly emails will be coming from a new software, GovDelivery. Make sure to sign up for email communications to stay in the loop with all that is going on with the Parks & Recreation!



Stained Glass 101

M-24 & Drahner Rds | Ages 16+
\$170R/\$175NR

Sat, Oct 4 & 11 | Nov 8 & 15 | 1-4 pm
Wed, Oct 8 & 15 | Nov 5 & 12 | 6-9 pm

Learn to do stained glass from the very first steps all the way through finishing and framing. Class includes picking your pattern, choosing and cutting the glass, foiling, soldering and finishing. Choose your pattern: a sunrise or tulip project. You are welcome to bring refreshments. Class is taught at Bryce Glass Art Studio in Oxford. Exact address will be included on the registration receipt. Instructor: Margie Bryce, Bryce Glass Art.

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+



End of Summer Luau

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

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

Dinner and Music

Municipal Complex | Fri, Sep 26
5-7:30 pm | \$20R/\$22NR

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



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Fall Into Autumn Lunch

Camp Agawam | Thu, Oct 9 | 12 pm
\$8R/\$10NR

Enjoy the crisp air, colored leaves, chili, cornbread, and seasonal treats!

Veteran's Day Lunch

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Tue, Nov 11
12 pm | Free

Veterans and one guest are invited to preregister and enjoy a free meal in your honor. Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, goodie bags, and raffle prizes as we celebrate your service and sacrifice. Registration is due by Thu, Nov 6th. Thank you for your service!

Thanksgiving Lunch

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Tue, Nov 18
12 pm | \$10R/\$12NR

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Wed, Nov 19
12 pm | \$10R/\$12NR

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.



Holly Holiday Lunch

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Tue, Dec 16
1 pm | \$10R/\$12NR

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Wed, Dec 17
1 pm | \$10R/\$12NR

Join us for a joyful Christmas lunch filled with delicious food, warm company, and holiday cheer!

We'll come together to celebrate the season with a delightful meal, festive entertainment, and the spirit of togetherness.

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

Movies

Fri | 1:15-3:15 pm

Quilting

Thu | 2nd of the month | 1-4 pm
Fri | 9 am-12 pm



ENRICHMENT 50+

Ask the Attorney

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Mon | Sep 22
Oct 27 | Nov 24 | 1-2:30 pm | Free

Attorney Dana Wilson provides private consultations at the Great Lakes Athletic Club. 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

Maximize Your Social Security Benefits:

An Educational Seminar with a Registered Social Security Analyst

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Wed, Sep 17
6 pm | Free

Are you approaching retirement or already collecting Social Security? Join us for a free, educational seminar led by Chad Day, a Registered Social Security Analyst (RSSA), a certified professional specializing in helping individuals make the most of their Social Security Benefits. This seminar is ideal for seniors who want clear, personalized guidance based on current Social Security rules and strategies. There will be a Q&A session to address your specific concerns.

Navigating Your Health Care Options

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Wed, Oct 1
6 pm | Free

Join Chad Day for an informative seminar where he'll break down the complexities of Medicare, including eligibility, coverage options (A, B, C, and D), and how to choose the best plan for your healthcare needs. Whether you're approaching retirement or already enrolled, this seminar will equip you with the knowledge to make confident decisions about your Medicare coverage. Get expert advice on avoiding penalties, understanding costs, and exploring supplemental insurance options. Registration is appreciated.

Secretary of State

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Mon, Nov 24
10 am-2 pm

Book a visit to the Senior Area at the Great Lakes Athletic Club 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!



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ENRICHMENT 50+



Let's Craft Together!

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Felt Ruffled Pumpkin
Tue, Sep 23 | 1 pm | \$10R/\$12NR

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Pumpkin Pom Pom Coasters
Tue, Oct 14 | 1 pm | \$10R/\$12NR

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Leaf Bowl
Tue, Nov 4 | 1 pm | \$10R/\$12NR

Great Lakes Athletic Club | Wine Glass Snow Globe Candle
Holders | Tue, Dec 9 | 1 pm | \$15R/\$17NR

Let's get crafty! In this class we will work together to learn a craft that you may not have had the confidence to do at home by yourself. All supplies are provided. The registration deadline is 48 hours before the class meeting time.

Matter of Balance

Great Lakes Athletic Club
Tue & Thu, Sep 2-Oct 2 | 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.

TRIPS 50+

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Billy Joel Songbook

Detroit | Fri, Nov 21 | 9:15 am | \$80R/\$85NR

Join the DSO and vocalist-pianist Tony DeSare for a symphonic celebration of Billy Joel's most iconic hits. With DeSare's signature vocals and dynamic piano style, experience the legendary songs of the Piano Man like never before—brought to life with full orchestral arrangements. Everyone will meet at the Great Lakes Athletic Club at 9:15 am, and we will return around 2 pm. (Please note: Billy Joel does not appear on this program).

A Christmas Carol at Meadowbrook

Rochester Hills | Wed, Dec 10 | Pick-Up 10:45 am
Drop-Off 5:30 pm | \$75R/\$85NR

We start our day at the Village of Rochester for lunch on your own and shopping. Then we will head to Meadowbrook Theatre for the 2 pm performance of A Christmas Carol. Everyone's favorite holiday classic captivates audiences for the 42nd year with the tale of a mean-spirited miser and the ghosts that haunt him.



Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Home for the Holidays

Detroit | Fri, Dec 12 | 9:15 am | \$75R/\$80NR

Gather the family for one of the best holiday traditions in Detroit! The DSO and special guests play all your favorites inside the warm and wonderful Orchestra Hall. Make the season bright and create memories of a lifetime everyone can share. Everyone will meet at the Great Lakes Athletic Club at 9:15 am, and we will return around 2 pm.

SILVER SNEAKERS



Circuit

Municipal Complex | Every Mon | 10-11 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

Municipal Complex | Every Wed & Fri | 10-11 am
\$3R/NR per class * Free for Silver Sneakers Members

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. Instructor: Becki Doyle (Wed)/ Cheryl Sussman (Fri)



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ONTV Classes

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

ONTV Wildwood Film Challenge and 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 14 | 7-9 pm | Short Film Workshop for Beginners (Free)

Thu, Oct 16 | 6 pm | Film Challenge Kickoff, ONTV Studio
(\$25 to enter)

Tue, Oct 21 | 6 pm

Film submission deadline and judging

Wed, Oct 22 | 7 pm

Wildwood Film Festival screening at Oxford 7 Theater

ONTV Podcast Classes

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

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

Non-Linear Editing

ONTV Studio | Mon, Nov 17- Dec 1 | 7-9 pm | Ages 13+ | \$55R/NR

You will be introduced to the CS6 version of Adobe Premiere Pro. In Week 1, you will learn about importing video, transitions, audio, titles & graphics, and exporting video. In Week 2, you will learn about advanced editing techniques such as color correction, green key effects, slow/fast motion, keyframing, and other special effects. The final week will include an introduction to Davinci Resolve, which is a sophisticated editing software that is free to download and use.

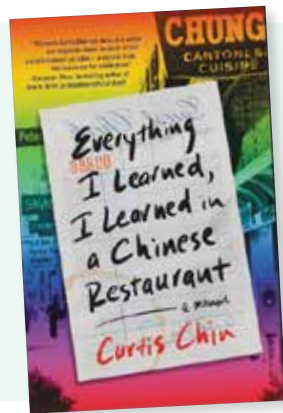
Field Production Class

ONTV Studio | Mon, Oct 13-Nov 10 | 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.



FEATURED



The Art of Storytelling – Art Exhibition Opening Reception

Sat, Sep 6 | 6-8 | 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 *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant: A Memoir* by native Detroiters Curtis Chin. They were challenged to create a piece of art based on a concept or passage from the book, and they incorporated 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.



New Drive Up Window

We welcome all patrons to utilize our brand new drive thru window! Whether you're picking up materials or returning them, you can utilize this service without getting out of your car.

PLACING A HOLD: Just like you would place a hold for any materials, you'll select "Place hold" on the catalog, then select "Orion Drive-Up Window" as the pick-up location. Your hold will be submitted and soon staff will grab your materials. Once your materials are ready for you, you'll be notified.

Homecoming Hoedown

Sat, Oct 18 | 5:30-7:30 pm
(After-Hours Event)

Join us for a Homecoming Hoedown after-hours event! We welcome adults with special needs that are 18+ years of age and their caregivers, job coaches or family members. Wear your favorite flannel, blue jeans, boots and cowboy hats or country western gear and enjoy dancing, a photo booth, craft, and of course, pizza and snacks.



Bookmark Art Contest Celebrating 100 Years of the Orion Township Public Library

Celebrate 100 years of the Orion Township Public Library by making your mark! Join our contest to create a bookmark for all our patrons! The theme of the bookmark is '100 Years of OTPL.' We will have a contest with one winner each for three age groups: youth (grades Kindergarten through grade 5), teen (grades 6-12), and adult (ages 18+). Enter one design sized 3.75x10.5. We will have templates at each service desk for you to take home, or you can print the template from our website. Art is due November 1. Bookmarks will be available to patrons in January 2026.



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Get Ready for Big Fun and Lots of Learning at OTPL!

The OTPL Youth Librarians are thrilled to announce exciting updates to our storytime schedule, designed with your family in mind!



Introducing Big Lit! This high-energy, performance-style storytime features two youth librarians bringing their favorite stories and songs to life with dramatic flair and playful interaction. If you've joined us for a Neighborhood Storytime or our Halloween extravaganza, you know the kind of fun to expect! Held in our large Linda Sickles Meeting Room, Big Lit has no attendance cap and runs every Tuesday morning from September through November. Come ready to move, laugh, and make memories!

Updated: Little Lit now with Pre-Registration! You asked, we listened! Little Lit is our cozier, more hands-on storytime experience, now with pre-registration to ensure a more personalized environment. Ideal for families looking to build strong early literacy skills, each session focuses on key practices like print awareness, phonemic awareness, vocabulary building, and more, all in a warm, supportive setting. Join us **every Wednesday and Thursday from September through November** in the Youth Activity Room. Registration opens **one week prior**, and each session is limited to **15 children** to keep it small and special.

Whether you're looking for big fun or focused learning, **OTPL has the perfect storytime for you.** We can't wait to see you there!



Altered Book Art Club

Thu, Sep 4, Oct 9, Nov 6 | 6 pm

This monthly book club is different! Come explore your creative side with an altered book journal! We will make no or low-pressure raw technique and experimental "journals" by using old books; the cover and pages are our canvas! Each participant will receive one old book to keep, and supplies will be provided at each lesson. Every month will feature a theme or prompt to explore. Bring your book back to create new pages or drop in when you feel crafty. All art levels are welcome.



Halloween Apothecary Jars

Sat, Oct 11 | 2 pm
Thu, Oct 16 | 6 pm

Enjoy the season with this spooky gothic inspired candy jar. We will use a Cricut to decorate and create a timeless classic that you can refill and reuse for years to come.

Take & Make – Heirloom Holiday Ornament

Sat, Nov 1 | 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 first in this annual series will be available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.



Holiday Watercolor Cards

Sat, Nov 8 | 2 pm

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer! In this workshop you will create four custom 5"x7" mixed media holiday inspired watercolor cards. Explore the mediums of watercolor, ink, and pencil. All levels welcome — stencils and samples provided for inspiration.

ADULT PROGRAMS



The Write Stuff Writer's Workshop

Wed, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 | 7 pm
Thu, Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 20

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.



Orion Historical Society

Mon, Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 | 7 pm

Visit the Orion Historical Society and learn about LOrion history. New meeting dates (the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm) and a fresh new format, including a theme and/or speaker 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. Check us out on Facebook.

North Oakland Genealogical Society (NOGS)

Thu, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20 | 7 pm

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

Sips and Pages Book Club

Tue, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11 | 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 313 Pizza Bar 37 E Flint St, Lake Orion, MI 48362.

September: Punk 57 by Penelope Douglas

October: Bride by Ali Hazelwood

November: The Pumpkin Spice Café by Laurie Gilmore



Dine Drink and Discuss

Mon, Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 | 7 pm

Join us at Opa Food & Spirits, 600 S Lapeer, Lake Orion, for this monthly book discussion.

September: The Ministry of Time by Kaliane Bradley

October: The Jackal's Mistress by Chris Bohjalian

November: Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Thu, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20 | 1:30 pm

September: Brave the Wild River by Melissa Sevigny

October: Roald Dahl's Book of Ghost Stories by Roald Dahl

November: The Wedding People by Allison Espach

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

Tue, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11 | 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.



When Detroit Played the Numbers: Author Talk with Felicia George

Thu, Sep 16 | 7 pm

Join Felicia George, Professor of Anthropology from Wayne State University as she discusses her book "When Detroit Played the Numbers", the true story of how Detroit entrepreneurs created a thriving—if illegal—lottery system to support themselves and uplift their communities.



Learn Seed Saving

Wed, Sep 24 | 7 pm

Your plants are thriving—now it's time to think ahead! Discover how to collect, store, and preserve seeds for next year's garden with Melanie Fuhrmann, MSU Extension Educator. This session will cover seed-saving techniques, proper storage methods, and how to ensure strong, viable seeds for future planting.



Options in Senior Living

Mon, Sep 29 | 6:30 pm

When researching senior housing care for a spouse or loved one, it is important to understand the various types of options available. A local senior housing professional will explain different types of communities, what they typically offer, and how to best approach them for information.



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DIA Behind the Seen: Vogue

Wed, Oct 1 | 7 pm

The clothing you wear can say a lot about who you are. This talk explores costuming and adornment throughout time and discovers the many ways that personal, political and cultural identity is communicated through our clothing and body art. Presented by the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Cook the Book

Mon, Oct 6 | 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.

Title: The Complete Autumn and Winter Cookbook – America's Test Kitchen



Detroit Unseen

Mon, Oct 27 | 6:30 pm

Join us in welcoming urban explorer and photographer Bob Huston as he shares his Detroit Unseen photography project that spans more than 15 years of capturing Detroit's extraordinary ruins. No other city in America has experienced a level of decline in population and industry like Detroit. The consequences for the people, the culture, and the city were unprecedented, and Detroit was left with no other choice but to change. Detroit Unseen helps to capture and document these changes within a positive context.

TECH

**Computers 101**

Tue, Sep 16 | 3:30 pm

Struggling with a new computer? Come join us and learn all about computers from history to the different parts of a computer to how to connect your computer to your home internet.

**Malware, Spyware and Viruses**

Tue, Oct 21 | 3:30 pm

Back by popular demand and in celebration of Cyber Security Awareness Month, come learn about the dangers of malware and how to protect yourself and your private data against thieves who want to steal it.

**Android 101**

Wed, Nov 12 | 2:30 pm

Did you recently purchase a new Android device and are struggling to figure it out? Come join us for all things Android and get all of your questions answered! Patrons are encouraged to bring their own Android devices for a dedicated hour Q&A session.

ADULT PROGRAMS

**Ecuadorian Chocolate Tasting**

Wed, Oct 29 | 6:30 pm

From Mindo, Ecuador to Dexter, Michigan, Mindo is a cross-continental community cultivating unforgettable chocolate experiences. Experience the chocolate bean-to-bar difference!

**OTPL Library Feud...Live from 313 Pizza!**

Thu, Nov 13 | 6:30 pm | Register Online

Survey says... it's time for a night of laughs, competition, and cheesy pizza goodness! Grab your friends for a fast-paced round of Library Feud—our take on the classic game show. We'll be serving up trivia based on real survey answers, outrageous guesses, and lots of fun prizes. Enjoy great food, cold drinks, and a night out you won't forget! This program will be held at 313 Pizza 37 E. Flint St, Lake Orion, MI. A separate registration is required for each patron attending.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

**Oakland University School of Music Faculty Recital Series – Tian Tian, Piano**

Sun, Nov 23 | 2 pm

Join us for an afternoon of masterful piano playing with Oakland University Associate Professor of Piano, Tian Tian. 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.



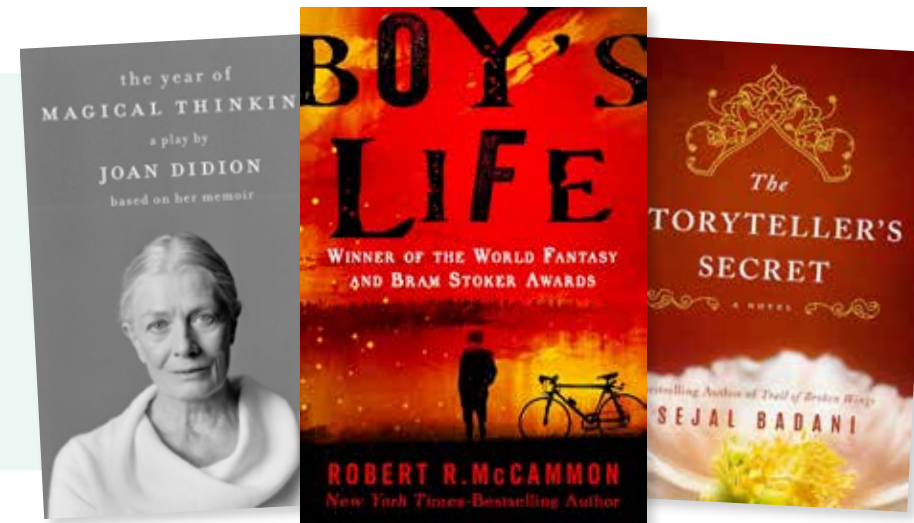
OUTREACH

Book BunchWednesdays, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12
James Ingram Room 1 pm

September 10th – The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion

October 8th – Boy's Life by Robert R. McCammon

November 12th – The Storyteller's Secret by Sejal Badoni

**Home Delivery Services**

Are you or someone you know unable to physically visit the library, even for a brief time? We offer delivery services for library books and audiobooks! Give us specific titles or let us know what you like, and we can introduce you to new favorites. Material is delivered either by car or through our Books by Mail program.

**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 September 3 and November 26.

Special Needs Adult Programming (SNAP)

Mon, Oct 27 | 12:30 pm

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

**Senior Social Hour**Fridays, Sep 12 & 26, Oct 10 & 24, Nov 14
James Ingram Room 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!



TEEN SERVICES

Grandparents Day Cafe—All Ages

Sat, Sep 13 | 11 am–12:30 pm
[Register Online](#)

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their grandparent(s)—or grandparent(s) can bring their grandkid(s)—for a morning filled with tea, treats, delightful crafts, and more. It’s a lovely way to share laughter, make memories, and enjoy a little bit of library magic with those who hold a special place in our hearts. Each guest—young and young at heart—should register separately. Fancy hats welcome!

Gals and Ghouls: Special Effects Makeup Workshop

Sun, Sep 14 | 2 - 3:30 pm | [Register online](#)

Are you ready for Halloween? Join us for a spine-tingling adventure into the world of special effects makeup with Gals & Ghouls! Whether you’re bringing your favorite character to life or crafting a show-stopping spooky look, you’ll learn how to create realistic wounds, scars, injuries, and even edible blood. Bring your ideas — they’ll bring the supplies. Come ready to create, experiment, and get creepy in this gory good time packed with fun, creativity, and killer costume skills!



Spooky Terrariums

Sat, Oct 4 | 1:30–2:30 pm | [Register Online](#)

Dare to craft your own cursed landscape? Build a haunted terrarium filled with sinister moss, crumbling tombstones, lurking skeletons, and ghostly details that bring your nightmare scene to life. Beware—what you create may stare back at you. All supplies provided... if you’re brave enough to join us.



GAP @ OTPL

Mondays | Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17
After school–4 pm
[Special Registration Required](#)

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.

YOUTH

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Surprise Entertainer

Fri, Oct 3 | 2 pm | Families

Be wowed and amazed at this surprise entertainer show from seasoned entertainers that is sure to amaze and inspire the audience!



Pizza and a Monster Movie – After Hours Event

Fri, Oct 10 | 5:15 pm | Families
[Register Online](#)

Enjoy a family night out with pizza and a family friendly Monster movie. You can register as a group, but please note how many people there are in the group.



Owl’s Fall Feast Fiasco

Fri, Nov 7 | 2pm | Families

Join us for a special family program featuring local author/illustrator duo Kristen Remenar and Matt Faulkner in celebration of their new book Owl’s Fall Feast Fiasco, a funny and relatable fall picture book about stereotypes, accepting differences, and friendship. After a reading of the book, there will be activities and an opportunity to get books signed. Books will be available for purchase.

YOUTH SERVICES

BABY, TODDLER, AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



Bilingual Storytime: Geschichten auf Deutsch und auf Englisch

Fri, Sep 5 | 11 am | Ages 0-7

Join us for a fun and interactive storytime where children and families can enjoy stories in both German and English! This bilingual session will feature engaging books, songs, and activities that help develop language skills in both languages. Komm und genieß Geschichten, Lieder, und Spaß in zwei Sprachen!

Bounce and Boogie

Saturdays | Sep 06, Oct 18, Nov 15
11 am | Ages 0-7

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



Big Lit

Tuesdays | 10 am | Sep 9 – Nov 11
Ages 0-5, No Limit
No Big Lit Nov 4

Join your OTPL librarians in this big, huge, and highly interactive program where we reenact stories, lead dances, and other early literacy fun for a bigger crowd!

Little Lit

Wednesdays & Thursdays
Sep 10 – Nov 20 | 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.

Pajama Storytime

Thursdays | Sep 18 & Oct 16 | 6:30 pm
Ages 3 - 2nd Grade

Grab your softest plushie, your best pajamas, your day full of stories, and join us for a wind-down adventure into bedtime with a nighttime-themed storytime.



Community Helpers Storytime: Firefighters

Fri, Oct 10 | 11 am | Ages 0-7

Join us for a special storytime and meet firefighters from the Orion Township Fire Department. We will read stories, dance, sing, and learn more about these special helpers in our community.



The Goodness of Homemade Baby Food

Fri, Oct 17 | 10 am | Ages 0-12 months
[Register online](#)

Learn how to make delicious and nutritious baby food from scratch. Recipes and food samples will be provided from a former parenting program staff member at Beaumont Hospital. This presentation will also include topics on food allergies and baby-led weaning. This program is for caregivers of infants from birth through one year, and infant toys will be available.

Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade!

Thu, Oct 30 | 10 am | Ages 0-7

Join all 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!



Din-o-mite Storytime

Tue, Nov 18 | 10 am | Ages 0-7

We will have a larger-than-life good time with Dinosaur themed storytime. Enjoy dino-themed stories, songs, and activities.

YOUTH SERVICES

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS



Glam & Glow

Sun, Sep 7 | 2 pm | Grades 3-8
[Register Online](#)

Join us for a dazzling hour of sparkle, creativity, and pampering! Come get your nails and hair styled by a professional and create fun DIY crafts to take home.



Doggone Readers

Tuesdays | Sep 09, Oct 07, Nov 11
 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm | Grades K-5
[Register Online](#)

Visit with one of our many 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.



Rather be Reading Book Club

Wednesdays | 2 pm | Grades 3-6

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:

Sep 17 – 13 Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths

Oct 15 – Ferris by Kate DiCamillo

Nov 19 – Great White Shark Scientist by Sy Montgomery



Book to Puzzle: Design Your Own

Sat, Sep 20 | 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, 3 pm
 Grades 3-8 | [Register Online](#)

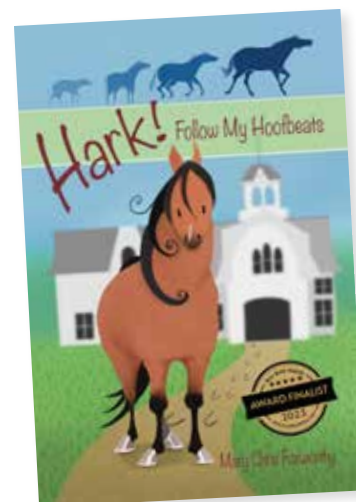
Have a favorite book? Now it can be a favorite puzzle too! We will learn to use the library's sublimation printer to create a unique puzzle designed by you.



Hark! Follow My Hoofbeats

Sat, Sep 27 | 10 am | Grades 3-6
[Register Online](#)

Come join us for an interactive presentation featuring Hark, a Morgan horse, and his passionate owners, Mary Chris and Martin! Participants will be given the opportunity to have hands-on activities with Hark as they travel back in time through history to understand horses' pivotal role in shaping civilization. Each child will receive a free copy of the book Hark! Follow My Hoofbeats and get a chance to take a picture with Hark the horse! Please bring a blanket or chair to sit outside. In the event of inclement weather, we will reschedule for a different day. This program is possible thanks to a generous grant from Four County Community Foundation.



Dragon Tales

Saturdays | Oct 11, Nov 8 | 11 am
 Grades K-3

Join us for a fun-filled hour of learning and creativity designed specifically for children in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Our Dragon Tales program is about exploring favorite stories with a short book discussion, a themed craft, and an engaging activity or game. No pre-reading is required! Register online.



Spooky STEAM

Sat, Oct 25 | 11 am | Grades K-5

Come and enjoy spooky themed activities that involve Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.



SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS



5th Grade Battle of the Books Kickoff

Thu, Nov 13 | 5:30 pm & 7 pm | 5th Grade

Register for Battle of the Books 2026 and find out more information including how to form teams, who can mentor, new 2026 activities, and more. Our 2026 featured author will also be revealed!



Kindergarten Library Card Party

Sat, Nov 22 | 11 am | Grade K
[Register Online](#)

Designed just for kindergarten students. Come enjoy activities and crafts and learn a little about the resources available to you in the library.

Prehistoric Party

Wed, Nov 26 | 11 am | Grades K-5

Do you want to party like a dinosaur? Then join us for this Jurassic Age Bash with all sorts of dinosaur fun.



Dessert Doughnut Lab

Sat, Nov 29 | 2 pm | Grades K-5
[Register Online](#)

You know the traditional doughnut, but in the doughnut lab we will transform traditional doughnuts into other tasty treats.



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The Friends of the Orion Township Public Library honored Sally Pelletier and Mary Painter for volunteering with the Friends for over 25 years. Sally and Mary are often found in the back room of the library sorting donated books for the Friends gently used book sales. In addition, Sally and Mary have helped with book sale set up and stocking the Twice-Told Tales book store in the library. The money that is raised through the Friends book sales and book store help pay for needed library resources and programming. If you would like to volunteer with Friends please send an email to: friends@orionlibrary.org.

2025 FRIENDS HOLIDAY BASKET SILENT AUCTION

BASKETS WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR BIDS
AT THE ORION TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

11/1/25 - 11/22/25

BIDDING WILL END AT NOON ON 11/22/25



Fall Gently Used Book Sale

September 23-27

Pre-Sale for Teachers Only:

Monday, Sep 22, 5:30-8:30 pm

*Must present valid teacher ID

Pre-Sale for Friends' Members:

Tuesday, Sep 23, 10 am-4 pm

General Sale

Tuesday, 4:30-8:30 pm

Wednesday, 10 am-8:30 pm

Thursday, 10 am-8:30 pm

Friday, 10 am-4:30 pm

\$5 Bag Day

Saturday, 9:30 am-1:30 pm



Help Orion Township Fight Invasive Phragmites Protecting Our Natural Spaces—One Reed at a Time

Phragmites australis—commonly known as common reed—may look like harmless tall grass, but it's one of Michigan's most destructive invasive plants. These non-native reeds form dense stands that rapidly overtake wetlands, shorelines, roadside ditches, and even dry uplands. Once established, they choke out native plant life, clog drainage systems, reduce wildlife habitat, obstruct scenic views, and can significantly lower property values.

What makes Phragmites especially problematic is that nearly 70% of the plant exists underground, in a thick mat of rhizomes that can spread unseen for dozens of feet. These underground root systems make Phragmites difficult and expensive to control—especially once a large infestation has taken hold.

Orion Township is Taking a Stand

Since 2013, Orion Township has led a proactive, science-based approach to controlling Phragmites on Township-owned properties and public lands. Through coordinated efforts with neighboring communities and environmental experts, the Township has built a regional strategy to address this invasive threat before it becomes unmanageable.

We Can't Do It Alone

Private property owners, homeowners associations (HOAs), and local businesses are strongly encouraged to participate. To make this as easy as possible, the Township offers a **no-obligation consultation and cost estimate** for treatment. Here's how it works:

1. Property owners contact Orion Township to request a free site review.
2. The Township handles all the details—permitting, selecting certified contractors, and scheduling treatment.
3. Owners are responsible only for the direct cost of treatment—there are no administrative or overhead fees.

This collaborative approach maximizes efficiency, ensures ecological consistency across the region, and reduces overall costs for everyone involved.

A Broader Commitment to Native Habitats

The fight against Phragmites is just one part of a larger environmental stewardship effort in Orion Township. The Parks & Recreation Department is investing in long-term ecological restoration by:

- ▶ Developing future **native prairie habitats** at Township Hall and Friendship Park
- ▶ Expanding and maintaining **native plantings** in key park spaces, including Heritage Park
- ▶ Leading ongoing **invasive species removal** projects, especially at Friendship Park and Camp Agawam

These efforts help restore balance to our natural ecosystems, support pollinators, improve stormwater filtration, and create healthier outdoor spaces for residents and wildlife alike.

Be Part of the Solution

By taking action today, we can preserve Orion's rich ecological heritage and ensure our woodlands, wetlands, and green spaces thrive for future generations. Whether you're a homeowner, a lakefront property owner, or part of an HOA, your involvement makes a difference.

Learn More or Request a Free Estimate

Visit orionparks.com or contact

Conner Reiter at creiter@oriontownship.org

Together, let's reclaim our natural landscapes—starting right here in Orion Township.

From Far Away to Right at Home: How LOCS' ELD Helps Multilingual Families Thrive



When the Kuerschner family moved to Orion Township in the spring of 2023, they were facing many new experiences. A new house. A new community. A new state and country. A new school. And, most of all, a new language.

While Alex Kuerschner moved his family (wife Julia, 6-year-old son Johann, and 4-year-old daughter Hanna) to Orion for his new job at Volkswagen, he was confident his English skills would improve rapidly being in the American work environment.

Their adjustment? He realized quickly it would take a bit more time even though the students were enrolled in a nearby private school.

“The first 2-3 months, I had three crying people every night,” Alex said, replaying his arrival home from work. “Both kids, including my wife, were so unhappy. Especially the kids. They told me that it’s so stupid, because we don’t understand these guys, right? They don’t understand us, so nobody plays with us. We’re completely isolated.”

The family made the decision that immersion was the best practice, and, in the fall, they placed Johann into Lake Orion Community Schools for the 2023-24 school year.

Volkswagen offered the family a language coach for an hour a week, but they believe the greatest impact came through LOCS and the English Language Development program.

Encouraged by teachers, Johann was quickly accepted by classmates even as they communicated with hand gestures.

His English took off in the program and quickly he found a community of other non-English speakers, realizing there were others like him. He would go home and help his family’s English and by Christmas, he was fluent in English.

A year later, Hanna joined him in LOCS as a Kindergartener.

“The kids were pushing each other and at, one point in time, when our kids played together in our house, they suddenly spoke English to each other,” Alex said. “We try to still speak German

with them, because we think they should keep their German heritage, too.”

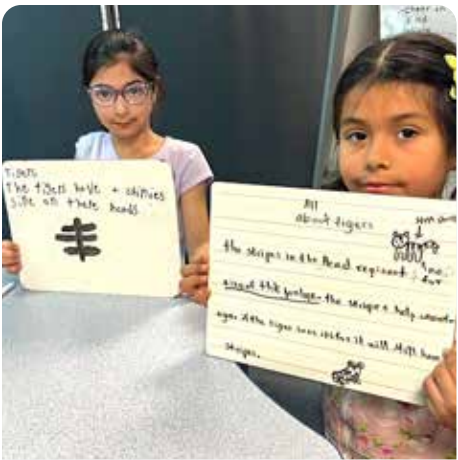
It evolved from a mix of German and English then to more English than German and now...

“Nowadays it’s like my little one, especially Hannah, is there’s no German accent at all, like nothing,” Alex said.

Given the way it began just 2 ½ years ago, Alex and Julia are glad for the change, if only because the house is all smiles and laughter now, and the early tears a distant memory.

Their credit goes to LOCS and the English Language Development Program (previously called English as a Second Language.)

“Our program supports each multilingual Dragon’s English development, allowing the student to access and engage with their grade-level standards and curriculum,” said Liz Slusher, LOCS’ ELD program coordinator. “Then to succeed in career and college pathways, while positively contributing to our society and community,” she said.



English Learner Program

The Kuerschner family is just one of many who benefit from LOCS’ support of non-English speaking students. But that extensive support is a more recent development.

In the past four years under the previous leadership of coordinator Carol Burke, the department has expanded rapidly to meet the needs of the Dragon community.

When she took over, the program was small with just five teachers and one coordinator attempting to service 264 English Language Learners (the term at the time) across the district’s 11 schools.

Trying to support all those students — each with their own varied background and limited connection to the program — was overwhelming.

Yet, the attention grew and the focus to help the students.

Slowly, the needs were identified and targeted, expanding to nine teachers, one ELD Instructional Aide, one family liaison, and one coordinator.

That reflected the population, which has 338 active language learners and 131 formerly in the program still being assisted and monitored as necessary to maintain their success in the district.

“Carol Burke has done a phenomenal job with the department of leading them collectively towards common goals, for helping kids, professionally developed with a lot of great info for them, staying up to date on all the state guidelines, all

the requirements,” said Drew Towler, the LOCS Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning. “She’s taken this very nuanced program, and really filtered it down to be very direct, to support the students, to support families, to support the staff.”

“While it’s growing numbers wise -- we really exploded — it doesn’t feel like it’s growing too fast or growing out of control. It’s growing at a pace where Carol and her team has stayed right there and partnered with families to really work in lockstep to move forward together.”

With Burke’s retirement, the transition to Liz Slusher as program coordinator is ideal to take the program to the next level.

Slusher is an ideal candidate having spent her career as an elementary teacher, including Kindergarten at Stadium Drive since coming to LOCS in 2022.

Over the past few years, a few EL students have passed through her class, providing her hands-on experience seeing the adjustment at the earliest school stage.

“It’s exciting to see the diverse cultures and traditions students bring to the classroom,” she said. “This creates a special, authentic learning environment where kids can share what matters to them, and everyone grows in empathy and understanding.”

Just this past year, when she was still in the classroom, Slusher had a student who arrived in late October and has little confidence, mostly just nodding yes or no.

But the students embraced her and began playing with her in the dollhouse and kitchen area, even without the common language.

“It was amazing to see how the children naturally found non-verbal ways to communicate and play with her, quickly building true friendships with their new classmate!” Slusher said.

Services

The student academic support program looks different at each level.

In elementary, the school ELD teachers will pull the Multilingual Learners (MLLs) out in small groups or individually at times for targeted instruction: listening, reading, writing and speaking.

At other times, the staff members also spend time in the general classroom, reacting to the lesson and breaking it down for the EL students.

With 1-2 teachers in each building, depending on the population, the adjust to their students and the levels.

There is no set curriculum, just state standards that exist to meet to base the instruction.

The challenge for the EL teachers and the classroom teachers is that the EL teachers can’t be everywhere all the time. They’re constantly bouncing from place to place.

In their absence, the classroom teachers have used an app called “Talking Points” on their phone to help bridge the gap to their EL students and communicate while the English skills are still developing.

“Over the past 10 years, we’ve become more the forefront and people know about us,” said Melissa Ostertag, an ELD teacher in LOCS since 2015 who has worked in multiple LOCS buildings. “People are more aware of the ELD program and the EL population.”

One of the department goals for the upcoming school year is to ensure our general education teachers feel empowered to support our MLLs with the most up to date strategies. These best practices can be embedded into their current lessons to support English language acquisition within the classroom setting. These strategies are best practices for all learners.

Part of the EL program standards involve state-mandated language proficiency WIDA testing, assessing the level of the EL students’ listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. They are testing in the four domains to see if they still need services and to monitor their progress.

“Usually we have an idea, but it’s a snapshot,” Ostertag said. “At least it’s some tracking from year to year how the students (advance) and we can see they’re doing great.”

Amadeo Marichalar and his wife moved to Lake Orion from Mexico nearly 10 years ago and his daughters were young. They were both born in the United States but still only spoke Spanish when they were young.

Alana began in an early childhood program but that only added a little bit of support. Once she landed at Stadium Drive Elementary in the EL program, her language took off. Amadeo and his wife were concerned because Alana was shy. They were told she would get special learning with other international students.

“That helped a lot not only because of the learning, but also for making her aware that she was not the only kid (learning English),” he said. “They were being pulled, like in groups of four or groups of three ... So she felt that she was not alone on this and she also was able to create, like a link or friendship with these kids, that they felt like a they have something in common.

Eventually she was getting the English, and now she speaks better than us, so she’s still going.

At the middle and high school level, students with cell phones are more able to interact through translation apps and



connecting with their peers and staff. But the academic work and concepts are more challenging so the EL teachers play a less social and more academic role.

At Lake Orion High School, the robust international student program which brings dozens of students from around the world into the school for the year, introduces students with limited English as well, helping the residents have others for connection.

Family connections

The other underrated part of the program are the family connections. LOCS family liaison Erandy Pacheco is the key to that part of the program, helping families with access to resources in the district (set up on the student information system, school

communication accounts and the district translation service), translating from Spanish in meetings with teachers and principals and all the unseen cultural differences with school.

In recent years, that has also meant planning a few events/gatherings during the year for families to meet staff and each other for family connections outside of school.

“I hope the department will continue creating opportunities for the families to meet,” Pacheco said. “They come here as a new family and leave all their support and networks in their home countries. It is important for them to get to know each other. Through the little meetings, they realize they are neighbors. Walking kids to their bus stop. Start creating a network and supporting each other and the children.”

Having someone like Pacheco, herself an immigrant who is bilingual, creates a trust component as well as she can reassure them and explain when things arise that they didn’t expect or understand (Dr. Seuss dress up day or Valentine’s Day for example.)

Helping families with community resources is another part of her role that is valuable.

“The district is also very interested in making them get to know more about our community in Lake Orion, something as simple as a visit to the library,” Pacheco said. “Usually public libraries in other countries (have less.) We have so many services, and there are many things they can get out of the libraries. They say ‘wow I can get all that through the library, like a hot spot? They can make buttons. Things they would not even think of and not know until they are introduced.

“Families tell us what they need.”

Overall Program

While the program continues to grow, the most important part is the district’s embrace of these students and their families as part of the LOCS community, providing the EL students with the best education available.

“We have a growing number of families, and with that, each of those needs is very individual and a little bit different, so that can vary by level, elementary, middle, high school, varies by family, varies by student,” Towlerton said. “But our team, our entire EL team, has done a really nice job of putting a holistic program together, but then really having the skills and resources to drill down individually to meet each kid’s needs.”



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LOCS November 2025 Bond Proposal

On November 4, 2025, Lake Orion Community Schools voters will be presented with a bond ballot proposal that, if approved, would allow the district to level up facilities, equipping Dragons at every level for next opportunities.

A bond is the primary funding mechanism that public schools can use to make significant facility improvements, protecting the general budget for operating expenses.

In this proposed bond, LOCS is working to understand community priorities, putting forth a proposal that will lower the tax rate by 0.49 mills for each resident and generate \$272 million for capital improvements across the district.

Lake Orion High School: The nearly 30-year-old high school is the heart of our district and the centerpiece of the bond proposal. The bond would provide facility renovations to prioritize improvements that every student would have the opportunity to experience:

- ▶ A CTE/STEM-focused wing with modern facilities to support students on all career paths with a focus on Architecture, Engineering, Robotics, Health Sciences, Cybersecurity, and the Auto Shop
- ▶ Renovating music spaces, modernizing the auditorium, replacing instruments and adding storage, improving the baseball and softball fields, and expanding the weight room
- ▶ Parking and transportation pavement updates, enhancing safety for students, staff and visitors

PHASES: The PHASES program would have a new home in the Community Education Resource Center building and is scheduled for a modern, program-designed space appropriate for its students: 18-26 year-old adults with disabilities. This would include a secure entrance similar to the other district facilities.

Middle Schools: The LOCS middle schools would have an enhanced robotics program, providing more hands-on learning and dedicated spaces for their program as well as outdoor spaces for students to learn in unique way, taking advantage of today’s learning practices.

Elementary Schools: The buildings would receive site improvements with some having a reconfiguration to better suit the student population and updating the small, limiting spaces.

Transportation: Updating the district’s bus fleet is essential on a regular basis and the bond will allow for those updates without sacrificing student learning in the process.

In 2018, our community supported a bond that provided Blanche Sims Elementary and Early Childhood students with appropriate facilities as well as providing significant safety and security updates in every district school facility. The 2025 bond would allow us to take our facilities to a new level.

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