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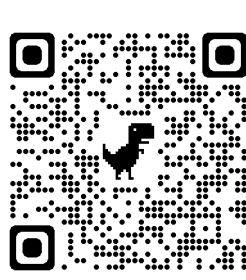
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Lighted Boat Parade 2023

Lake Orion Lake Association (LOLA) is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Lighted Boat Parade. The famous Lake Orion Lighted Boat Parade took place on Friday, August 25th starting at Green's Park. LOLA has organized and sponsored the boat parade as part of the Lake Orion Dragon on the Lake weekend since 2010. Winners this year are 1st place Pirate Boat led by Kathy & Rick VandenBoom, 2nd place Dragon in Paradise led by John & Mary Richardson and Mike & Karen Frontera, 3rd place Camping Under the Stars led by Mary Matthews with Brain, Mary, and Sloane, and honorable mention Christmas in July led by Dan Suiter and the animal planet. The Lighted Boat Parade is a "free" event but you must be registered in order to win. There is no cost to enter. Registered entries will be assigned a unique number which is displayed on the side of your boat for identification as a Lighted Boat Parade entry. The judges use the assigned number to uniquely identify your boat for the scoring process. The judges only can score boats with an assigned entry number. The judges do not know the participants names. LOLA wants to thank all the participants this year, as well as our sponsors Ray-Cs Extreme, Mr. C's Car Wash, Rick's on the Lake, and Creative Embroidery. For more information, visit our website www.lolainfo.org.

Water Quality - LOLA Seasonal Water Samples Submitted To EGLE

LOLA has been enrolled for many years with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), where the mission is to network and expand volunteer water quality monitoring organizations statewide for the purpose of collecting, sharing and using reliable data; educate and inform the public about water quality issues; and foster water resources stewardship to facilitate the preservation and protection of Michigan's water resources. Lake Orion is classified as a healthy medium-sized mesotrophic inland lake, with an area of 506 acres. It has a maximum depth of 80 feet and an average depth of 16 feet.

Funding necessary for the equipment and supplies needed is provided through LOLA annual membership dues and donations. We currently monitor the lake throughout the Spring and Summer months, starting in May. We take a series of measurements and water samples found below:

Spring and late Summer Phosphorus samples (Samples collected within 2 weeks of ice-off and late September)

Phosphorus is an essential nutrient for algae and plant growth. Summer total phosphorus is used to estimate your lake's productivity (trophic status) – Oligotrophic, mesotrophic, or eutrophic

Secchi Disk (measurements taken Bi-weekly)

A Secchi disk is a simple tool that measures water transparency/clarity. Consistent Secchi disk transparency measurements are a useful indicator of lake quality changes and trends.

Chlorophyll samples (Water samples taken once a month in conjunction with Secchi Disk)

Chlorophyll is a measure of the amount of algae growing in your lake. Chlorophyll measurements help determine the productivity (trophic status) of your lake– Oligotrophic, mesotrophic, or eutrophic.

Volunteer opportunities are available!

For more information please visit www.micorps.net or email marinemike07@gmail.com

We look forward to 2024!

Membership - 2023 LOLA Membership at 134; Upcoming 2024 Drive

The Lake Orion Lake Association (LOLA) is a voluntary non-profit organization and has been serving the lake community of Lake Orion continuously since 1977. The association was formed in 1977 following a surprise announcement by the DNR to expand the DNR public access on Indianwood Road to over one-hundred car/trailer parking spaces. LOLA was successful in working with the DNR to reduce the number of car/trailer parking spaces to thirty-eight. Since then, we have had several successes including the creation of the No-Wake buoy program, working with the Township for funding the Sheriff Department Marine Division patrols, continued water quality monitoring and testing and establishing a seven-year Special Assessment District (SAD) in 2015 for lake-wide weed management program and approval of SAD #2 that will provide weed management for the next ten years. LOLA has been successful with working with the Mocerri team to minimize lake use density with their three-phase apartment/business projects. These successes would not be possible without the continued financial support of lake residents who are members of LOLA and member donations. Currently, LOLA has 134 members and has received over \$2500 in donations. LOLA will be launching a renewed effort this Spring to promote the importance of being a LOLA member. You can be part of LOLA and help with key issues on the lake including over-crowding, education of boaters on safe boating practices, and being a responsible boater. Having an effective lake association is paramount to being able to preserve our lake community. The continued support from our lake community is appreciated. You can join LOLA by visiting our website at www.lolainfo.org

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