

# LOLA NEWSLETTER

Lake Orion Lake Association

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### IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



**Tonino Zaccagnini**  
**September 9, 1967—June 16, 2023**

In loving memory of Tonino Zaccagnini of Victoria Island, a cherished and loved member of our lake community whose presence brought joy to all. May this dedication serve as a tribute to our love we shared and the love we have always had for our beautiful community of Lake Orion. May his memory live on in the beautiful sunsets, gentle waves and shared moments of camaraderie among neighbors. Though he may be gone, his legacy of kindness and friendship will continue to enrich the lives of our amazing community for generations to come.

Love Always and Forever, Kelly

We would like to thank Kelly Kubek for her generous donation to LOLA in memory of Tonino. Her donation will be used over the next five years to offset the cost of maintenance and deployment of the 17 no-wake buoys on Lake Orion.

## LOLA Annual Membership Meeting Scheduled:

- Thursday June 13th, 6:30-8:30pm
- Orion Township Offices located at 2323 Joslyn Rd.
- Agenda:



### June 13, 2024 LOLA General Membership Meeting Agenda

#### Opening Remarks:

2023 Accomplishments & 2024 Priorities: George Dandalides

#### Reports:

Treasurers Report: Richard Benoit

Water Quality: Mike Keller

Effect of High Energy Wake on Shoreline Erosion and Sediment: George Dandalides

"Keyholing"; Non-Permitted Rental of Seasonal Dock Space: Dan Nelson

#### Guest Speakers:

Enforcement – Pros and Cons: Mike Gingell (Oakland County Commissioner)

Annual Weed Control Program: Steve Hanson (PLM Lake & Land Management Corp)

#### Election of Officers

#### Open Q&A

#### Closing Remarks:

A Look Ahead in 2024 & 2025: Dino Serraiocco

## You Asked-LOLA Response to Member Question:

The following question was asked by one of our LOLA members:

*"Other than the buoy program, what else does LOLA do to protect the lake? (example: Control of boats illegally being kept by non-residence on the lake.)"*

Thanks for being a LOLA member and taking the time to ask about what LOLA does in the message box on your membership form. You mentioned the buoy program in your note, so I know you're familiar with that activity. You also mentioned concern for boats being illegally kept by non-residents on the lake. Let me first respond to that concern. We've been working with our local DNR conservation officer on the "keyholing". We were told that if we identified suspected non-resident docking, he would investigate. This has not been successful to date. We have a new DNR conservation officer beginning this season, and we will again take this up with him. We have been told that lake residents can report this directly to the DNR by using the Report all Poaching link on the DNR website. In addition, we (the LOLA board) met with the Lake Orion Village Manager Darwin McClary and Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett on April 5 of last year to address this concern specifically. We prepared and presented ordinance changes that would help enable enforcement. Although we weren't specifically turned down, it was clear roadblocks exist that we'll continue to work. I've attached the presentation we made at that meeting for reference. We intend to continue working this issue, recognizing this is an uphill battle. For more information, see <https://lolainfo.org/lake-orion-dock-rental-concern/>

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we have also met with our local law enforcement officials expressing our lake overcrowding concerns and overall safety. We left that meeting with several follow-ups that we're working on this boating season.

Another important LOLA function are the multiple lake water samples taken during the season. These samples are then submitted to the Michigan DNR and analyzed, with results posted on the DNR website with many of the other Michigan inland lakes. For additional info, see <https://lolainfo.org/testing-results/>

There are also the activities we either organize or support associated with the annual Dragon On The Lake weekend. We organize and run the Lighted Boat Parade on Friday night of that weekend, and we support the races with safety patrol boats at the racecourse on both race days. See <https://lolainfo.org/news-events/> event-dragon/

One of our goals last year and again this year is trying to build membership. There are over 800 lakefront properties on the lake, and our membership last year was only around 150. We are aggressively trying to build that number. As you can imagine, when we approach the Village Council or the Township Board about an issue (such as illegal docks), we don't carry the same clout with 150 members out of 800 as we would with 800 out of 800 members. For additional membership info, see <https://lolainfo.org/membership/>

Again, thanks or your support and concerns.

George Dandalides  
President, Lake Orion Lake Association

## BOATER SAFETY CLASS

Date: Saturday, June 29, 2024

Time: 10am to 4pm

Location: Orion Twp Library

PRESENTED BY: OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF & LAKE ORION LAKE ASSOCIATION



**FREE ADMISSION**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



### REGISTRATION

STUDENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER ONLINE

<https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events/7138>

It is encouraged that each student register with their own unique email address. By using their own email address this will allow them to retrieve their Boating Safety Certificate in the DNR elicense system if they need a replacement copy.

### WHO NEEDS BOATER SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Boat - Everyone born after June 30, 1996



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### **2023/2024 LOLA Board:**

George Dandalides-Pres

Chris Brouwer-Past Pres

Dan Nelson-Secretary

Michael Kellar-Director

Amy Michalyszyn-Director

Jerry Richards-Director

Richard Benoit-Treasurer

Dino Serraiocco-Pres Elect

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Tom Patterson-Director