



LOLA 2024 Initiatives

- LAUNCHED A NEW WEBSITE
- DONATED AND SUPPLY VILLAGE POLICE WITH NEW SAFETY EQUIPMENT
- HOSTED 65 PARTICIPANTS IN BOATER SAFETY CLASSES, 90% WERE TEENAGERS
- CONTINUES TO WORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TO OVERSEE DEVELOPMENT THAT IMPACTS THE LAKE.
- LOLA CONTINUES TO ACT AS THE INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE DNR AND THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES SUCH AS PUBLIC LAUNCHES AND DOCK/MARINA PERMITS.
- REPLACED A GOOD PORTION OF BUOYS

Lighted Boat Parade 2024!

OUR ANNUAL LIGHTED BOAT PARADE HAS BECOME A VERY POPULAR AND HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED EVENT FOR LAKEFRONT OWNERS AND THEIR GUESTS. THE FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON BOAT WILL LEAD THE PARADE STARTING IN GREEN'S PARK AND CIRCLE THE ENTIRE LAKE. PARTICIPATING BOATS WILL BE COMPETING FOR CASH PRIZES AND LAKE BRAGGING RIGHTS.

1ST PLACE- \$300

2ND PLACE-\$150

3RD PLACE-\$50

THE 2024 DATE FOR OUR PARADE IS AUGUST 23, WITH AN 8:30PM KICKOFF.

TO GET INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION PLEASE VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](https://www.lolainfo.org)

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IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS- ALGAE

We have gotten several comments and questions this spring about algae growth this season. We asked our contact at PLM Lake and Land Management (our lake-wide weed management supplier) to provide some insight so we could address in a more detailed and specific way. The following is his response to your questions:

“Algae is a natural part of our lakes, ponds and rivers. It provides nourishment for zooplankton and other aquatic invertebrates, which are preyed upon by larval and juvenile fish, thus forming the base of the aquatic foodweb. Like most plant life, the key ingredients for growth are nutrients and sunlight. Increasing sunlight, water temperature or available nutrients can cause algal blooms, which commonly collect along the shore and are the basis for most of the resident’s complaints. Lack of winter ice, an early spring and increased water temperatures have all contributed to the increase in recent algae growth.”

“Although unsightly, most algal blooms are not harmful and are relatively short lived. They can seemingly appear overnight and be gone just as quickly following rain events or changing weather patterns or wind direction.”

“From a management perspective, algae can be challenging to control for several reasons. First of all, algae can grow anywhere within the waterbody and can be moved around the lake by wind or water currents. Under the conditions of most EGLE Aquatic Nuisance Control permits, the area that can be treated for algae is a relatively small percentage of the total lake area. In Lake Orion for example, new permit conditions are in effect during the 2024 and future seasons. Currently, we are only allowed to treat up to 25% of the lake area that is capable of growing aquatic plants (up to 10 feet in depth), and only 12.8% of the total lake area during May & June. We are also not allowed to use copper sulfate in May or June, which is the best and most cost-effective herbicide for common algae problems.”

“Second, there is no preemergent treatment for algae. There is nothing that can be applied to the water that will prevent algae from growing and collecting in shoreline areas if conditions are favorable for it. Treatment will only control the algae that is present at that time, and that the herbicide comes in direct contact with. With the limited treatment area and choice of algaecides we are allowed, we will do our best to manage the nuisance algae conditions you are experiencing and are expected to see over the next week with the forecasted heatwave.”