

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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6 Candidates for VILLAGE COUNCIL

THREE 4-year terms (three highest vote totals) and ONE 2-year term (fourth highest vote total)

<p>CANDIDATES for VILLAGE COUNCIL</p> <p>THREE 4-year terms and ONE 2-year term <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</p> <p>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</p> <p>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>MICHAEL J. LAMB 450 N. North Shore Dr. Lake Orion, MI 48362</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>SARAH H. LUCHSINGER 568 Longpointe Dr. Lake Orion, MI 48362</p>	<p>I graduated from Michigan State University with a BA in Political Science, Pre-Law. Following undergrad, I attended Michigan State University College of Law, graduating in 2012. Between 2012-2018, I practiced law and worked as a project manager for a national healthcare corporation. In 2018, I opened a brick and mortar shop in Downtown Lake Orion (Sarah's Bath Boutique). Since working Downtown and becoming more involved in our community, I have come to understand the large number of issues our Village Council has to make decisions on and the gravity of those decisions on the lives of our residents and businesses. I also see the areas where our Village Council can improve its decision-making process. I bring a unique skill set to the table, including but not limited to effective communication, organization and objectivity.</p>	<p>1) Communication: There needs to be effective, consistent communication between the Village Council, the residents and businesses in order to encourage community participation in important decisions.</p> <p>2) Promoting our Downtown, Parks & Rec, and Businesses: The Village of Lake Orion has a lot to offer. Our Downtown is quaint, has a variety of shops, restaurants, and professional services. Our parks and trails are great places to play, exercise, and meet friends. That said, we lack some essential things that assist with promoting our downtown and encouraging economic growth, including parking and public restrooms.</p> <p>3) Infrastructure: Our roads, our water mains, our sidewalks, etc. all need attention. Yet, projects to address these have consistently come in over budget or are underfunded from the beginning. There needs to be better budget planning and more resources allocated to emergency funds in order to ensure that the projects we start will get finished.</p>

VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION (Continued)

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BRADLEY E. MATHISEN 80 Florence St. Lake Orion, MI 48362	I grew up in Clarkston and had relatives that lived in Lake Orion for many years. I've been a Village resident for 30 years and want to give back to the community. I come from a building trades background, where I held numerous positions such as estimator, project superintendent, and project manager for numerous jobs. I believe that my time as a project superintendent and manager has helped me to focus and keep things within budget and to be organized. As a current village councilmember, I have believe in balanced budgets and treat each issue with fairness and objectivity.	The top 3 issues I believe are Infrastructure, roads and the budget. I want to see the infrastructure and roads improved without raising taxes or utility rates by taking advantage of grants and would go after the allocations that Lansing has for local governments. I would as I've done in the past 6 years as a councilmember continue to scrutinize the budget and do away with unnecessary expenditures, all the while providing the services village residents expect without raising taxes.
JERRY NARSH 433 E. Shadbolt St. Lake Orion, MI 48362	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
KENNETH W. VANPORTFLIET 152 S. Andrews St. Lake Orion, MI 48362	32 year resident. Small business owner. Village governance for 20 years including: Village Council, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority board, Board of Zoning Appeals, Southeast Council Michigan of Governments (SEMCOG). I do in-depth research of grant funding via SEMCOG, MML and county/state resources. I also contact similar-sized communities for their solutions,	1) Fiscal responsibility and finding funding to reduce taxpayer burden. I expect reduced state revenue that will greatly affect our bottom line. I will continue to draw on historical experience and a well-developed network of resources to find solutions that are acceptable and readily agreeable to the community at large. 2) Recognition of the need for a diverse community. 3) Maintenance of our historic heritage while embracing progressive and sensitive development.
LEIGH STEPHEN WILSON 74 Highland Ave. Lake Orion, MI 48362	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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