

The Village News

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

April 2024

TBD	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Tuesday, April 2	7:00 am - 8:00 pm	Spring Election
Monday, April 8	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, April 15	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, April 22	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*

May 2024

Saturday, May 4	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Dumpster available at woodlot every Saturday through May
Monday, May 6	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, May 13	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, May 20	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
TBD		Architectural Control Board*
Monday, May 27	ALL DAY	Village Hall Closed

June 2024

Monday, June 3	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, June 10	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, June 17	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, June 24	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*
***TBD	TBD	Open Book with Assessor
***Thursday, July 4	Dusk	Fireworks on the lake

*if needed

Note: All meetings are open to the public. Special meetings may be called as necessary.

All meetings are subject to change. Please check with the Village Hall or refer to the meeting notices that may be published in the Oconomowoc Focus, posted at the three posting locations, or on the Village Website.

Letter from the President

*President Bickler asked Paul Fischer to write the letter this quarter.

The Village will be selling, by public auction, two interior lots in the LaLumiere subdivision. The north lot is 2.3 acres with a separate out lot with 68 feet of frontage on the recently dredged main channel. The south lot is 1.46 acres with a separate out lot with 55 feet of frontage on the main channel. Both main lots have frontage on secondary channels which are navigable by canoe or kayak. The main channel is now fully navigable as it has been dredged to a 5-foot depth.

The lots will be listed on MLS starting this week. Once on MLS, they will appear on real estate websites including Realtor.com and Zillow. The live and on-line auction will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, May 11th. Further information is available at The Real Estate Company, Lake & Country, Inc.; www.billminette.com or call (262) 569-4800.

History Committee News

Chester/Read Historical Presentation

SAVE the DATE! The Village History Committee is excited to announce that our next Village historical presentation will be the Chester/Read Family and Estate. The Chester/Read Family have been long time residents of Oconomowoc Lake and certainly have much history to share. The presentation will be given by members of the family at the Oconomowoc Lake Club in the 3rd floor ballroom on Sunday **June 23, 2024 from 1-3pm.** Please join us to learn more history about our beautiful Village of Oconomowoc Lake.

As a preview, you may stop by the Village Hall to see the Chester/Read display History Committee Member, Amy Zea put up recently.

Election Information

The Spring Election will be held on April 2, 2024 at the Village Hall. Election Day polling hours are from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Ballot information is available online at www.myvote.wi.gov and sample ballots will be available in the Village Hall.

To vote absentee, please visit the MyVote website to request a ballot by mail. You may also vote absentee in person at the Village Hall during normal office hours **beginning Tuesday, March 19 through Good Friday, March 29, 8 am – 2 pm** or by appointment.

If you have any election questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact the Village Clerk at the Village Hall or via email at clerk@oconlakewi.gov

At the MyVote Wisconsin website you can do any of the following:

- Register to vote
- Check your voter registration status
- Find your polling place
- See a sample ballot
- Request an absentee ballot



If you have any questions regarding the MyVote website; contact the Wisconsin Election Commission by email at: elections.wi.gov or by phone at: 1-866-VOTE-WIS

www.myvote.wi.gov



2024 Dog Licenses

The Village requires that all dogs be licensed as per Wis. State Statute 95.21(2)(a). **The deadline for registration of your dog is March 31, 2024.** If your dog is found to be unlicensed, you may receive a citation.

The fee for dogs that are neutered or spayed is \$15.00. Dogs that are not neutered or spayed are \$17.00 pursuant to Wis. State Statute 174.05.

**There is a \$5.00 late fee for dog licenses purchased after March 31, 2024.

VILLAGE WOODLOT

The warm winter temps have everyone doing spring cleanup early this year and we tentatively plan to open on April 2nd from 2-5 p.m. **Call the office to confirm** open hours for disposal of leaves, grass clippings and brush. (Leaves and grass clippings are hauled out, so they must be kept separate from the brush.)

Please unload your leaves and grass clippings on the leaf pile.

A **dumpster will be available Saturdays** during the month of May for Village residents at the woodlot. An attendant will be available to assist you. Items that may be dumped include, but are not limited to: large items, boards, lumber, pipe, fencing & carpeting.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT TIRES, ELECTRONICS OR ANY HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS IN THE DUMPSTER

BOATER SAFETY CLASS

Wisconsin law requires those over 12 years of age, born on or after January 1, 1989, and operating a motorboat or PWC to pass a boater safety course and to carry a boater education card.

Boater safety classes approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources are available online at: www.boat-ed.com/wisconsin OR www.boaterexam.com/usa/wisconsin.



OCONOMOWOC LAKE BOATING REGULATIONS

SPEED LIMIT

- Night: 10 mph or less, one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
- Must be at a low rate of speed (“Slow, No Wake”) when within 150 feet of shoreline, person, raft, diving flag, sailboat, canoe, rowboat, stationary motor boat or bridge.

WATER SKIING

- Skier must be 150 feet away from any swimmer, canoe, rowboat, sailboat, non-operating sailboat, raft or pier.
- Prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- Personal Watercraft are classified as Class A (less than 16 feet in length) inboard boats.
- Operators must adhere to above speed limit regulations in addition to the following:
 - No person may operate a personal watercraft equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard without the lanyard attached to the operator.
 - Operators must wear a personal floatation device of proper size.
 - It is illegal to operate a personal watercraft while facing backward.
 - Operation of a personal watercraft within 150’ of another boat is *only* allowed if:
 - Operation does not exceed a “Slow, No Wake” speed, and
 - Neither boat is involved in any type of water skiing or similar activity.
 - It is illegal to operate a personal watercraft within 150’ of the following:
 - A boat towing a skier or person engaged in similar activity.
 - The tow rope of another motorboat towing a skier or person engaged in similar activity.
 - A person is involved in skiing or similar activity.
 - Operation of a personal watercraft must be 200 feet or more from shoreline.
 - **Limit all wake boat sport activities to the center of the ‘big lake’ to reduce impact on shorelines.**

OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Open Book and Board of Review occur each year following the assessor's review of village properties. Letters of assessment notice will be mailed out at the early to mid-June. The Assessor will review approximately 20 percent of the properties in the village.

The Assessment Roll will be available for review at the Village Hall when completed by the assessor. Open Book is a time when property owners have the opportunity to review the assessment roll and speak with the assessor regarding their property value. If you cannot attend on the appointed days, you may make an appointment to meet with the assessor.

It is important for property owners to understand that Open Book and Board of Review are the only opportunities they have to object to their assessment for that property tax year. It is the job of the Board of Review to respond to assessment objections that are not resolved during Open Book and approve the Assessment Roll. Objection forms and instructions are available on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website.

Once the Assessment Roll has been accepted by the Board of Review, property owners will not have another opportunity until the next year.

Please feel free to contact the Village Clerk with any questions you may have about Open Book and Board of Review procedures. If you have any questions regarding your assessment, please contact **Sam Monroe** directly at sam.monroe@tylertech.com or 812-483-0653. He will be happy to explain assessment procedures used in determining your property's value.

All dates for Assessment Roll availability, Open Book and Board of Review will be on the Village website once determined.

Spring Time is Turtle Time

Turtle nesting season is from late May through early July, meaning the turtles of Village of Oconomowoc Lake need extra attention during this time. It is important to watch out for turtles crossing roadways, not only for their safety but also to avoid costly vehicle repairs from hitting them. The sign pictured to the right has traditionally been placed on Pabst Road, however turtles are commonly seen on Hewitt's Point Road as well.

The Wisconsin Turtle Conservation Program (WTCP) is a citizen-based monitoring program designed and implemented by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Please visit their website below to learn more.

<http://wiatri.net/inventory/witurtles/about.cfm>



VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.oconlake.com

A great resource for all Village information.

POLICE

police@oconlake.com

Requests for house checks, extra patrol, and parking; traffic & boating laws, report missing/found property.

POLICE CHIEF/ADMINISTRATOR

jjanicsek@oconlake.com

PUBLIC WORKS

dpw@oconlake.com

CLERK - DEPUTY TREASURER

clerk@oconlake.com

Village News, absentee ballots, questions on elections, property taxes, licensing and board of review.

TREASURER - DEPUTY CLERK

michele@oconlake.com

Building permit questions, dog licenses.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

mbickler@stonewoodcompanies.com

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

villagehall@oconlake.com

General questions regarding Village matters.



The Village has a text messaging application to convey real time information to residents. [Text OCONLAKE to 833-475-0033](tel:833-475-0033) and you'll begin receiving messages.

(*The phone number list is anonymous with no name associated, but could be subject to open records request similar to any other information you provide the Village.)



The Village of Oconomowoc Lake uses the "Village of Oconomowoc Lake Police Department" Facebook page to allow members of the community to know what is going on in the Village and surrounding communities in a timely manner. If you do not have Facebook, please check in with the Village Hall to make sure we have a current email address for you.

Spring brings out bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Safety is a priority in the Village of Oconomowoc Lake.

We would like to encourage bike riders and walkers to wear bright colors so you may be easily seen.

