



The Village News

Village of Oconomowoc Lake

March 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2025:

Tuesday, April 1	7:00 am-8:00 pm	Spring Election
Monday, April 7	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, April 14	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Friday, April 18	office closed	Spring Holiday
Monday, April 21	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, April 28	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*

MAY 2025:

Monday, May 5	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, May 12	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, May 19	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, May 26	office closed	Memorial Day

JUNE 2025:

Monday, June 2	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, June 9	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, June 16	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, June 25	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*

* meetings as needed. All meetings are subject to change and special meetings may be held as necessary. Meeting notices are posted in the following 3 locations:

1. Opposite the entrance to the Oconomowoc Lake Club on the north side of the road west of the tennis clubhouse;
2. At the entrance to the Village Hall on West Pabst Road;
3. At the Village Boat Launch located at 35622 E Wisconsin Avenue.

A LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Spring is here!

Whether you are a boater, fisherman, swimmer, biker, walker or just enjoy the natural surroundings of the Village this is a great time of year where we get ready to enjoy the outdoors!

Updates around the Village this year include:

- The Village boat launch has a new pier that was completed in February and should make launching your boat much nicer.
- Hewitts Point Road from Schaefer Road south and east to the end will be repaved.
- The woodlot will have a major portion of the entry drive paved as well.

Fireworks are scheduled (weather permitting) on Friday July 4th. On behalf of all residents, I would like to thank all who have donated so far, we are at 70% of our fundraising goal and there is still plenty of time to donate.

As a reminder, please review be sure to respect others and be safe as you have fun this season.

- You can find fishing regulations here: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/regulations>
- Boating Regulation Handbook can be found here: <https://widnr.widen.net/s/0vw8hwrae3>
- Wisconsin DNR "What you should know before you operate your boat": <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/registrations/boat/BeforeYouOperate.html>

You may also talk to the Village staff at **262-567-5301** regarding our local ordinances.

Wishing you a happy, healthy Spring!

OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Once again this year, the Assessor will review ALL properties in the village. Property owners will receive a notice of their new assessment in early June. PLEASE review this letter very carefully. Open Book and Board of Review occur each year following the assessor's review of village properties. It is important for property owners to understand that Open Book and Board of Review are the opportunities to object to their assessment for that property tax year.

Open Book is the time when property owners may review the assessment roll and speak with the assessor regarding their property value. If you cannot attend on the appointed Open Book day, you may make an appointment to meet with the assessor.

The Board of Review responds to assessment objections that are not resolved during Open Book. 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, the assessment roll is closed 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** at sam.monroe@tylertech.com or 812-483-0653.

ELECTION INFORMATION

The Spring Election will be held on April 1, 2025 at the Village Hall. Election Day polling hours are 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Ballot information is available online at www.myvote.wi.gov and sample ballots will be available at 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 18 through Friday, March 28, 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 website you may: register to vote, find your polling place, request an absentee ballot and more!

ANNUAL FIREWORKS ON THE LAKE

The annual fireworks display on Oconomowoc Lake is funded by tax deductible donations. Many of you have already generously contributed for 2025; thank you! The Village received a very large one time donation that was divided between 2023 & 2024. We would like to provide the same spectacular level display this year but to do so, we will need everyone's participation. If you haven't already, would you please consider a contribution? Perhaps you own a business or work for a company that would make a tax-deductible contribution?

Let's make it a great show for everyone's enjoyment in 2025!

VILLAGE WOODLOT

Spring yard cleanup is just about here and the Village Woodlot will tentatively open on April 1st. This opening is dependent on conditions so **call the village office at (262) 567-5301 to confirm.**

SPRING HOURS:

Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

***Leaves and grass clippings are hauled out so please keep them separate from brush by unloading them on the leaf pile.

A **dumpster will be available** at the woodlot **Saturdays** during the month of **May** for Village residents. An attendant is there to monitor residency. 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

***please obtain your own dumpster for construction/remodeling projects**

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Village entered into an agreement to provide electronic device recycling including computers (desktop, laptop, notebook and tablet), computer printers, televisions, monitors, fax machines, DVD players, VCR's, microwaves, answering machines, shredders, stereos, toasters and vacuums. NO tube TVs are allowed. The drop-off location is at the Village Hall during business hours. **Please call (262) 567-5301 prior to bringing items in.**

WEEKLY REFUSE & RECYCLING

Green for Life (GFL) is your weekly service provider. They pick up on Thursdays and may be reached at (262) 367-6040.

Please have your items out by 6:00 am.

HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWS

Greetings from the Village History Committee. We are pleased to tell you about this Summer's Village History presentation. Our event this year will feature the Pabst Family and their significant impact on Oconomowoc Lake, the Village of Oconomowoc Lake and indeed the entire Oconomowoc Area. This event will be held Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 1pm, at the Oconomowoc Lake Club, 4668 Lake Club Circle. Beverages will be available for purchase at this event. Please email clerk@oconlake.com to make your reservations.

If anyone is interested in getting a video of our last event, the Chester and Read Family presentation, it will be available soon. Please check the Village website for a link. We are looking forward to another great summer and hope to see you at the June 29 event.



2025 Dog Licenses



The Village requires all dogs be licensed per Wis. State Statute 95.21(2)(a).

2025 Dog license applications may be found on the village website: oconlake.com

Mail your application, rabies statement and check to the Village Hall or apply in person Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Once received, your dog license will be mailed back to you (or handed to you if in person).

You MUST include PROOF of the rabies vaccination information even if it hasn't changed since last year, prior to any licenses being issued. This is pursuant to WI State Statutes.

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

The Village News, absentee ballots, questions on elections, property taxes, Board of Review and licensing.

TREASURER - DEPUTY CLERK

michele@oconlake.com

Building permit questions, dog licenses.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

mbickler@stonewoodcompanies.com

GENERAL VILLAGE EMAIL

villagehall@oconlake.com



The Village Administrator uses 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 these 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.)



Our Police Department uses the "Village of Oconomowoc Lake Police Department" Facebook page to share information with residents about the Village and surrounding communities, in a timely manner. If you do not have Facebook, see below to make sure we have a current email address for you.



Do we have your email address or has it changed recently? *The Village News* is typically emailed to residents but if you received it another way, let us email it to you in the future. Send an email to: clerk@oconlake.com and we will gladly provide the newsletter and other occasional information by email.