



# The Village News

A Newsletter from the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, **December, 2018**  
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## January

January 1	Tuesday	All Day	Closed for New Year's Day
January 2	Weds.	by 5:00pm	Nomination Papers Due
January 7	Monday	7:00pm	Plan Commission*
January 14	Monday	7:00pm	Board of Zoning Appeals*
January 21	Monday	7:00pm	Village Board of Trustees
January 28	Monday	7:00pm	Architectural Control Board*

## February

February 4	Monday	7:00pm	Plan Commission*
February 11	Monday	7:00pm	Board of Zoning Appeals*
February 18	Monday	7:00pm	Village Board of Trustees
February 19	Tuesday	7am-8pm	Spring Primary Election*
February 25	Monday	7:00pm	Architectural Control Board*

## March

March 4	Monday	7:00pm	Plan Commission*
March 11	Monday	7:00pm	Board of Zoning Appeals*
March 18	Monday	7:00pm	Village Board of Trustees
March 25	Monday	7:00pm	Architectural Control Board*

**\*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.*

Holiday Thoughts from  
Village President  
Joe Birbaum

Wishing you  
all a  
**Bountiful, Beautiful  
Holiday Season**  
with years of health,  
happiness and  
prosperity

*"We must love them both,  
those whose opinions we share and those  
whose opinions we reject.  
For both have labored in the search for truth,  
and both have  
helped us in the finding of it."  
- Aquinas*



## Driveway Plowing and Maintenance

The Village plows private driveways at the direction of the Police Chief when it snows 3" or more. **This is done to maintain emergency access only.**

A complete driveway clearing is the responsibility of the property owner. All driveways should be clearly marked indicating where the boundaries of the driveway are. Driveways not clearly marked with reflective markers may not be plowed.



Please keep the areas around your driveway trimmed back to 12' wide X 12' high (if possible) and free of obstruction. This will ensure emergency services can get to your door in a timely fashion. The Village police and local fire services appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If the village does not have a snowplow release form on file; your driveway will not be cleared. Please contact the office if you have any questions or want to confirm your status.

## Village Hall Closed

In celebration of the Christmas holiday, the Village Hall will be closed on December 24th and 25th. We will re-open on December 26th at 8:00am.

The Village Hall will also be closed on December 31st and January 1st, 2019 in celebration of the New Year holiday and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd at 8:00am.



[www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)

**A**t 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

This is an awesome tool created by the state especially for, the voters in Wisconsin. If you have any questions regarding My Vote or elections; contact Chris in the office he'll be happy to help!

## Election Information

### Spring Primary

The Spring Primary, if necessary, will be held on February 20, 2018 at the Village Hall with polling hours from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Ballot information will be published by Waukesha County in the newspaper prior to the election and sample ballots will be available in the Village Hall.

### Spring Election

The Spring Election will be held on April 2, 2019 with the same polling hours as mentioned above. On the ballot will be races ranging from the Village Board, to a State Supreme Court Justice and everything in between.

Similar to the February Election, sample ballots will be available in the Village Hall and poll hours are from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

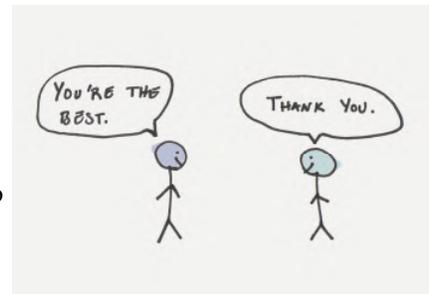


## Thank you Poll Workers!

by Chris Astrella, WCPC, Village Clerk

This last November Election had the 2nd highest turnout in Village history, and was the highest turnout for a mid-term election. Even though I am new to Oconomowoc Lake, I am not new to elections, as this was my 40th election administered (wow!). We would not have had such a successful election without the election workers we have in the Village, and I want to thank them for being professional, hard working and fun! It's a long day for everyone, but without our dedicated and knowledgeable poll workers, voting would not be as simple as it is. If you see any of them while in the neighborhood, give them a thank you, a high five or even a smile and let them know you appreciate their work. I know I do!

If you're interested in being a poll worker, we are always looking for new ones! The shifts are either morning (6:30a -2p) or afternoon (2p - 9p) and meals are provided for you. The pay is \$7.50/hour and you'll be required to attend 1 paid training prior to the election. Please contact Chris in the office for more information of if you have questions.



## Tax Collection

Tax payments are collected by the Waukesha County Treasurer's Office. Payments are not accepted at the Village Hall.

**By Mail:** Send to Waukesha County Treasurer, 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Room 148, Waukesha, WI 53188-2428. Checks should be made payable to the Waukesha County Treasurer. Include the bottom 1/3 of the bill for faster processing; a receipt will be mailed to you.

**In Person:** Payment can be made in person at the Waukesha county Treasurer's office, 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Room 148, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Everyone is required to proceed through security in order to enter the courthouse.



**Refunds:** If you are due a refund, a check from the Village for the overpayment will be sent approximately 2 weeks after notice is received from the county by the village.

**Online:** Accessing your tax bill online is easy! Go to [tax.waukeshacounty.gov](http://tax.waukeshacounty.gov) and type in your address or tax key. Tax bills are available back to the year 2000 (if applicable).

## Thank you History Committee!

The Village of Oconomowoc Lake History Committee was established to preserve, promote and celebrate the unique and rich history of the Village. The Committee has spent considerable time in the past few months collecting & organizing artifacts from the Village, and creating the two display cases in the Village Hall.

The Village Board, would like to formally thank the members of the committee (pictured at right) for their hard work and dedication in creating the displays. If you haven't seen them yet, stop down at the Village Hall and check them out before they change next quarter!

A special thank you also goes out to John Macy who either loaned or donated many items to make the display complete. Without his help, many of the displays would not be possible.

## Dog Licenses

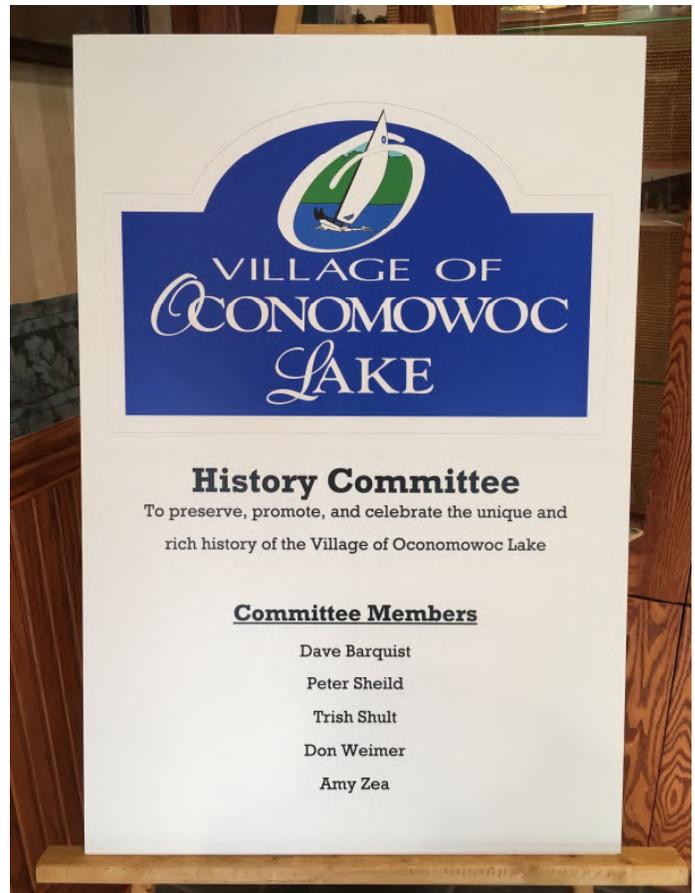
The Village requires all dogs be licensed as per Wis. State Statute 95.21(2)(a).

A dog license application was enclosed in your property tax bill and is available on the village website. Simply mail your application and check to the Village Hall or apply in person Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 2:00pm. Once received your dog license will be mailed back to you (or handed to you if in person)

**The rabies vaccination information must be filled in prior to any licenses being issued.** (this is a state law).

The license fee is \$15.00 for each spayed or neutered dog, or \$17.00 for each dog that is not spayed or neutered. There is a \$5.00 late fee assessed beginning April 1, 2019. The village accepts cash or checks for dog licenses.

If a dog is found unlicensed in the Village, the owner will be issued a citation. Any questions regarding dog licenses may be directed to Michele or Chris at the Village Hall.



## The Police are on Facebook!

The Oconomowoc Lake Police Department now has it's own Facebook Page! By "liking" the page, you'll get a closer look at what your Police Department is doing in your community.

Simply do a Facebook search for Oconomowoc Lake Police Department and like us!



## Watch out for Runners...in Winter?!

Even though Winter is here, since the pavement is clean the runners are still out! Our Treasurer, Michele Cannariato is a runner and lives in the area. In fact you may have seen her out running early in the morning (look for her flashing light!)



Please keep an eye out for runners, walkers and other hazards whether it's early in the morning or late at night. Safety begins with you!

## Need a Notary?

If you need something notarized, the village office staff can help. Both Michele and Chris are Notary Publics, and can help you with whatever you need notarized.



Remember to bring your **driver's license** to verify your signature and make sure not to sign the documents until you are **in the office**. There is no charge for this service.

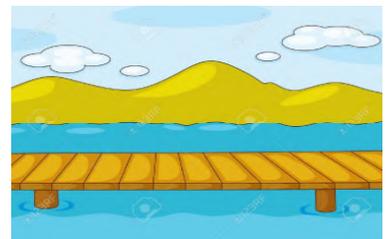
## Be a Survivor!

**L**et's say you have taken all the precautions and you're going to try your luck at ice fishing. As you walk out on the ice, you hear a crack and fall through. Suddenly you find yourself immersed in water so cold it literally takes your breath away. The pain is incredible! What should you do? First, do not panic. This may be easier said than done, unless you have worked out a survival plan in advance.

1. **Don't remove your winter clothing.** Heavy clothes won't drag you down, but instead can trap air to provide warmth and flotation. This is especially true with a snowmobile suit.
2. **Turn toward the direction you came.** That's probably the strongest ice.
3. **Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface.** This is where a pair of nails, sharpened screwdrivers or ice picks come in handy in providing the extra traction you need to pull yourself up onto the ice.
4. **Kick your feet and dig in your ice picks.** This will help you back to solid ice. If your clothes have trapped water, you may have to lift yourself partially out of the water on your elbows to let the water drain before starting forward.
5. **Lie flat on the ice.** Once you are out and roll away from the hole to keep your weight spread out. This may prevent from breaking through again.
6. **Get to a warm, dry, sheltered area** and re-warm yourself immediately. In moderate to severe cases of cold water hypothermia, you must seek medical attention. Cold blood trapped in your extremities can come rushing back to your heart after you begin to re-warm. The shock of the chilled blood may cause ventricular fibrillation leading to a heart attack and death!

## Permanent Piers?

The Village Board has noticed some non-removable piers are being installed on driven iron pilings. We are concerned that such piers may not withstand ice flows during a spring storm. A similar pier was installed on Hewitt's Point Road several years ago and was gradually destroyed by wind driven ice flows.



## Village of Oconomowoc Lake e-mail Addresses

### **Village Website**

[www.oconlake.com](http://www.oconlake.com)

### **Police**

[police@oconlake.com](mailto:police@oconlake.com)

Request house checks; traffic/boating law questions; copy of burning ordinance; parking requests; extra patrol requests for funerals, weddings, etc.; register for Boater's Safety Class; report missing or found boats, piers, etc.

### **Police Chief**

[ahelwig@oconlake.com](mailto:ahelwig@oconlake.com)

### **Administrator**

[administrator@oconlake.com](mailto:administrator@oconlake.com)

Other administrative questions or requests regarding zoning matters or building permit

### **Clerk/Deputy Treasurer**

[clerk@oconlake.com](mailto:clerk@oconlake.com)

Request absentee ballots; property tax questions; election questions; open book and board of review questions

### **Treasurer/Deputy Clerk**

[michele@oconlake.com](mailto:michele@oconlake.com)

Building permit questions, dog licenses

### **Village President**

[joe@birbaum.com](mailto:joe@birbaum.com)

### **Public Works**

[dpw@oconlake.com](mailto:dpw@oconlake.com)

Request driveway sand/salt mixture



### Ideas for Future Newsletters?

Do you have ideas for items you'd like to see in the quarterly newsletter? Suggestions or improvements? Let us know! Send an email to Chris at [clerk@oconlake.com](mailto:clerk@oconlake.com) and share your thoughts. Also, if your email address has changed, or if you'd like to unsubscribe let us know too. Thanks for your input!