



# THE VILLAGE NEWS

A Newsletter from the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, **September, 2016**  
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## OCTOBER

<b>October 1</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dumpster arrives at wood lot</b>
<b>October 3</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Plan Commission*
<b>October 10</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Board of Zoning Appeals*
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Burning allowed in the Village (must call in)</b>
<b>October 17</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Village Board of Trustees
<b>October 24</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Architectural Control Board*
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00-8:00PM Trick or Treating in the Village</b>

## NOVEMBER

<b>November 7</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission*
<b>November 14</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
<b>NOVEMBER 8</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7:00AM-8:00PM</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>
<b>November 21</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
<b>November 24-25</b>	<b>Thurs-Friday</b>	<b>Village Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	
<b>November 25</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Trash Pick Up (one day later due to holiday)</b>	
<b>November 27</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Final day for burning in the Village</b>	
<b>November 28</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board*

## DECEMBER

<b>December 5</b>	Monday	7:00PM	Plan Commission*
<b>December 12</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
<b>December 19</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
<b>December 26</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Village Hall Closed for Christmas Holiday</b>	

**\*if needed**

*Note: All residents are welcome to attend the meetings. 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

Thanks to all for your patience and understanding while roads in the Village were repaired. Road maintenance and repair is an expensive, inconvenient but necessary project. We spend, on average, \$40,000/year for the roads. In the Village, we are fortunate to have scenic roads that people and golf carts frequently use. Please drive carefully and be alert for people walking and slow moving vehicles when driving in the Village. Have a great fall!

*"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance."*

~ Cicero 55 BC



## DRIVEWAY PLOWING AND MAINTENANCE

The Village plows private drives at the direction of the Police Chief when a snowfall reaches a 3" accumulation.

### THIS IS DONE TO MAINTAIN EMERGENCY ACCESS ONLY.

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

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

## VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

In celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th. We will re-open on Monday, November 28th at 8:00am.

Village Hall will also be closed on Monday, December 26th in celebration of the Christmas holiday and will re-open on Tuesday, December 27th at 8:00am.

### IN MEMORY OF...

*We regret to inform you of the passing of*

*Joan Brunner  
Brett Pabst*

*We extend our sincere condolences to the Brunner and Pabst families*



[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 what's on your ballot
- \*Request an absentee ballot  
(military and permanent overseas voters only)
- \*Check provisional ballot status

Please visit this site at your convenience to answer many of your questions and check your personal voter information.

You can also feel free to call Village Hall during our open office hours.



## ELECTION INFORMATION

Residents will be casting their votes for County, State, and Federal offices this fall. We expect to have high voter turnout for this election and there are many ways to make your time at the polls efficient and pleasant.

Register to vote before election day—You must be registered in order to vote in the election. You can register to vote in the Clerk's office through the Friday before an election. You must have resided at your address for 10 consecutive days to be eligible to vote. Proof of residence is required when registering. (If you are unable to register before the election please budget extra time to register at the polls),

Voter ID is required—We have had a number of elections utilizing voter ID. At the poll books please be prepared to state your name and address for the election worker, have your photo ID ready, and be prepared to sign the poll book.

We have efficient and knowledgeable poll workers in the Village who are happy to get you through the process so you can cast your ballot quickly and easily.

Absentee ballots—You may contact the Clerk to request an absentee ballot by mail or you may vote absentee in person in the Clerk's office.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

September 22

Anticipated date ballots will be available to vote absentee in Clerk's Office

October 19

Last day to register to vote through the mail

November 3

Last day to request absentee ballot by mail

November 4

Last day to register to vote in Clerk's Office (Registration reopens at polls on election day)

November 4

Last day to vote absentee in Clerk's Office (extended office hours)

**November 8 ELECTION DAY**

## VILLAGE DUMPSTER LOCATION AND HOURS

**A** dumpster will be available for Village residents beginning Saturday, October 1st.

The dumpster will be located at the Village wood lot and can be used on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM during open wood lot hours. An attendant will be present if you need assistance.

Items that can be placed in the dumpster include large items, boards, lumber, pipe, fencing and carpet. All items must be placed inside the dumpster, not in the area around it.

**The following types of materials or items are absolutely NOT allowed to be placed in the dumpster:**

**Construction materials  
Tires  
Batteries  
Hazardous waste products  
Electronics  
Appliances**

For year round appliance or special pick ups at your residence, please call Advanced Disposal Services directly at 262-367-6040.

## VILLAGE WOOD LOT

**T**he Village wood lot is open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for disposal of leaves and brush. The leaves are hauled out of the lot and must be kept separate from the brush.

Please be sure to unload your leaves on the leaf pile.

Because the brush is ground up in a tub grinder we cannot accept stumps or anything larger than one foot in diameter.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask the attendant on duty.

## FALL BURNING

**F**all burning will be permitted in the Village beginning Saturday, October 15 and is allowed through Sunday, November 27th, when weather conditions permit.

If the weather is dry, it is possible that burning will not be permitted. Chief Wiemer will consult with surrounding areas in order to make a decision regarding the safety of allowing burning. Before you burn for the very first time, you must read and sign a copy of the Village Burning Ordinance. There is a \$25 fee for the fall burning season.

You are required to notify the Village each time before you burn. Please call before 2:00PM on Friday if you plan to burn over the weekend. Contact the officers directly on their cell phone after office hours.

Burning without notifying the Village or without having a valid permit could result in a citation. Following the above procedures will help ensure a safe burning season for everyone.



## BOAT STORAGE PIER REMOVAL

**A**s another summer season draws to a close, it is time to begin preparations for winter by removing piers and boats from the lake. There are some specific rules to remember when storing your boats and piers. You may view the Village web site and click on "Zoning Code" for further information and clarification as to the storage of trailers, recreational equipment, piers, lifts, boats and other vehicles and equipment. The portion of the code listing these restrictions is found in section 17.22 (4) of the zoning code.

In a nutshell, here are the basic rules for storing the above mentioned items on your property.

1. All boats and trailers with boats must be stored so they are not plainly visible from your neighbor's property.
2. Piers, lifts, rafts, and other similar equipment may be stored at the shore if neatly arranged and done in such a way as to minimize visual obstruction from adjacent properties.

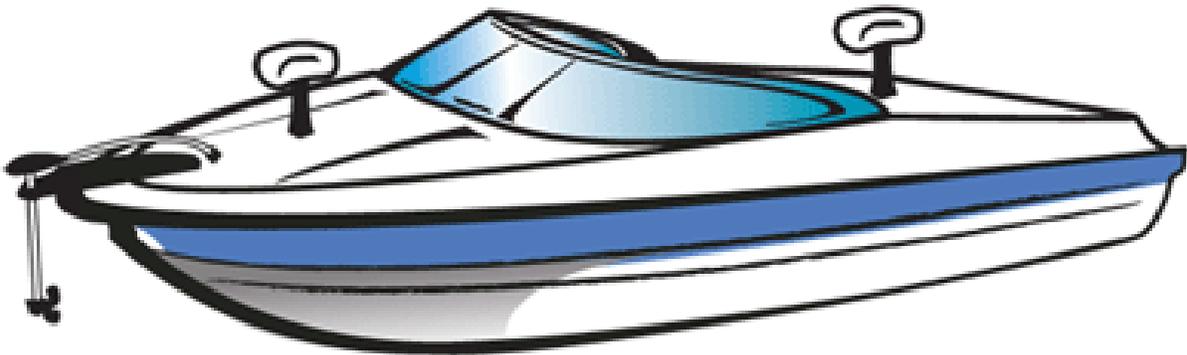
What does "not plainly visible from your neighbors' property mean?"

A: They are not parked or stored within a public or private street setback unless they are so thoroughly screened by lawfully located structures along with other approved vegetation cover, approved decorative fencing or a combination thereof, that they are not plainly visible.

B: They are at such a great distance, or are so thoroughly screened by lawfully located structures, topography, vegetation cover or approved decorative fencing or combination thereof, that they are not plainly visible.

If you have any questions regarding storage of your property on your lands, please call Village Hall at 262-567-5301 and we will be glad to answer your questions.

The police department will monitor this storage this fall for compliance.



## 2016 TAX COLLECTION

**A**ll 2016 tax payments will be collected by Waukesha County. Payments will not be accepted or receipted at the Village Hall.

To Pay By Mail: Payment can be made using the return envelope provided with your tax bill. **Make sure the check is made payable to Waukesha County Treasurer.** A receipt will be mailed to you from the County Treasurer.

To Pay In Person: Payment can be made in person at the Waukesha County Treasurer's office, located in the Waukesha County Courthouse at 515 W Moreland Blvd, Room 148, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Escrow Checks: If your check is not for the exact amount of your tax bill, a refund check from the Village for the overpayment will be sent but may take up to 6 weeks to process. **Make sure your escrow check is made payable to the Waukesha County Treasurer.**

## **TRASH PICK UP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**T**rash and recycling pick up in the Village is normally done on Thursdays by Advanced Disposal Services. When there is a holiday during the week, prior to or on the regular pick up day, pick up will be delayed and picked up one day later—on Friday.

If you have questions regarding pick up or if you need to arrange for a special pick up, the phone number is:

Advanced Disposal - (262) 367-6040

**Thanksgiving pick up: Friday, November 26**

**Christmas and New Year's will not be affected**



# SAFETY ALERT!



**PLEASE KEEP PROPANE TANKS AND  
PRESSURIZED CONTAINERS OUT OF THE RECYCLING BIN**

It is essential to properly dispose of old propane tanks so they don't hurt anyone, including yourself, your family or your local recycling and sanitation workers.

## PLAY IT SAFE

**H**ave an old propane tank? Unsure how to recycle it? Play it safe. If tanks are not completely empty, they present a real danger in the waste stream because they can cause fires, explosions, serious injury or death if put into compactor trucks, recycling centers and other waste management equipment. **PLEASE DON'T PUT THEM IN THE TRASH OR THE RECYCLING CART.** In addition, you should not open a tank and let the propane leak into the air, as this could cause a dangerous situation

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR PROPANE TANK?

**F**irst—see if the tank is still usable, and have it refilled as an alternative to disposal. Bring it to your local propane supplier to have it inspected and refilled. If the tank is unsafe to use, or you no longer want it, many retailers have an exchange program, so you can swap out your old, empty tanks for new, full ones, and they will recycle it properly. Some areas accept propane tanks (and other pressurized cylinders) at their hazardous waste drop off sites.

## VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

### **VILLAGE WEBSITE**

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

Website links to email addresses

### **POLICE**

**[oconlakepd@oconlake.com](mailto:oconlakepd@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**

**[chief@oconlake.com](mailto:chief@oconlake.com)**

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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

Other administrative questions or requests regarding zoning matters or building permit questions

### **CLERK**

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

Request absentee ballots; property tax questions; election questions; board of review questions; building permit questions

### **DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER**

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

Building permit questions; dog licenses

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

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

### **DPW**

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

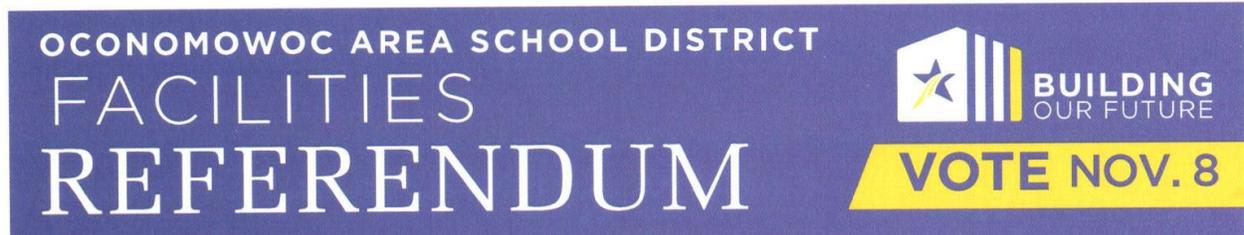
Request driveway sand/salt mixture

### **VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE**

**[villagehall@oconlake.com](mailto:villagehall@oconlake.com)**

Ask any questions regarding Village matters

For more information  
on the upcoming referendum



Please visit  
[www.oasd.k12.wi.us](http://www.oasd.k12.wi.us)