



# The Village News



VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

35328 W PABST ROAD

## October

<b>October 2</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dumpster arrives at wood lot</b>
October 4	Monday @ 7PM	Plan Commission*
October 11	Monday @ 7PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
October 18	Monday @ 7PM	Village Board of Trustees
October 25	Monday @ 6PM	Architectural Control Board*
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Sunday @ 6-8PM</b>	<b>Trick or Treating in the Village</b>

## November

November 1	Monday @ 7PM	Plan Commission*
November 8	Monday @ 7PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
November 15	Monday @ 7PM	Village Board of Trustees
November 22	Monday @ 6PM	Architectural Control Board*
<b>November 25-26</b>	<b>Village Hall Closed in observance for Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	
	<b>*Garbage Pick Up Will Be Delayed One Day*</b>	

## December

December 6	Monday @ 7PM	Plan Commission*
December 13	Monday @ 7PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
December 20	Monday @ 7PM	Village Board of Trustees
<b>December 24 &amp; 31</b>	<b>Village Hall Closed in observance for Christmas &amp; New Year Holidays</b>	
<b>December 27</b>	<b>There will be no December Architectural Control Board</b>	

### \*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 Office Hours

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Village Hall will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26, 2021 and will re-open on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 8:00 AM.

The Village Hall will also be closed Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of Christmas and New Year holidays. The Village Hall will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2021 at 8:00 AM.

## DRIVEWAY PLOWING & 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.

## Letter from the Chief of Police

Dear Village Residents,

As the seasons change from summer to fall, boats get put away and dreaded snow equipment gets brought out, I would like to bring to your attention an issue that will help Village employees and improve public safety. As I drive around the Village, I notice a large amount of standing dead trees that are located on private property in close proximity to private drives, public roadways, or utility lines. This year the Village cut approximately 45 trees that are dead or dying from village road right of ways however, there are a number of trees remaining that are on private property. These trees pose a hazard to pedestrians, vehicles, and village staff. If they fall across roadways, they can disrupt emergency response to residences. If they fall across powerlines during a major storm event, it can be hours or days before We Energies can arrive on scene and assure the lines have been de-energized so roadways can be opened up. Village policy has always been to open public roadways, private roads and private drives if a tree falls and creates a barrier, when it's safe to do so. During a severe storm like we experienced this summer, multiple trees may come down at one time severely limiting emergency response times as our on-duty officer may be busy cutting up trees to open roadways.

The removal of standing dead trees from your private property would greatly reduce falling hazards on the roadway and power outages, and improve general safety of village residents and guests.

The Village Board requested a progress update on the removal of dead trees at the November board meeting. At that time additional options on how to encourage homeowners to remove potentially hazardous trees may be discussed.

A sincere thanks!

Chief Jason Janicsek



### **OPEN BURNING Reminder:**

Burning of leaves and other yard waste is no longer permitted in the Village of Oconomowoc Lake.

Fall yard waste may be brought to the Village Woodlot during open hours.

### **WOODLOT HOURS:**

Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### **VILLAGE DUMPSTER**

A dumpster will be available for Village residents at the woodlot beginning Saturday, October 2, 2021. 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 of 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

Just as a reminder, the attendant will log specifics of anyone dropping off refuse or dumpster items and where it came from.

### **Residential Garbage/Recycling Service**

We have been experiencing issues with garbage collection in the Village since Advanced Disposal was bought out by Waste Management. Collection has been occurring later on Thursdays due to a man-power shortage. If you have been missed, please call the Village Hall the following day by noon to be scheduled for a special pick up. We are in the process of accepting bids for garbage service starting in 2022 and hope to resolve these issues.



## 2021 PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

All 2021 tax payments will be collected by Waukesha County.  
Payments will not be accepted or receipted at 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, Waukesha, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
- To Pay Online: Payment can be made online at <https://tax.waukeshacounty.gov/>. You will need to enter your address or tax key to look up your tax bill information.
- Escrow Checks: If your escrow check is more than the amount of your tax bill, a refund check from the Village for the overpayment will be sent, but may take up to six weeks to process.

Please make sure your escrow check is made payable to: Waukesha County Treasurer.



# VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

## VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

### VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

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

Any questions regarding Village matters.

### POLICE

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

Requests for house checks, extra patrol, and parking; traffic & boating laws, Boater’s Safety Class, report missing/found property

### POLICE CHIEF

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

### ADMINISTRATOR

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

Other administrative questions or requests regarding zoning matters or building permits

### CLERK - DEPUTY TREASURER

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

Request absentee ballot; questions on elections, property taxes, and board of review

### TREASURER - DEPUTY CLERK

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

Building permit questions, dog licenses

### VILLAGE PRESIDENT

[mbickler@stonewoodcompanies.com](mailto:mbickler@stonewoodcompanies.com)

### DPW

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

Request driveway sand/salt mixture



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.)



The Village has a new text messaging application to convey real time information to residents. Text OCONLAKE to 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.)



## BOAT STORAGE & PIER REMOVAL

As 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 website 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.

These 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.

“Not plainly visible from your neighbor’s property” means they are not parked or stored within a public or private street setback unless they are 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.

This also means they are at such a 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.

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.

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

The Police Department will monitor for compliance.

