

The Village News

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

April 2023

Monday, April 3	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Tuesday, April 4	7:00 am - 8:00 pm	Spring Election
Friday, April 7	ALL DAY	Village Hall Closed
Monday, April 10	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, April 17	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, April 24	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*

May 2023

Monday, May 1	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Saturday, May 6	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Dumpster available at woodlot every Saturday through May
Monday, May 8	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, May 15	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, May 22	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*
Monday, May 29	ALL DAY	Village Hall Closed

June 2023

Monday, June 5	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, June 12	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, June 19	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, June 26	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*
***TBD	TBD	Open Book with Assessor
***Tuesday, 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

Happy Spring Everyone!

I want to wish a heartfelt thank you to two longtime Village Officials.

First, Jim Perkins has served on the Village Architectural Control Board since 1984 and as an architect Jim has chaired the Board since 1997.

Jim is planning to retire in the Spring of 2023.

Jim's vast knowledge has been a tremendous value to the Board as well as its members and we will always be grateful for his service.

Second, Chris Shult has stepped down from his roles as a Village Trustee and member of the Finance Committee to spend more of his time in Florida.

Chris served the Village from 2006 through the end of 2022.

Chris was always an advocate for careful spending and always kept the best interests of the Village and its residents in mind for all of his decisions as a member of the Finance Committee regarding our yearly budget.

Chris was a true asset to the Village Board, always giving very careful consideration to all matters the Board had on its agenda.

He will be greatly missed by his fellow Board members and leaves some big shoes to fill.

I hope to bring recommendations for replacements for both of these fine gentlemen to the Board in April.

See you on the water soon!

Mike Bickler

Lalumiere Dredging Information

The Village Board of Trustees would like you to know that information will be coming soon regarding the dredging of the Lalumiere channel.

Information was not available at the completion of this newsletter. Please watch the Village Website (www.oconlake.com) for the update and future meeting date and time.

Election Information

The Spring Election will be held on April 4, 2023 at the Village Hall. Election Day polling hours are from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Ballot information is available online 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 at the Village Hall during normal office hours beginning Tuesday, March 21 through Friday, March 31, 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



2023 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, 2023.** 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, 2023.

VILLAGE WOODLOT

The spring opening of the Village woodlot is dependent upon weather conditions. 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** during the month of May for Village residents at the Village woodlot from 9 am to 1 pm. 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 end of May or early 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 assessment procedures, please contact Mark Link directly at mark.link@tylertech.com or 800-959-6876, ext. 1. He will be happy to explain the procedures followed and methods used in determining your assessed value.

Once determined, The Village website will have dates for Assessment Roll availability, Open Book and Board of Review.

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.

Information is available at the Village Hall for those interested in the safety of turtles during turtle nesting season.

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, questions on elections, property taxes, 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

Any 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; watch for our new safety signs.

We would like to encourage bikers and walkers to wear bright colors so you can be easily seen.

