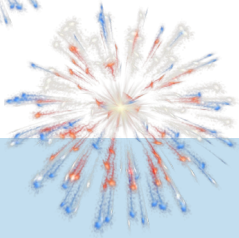
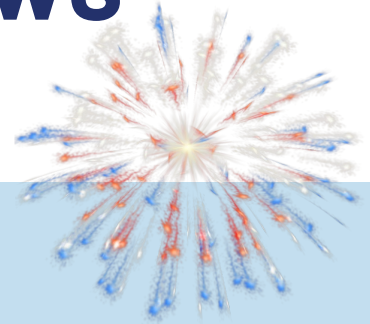


# The Village News



VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE  
35328 W PABST ROAD



## July 2024

<b>Thursday, July 4</b>	<b>FIREWORKS DISPLAY at dusk (Rain Date is July 5)</b>	<b>VILLAGE HALL CLOSED</b>
Thursday, July 4		Plan Commission*
Monday, July 1	7:00 pm	Board of Review
Monday, July 8	4:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, July 8	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, July 15	7:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*
Monday, July 22	6:00 pm	

## August 2024

Monday, August 5	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, August 12	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Tuesday, August 13	7:00 am - 8:00 pm	Partisan Primary Election
Monday, August 19	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting

## September 2024

<b>Monday, September 2</b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>VILLAGE HALL CLOSED</b>
Monday, September 9	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, September 16	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, September 23	6:00 pm	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 are posted, at least 24 hours prior, at the Village Hall, Oconomowoc Lake Club, Village Boat Launch and on the Village website.

## CONTROLLED FIRES

The Village Board recently passed Ordinance 331 to include controlled fires as follows:

“Specific controlled burn projects. Specific controlled burn projects may be approved by the Village Police Chief for controlled burns which are fires started for the sole purpose of conducting a prescribed controlled burn pursuant to a specific burn plan to accomplish important ecological functions such as reduction of hazardous fuels, invasive species control, and promotion of seed germination and flowering subject to filing and approval by the Village Police Chief of a specific burn plan containing a proper site diagnosis.

The Ordinance also includes an exception to allow for campfire/firepits as follows:

“Firepit/Campfires. Firepits and campfires no larger than 3 feet wide by 3 feet long by 3 feet high.”



## Letter from the President

*Summer is here!*

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2024 and all the wonderful outdoor activities the Village offers.

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!

Please be sure to respect others and be safe as you have fun this summer.

You can familiarize yourself with fishing regulations here:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/regulations>

The 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](tel:262-567-5301) regarding our local ordinances.

Fireworks this year should be spectacular again, thank you to all who have donated for this year and will still donate this month. Wishing you a happy, healthy Summer!

I hope to see you out and about soon!

-Mike Bickler, Sr.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

The Village of Oconomowoc Lake will be having our firework display on Thursday, July 4. The display will begin after sunset. The rain date is Friday, July 5.

The Village covers the cost of the barge but the fireworks themselves are financed solely by donations. Fireworks setup and discharge will be handled by Wolverine Fireworks Company.

We sincerely appreciate all the generous contributions to date and anticipate an outstanding display this year.

As in years past, the fireworks will be set off from a barge on the lake. The barge will be centrally located in the larger part of the lake. Village of Oconomowoc Lake boat patrol officers will be maintaining a 600-foot separation between the barge and spectators. Please make sure your boat lights are in working order. When stationary on the water, make sure your white light is on and visible for 360 degrees.

North and West Beach Road will be barricaded. This will allow for roadside viewing for those not wanting to view from the water. Village Police will assist in directing parking on Valentine Road.

*Please have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day!*

# Boating on Oconomowoc Lake

## SLOW-NO-WAKE NOTIFICATIONS

Whenever the lake level rises above 862.10 feet above sea level, the slow-no-wake order is issued, per authority of Ordinance 197 of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake. Notification of the slow-no-wake order is made to property owners in the following ways:

- Through our village email and text messaging lists. Are you enrolled?
- Signs are posted at the entrances to the Village when the order is issued. When the order is lifted, the signs are removed.
- Flyers are posted at the boat launch and at the Oconomowoc Lake Club.
- The issuance of the order, and the lifting of same, will be posted on the Village website. Please check our website and Facebook page for updated information.

The Village will once again utilize boat patrol to monitor lake activities. The police department will be taking the position of **Zero Tolerance** in dealing with violations of boating laws.

**Please note that no person may operate in excess of slow-no-wake within 200 feet of the shoreline for personal watercraft and 150 feet for all other motor boats, pursuant to state law.**

Also, **please review state laws and discuss them with all legal operators of your boats and personal watercrafts, including your guests**, to avoid any embarrassing situations with Village police officers. Some of the most common boating violations are listed below for your reference.

We wish everyone a **safe** boating season this summer. Please respect the rights of your neighbors, demonstrate good boating conduct, and obey boating laws. If you have any questions about boating laws, please call the Village Hall or flag down your boating safety specialist on patrol.

## OCONOMOWOC LAKE BOATING SELECTED REGULATIONS

### **SPEED LIMIT**

- Night: 10 mph or less, one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
- Must be at a low rate ("Slow No Wake") of speed when within 150 feet of shoreline, person, raft, diving flag, sailboat, canoe, rowboat, stationary motor boat or bridge.
- Personal watercraft must maintain a speed no greater than Slow-No-Wake when within 200 feet of shoreline.
- Must be at Slow-No-Wake when the lake is at flood level.
- Must be at Slow-No-Wake when driving in a circular course with a diameter less than 200 feet.

### **WATER SKIING**

- Skier must be 150 feet away from swimmers, canoes, rowboats, sailboats, non-operating sailboats, rafts or piers.
- Prohibited between sunset and sunrise.
- An observer must be in the boat and be at least 12 years of age (unless you have approved mirrors).

### **WAKEBOARD/SURFING**

In the interest of safety, preserving the shoreline and courtesy for your neighbors, please keep all wakeboard and surf boating activities in the center of the lake and at a safe distance from others.

### **ALCOHOL**

- It is unlawful to operate a motorboat or use water skis, aquaplane or similar device while under the influence of an intoxicant or controlled substance or with a blood alcohol concentration of .08% or higher. Did you know that drinking 4 alcohol drinks with an operator weight of 180 pounds, you may be under the influence?



## OCONOMOWOC LAKE BOATING SELECTED REGULATIONS CONTINUED

### 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 facing backwards.
- 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.
  - Operation of a personal watercraft must be 200 feet or more from shoreline.
- Must be at slow-no-wake speed when driving in a circular course with a diameter less than 200 feet.
- It is illegal to operate a personal watercraft within 150' of:
  - another 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 involved in skiing or similar activity.

### BOAT CERTIFICATE OF NUMBERS & DECALS

- Must be displayed on each side of the forward half of the boat or PWC.
- It is unlawful to operate or use any registered boat without having the certificate available for inspection at all times on such boat or PWC.

### NAVIGATION LIGHTS

- Must be on from sunset to sunrise
- Every moored, anchored, and drifting boat beyond 200 feet from shore shall have white light visible all around the horizon.

### BOAT BATTERY

- It is unlawful to operate a motor driven boat equipped with a storage battery unless such battery is secured against shifting.
- Both positive and negative terminals need to be covered.

## VILLAGE WOODLOT HOURS

The wood lot is now open to Village residents. An attendant will assist and log who comes and what they are dropping off. The hours for the wood lot are as follows:

Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

As a reminder, please let your landscape contractor know that use of the woodlot is only for Oconomowoc Lake residences. To ensure landscape companies are using the woodlot for Village residents only, periodic checks of landscape companies working in the Village should be expected.

## 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/ADMINISTRATOR

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

### PUBLIC WORKS

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

### CLERK - DEPUTY TREASURER

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

Elections, licensing, property taxes, board of review, conditional use, *The Village News*

### TREASURER - DEPUTY CLERK

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

Building permit questions, dog licenses

### VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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

### VILLAGE WEBSITE

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



The Village has a text messaging application to convey real time information to our residents. Text **OCONLAKE** to 833-475-0033 and you will 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.)

**\*\*\*Has YOUR email changed? Be sure to let us know by emailing the Clerk: [clerk@oconlake.com](mailto:clerk@oconlake.com)**

## History Committee News

The Village History Committee is excited to invite you to the presentation of the:

# History of the East Shore of Oconomowoc Lake Sunday, June 23, 2024

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Oconomowoc Lake Club  
4668 N Lake Club Circle  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

for more details, please see the complete flyer on the village website.

RSVP ASAP to: [clerk@oconlake.com](mailto:clerk@oconlake.com)