



# THE VILLAGE NEWS

A Newsletter from the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, December 2015  
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## 2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>VILLAGE HALL CLOSED—HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	
<b>Jan 4</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission Meeting**
<b>Jan 11</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting**
<b>Jan 18</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
<b>Jan 25</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board Meeting**
<b>Feb 1</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission Meeting**
<b>Feb 8</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting**
<b>Feb 15</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 AM to 8 PM</b>	<b>SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION IF NEEDED</b>
<b>Feb 22</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board Meeting**
<b>Mar 7</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission Meeting**
<b>Mar 14</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting**
<b>Mar 21</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>Mar 28</b>	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board Meeting**

**\*\* 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 Focus on Oconomowoc newspaper.*

## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Village Hall.....262-567-5301	Building Inspection.....262-490-0513
Village Hall Fax.....262-567-7447	Non-Emergency Police.....262-367-2600
Municipal Court.....262-569-0920	Police Emergency.....9-1-1
<b>Direct Squad Car Phone numbers:</b>	<b>8:00 am to Midnight: .....414-881-9727</b>
<b>(If no answer, leave a message)</b>	<b>Midnight to 8:00 am: .....414-881-9728</b>

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

*The Village President and Board of Trustees serve our Village on a part-time basis and without compensation.*

### VILLAGE PRESIDENT

**Joe Birbaum**  
4750 Hewitts Point Road  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
262-567-7785

## VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Michael Bickler**  
262-567-4000

**Jeff Fellows**  
414-745-3341

**Paul Fischer**  
262-567-6364

**Joseph Owens**  
262-567-3421

**Chris Shult**  
262-567-7647

**Bryan Waltersdorf**  
262-468-4806

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.**

Don't forget to donate to the Village's Fireworks fund. Donations to the Village are generally tax deductible.



*~I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.” —Thomas Jefferson*

## POLICE MESSAGES

If you need to contact the police regarding a non-emergency matter (i.e., driveway plowing, burn permits, dogs at large, parking issues, etc.), you may call the village hall at 262-567-5301 and leave your message after the beep; BUT, if you need to relay information immediately, please call the officer on duty directly using the numbers listed below.

**8:00 a.m. to midnight: 414-881-9727**  
**Midnight to 8:00 a.m.: 414-881-9728**

**If you have any emergency matters, you should always call 9-1-1.**

## 2015 TAX COLLECTION

All 2015 tax payments will be collected by the Waukesha County Treasurer's Office.

**Payments will not be accepted at the Village Hall.**

To Pay By Mail: Send payment to: Waukesha County Treasurer, 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Room 148, Waukesha, WI 53188-2428. Make sure the check is made payable to the 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, 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Room 148, Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Escrow Checks: If your escrow check is more than the amount of your taxes, 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. Taxpayers wishing to go to the County Treasurer's office to make their payment will be required to go through the security screening process at the main door of the courthouse.

County Website: You may access your tax bill online by going to [www.waukeshacounty.gov](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov), and by clicking on the tax listings box. You may search by tax key or by address.

## 2016 ELECTIONS

Polling hours on election days are 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Village Hall.

Absentee ballots can be requested by mail or you can vote absentee in person in the Clerk's office during our normal hours.

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO VILLAGE OFFICES OPEN FOR ELECTION IN 2016.

### **SPRING PRIMARY**

The Spring Primary, if necessary, will be held on **February 16, 2016**.

### **SPRING ELECTION**

The Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary will be held on **April 5, 2016**.

### **FALL PARTISAN PRIMARY**

The Fall Partisan Primary will be held on **August 9, 2016**.

### **FALL 2016 GENERAL ELECTION**

The General Election will be held on **November 8, 2016**. This General Election will be held **Tuesday, November 8, 2016** for President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, even-numbered Wisconsin State Senate seats, all Wisconsin Assembly seats, and all District Attorneys



### **FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2016**

**A** letter requesting donations toward the Fireworks Display for 2016 has been mailed to Village property owners. Please review the information and consider making a donation toward the 2016 Fireworks Display. As in the past, you may mail a check to the Village Hall with your donation. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity to make a donation for a beautiful fireworks display.

The 2016 display will be on Monday, July 4 with a rain date of Tuesday, July 5.

## DRIVEWAY SNOWPLOWING AND MAINTENANCE

**T**he Village DPW plows private drives at the direction of the Police Chief when a snowfall reaches a 3" accumulation. This plowing 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 reflector markers may not be plowed.

Please keep your driveways 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.

Sand is provided free to Village residents by the Village Department of Public Works. It is delivered upon request and when time permits. You must provide a barrel to hold the sand and you are responsible for sanding your own driveway.

### **DOG LICENSES**

**T**he 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, 2016.

A dog license application is enclosed in your property tax bill. You may mail your application and check to the Village Hall or apply in person Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Please do not send your dog license application with your tax bill to the County.**

**A copy of proof of current rabies vaccination MUST be attached to your application. This is required before we can issue any dog licenses.**

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 will be a \$5.00 late fee assessed after March 31, 2016. 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 Jennifer at the Village Hall.

## WINTER ICE SAFETY TIPS

### WHEN IS ICE SAFE?

There really is no sure answer. You can't judge the strength of ice just by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature, or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Strength is based on all these factors—plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water chemistry and currents, the distribution of the load on the ice, and local climatic conditions.

### Recommended Minimum Thickness for New Clear Ice

4" Ice fishing and small group activities  
5" Snowmobiles and ATV's

NOTE: Motor vehicles are **not** allowed on Oconomowoc Lake

Remember, common sense is your greatest ally in preventing ice accidents. Five minutes of checking ice from shore, and systematic checks while on the ice can mean the difference between an enjoyable outdoor experience and a tragedy.

### VACATION NOTIFICATIONS

If you are planning on leaving for vacation or any extended absence from your Village residence, the Village of Oconomowoc Lake Police Department has the following recommendations:

- Call (262-567-5301), fax (262-567-7447), or e-mail (villagehall@oconlake.com) the Village Hall to leave your vacation information with the police department. The information you need to provide is the date you are leaving and when you plan to return, any lights you plan to leave on, whether anyone has keys to your house, whether you expect anyone to be at your house or on the property, and your emergency contact information.
- Have your mail held at the post office or arrange for someone to pick it up for you
- Have your newspapers discontinued

## BE A SURVIVOR!

Let'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. And the pain is incredible! What should you do? First, try not to 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** to work your way back onto the solid ice. If your clothes have trapped a lot of 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 help prevent you 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!



## VILLAGE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

### **VILLAGE WEBSITE**

**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**

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

**administrator@oconlake.com**

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

### **CLERK**

**clerk@oconlake.com**

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

### **DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER**

**michele@oconlake.com**

Building permit questions; dog licenses

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

**joe@birbaum.com**

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

Request driveway sand/salt mixture

### **VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE**

**villagehall@oconlake.com**

Ask any other questions regarding Village matters

### IN MEMORY OF . . .

**We regret to inform  
you of the passing of**

**Bob Cicenis**

**We extend our  
sincere  
condolences  
to the  
Cicenis family**

### THANK YOU!

### **2015 Pollworkers**

*Mary Altschaefl*

*Mimi Birbaum*

*Robert Boex*

*Sue Boex*

*Panny Bongardt*

*Sandy Eppers*

*Carol Fischer*

*Anne Foster*

*Ray Foster*

*Holly Krull*

*Jerry McNellis*

*Sharon McNellis*

*Amy Zea*