



THE VILLAGE NEWS

A Newsletter from the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, **December, 2016**
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JANUARY

January 2	Monday	Village Hall Closed for New Year Holiday	
January 9	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
January 16	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
January 23	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board*

FEBRUARY

February 6	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission*
February 13	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
February 20	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
FEBRUARY 21	TUESDAY	7:00AM-8:00PM	SPRING PRIMARY*
February 27	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board*

MARCH

March 6	Monday	7:00PM	Plan Commission*
March 13	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
March 20	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
March 27	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board*

***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

We wish you all a
very Merry Christmas
plus a Happy, Healthy
& Prosperous New
Year.

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests".

- Patrick Henry



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

Village Hall will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd in celebration of the New Year holiday and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd at 8:00am.

IN MEMORY OF...

We regret to inform you of the passing of

Ann Foster

We extend our sincere condolences to the Foster family



ELECTION INFORMATION

The Spring Primary, if necessary, will be held on February 21, 2017 at the Village Hall. Polling hours are 7:00am to 8:00pm. Ballot information will be published by Waukesha County in the "Focus on Oconomowoc" prior to the election and sample ballots will be available in the Village Hall.

SPRING ELECTION

The Spring Election will be held on April 4, 2017. The following Village offices will be up for election.

WWW.MYVOTE.WI.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 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.

PRESIDENT—2 YEAR TERM
3 TRUSTEES—4 YEAR TERMS

If you are interested in seeking one of these offices, nomination papers may be obtained at the Village Hall. Completed nomination papers must be turned in to the Village Clerk no later than 5:00pm on January 3, 2017. Please contact the Village Clerk if you have any questions about the Spring Election or the offices open for election. The Spring Election may also include candidates for Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, County Non-partisan Offices, School District Offices, and Referenda (if required).

Thank you to our poll workers, without whom Election Day would not function!

Thank you for your dedication, cooperation, and professionalism.

Because of you the 2016 elections went off without a hitch, including the statewide recount.

2016 TAX COLLECTION

All 2016 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. Checks should be made payable to the Waukesha County Treasurer. A receipt will be mailed to you.

To Pay In Person: Payment can be made in person at the Waukesha county Treasurer's office, 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Room 148, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Please be aware that you must go through a security screening process at the main door of the courthouse.

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.

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

VACATION NOTIFICATIONS

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

Call (252) 567-5301 or e-mail (villagehall@oconlake.com) the Village Hall to leave your vacation information with the police department. Please provide the date you are leaving and your return date, any lights you leave on, if anyone has keys to your house, if you expect anyone to be at your house or on your property, and your contact information.

Have your mail held at the post office or arrange for someone to pick it up for you.

Have your newspaper discontinued.

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, 2017.

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 through Friday between 8:00am and 2:00pm. 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.



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 OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.oconlake.com

Website links to email addresses

POLICE

police@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

Request driveway sand/salt mixture

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

villagehall@oconlake.com

Ask any questions regarding Village matters

