



THE VILLAGE NEWS

A Newsletter from the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, **June, 2016**
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JULY

July 4	Monday	INDEPENDENCE DAY VILLAGE HALL CLOSED	
July 4		FIREWORKS DISPLAY! (Rain date July 5)	
July 11	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
July 18	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
July 25	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board*

AUGUST

August 1	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission*
August 8	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
AUGUST 9	TUESDAY	FALL PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION	
August 15	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
August 22	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board*

SEPTEMBER

September 5	Monday	LABOR DAY VILLAGE HALL CLOSED	
September 12	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
September 19	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
September 26	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

Welcome to road repair season in Wisconsin! As you probably are aware, the Gifford rail crossing will be closing for repair. The rails are moving, creating a potentially unsafe situation. While some of us will find the closing to be very inconvenient, it is a lot better than a train wreck.

Our road repair season will not be done with the completion of the Gifford Road crossing repair. In mid-July, Stark Paving will be repairing parts of Armour Rd., Fairview Rd., Gifford Rd., Lake Club Circle, North Beach and West Beach Rds., as well as Pabst Rd. The repairs, which will cost \$170,000, are part of the Village's continuous efforts to maintain our infrastructure in a safe and aesthetically pleasing condition. We expect that traffic delays, if any, will be brief.

It has been a year+ since our long time Village Clerk, Cindy, left and Jennifer Moore took over the Village Clerk responsibilities. Jennifer is doing a great job! If you need assistance or have not met her, please stop at the Village Hall and introduce yourself. She is knowledgeable and easy to deal with.

I have said this before, but it is worth repeating. Summer and boating season is here. Have fun on our beautiful lake, but drive your boats carefully and minimize your wake near shore, swimmers and other watercraft. No one wants to cause shore erosion or an accident. Make sure your guests understand the boating regulations. A major portion of the boating violations that occur are a result of guests operating the watercraft improperly.

"I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations." — James Madison

VILLAGE WOODLOT

The Village woodlot is open on Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm for your brush and leaves only. Please contact the Village Hall if you need directions. The next opportunity to dispose of large items in the dumpster will be during the month of October.

Check the Waukesha County Recycling website for proper disposal of hazardous waste products. Also, your white goods can be picked up by Advanced Disposal Services by calling them at (262) 367-6040. The Village is billed for those pick-ups.



VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

In celebration of the 4th of July holiday, the Village Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4th. We will re-open on Tuesday, July 5th at 8:00am.

Village Hall will also be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016 in honor of Labor Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:00am.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

There have been fireworks over the lake for as long as anyone can recall. Originally, the display was presented by the Oconomowoc Lake Club and later by the Village. No Village funds are currently used; the display is financed solely by contributions. The more we collect, the longer and more exciting the display.

We appreciate the contributions to date. We have met our minimum requirement, but would welcome any contributions from residents. Additional contributions will allow us to enhance the display so that it is as nice as, or better than, previous years' fireworks displays. Please consider helping us improve upon this age-old tradition.

Village of Oconomowoc Lake's fireworks display will be held after sunset on Monday, July 4th (rain date, Tuesday, July 5th). The setup and discharge will be handled by the Bartolotta Fireworks Company.

As in years past, the fireworks will be set off from the lake. They will be displayed in the north-west corner of the lake and boat patrol officers will be maintaining a 600-foot separation between the barge and the spectators. Please make sure your boat lights are in working order and 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 from about 3:00pm Friday until after the fireworks. This will allow for roadside viewing for those not wanting to view from the lake. As usual, Village Police will assist in directing parking on Valentine Road.

Have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday!



ELECTION INFORMATION

August 9, 2016—Fall Partisan Primary

November 9, 2016—General Election

Residents will be casting their votes for County, State, and Federal offices this fall. We expect to have high voter turnout for this election and there are many ways to make your time at the polls efficient and pleasant.

Register to vote before election day—You must be registered in order to vote in the election. You can register to vote in the Clerk's office through the Friday before an election. You must have resided at your address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to vote. Proof of residence is required when registering. (If you are unable to register before the election please budget extra time to register at the polls),

Voter ID is required—We have had a number of elections utilizing voter ID. At the poll books please be prepared to state your name and address for the election worker, have your photo ID ready, and be prepared to sign the poll book.

We have efficient and knowledgeable poll workers in the Village who are happy to get you through the process so you can cast your ballot quickly and easily.

Absentee ballots—You may contact the Clerk to request an absentee ballot by mail or you may vote absentee in person in the Clerk's office.

IMPORTANT DATES:

July 20

Last day to register to vote through the mail

July 25

First day to vote absentee in Clerk's Office

August 4

Last day to request absentee ballot by mail

August 5

Last day to register to vote in Clerk's Office
(Registration reopens at polls on election day)

August 5

Last day to vote absentee in Clerk's Office
(extended office hours)

August 9 ELECTION DAY

BOATING

The Village will once again utilize boat patrol to monitor lake activities. Along with added patrol time, the police department will be taking the position of Zero Tolerance in dealing with violations of the 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 the state law and discuss it with all legal operators of your boats and personal watercrafts, **including your guests, to avoid any embarrassing situations with the 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 the boating laws. If you have any questions about boating laws, please call Don Wiemer at the Village Hall or flag down your boating safety specialist on the patrol boat.

SELECTED BOATING REGULATIONS

SPEED LIMIT

- Night: 10 mph or less, one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
- Boats must maintain a speed no greater than Slow- No-Wake when within 150 feet from 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 from 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, canoe, 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.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

- 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:
- Operators must wear a personal flotation device of proper size.
- No person may operate a personal watercraft equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard without the lanyard attached to the operator.
- It is illegal to operate a personal watercraft facing backwards.
- **No person may operate a PWC from sunset to sunrise.**

SELECTED BOATING REGULATIONS (cont'd)

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 the following:

- 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.

ALCOHOL

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

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:

- A flyer is placed in the paper box of each residence.
- Metal 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 for updated information.**

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.oconlake.com

Website links to email addresses

POLICE

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

Request driveway sand/salt mixture

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

villagehall@oconlake.com

Ask any questions regarding Village matters

