



THE VILLAGE NEWS

A Newsletter from the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, **March 2014**
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2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 1	Tuesday	7 AM to 8 PM	SPRING ELECTION
April 7	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission*
April 12 through May 19	Burning in Village Allowed (must call in)		
April 14	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
April 21	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
April 28	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board*
May 3	Saturday	9 AM to 1 PM	Dumpster available at Village woodlot (through the month of May)
May 5	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission*
May 12	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
May 19	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
May 26	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY VILLAGE HALL CLOSED	
June 2	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission*
June 9	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
June 16	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
June 23	Monday	6 to 8 PM	Board of Review
June 23	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.

BOATER SAFETY CLASS 2014

The Village will conduct a Boater Safety Class on June 9, 10, 11, and 12. The Monday through Thursday classes will be from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Adults and families are welcome to enroll.

Students must be 12 years old or older to receive their certificates and must attend all four classes. Students approaching the age of 12 may take the class and will receive their certificate sometime after their 12th birthday.

Classes will be held at the Oconomowoc Lake Club, 4668 N. Lake Club Circle. The fee for the class is \$10.00. To register, call the Village Hall at 262-567-5301. Please note that class size is limited, so call soon to reserve your place.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Village Trustees and staff continuously strive to control our taxes. As you are aware, we were successful on your recent real estate taxes. Based on efforts by the Village and our assessor, Tyler Technologies, with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) we were able to get the DOR to recognize the accurate value of residential properties in the Village. These efforts caused our portion of the school and County taxes to decline. Subsequently, there were a number of sales in the Village which will potentially raise the DOR's valuation of the Village's residential property resulting in higher real estate tax payments for us next year. We will continue our efforts to make sure the DOR has accurate values and we only pay an appropriate amount of the school and County taxes.

Remember, you can make a donation to the Village's Fireworks Fund which is typically tax deductible and help the Village enjoy a great display July 4!

*"The curious task of economics is to demonstrate to men how little they really know about what they imagine they can design."
— Friedrich A. von Hayek*

VILLAGE WOODLOT

The spring opening of the Village woodlot is dependent upon weather conditions. We anticipate the wood lot will be open on April 5, 2014, subject to snow. Open hours will be on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, for disposal of leaves, grass clippings and brush. The 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 for the month of May for Village residents beginning Saturday, May 3rd at the Village woodlot from 9 AM to 1 PM. An attendant will be available to assist you. **Items that can be dumped include, but are not limited to: large items, boards, lumber, pipe, fencing & carpeting. You may also bring your old electronics to be recycled. There is a separate bin for the electronics in the wood lot. Electronics may include items such as computers, cell phones, batteries, etc. Contact the Village Hall for a complete list of acceptable electronics.**

WE CAN NOT ACCEPT TIRES OR ANY HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS IN THE DUMPSTER

VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Village Hall	262-567-5301
Village Hall Fax	262-567-7447
Building Inspection	262-490-0513
Non-Emergency Police	262-367-2600

AFTER VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8 AM TO 2 PM, PLEASE CONTACT POLICE SQUADS DIRECTLY FOR CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

8 AM to Midnight	414-881-9727
Midnight to 8 AM	414-881-9728

If you have need of a police officer, but the matter is not a 9-1-1 emergency, please call the police squad directly. If you leave a message at the Village Hall, it may be much later or the next day before the message is retrieved. Calling the squad directly will result in a more timely resolution to the matter of concern.

DOG LICENSES & FEES

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, 2014.** If your dog is found not to be licensed, you could receive a citation.

Dog license fees are in compliance with Wis. State Statute 174.05 that states that fees should differentiate between pets that are neutered or spayed and pets that are not. The fee for dogs that are spayed or neutered is \$15.00, and for dogs that are not neutered or spayed is \$17.00. There is a \$5.00 late fee for dog licenses purchased after March 31, 2014.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Recently you received a letter from the Clerk explaining that the Village will begin sending the newsletter and special notices via e-mail. We have received many of your e-mails and appreciate anyone who has responded. If you have not yet responded, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Some residents do not have e-mail accounts or access to computers. We will continue to send the newsletter via U.S. Mail to those residents who notify us of that. This March mailing is the final newsletter that will be mailed via U.S. Mail to all our residents.

Please note that while we have no intention of providing your e-mail addresses to the public, the Village is subject to open records requests. It is possible that we could receive requests for our e-mail list. We are then required by law to grant that request.

Thank you for assisting us in this project.

BURNING PERMIT

The 2014 spring burning season has been set. The dates are as follows:

Monday, April 12th through Monday, May 19th

Please remember that you must pay a \$25.00 fee for each spring or fall burning session. Once the fee is paid, you must call the Village Hall (262-567-5301) or the officer on duty (414-881-9727) each time you plan to burn so that the officer on duty is aware of planned burning. Additionally, the Village must have your completed burning permit form. You will be given a copy for your files for reference. The burning regulations are printed on the permit form.

SPRING ELECTION

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday,

April 1, 2014 at the Village Hall.
Polling Hours are from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

See the insert for further information and a sample ballot.

FIREWORKS DONATIONS

The fireworks display on July 4th, with a rain date of July 5th, will again be performed by Bartolotta Fireworks Company. As was the case in the past few years, Village residents were asked for donations to fund the fireworks display. As of March 17, 2014, we have received enough donations for a display comparable to previous years. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation. If anyone is still interested in making a donation for the fireworks display, please send it to the Village Hall and note that the donation is designated for the 2014 fireworks display. The display will be increased according to the additional donations the Village receives.

GARBAGE PICK UP

Normal garbage pick up in the Village is on Thursday. Questions have come up regarding garbage pick up around holidays. When a holiday does not fall on Thursday, garbage pick up will still be on Thursday. If a holiday falls on Thursday, please call Advanced Disposal Services for their automated message regarding the pick up day. Their number is **262-367-6040**.

BOARD OF REVIEW & OPEN BOOK DATES

The dates have been set for the Open Book and Board of Review, as well as the dates when the Assessor, Mark Link of Tyler Technologies, plans to be in the Village to review properties. Mark will be in the Village between March 24 and April 11. Letters of assessment notice will be mailed out on or about April 29th. The Assessor will review approximately 20 percent of the properties in the Village. If you would like to assure that your property is reviewed, you may contact Mark directly and request a review. Mark's contact number is 800-959-6876, ext. 1.

The Assessment roll will be available for review at the Village Hall beginning on April 30th. **Open Book** will be held at the Village Hall on **May 13th from 4 PM to 6 PM**. Open Book is the time when property owners have the opportunity to review the assessment roll and speak with the assessor regarding their properties. Anyone who is unable to attend on May 13th may make an appointment to meet with the assessor between May 1st and May 15th. Property owners whose assessments have been revised during the 15-day Open Book period will be mailed revised notices on May 16, 2014.

The **Board of Review** will be held on **June 23rd, commencing at 6 PM**. Objection forms are available at the Village Hall and must be completed and returned to the Village Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Board of Review. Property owners who do not submit the required form may still appear before the Board, but their cases may be scheduled for another date to allow the Assessor time to prepare for the hearing.

It is important for property owners to remember that the Open Book and Board of Review are the only opportunities that property owners have to object to their assessments for that property year. 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 the Board of Review and Open Book procedures. If you have any questions regarding assessment procedures, please contact Mark directly at 800-959-6876, ext. 1. He will be happy to explain the procedures he follows and methods used in determining the assessed values.

SPRING ELECTION INFORMATION

Residents will be casting their votes for Court of Appeals Judge (District 2), Circuit Court Judges (Branches 5 and 6), County Supervisor (District 2) and School District Offices.

A modified version of the election ballot is on the back of this page. The printing on the sample ballot has been reduced to fit on an 8-1/2 by 11-inch page. The ballot you will vote is on legal size paper. It may be very helpful for you to familiarize yourself with the ballot before you go to the polls.

Absentee ballots were mailed on March 10th to those residents whose applications for an absentee ballot were on file with the Clerk. You may contact the Clerk to request an absentee ballot by mail using the application that can be found on the Government Accountability Board (GAB) website (<http://gab.wi.gov>) or you may request that the clerk send an application by fax or e-mail to you. The last day you may request an absentee ballot by mail is March 27, 2014. Beginning March 17th, you may fill out the absentee ballot application and vote at Village Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 AM—2 PM. The last day to vote by absentee ballot is Friday, March 28th. The office will be open from **8 AM until 5 PM** on that day. No absentee voting may occur after 5 PM on Friday, March 28, 2014. Absentee ballots that are mailed to the Village Hall must be postmarked by April 1, 2014 and arrive via USPS no later than 4 PM on Friday April 4, 2014.

Please note: While the law allows for the late arrival of ballots if mailed on election day, the procedure to process those late ballots is very extensive and it would be greatly appreciated if your absentee ballot is received before 8 PM on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

You must be registered in order to vote in the election. You can register to vote until 5 PM on the Friday before the election (March 28, 2014) or on Election Day. You must have resided at your address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to vote, and you may no longer use a corroborating witness as proof of residence. Proof of residence is required when registering less than 20 days before an election, on Election Day, and for first time Wisconsin voters registering by mail.

PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS:

As of Tuesday, March 6, 2012, Dane County Judge David Flanagan placed an injunction on the requirement to show a photo ID in order to vote. If that injunction is not lifted by the election on April 1st, voters will not be required to show their identification. Voters will still be required to sign the poll book as they have done in the past several elections. Your Village election inspectors have worked very hard to learn the continually changing laws regarding elections. They appreciate your assistance in complying with the laws that are in effect. You are welcome to contact the Village Clerk to verify whether photo ID will or will not be necessary on April 1st. It is not anticipated that the injunction will be lifted prior to the 2014 Spring Election.

WAUKESHA COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Special Collection Events for 2014

Hours: 8 AM until noon

Brookfield	June 7	City Public Works Yard, 19700 Riverview Drive
Delafield	June 21	Dept. of Public Works, 111 Main Street
Mukwonago	May 17	Village Public Works, 630 Hwy. NN
Oconomowoc	Sept 13	City Public Works Garage, 630 S. Worthington St.

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