



THE VILLAGE NEWS

A Newsletter from the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, **March 2017**
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APRIL

April 3	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission*
April 4	TUESDAY	7:00 AM—8:00 PM	SPRING ELECTION
April 10 through May 14			Burning in Village Allowed (must call in)
April 10	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
April 17	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
April 20	Thursday	4:00-6:00 PM	Open Book with the Assessor
April 24	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board*
April 27	Thursday	4:00-6:00 PM	Open Book with the Assessor

MAY

May 1	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission*
May 6	Saturday	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Dumpster available at Village woodlot (through the month of May)
May 8	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
May 15	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
May 22	Monday	7:00 PM	Architectural Control Board*
May 29	Monday		MEMORIAL DAY VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

JUNE

June 5	Monday	7:00 PM	Plan Commission*
June 5	Tuesday	4:30 PM	Board of Review
June 12	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Zoning Appeals*
June 19	Monday	7:00 PM	Village Board of Trustees
June 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

Well, spring is here! (We hope.) Ice is off of our beautiful lake and our idyllic landscape is going to blossom again. There a few simple things we can all do to maintain and enhance our environment and properties.

Sealcoats are products often sprayed or brushed on asphalt pavements to improve their appearance and extend their lifespan, but eventually leach off the drives into the environment. If you contract to have your drive seal coated, please tell the contractor that you do not want a coal tar based sealant. Sealcoats based on asphalt have been the most common around here. However, some sealcoat products based on coal tar are being used. Recent studies have shown that sealcoats based on asphalt are substantially less detrimental to the environment than those based on coal tar.

The Village Hall has copies of brochures which will help us maintain the excellent water quality of Oconomowoc Lake while also enhancing property values in the Village. The first, *Protecting Your Waterfront Investment - 10 Simple Shoreland Stewardship Practices*, is targeted to lake property and the second, *Impervious Surfaces - How They Impact Fish, Wildlife and Waterfront Property Values*, is more general. While the titles will not help them get to the best seller list, they are definitely worth reading. (If you do a search on the internet for the titles, you will be able to get PDF copies on the computer.)

*“Success is not the key to happiness.
Happiness is the key to success.
If you love what you are doing,
you will be successful.”
— Albert Schweitzer*

*“My reading of history convinces me
that most bad government results from
too much government.”
- Thomas Jefferson.*



SPRING ELECTION

**April 5, 2016
Village Hall
7:00 AM to 8:00 PM**



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. Letters of assessment notice will be mailed out on or about April 10th. 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 20th. **Open Book** will be held at the Village Hall on **April 20th and April 27th from 4 PM to 6 PM each day.** 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 the two scheduled days may make an appointment to meet with the assessor. Property owners whose assessments have been revised during the Open Book period will be mailed revised notices.

The **Board of Review** will be held on **June 5th, commencing at 4:30 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 followed and methods used in determining your assessed value.

OCONOMOWOC LAKE BOATING 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.

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

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.
- 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.
- Operation of a personal watercraft must be 200 feet or more from shoreline.



BOATER SAFETY CLASS 2016

The Village will conduct a Boater Safety Class in early June. 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.



BURNING PERMIT

The 2017 spring burning season has been set. The dates are as follows:

April 10th
through
May 14th

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.

Please be considerate of your neighbors if you choose to burn. We recommend burning away from the shore and please remember it is illegal to rake ash and other debris into the lake.

VILLAGE WOODLOT

The spring opening of the Village woodlot is dependent upon weather conditions. 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 6th 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.

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

DOG LICENSES & FEES

The Village requires that all dogs be licensed as per Wis. State Statue 95.21 (2)(a). **The deadline for registration of your dog is March 31, 2017.** 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, 2017.



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. 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 2017 fireworks display. The display will be increased according to the additional donations the Village receives.



SPRING ELECTION INFORMATION

Residents will be casting their votes for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Judicial Offices, Village President, Village Trustees, and two School Board Members. A sample version of the election ballot is included in this newsletter.

Absentee ballots were mailed to those voters whose applications for an absentee ballot were on file with the Clerk. You may contact the Clerk to request an absentee ballot by mail and must include a copy of your photo ID. The last day you may request an absentee ballot to be received by mail is March 30, 2017.

You may vote absentee at the Village Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 AM—2 PM. The last day to vote by absentee ballot is Friday, March 31st. 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 31, 2017. Absentee ballots that are mailed to the Village Hall must arrive by 8:00 PM on election day.

For complete information about voter registration and photo ID, please go to the Wisconsin Election Commission's website (<http://elections.wi.gov/>) or to the My Vote website (<https://myvote.wi.gov>).

**Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
April 4, 2017**

HC105

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

Instructions		Municipal	
21	<p>If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)</p> <p>To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●</p> <p>To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●</p>	<p>Village President Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Joe Birbaum</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	
		<p>Village Trustee Vote for not more than 3</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bryan Waltersdorf</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Shult</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeffrey J Fellows</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	
		<p>State Superintendent of Public Instruction</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bryan Waltersdorf</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Shult</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeffrey J Fellows</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	
10	<p>State Superintendent Vote for 1</p>		
11	<p><input type="radio"/> Tony Evers</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lowell E Holtz</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>		
		<p>School District</p> <p>Oconomowoc Area School District School Board Member Vote for not more than 2</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sandy Schick</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Glenn M Cochrane</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mike Bickler</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dan Raasch</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write in:</p>	
		<p>Judicial</p> <p>Justice of Supreme Court Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Annette Ziegler</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	
22	<p>Court of Appeals Judge, District 2 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brian K Hagodorn</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write in:</p>		
23	<p>Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ralph M Ramirez</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>		
24	<p>Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lloyd V Carter</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>		
	<p>Circuit Court Judge, Branch 11 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> William Domina</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>		
	<p>Continue voting at top of next column.</p>		

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

