



# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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

<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dumpster Arrives at Woodlot</b>
<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Burning Allowed in the Village (must call in)</b>
<b>Oct 5</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Plan Commission*
<b>Oct 12</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Board of Zoning Appeals*
<b>Oct 19</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Village Board of Trustees
<b>Oct 26</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Architectural Control Board*
<b>Oct 31</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM Trick or Treating in the Village</b>
<b>Nov 2</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Plan Commission*
<b>Nov 9</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Board of Zoning Appeals*
<b>Nov 15</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Final Day for Burning in the Village</b>
<b>Nov 16</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Village Board of Trustees
<b>Nov 23</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Architectural Control Board*
<b>Nov 26-27</b>	<b>Thurs-Fri</b>	<b>Village Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
<b>Nov 27</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Trash Pick Up (one day later due to holiday)</b>
<b>Dec 7</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Plan Commission*
<b>Dec 14</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Board of Zoning Appeals*
<b>Dec 21</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Village Board of Trustees
<b>Dec 28</b>	Monday	7:00 PM Architectural Control Board*
<b>Dec 24-25</b>	<b>Thurs-Fri</b>	<b>Village Hall Closed for Christmas Holiday</b>

\*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.*

## 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

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM,  
AFTER HOURS PLEASE CONTACT POLICE SQUADS DIRECTLY FOR CONCERNS & COMPLAINTS

<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>
Village Website...www.oconlake.com	Village email...villagehall@oconlake.com

## 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

**O**ur new Village garage located behind the Village Hall is finished; on time and within budget! Thanks in a great part to good work done by Village Administrator Don Wiemer and Village Trustee Mike Bickler, who functioned as our construction managers. There are still “punch list” items to complete, but the structure is ready for use long before the ice and snow gets here which was our goal. The new garage is a “metal” building, but looks better than a typical metal building. It is safer, larger and more energy efficient than the building it replaces. Please feel free to come and take a look at it.

Labor Day is behind us and fall is rapidly approaching. It is a beautiful time to walk and drive in our Village as many of us do. Both the walkers and drivers need to be careful and alert. If you are walking, please walk on the left side of the road so you can see the vehicles that are approaching on your side.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and aware of our Village ordinances when you are storing boats, piers, lifts, etc. Also, remember to put markers along the edges of your driveway before it snows so the Village will know where to plow when there is 3 or more inches of snow. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Village Hall.

Have a great fall!

*If you think you're too small to make a difference  
spend a night with a mosquito.  
~African Proverb*

## POLICE OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION

**P**lease note the police officer contact information listed on the front page of this newsletter in the Village Phone Number box. If you require immediate assistance, but the matter is not considered a 9-1-1 emergency, please remember to contact the officer on duty directly, or contact the Waukesha County Dispatch Center at 262-367-2600. If you leave a message at the Village Hall, it will not be responded to until later in the officer's shift, or the next day during regular office hours. Remember, it is most helpful to the police officers to report anything that may be suspicious activity at the time you see it rather than waiting until a later time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## DRIVEWAY PLOWING AND MAINTENANCE

**T**he Village DPW 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 DUMPSTER LOCATION AND HOURS

The next dumpster that will be available for Village residents is scheduled for the month of October beginning Saturday, October 3rd.

**This dumpster will be located at the Village wood lot and can be used on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. during open wood lot hours.** An attendant will be present if you need assistance.

Items that can be dumped include large items, boards, lumber, pipe, fencing & carpet. **All items must be placed in the dumpster.**

**The following types of materials or items are absolutely NOT allowed to be placed in the dumpster: construction materials, tires, batteries, hazardous waste products, electronics, or "white goods" (refrigerators, stoves, etc.)**

For year-round appliance pick-up at your residence, call Advanced Disposal Services at 262-367-6040.

## TRASH PICK UP/HOLIDAY WEEKS

Trash pick up in the Village is normally done on Thursdays by **Advanced Disposal Services (ADS)**. When there is a holiday during the week, prior to or on the regular pick-up day, trash pick up will be one day later (Fridays). If you have questions regarding pick up or if you need to arrange for a special pick up, the phone number for ADS is **262-367-6040**.

**Thanksgiving pick up: Friday, November 27**

**Christmas and New Year's will not be affected**



## FALL BURNING

Full burning will be permitted in the Village beginning **Saturday, October 3rd** and is allowed through **Sunday, November 15th, when weather conditions permit**. If the weather is dry, it is possible that burning will not be permitted. Chief Wiemer will consult with surrounding areas in order to make a decision regarding the safety of allowing burning. Before you burn for the very first time, you must read and sign a copy of the Village Burning Ordinance. If you did not sign an ordinance last season, or need another copy for reference, please contact the Village Hall. If you have previously signed a copy, it is on file at the Village hall. There is a fee of \$25 for the fall burning season.

Once your fee has been paid and your signed copy of the ordinance is on file, you **must** notify the Village each time before you burn. Please call before 2 P.M. on Friday, if you plan to burn during the weekend. Contact the officers directly on their cell phones after office hours. The contact numbers for the hall and the officers are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

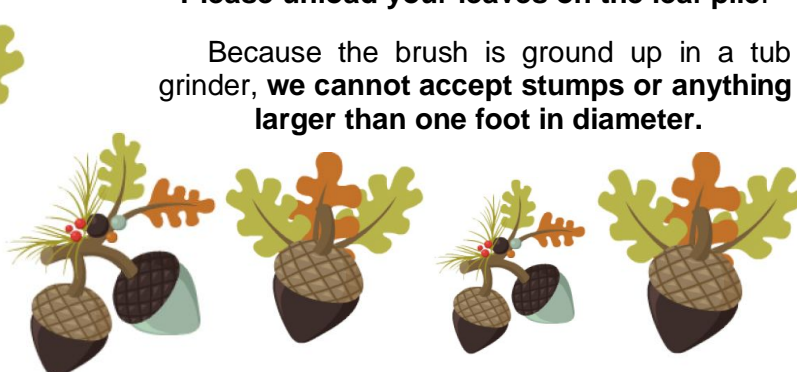
Burning without notifying the Village could result in a citation being issued to you. Following the above procedures will help ensure a safe burning season for everyone.

## VILLAGE WOOD LOT

The Village wood lot is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for disposal of leaves and brush. The leaves are hauled out, so they must be kept separate from the brush.

**Please unload your leaves on the leaf pile.**

Because the brush is ground up in a tub grinder, **we cannot accept stumps or anything larger than one foot in diameter.**



## **BOAT STORAGE & PIER REMOVAL**

**A**s another summer season draws to a close, it is time to begin preparations for winter by removing piers and boats from the lake. There are some specific rules to remember when storing your boats and piers. You may view the Village web site and click on "Zoning Code" for further information and clarification as to the storage of trailers, recreational equipment, piers, lifts, boats and other vehicles and equipment. The portion of the code listing these restrictions is found in section 17.22 (4) of the zoning code.

In a nutshell, here are the basic rules for storing the above mentioned items on your property.

1. All boats and trailers with boats must be stored so they are not plainly visible from your neighbor's property.
2. Piers, lifts, rafts, and other similar equipment may be stored at the shore if neatly arranged and done in such a way as to minimize visual obstruction from adjacent properties.

What does "not plainly visible from your neighbors' property mean?"

A: They are not parked or stored within a public or private street setback unless they are so thoroughly screened by lawfully located structures along with other approved vegetation cover, approved decorative fencing or a combination thereof, that they are not plainly visible.

B: They are at such a great distance, or are so thoroughly screened by lawfully located structures, topography, vegetation cover or approved decorative fencing or combination thereof, that they are not plainly visible.

If any resident has any questions regarding storage of your property on your lands, please call the Village Hall at 262-567-5301. The Village Hall hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 AM to 2 PM. We will be glad to answer your questions. The police department will monitor this storage this fall for compliance.



## 2015 TAX COLLECTION

All 2015 tax payments will be collected by Waukesha County. Payments will not be accepted or receipted at the Village Hall.

To Pay By Mail: Payment can be made using the return envelope provided with your tax bill. **Make sure the check is made payable to 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, located in the Waukesha County Courthouse at 515 W Moreland Blvd, Room 148, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Escrow Checks: If your escrow check is more than the amount of your taxes, contact the issuer to have a new check issued for the exact amount of your taxes. If your check is not for the exact amount, 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.**

## SPECIAL ELECTION ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 99

Residents will cast their votes for Representative to the Assembly District 99 on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 to fill the vacancy, caused by the resignation of Chris Kapenga, for the remainder of the term which expires on January 2, 2017.

The first day to vote absentee in the clerk's office is Monday, September 14, 2015.

The last day to vote absentee in the clerk's office is Friday, September 25, 2015.

The clerk's office will be open until 5:00pm on Friday, September 25, 2015 for absentee voting.

**WOTE!**



# SAFETY ALERT!



**PLEASE KEEP PROPANE TANKS AND  
PRESSURIZED CONTAINERS OUT OF THE RECYCLING BIN**

It is essential to properly dispose of old propane tanks so they don't hurt anyone, including yourself, your family or your local recycling and sanitation workers.

**PLAY IT SAFE**

Have an old propane tank? Unsure how to recycle it? Play it safe. If tanks are not completely empty, they present a real danger in the waste stream because they can cause fires, explosions, serious injury or death if put into compactor trucks, recycling centers and other waste management equipment. **PLEASE DON'T PUT THEM IN THE TRASH OR THE RECYCLING CART.** In addition, you should not open a tank and let the propane leak into the air, as this could cause a dangerous situation

## **WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR PROPANE TANK?**

First—see if the tank is still usable, and have it refilled as an alternative to disposal. Bring it to your local propane supplier to have it inspected and refilled. If the tank is unsafe to use, or you no longer want it, many retailers have an exchange program, so you can swap out your old, empty tanks for new, full ones, and they will recycle it properly. Some areas accept propane tanks (and other pressurized cylinders) at their hazardous waste drop off sites.

# VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

## **VILLAGE WEBSITE**

**[www.oconlake.com](http://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 (funerals, weddings, etc.); register for Boater's Safety class; report missing or found boats, piers, etc.

## **POLICE CHIEF**

**[chief@oconlake.com](mailto:chief@oconlake.com)**

## **ADMINISTRATOR**

**[administrator@oconlake.com](mailto:administrator@oconlake.com)**

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

## **CLERK -TREASURER**

**[clerk@oconlake.com](mailto:clerk@oconlake.com)**

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

## **DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER**

**[michele@oconlake.com](mailto:michele@oconlake.com)**

Building permit questions; dog licenses

## **VILLAGE PRESIDENT,**

**[joe@birbaum.com](mailto:joe@birbaum.com)**

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

Request driveway sand/salt mixture

## **VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE**

**[Villagehall@oconlake.com](mailto:Villagehall@oconlake.com)**

Ask any other questions regarding Village matters

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE FALL SEASON!**

