



The Village News

Village of Oconomowoc Lake

March 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2026:

Friday, April 3	office closed	Spring Holiday
Monday, April 6	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Tuesday, April 7	7:00 am-8:00 pm	Spring Election
Monday, April 13	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, April 20	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, April 27	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*

MAY 2026:

Monday, May 4	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, May 11	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, May 18	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, May 26	office closed	Memorial Day

JUNE 2026:

Monday, June 1	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, June 8	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, June 15	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, June 22	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*

*** meetings as needed. All meetings are subject to change and special meetings may be held as necessary. Meeting notices are posted in the following 3 locations:**

1. Opposite the entrance to the Oconomowoc Lake Club on the north side of the road west of the tennis clubhouse;
2. At the entrance to the Village Hall on West Pabst Road;
3. At the Village Boat Launch located at 35622 E Wisconsin Avenue.



A LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Spring is here!

Whether you are a boater, fisherman, swimmer, biker, walker or just enjoy the natural surroundings of the Village this is a great time of year where we get ready to enjoy the outdoors!

Fireworks are scheduled (weather permitting) on Saturday July 4th. On behalf of all residents, I would like to thank all who have donated so far, we are at 70% of our fundraising goal.

Please consider making a special donation this year to help celebrate the nations 250th!

As a reminder, please review be sure to respect others and be safe as you have fun this season.

- You can find fishing regulations here: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/regulations>
- Boating Regulation Handbook can be found here: <https://widnr.widen.net/s/0vw8hwrae3>
- Wisconsin DNR "What you should know before you operate your boat": <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/registrations/boat/BeforeYouOperate.html>

You may also talk to the Village staff at 262-567-5301 regarding our local ordinances.

Wishing you a happy, healthy Spring!

I hope to see you out and about!

OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Once again this year, the Assessor will review ALL properties in the village. Property owners will receive a notice of their new assessment in early June. PLEASE review this letter very carefully. Open Book and Board of Review occur each year following the assessor's review of village properties. It is important for property owners to understand that Open Book and Board of Review are the opportunities to object to their assessment for that property tax year.

Open Book is the time when property owners may review the assessment roll and speak with the assessor regarding their property value. If you cannot attend on the appointed Open Book day, you may make an appointment to meet with the assessor.

The Board of Review responds to assessment objections that are not resolved during Open Book. Objection forms and instructions are available on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website. Once the Assessment Roll has been accepted by the Board of Review, the assessment roll is closed until the next year.

Please feel free to contact the Village Clerk with any questions you may have about Open Book and Board of Review procedures. If you have any questions regarding your assessment, please contact **Sam Monroe** at sam.monroe@tylertech.com or 812-483-0653.



News from the History Committee....

Happy Spring from the History Committee! Our historical presentation for June 2026 will be about Brae Head. It is the beautiful, white, historical home at 4 Earling Court, currently owned by Paul and Peggy Bielik. It is pictured below. The date and time of the event is Sunday June 28, 1-3 pm at the Oconomowoc Lake Club. Reservations will be taken starting May 1. The email address to RSVP is: panny1951@yahoo.com.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Barbara Schultz who was instrumental in donating to the village, valuable historical information and photos regarding the village's history. The history of this beautiful lake will now remain safe for future generations to benefit from. If anyone has any information or items they would like to share with us, please contact the village hall and one of the History Committee members will get in touch with you.

New Tour Coming Soon!! THE BEER BARON TOUR!!

Oconomowoc Lake has a long history with many of the Milwaukee Beer Barons and their families. Many well-known brewers and their families lived on our lake. The History Committee is currently putting together a Beer Baron Tour, spearheaded by Amy Zea and John Macy. A map and information regarding the homes and brewing history of those that lived there are being assembled. Watch for more news regarding the Beer Baron Tour sometime this Spring or Summer.



ELECTION INFORMATION

The Spring Election will be held on April 7, 2026 at the Village Hall. Election Day polling hours are 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Ballot information is available online at www.myvote.wi.gov and sample ballots will be available at the Village Hall.

To vote absentee, please visit the MyVote website to request a ballot by mail. You may also vote absentee in person at the Village Hall during normal office hours **beginning Tuesday, March 24th through Thursday, April 2nd, 8 am — 2 pm or by appointment.**

If you have any election questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact the Village Clerk at the Village Hall or via email at clerk@oconlakewi.gov



At the **MyVote** website you may: register to vote, find your polling place, request an absentee ballot and more!



2026 Dog Licenses

The Village requires all dogs be licensed per Wis. State Statute 95.21(2)(a).

2026 Dog license applications are due March 31st and may be found on the village website: oconlake.com

Mail your application, rabies statement and check to the Village Hall or apply in person Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Once received, your dog license will be mailed back to you (or handed to you if in person).

You **MUST** include **PROOF** of the rabies vaccination information even if it hasn't changed since last year, prior to any licenses being issued. This is pursuant to WI State Statutes.

www.oconlake.com

262-567-5301

VILLAGE WOODLOT

Spring yard cleanup is just about here and the Village Woodlot will tentatively open on April 4th. This opening is dependent on conditions so **call the village office at (262) 567-5301 to confirm.**

SPRING HOURS:

Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

***Leaves and grass clippings are hauled out so please keep them separate from brush by unloading them on the leaf pile. NO plastic garbage bags.

A **dumpster will be available** at the woodlot **Saturdays** during the month of **May** for Village residents. An attendant is there to monitor residency. Items that may be dumped include, but are not limited to: large items, boards, lumber, pipe, fencing & carpeting.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT TIRES, ELECTRONICS OR ANY HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS IN THE DUMPSTER

***please obtain your own dumpster for construction/remodeling projects**

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Village entered into an agreement to provide electronic device recycling including computers (desktop, laptop, notebook and tablet), computer printers, televisions, monitors, fax machines, DVD players, VCR's, microwaves, answering machines, shredders, stereos, toasters and vacuums. NO tube TVs are allowed. The drop-off location is at the Village Hall during business hours. **Please call (262) 567-5301 prior to bringing items in.**

WEEKLY REFUSE & RECYCLING

Green for Life (GFL) is your weekly service provider. They pick up on Thursdays and may be reached at (262) 367-6040.

Please have your items out by 6:00 am.

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.oconlake.com

A great resource for all Village information.

POLICE

police@oconlake.com

Requests for house checks, extra patrol, and parking; traffic & boating laws, report missing/found property.

POLICE CHIEF / ADMINISTRATOR

jjanicsek@oconlake.com

PUBLIC WORKS

dpw@oconlake.com

CLERK - DEPUTY TREASURER

clerk@oconlake.com

The Village News, absentee ballots, questions on elections, property taxes, Board of Review and licensing.

TREASURER - DEPUTY CLERK

michele@oconlake.com

Building permit questions, dog licenses.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

mbickler@stonewoodcompanies.com

GENERAL VILLAGE EMAIL

villagehall@oconlake.com



The Village Administrator uses a text messaging application to convey real time information to residents. [Text OCONLAKE to 833-475-0033](tel:833-475-0033) and you'll begin receiving these messages.

(*The phone number list is anonymous with no name associated, but could be subject to open records request similar to any other information you provide the Village.)



Our Police Department uses the "Village of Oconomowoc Lake Police Department" Facebook page to share information with residents about the Village and surrounding communities, in a timely manner. If you do not have Facebook, see below to make sure we have a current email address for you.



Do we have your email address or has it changed recently? *The Village News* is typically emailed to residents but if you received it another way, let us email it to you in the future. Send an email to: clerk@oconlake.com and we will gladly provide the newsletter and other occasional information by email.