



The Village News

Village of Oconomowoc Lake

June 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 2026:

Friday, July 3	office closed	250th Independence Day
Saturday, July 4	Dusk	Village Fireworks display
Monday, July 6	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, July 13	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, July 20	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, July 27	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*

AUGUST 2026:

Monday, August 3	7:00 pm	Plan Commission Meeting*
Monday, August 10	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, August 17	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, August 24	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*

SEPTEMBER 2026:

Monday, September 7	office closed	Labor Day
Monday, September 14	7:00 pm	Board of Appeals Meeting*
Monday, September 21	7:00 pm	Village Board Meeting
Monday, September 28	6:00 pm	Architectural Control Board*

* meetings as needed. All meetings are subject to change and special meetings may be held as necessary. Per State Statute meeting notices are posted on the Village Website and 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;

A LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

We had a cool, wet April and now Summer is here!

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2026 and all the wonderful outdoor activities the Village offers. 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!

Please be sure to respect others and be safe as you have fun this summer.

You can familiarize yourself with fishing regulations here:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/regulations>

The 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>

Familiarize yourself with boat operations, especially those that cause a wake.

The responsibility in Wisconsin is in place to address potential dangers associated with large wakes, such as:

Endangering other boats: Wakes can rock, swamp, or even capsize smaller vessels.

Causing injury: Passengers on other boats can be thrown off balance or overboard due to large wakes.

Shoreline erosion: Wakes can contribute to the erosion of shorelines and damage important habitats.

Creating hazardous wakes: Operators should not approach or pass other boats in a way that creates a hazardous wake or wash.

Be aware of your surroundings: This includes smaller vessels, the shoreline, and piers.

Reduce speed in restricted areas: If passing within 100 feet of another boat, the shore line, or a pier, slow down well in advance and operate at "no wake" speed.

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

Fireworks this year should be spectacular as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the USA. Please consider a special fireworks donation this year to make this celebration one to remember. Thank you to all who have donated.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and fun Summer!" Hope to see you around the village soon.
—Mike Bickler



Independence Day on the Lake

The Village of Oconomowoc Lake will have a fireworks display on Saturday, July 4th. The display will begin after sunset. The rain date is Sunday, July 5th.

As in years past, the fireworks will be set off from a barge on the lake. The barge will be centrally located in the larger part of the lake. Village of Oconomowoc Lake boat patrol officers will be maintaining a 600-foot separation between the barge and spectators. Please make sure your boat lights are in working order. When stationary on the water, make sure your white light is on and visible for 360 degrees.

North and West Beach Roads will be barricaded. This will allow for roadside viewing for those not wanting to view from the water. Village Police will assist in directing parking on Valentine Road.

The Village covers the cost of the barge but the fireworks themselves are financed solely by donations. Fireworks setup and discharge will be handled by Wolverine Fireworks Company.

We sincerely appreciate all the generous contributions and anticipate an outstanding display this year.

HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWS

The History Committee wishes everyone a Happy Summer! 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. Make your reservations at by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/LZVD1Jd3bSbuXeFw8>

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 of the well-known brewers and their families have 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 Summer.



Boating on Oconomowoc Lake

SLOW-NO-WAKE NOTIFICATIONS

When 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:

- Through our village email and text messaging lists. Are you enrolled?
- 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 and Facebook page for updated information.

OCONOMOWOC LAKE BOATING SELECTED 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 100 feet of 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 of 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, canoes, 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 (unless you have approved mirrors).

WAKEBOARD/SURFING

In the interest of safety, preserving shoreline and courtesy for neighbors, **please keep all wakeboard and surf boating activities in the center of the lake** and at a safe distance from others.

ALCOHOL

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

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 100' 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 diameter less than 200 feet.

It is illegal to operate a personal watercraft within 100' of:

- 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.

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

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CLERK - DEPUTY TREASURER

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

TREASURER - DEPUTY CLERK

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Building permit questions, dog licenses.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE

Have you seen our new website yet? It was recently redesigned to comply with ADA requirements and to allow for ease of use across all devices.

We hope you find our new website easy to navigate. You may search for things using the top navigation listings or the colored Quick Link buttons. The Quick Links include the most frequently used subjects. You may also Subscribe to email alerts for notifications and news from the Village including *The Village News* quarterly newsletter, agendas, History Committee events and special news alerts.