



From the Desk of Mayor Robert Magnus

The City of Oconomowoc has experienced continued growth due to the area’s economy and quality of life. To continue to meet the needs of our current and future citizens, the City implemented the trail system at Rosenow Creek, improvements at the Northeast Regional Park, and undertook various projects, including the Thackeray Trail extension, Forest Street & Roosevelt Park parking lot, a new Public Safety facility, and downtown Collins Street parking area reconstruction.

Oconomowoc continues to invest in the revitalization of the downtown area through façade and loan programs. The City assisted three building owners for façade improvement projects to encourage investment in visible enhancements to downtown properties. Since 2008, the City has supported 49 buildings and provided grant assistance totaling \$440,000. This has resulted in excess of \$2.75 million invested into Downtown Oconomowoc building improvements. In addition, our major façade grant program assists owners of iconic downtown buildings for major improvements. The 2020 program includes completion of the Mann Block building, and the 24 S. Main Cornerstone project. The public-private partnership between the City and building owners is necessary to make these projects a reality. Through the Oconomowoc Business Development Loan Pool, loans have been issued to 38 businesses to assist new business start-ups and fill vacancies since 2010. Six loans were approved in 2020. Due to need in other parts of the community, the qualifying loan eligibility area has been expanded for the E. Wisconsin Avenue and Summit Avenue areas.

In 2020 the City through extensive citizen feedback adopted the 2050 Comprehensive Land Use Plan to gauge the direction the community would like to see the City advance. Responses from citizens was greatly appreciated as we look to keep Oconomowoc a great place to live, work and play. The City has been working with developers regarding redevelopment of both Olympia area and Wisconsin Avenue, and continuing development near and around Pabst Farms.

When Are My Taxes Due?

Taxes may be paid in full or through the installment plan using the due dates to the right. If you choose to pay by mail, ***it must be postmarked by the Post Office on or before the due date to be considered paid on time.*** If you do not pay by the installment due dates, the entire remaining balance becomes immediately due and is subject to interest and penalties (1.5% per month), retroactive to February 1, 2021.

Property Tax Due Dates

Real Estate Taxes

1 st Installment	January 31, 2021
2 nd Installment	April 30, 2021
3 rd Installment	July 31, 2021

Personal Property Taxes

Due in full by January 31, 2021
(Installment Plan Not Available)

Where Do I Pay My Taxes?

Online	Online payments are accepted through the Waukesha County website: http://tax.waukeshacounty.gov/ Note: A convenience fee applies.
Mail *The City is encouraging MAIL IN payments this year due to the COVID Pandemic	City of Oconomowoc Attn: Property Tax Payments PO Box 27 Oconomowoc, WI 53066 A receipt will be sent only if a self addressed stamped envelope is provided with your payment. A receipt is also available through the online payment system approximately two weeks after payment. Click on the TAX BILL DETAILS arrow to the right of the property in the results screen to print.
In Person	City Hall: 174 E. Wisconsin Ave Oconomowoc, WI 53066 Monday through Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm <u>CLOSED on Following Holidays:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 24, 25, 31 January 1
Drop Box	A 24-hour drop box is located at City Hall by St. Paul street entrance

How Can I Pay My Taxes?

- **Credit Card/Automatic Withdrawal:** Only accepted through online payments. A convenience fee applies.
- **Escrow Checks:** Endorse escrow check. Escrow checks made payable to the City must be applied to the entire outstanding balance. If escrow check exceeds amount due a **refund** check will be issued within two weeks.
- **Check:** Payable to **City of Oconomowoc**.
- **Cash:** In person at City Hall. Please do not use drop box or mail if paying in cash.
- **Online Bill Pay:** If paying through your bank, please include **OCOC** with the full tax key number in the customer account field.

Who To Contact With Questions

The City is required by Wisconsin State Statutes to collect taxes for the County, State, Vocational Schools, Public Schools and Special Districts. The City is not responsible for setting the levies of these other jurisdictions. For questions or comments about your taxes, please contact the appropriate entity.

<u>Contact Information</u>	
City of Oconomowoc:	262-569-2170
Ocon. School District:	262-560-2119
Waukesha County:	262-548-7020
WCTC:	262-691-5214
WI Dept of Revenue:	608-266-9758
Lac La Belle Lake Mgmt:	262-893-4402
Western Lakes Fire:	262-567-8282

What Makes Up My Tax Bill?

Your tax bill includes taxes assessed by the City as well as County, State, Vocational Schools, Public Schools, and Special Districts. The 2020 levy for the City of Oconomowoc provides year round services to citizens. For 2020 the **City's** portion of taxes on an average home (valued at \$245,000) would total \$1,433.





Dog & Cat Owners

By buying a dog/cat license you are funding animal abuse prevention programs in Waukesha County.

Oconomowoc Responds is our COVID-19 Response and Revitalization Task Force that focuses on three areas of our City:

- Residents
- Businesses
- Non-Profit organizations

Our goal is to assess the needs, create a city-wide vision and plan of action to support and strengthen these groups during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. We genuinely want your input and ideas.

Please know that we are working FOR you and WITH you as we research and communicate resources to strengthen and support you emotionally and financially. We continue to pursue opportunities to pull together and work through these incredibly challenging times.

Visit the Task Force page on the City's website for more information: <https://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/taskforce>

Please remember that pet licenses are required by state law and expire on December 31st of each year. Pet licenses are required for all pets over 5 months old and are issued by the City. Veterinarians do not issue licenses, but can provide the Proof of Rabies certificate needed to obtain the license. Pets do not need to receive rabies vaccination each year.

How to Apply: Mail or bring required form (available on the City's website), current rabies certificate, fee, and self addressed stamped envelope to City Hall.

License fee: \$15 (not spayed/neutered)
\$10 (spayed/neutered)

Limits: Max of 3 licensed animals per household

Thank you for your compliance with the law and for providing funds to protect animals in our community.



Reminder ~ Winter street parking is in effect from December 1 to March 1, meaning no vehicles may be parked on any city street from 2:00 am to 5:00 am. (City Ord 7.03 (2)).

Visit the Parking Regulations page on the City's website for more information: <https://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/241/Parking-Regulations>



Help us create a new downtown City park between Fowler Lake and Lake Lac La Belle that will be used for generations! Donate to raise funds needed to purchase 517 N. Lake Road for a green space park adjacent to the dam between the lakes.

Two ways to donate: Check payment to "City of Oconomowoc-517 Park" or online through GoFundMe. For details and donation forms, visit www.buildaparkat517.com. If enough funds are not raised by 1/31/21, donations will be returned.



Garbage and Recycling Service



Johns Disposal continues to serve City residents for garbage and recycling collection in 2021. Collection days will not change and a map of service dates can be found at the link below:

<http://www.johnsdisposal.com/site/municipalities/oconomowoc-city/>

Observed holidays delaying collection for the service areas are listed below:

- Memorial Day – Monday 5/31/2021 – All collections will be delayed one day
- Fourth of July – Monday 7/5/2021 (observed) – All collections will be delayed one day
- Labor Day – Monday 9/6/2021 – All collections will be delayed one day

City of Oconomowoc 2021 RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

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 Yard Waste Collection Day

 Household Hazardous Waste Day


If your collection is missed or you have other refuse questions, call Johns

Disposal 262-473-4700 or 888-473-4701

www.johnsdisposal.com

There is no site where yard waste can be taken to.

Christmas Tree Pickup - Place trees curbside during January 2021 on your regular garbage day. Cut tree in half if they are taller than 6 ft

 **Household Hazardous Waste** - Saturday, September 11, 2021 @ 630 Worthington St. from 8am to noon. Visit www.waukesha.gov/recycling or call (262)896-8302 for other household hazardous waste sites throughout Waukesha County.

Acceptable Yard Waste Includes:

- Leaves and dry grass clippings
- Yard and garden debris and brush
- Clean woody vegetation material no greater than 6 inches in diameter and not to exceed 4 ft in length
- No more than 60 lbs in total weight

Not Acceptable Yard Waste:

- Vegetables
- Stumps
- Sod, dirt or roots
- Shrubs with intact root balls
- Pumpkins, cornstalks, apples and black walnuts can be included with the regular garbage pickup
- Anything residentially generated

Acceptable Yard Waste Containers:

- 30 gallon paper bags
- Dry cardboard boxes no larger than 3x3 ft
- Other easy-to handle containers no larger than 3x3 ft
- Metal or plastic garbage can no larger than 32 gallons in size and marked with a red X

Placement and Presentation of Yard Waste:

- Curbside and visually separate from refuse and recyclables
- Tree limbs and branches must not exceed 6 inches in diameter and 4 ft in length
- Tree limbs, branches and brush must be tightly bundled and each bundle not to exceed 60 lbs
- Bundle with twine (wire or nylon is not acceptable)
- Plastic bags are prohibited from yard waste collection - they do not compost
- Containers must be marked with a red X to identify them as yard waste