Village of Balsam Lake

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July 2026 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

July 3rd	Village Closed
July 3rd -5th	Freedom Festival
July 6th	Finance Meeting @ 5:15 pm
July 6th	Village Board Meeting @ 6 pm
July 11th	Walk for Lives Event @ 10am
July 27th	Library Board Meeting @ 4pm
August 3rd	Finance Committee Mtg @ 5:15pm
August 3rd	Village Board Meeting @ 6pm
August 24	Library Board Meeting @ 4pm

September 4th- 7th Corn on the Curb
September 7 Village Closed

Village Board Members

Kellie Flaherty	Village President
Gretchen Bloss	Village Trustee
Katie Jordan	Village Trustee
Eric Jorgensen	Village Trustee
Jason Larson	Village Trustee
Len Manning	Village Trustee
Brian Nelson	Village Trustee

Village of Balsam Lake Website

www.balsamlakevillage.com

Village office Hours

7:30AM-4:00PM Monday- Friday (Unless posted otherwise.)

Village Contact Information

Garage & Sewer Plant		715-485-3535
Dave Patterson	Director of Public Works	715-554-0420
Larry Hoen	Assistant Director PW	715-553-0767
Amy Wilson	Clerk/Treasurer	715-485-3424
Anna Ball	Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	715-485-3424
Balsam Lake Centuria Police Department		715-553-1695

Update from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Regarding Water Rate Step 2 Process

On September 6, 2024, the Public Service Commission issued its Final Decision in docket 340-WR-102 for new rates and rules for the Balsam Lake Municipal Water Utility. On May 15, 2026, the Utility filed a letter stating it has adopted the Step II rates and rules authorized by the Commission and will make the Step II rates effective for service beginning **June 21, 2026**.

The step II rates will be included on the back of the utility bills that will be sent out to all utility users on August 1st, 2026, and the rates are viewable at the Village Hall. If residents would like a complete copy of the final decision docket 340-WR-102, please email Anna Ball at deputyclerk@villageofbalsamlake.gov.

Use of Village Brush Pile

The Public Works Department has noticed an increase in illegal dumping of painted and treated lumber in the Village brush pile. If this continues, the Village will be forced to close the site to the public. Extra cameras have been installed for additional security at the sewer plant. Please note that anyone found to be in violation of illegal dumping will be fined and ticketed. Let's keep this pile free of treated, stained, or painted lumber and other debris that doesn't belong.

Freedom Fest Information

For any information regarding Freedom Fest, please email balsamlakechambersocial@gmail.com or check out the Balsam Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

BALSAM LAKE, WI

Freedom Fest

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 2ND, 2026:

- 7PM-10PM LIVE MUSIC BY DAVE SNYDER AT BALSAM LAKE LODGE
- 6:30PM SINGO BINGO AT BALSAM LAKE BREWERY
- 9PM-1AM KARAOKE AT DOC'S PUB

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD, 2026:

- 8AM-4PM ANNUAL GARAGE SALE AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CHURCH
- 9:30AM-12:30PM BOOK SALE AT BALSAM LAKE LIBRARY
- 3PM-MIDNIGHT CHAMBER BEER STAND
- 4PM-6PM 5K PACKET PICKUP AT VILLAGE HALL GARAGE
- 5PM COMMUNITY CANVAS AT KJ'S NEW NORTH
- 6PM SOFTBALL TOURNEY STARTS AT PINE PARK
- 6PM HOD ROD GARDEN TRACTOR PULLS
- 6PM-9PM LIVE MUSIC BY CHROME WHEELS BAND AT BALSAM LAKE LODGE
- 7PM-11PM LIVE MUSIC BY KYLE KOLIHA AT BARRED OWL
- 8PM-11PM LIVE MUSIC BY HOFFT AT TOP SPOT
- 8PM-MIDNIGHT LIVE MUSIC BY LEGACY OF THE LOUD AT DOC'S PUB PATIO
- 9PM-1AM DJ BEARDMAN INSIDE DOC'S PUB
- 10PM DJ PUTZ AT THE THIRSTY OTTER
- FIREWORKS AT DUSK

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 2026:

- SLOW PITCH TOURNEY ALL DAY AT PINE PARK
- 8:30AM FREEDOM FEST 5K WALK/RUN
- 8AM-NOON ANNUAL GARAGE SALE AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CHURCH
- 9AM-3PM ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW ON MAIN STREET
- 9AM-MIDNIGHT CHAMBER BEER STAND
- 9AM-9PM COMMUNITY CANVAS AT KJ'S NEW NORTH
- 12PM-3PM ROOT BEER FLOATS AT POLK COUNTY MUSEUM
- 1PM-5PM LIVE MUSIC BY HOLLYWOOD BLVD AT DOC'S PUB PATIO
- 2PM-5PM LIVE MUSIC BY ALY DYG AT THE THIRSTY OTTER
- 3PM BOAT PARADE
- 4PM MAINSTREET R.C. TRUCK RACE
- 4PM & 5:30PM SINGO BINGO AT BALSAM LAKE BREWERY
- 7PM-10PM JUSTIN BARTS AT THE THIRSTY OTTER
- 7PM-10PM LIVE MUSIC BY TODD EPLEY AT BALSAM LAKE LODGE
- 8PM-MIDNIGHT LIVE MUSIC BY CHRIS KROEZE ON THE MAIN STAGE
- 8PM-MIDNIGHT LIVE MUSIC BY UNCLE CHUNK AT DOC'S PUB PATIO
- 9PM-1AM DJ BEARDMAN INSIDE DOC'S PUB

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH, 2026:

- SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNEY ALL DAY AT PINE PARK
- 8AM-11:30AM CHARITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT BALSAM LAKE LODGE
- 9AM-NOON BREAKFAST BURRITOS AT TOP SPOT
- 9AM-1PM 21ST ANNUAL CAR SHOW ON MAIN STREET
- 9AM-3PM CHAMBER BEER STAND
- 10AM-1PM ROOT BEER FLOATS AT POLK COUNTY MUSEUM
- 11AM-5PM COMMUNITY CANVAS AT KJ'S NEW NORTH
- 2PM FREEDOM FEST PARADE
- 3PM-6PM LYZANDER AT THE THIRSTY OTTER
- 3PM-6PM LIVE MUSIC BY BASIC & BORING AT BALSAM LAKE LODGE

ALL WEEKEND: COFFEE & DIRTY SODA BUCKETS AT THE BOOKERY

FREEDOM FEST 5K WALK/RUN
REGISTRATION QR CODE

JULY 1ST - 8TH
BALSAM LAKE PUBLIC
LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT