THE QUARTERLY MESSENGER



March 2010

Dear Citizens,

Welcome to 2010. We look forward to this year with eager anticipation as several multi-year projects come to fruition. Although these projects are significant in themselves, when added together, you can see that long range planning has positioned Grafton to be a Community of Choice. So what are these projects and how do they fit into the current and future direction of the Village?

Aurora Hospital – This full service health care facility, scheduled to open late fall, brings an instant health care industry to the community, further strengthening our economic stability. Six hundred new jobs will not only fill the needs of the hospital but drive support for local retail stores and restaurants and also provide a boost to the housing sector of our local economy. As a community, we have been planning for this for several years, including adding supporting businesses such as a second hotel and new restaurant facilities such as the anticipated Water Street Brewery.

Downtown – The Community Development Authority (CDA) and Village departments have been working with developers to approve a site restoration plan for the Grafton Hotel. Assuming economic forces are favorable; this project is projected to start early this summer. As the focal point and symbol of the downtown redevelopment effort, this project reflects a capstone in this multi-year project and represents one of the final development areas in the downtown. In addition to the Hotel, the CDA is in negotiations to assemble property on Wisconsin Avenue known as the Lumberyard Redevelopment Site. Master plans have been created and it is anticipated that this property can be marketed for a major redevelopment effort in 2010.

Branding – The Economic Development for Grafton's Enhancement (EDGE) group has been focusing on the community branding effort for several years and activities this year revolve around the adopted tag line of the community – "Quality Life. Naturally." Working with our nationally ranked school system, the town of Grafton, Celebrate Grafton and the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department, the branding effort continues to solidify the concept of Quality Life.

Sustainability – The Village Board views sustainability as a key component of new initiatives and you will see that vehicles will now be adaptable to alternative fuels and new facilities will incorporate LEED components.

Public Arts Board – This is a brand new board created for the purpose of introducing and coordinating a higher level of fine arts into the Community. The Village is at a point where the concept of fine arts should have a place in the "Quality Life" brand.

Community Survey – The Village Board has supported many projects and improvements based on your feedback and it is time once again to solicit community feedback in the form of a survey. The survey will encompass topics such as public safety, growth, and housing and include a variety of

questions designed to provide future direction to the Board. Your responses are critical to the Village Board as it looks to new opportunities to enhance the Community. The survey this year will be Webbased with physical copies being provided when requested. This will provide the Village Board with real time results and reduce paper and postage costs. Deadline for completing the survey is March 26.

In summary, the Village will complete significant projects in 2010 that, combined with new approaches and activities supporting the "Quality Life. Grafton" brand, will truly make Grafton a destination and Community of Choice. I look forward to 2010 in the Village of Grafton and I hope you will also.

Check us out on the web at: www.qualitylifegrafton.com

Thank you

Jim Brunnquell Village President

HOLIDAY HOURS

In observation of Memorial Day, the Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2010.

WINTER PARKING

Winter parking regulations are in effect until April 1. If it is necessary to park your car on the street, and there is no threat of a snowstorm, please call the Police Department at 375-5320. Street parking permission may be granted on a day to day basis.

RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE

In 2009, the Utility began to offer rain barrels for sale. The use of rain barrels on residential property is a "green" initiative with numerous merits that include reuse of water for watering of gardens, shrubs and flowers, a reduction of water entering the storm sewer system and, a likely reduction in water use and water demand caused by sprinkling. Rain barrels are again being sold at the Utility Office, 1900 Ninth Avenue and are available in either white or terra cotta color. They can normally be purchased from the Utility for \$40 each (pickup by the homeowner) or \$45 including delivery. In order to promote the early sale and use of rain barrels this year, the Village is offering free delivery. All rain barrels will be priced at \$40 including delivery if purchased prior to June 15. You can call the Utility Office at 375-5330 if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

GRAFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers for the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department are needed. Become a State Certified Firefighter or Emergency Medical Technician. All Schooling and Certification will be paid for, no cost to you. For more information call 262-364-8210 or visit www.graftonfiredept.com

SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION

In the event of a tornado warning in the area, the Village of Grafton and the City of Cedarburg will jointly activate the tornado siren system. These sirens will sound for 3 minutes. Residents should take cover in a secure area and listen to the radio for weather updates. There will be no all-clear message relayed. Do not call the Police Department to question the siren activation.

Monthly tests of siren are done on the last Saturday of the month at noon.

BLOCK PARTY INFORMATION

Want to have a block party? Start with a note to the Police Department with your request. Include: the area to be blocked off, and the date and time. Your request will be reviewed, and you will be notified of approval, or if there are any concerns. If approved, the Police Department will coordinate barricades to be dropped off on the Friday prior to your party. There is no fee involved for this service.

ELECTION NEWS

A Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at John Long Middle School – 700 Hickory Street**. Voters will have the opportunity to elect the following local Officials:



VILLAGE TRUSTEE - 2-Year Term

Vote	for	Three	(3)):

Susan Meinecke Al Richards
Carl Stier David Liss

Lisa Uribe Harbeck Andrew M. Dziedzic

In addition to the local office listed above, residents will have the opportunity to vote for the following offices: Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Ozaukee County Supervisors, and School Board representatives.

Village of Grafton residents will also have the opportunity to respond to the following two referendum questions. Note that Question No. 1 is advisory and Question No. 2 is binding on the Village Board.

Referendum Question No.1

If there are village costs associated with the removal, repair, replacement or modification of the Bridge Street Dam do you wish those costs to be:

Choose one (1) Option	:
1.	A general village tax increase; or
2.	The costs absorbed by Tax Incremental District No. 3 (Downtown)

The results of this question shall be advisory only.

Referendum Question No. 2

A binding Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of Grafton.

It is hereby resolved by the Village Board of the Village of Grafton that the Bridge Street Dam be preserved until at least 2019 (the year by which any potential modifications necessary to bring the dam into compliance with the requirements of Wis. Ad. Code NR333 would have to be completed), unless ordered to take action earlier under state law, in order to allow a comprehensive, independent analysis thoroughly evaluating all reasonable, cost-effective alternatives to comply with state law pertaining to dams, given:

- (i) The irreversible nature of the dam's removal prior to such an analysis;
- (ii). The dam's aesthetic importance as a Grafton landmark;
- (iii). The many recreational opportunities the dam affords;
- (iv) The uncertainties regarding the economic impact dam removal may have upon public and private property adjacent to the Milwaukee River and the community at large; and

(v)	The historical significance of the dam.		
This Resol	ution does not prohibit the construction of a fish	ladder.	
	Yes I agree.	No I disagree.	
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The results of this question shall be binding upon the Village Board of the Village of Grafton.

You have the option of voting by Absentee Ballot at any election. Absentee ballots for the April 6, spring election will be available after March 16, 2010.

The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. for all elections.

SUMMER RECREATION BOOKLET MAILING INFORMATION

Again this year, the Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Recreation Booklet will not be mailed, but will be available on the Village's website at www.QualityLifeGrafton.com beginning April 19. You will be able to view program dates and times, pool pass sales information, discounted ticket information, and also download and print out a registration form. Mail-in registrations for Village residents will be processed beginning Monday, May 3.

BOYS AND GIRLS AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER TRAINING

This course will provide the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. Openings are still available for boys and girls ages 11 and older on the following dates:

Session II: Saturday, March 20

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Session III: Saturday, April 17

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$50 Resident, \$60 Non-resident

Classes are held at the Multi-purpose Senior Center. Registration forms are available on the <u>Village's website</u> or you may register in person at the Parks and Recreation Department.

HELP WANTED - ARCHERY INSTRUCTOR

Knowledgeable instructor to teach boys and girls the fundamentals of archery 3 days a week (mornings) for 2 weeks, \$9.05 - \$10.59/hr. Applications available at www.QualityLifeGrafton.com or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 375-5310.

2010 GIRO D'GRAFTON BIKE RACE

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 19, 2010 to experience a unique world-class bicycle racing event through the streets of downtown Grafton! Ice cream social, big wheel race for kids, "Tapping of the Beer Keg" ceremony, mascot race, free live music, food vendors, beer tents and more. Watch for additional information on the <u>Village's website</u> as the date draws nearer.

FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER SEASON PASSES



Take advantage of our special evening and weekend hours and also get 15 percent off your season pass! A 15 percent discount will be offered to all Village of Grafton residents Monday through Friday, April 26

— 30, from 7:00 a.m. — 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon. Passes will be sold at the Parks and Recreation Department in the new Municipal Services Facility, 675 N. Green Bay Road. Proof of residency (two forms of I.D. will be required) and proof of the number of immediate family members (i.e. tax return or insurance card) is required for all Family Season Pass purchases. If you purchased a Photo I.D. Season Pass in 2009, you must bring it with you for it to be validated for the 2010 season. No new photo is necessary. After May 1, regular season fees will apply.

All Village resident season pass holders will have their pass honored at the Pirates Hollow Community Water Park in the City of Port Washington. This is a great way to ensure you get your money's worth from your season pass. Two pools for the price of one!

Season Pass Fees YOUTH ADULT SENIOR FAMILY Discount Period: \$34.00 \$34.00 \$17.00 \$76.50 Savings: \$6.00 \$6.00 \$3.00 \$13.50 After May 2: \$40.00 \$40.00 \$20.00 \$90.00

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO RELOCATE

The Parks and Recreation Department offices will be moving into the new Municipal Services Facility, 675 N. Green Bay Road, by April 26. New office hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The earlier service time of 7:00 a.m. will help to assist those residents that wish to conduct business prior to the start of their work day.

IT'S CENSUS TIME - BE COUNTED

The 2010 Census is very important to local government. The results of the census count directly effects governmental representation on the State and Federal levels and also has an effect on governmental economic support.

Census questionnaires will be mailed in late February-early March, to every household in the country. This year's questionnaire has been shortened to only 10 questions and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

If questionnaires are not returned to the Census Bureau by April 1, 2010, Census workers make household visits to complete the forms with the resident.

In 2000, the national average form return rate was 67 percent. Fill out your census form and be counted!

INTERESTED IN ART?

The Village Board has created a new Public Arts Board (PAB). The PAB will develop strategies, consider funding opportunities, and ultimately evaluate art as a means to enrich Grafton through public art.

If you have an interest in art, have an arts background or a career in art and want to help, please submit a resume, an application, and a brief letter of interest in serving on the PAB.

Members of the PAB do not need to be residents of the Village and serve without compensation.

REPORTING A DEFECTIVE STREET LIGHT

Streetlights in the Village are owned and maintained by We Energies. If you notice a street light that is burned-out, cycling on and off, or otherwise not working properly, please call the Department of Public Works: 375-5325 or e-mail mdepies@village.grafton.wi.us or you can report the information directly to We Energies at www.weenergies.com/night_aura

When reporting defective street lights it is important that you provide the following information:

- Pole number
- Property address
- Pole location

ADOPT AN ASH TREE

What are the yellow ribbons on the street trees? The yellow ribbons were put on all the Village-owned Ash trees to help residents identify them and visualize how many trees may be lost if/when Grafton become infected with the Emerald Ash Borer.



The Village does not have funds to treat these trees and has instituted an "Adopt-an-Ash Tree" program.

The cost for a resident to adopt a tree is \$1.00 per circumference inch with a \$20 minimum. For example if the tree is 30 inches around the residents cost would be \$30, if the tree is 15 inches around the cost would be \$20. Residents can either make a contribution toward the program or can identify a specific Ash tree to adopt. Once a tree has been "adopted" the ribbon color will change to green.

The Village needs approximately \$30,000 to be able to save all the Ash Trees.

If you are interested in adopting an Ash tree, please contact the Department of Public Works – 375-5325.

MEDICINE COLLECTION DAY

Please keep medication in the original package or bottle. You CAN cross off your name and address, but DO NOT cover up or remove the name of the medicine. Federal law requires that drugs immediately be handed over to law enforcement. Law enforcement will destroy all drugs it receives.

When: May 8, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Highway Department

Ozaukee County

410 South Spring Street,

Port Washington

MATC

5555 West Highland Road,

Mequon

For more information, please visit: www.mmsd.com



SPRING FAMILY STORY TIMES



Family story times include stories, finger plays, and songs at U.S.S Liberty Memorial Public Library. A responsible adult should accompany young children. No registration is required.

Monday Story Times at 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reading is Magic Barnyard Lucky Charms Hippity Hop Puppy Love
Monster Madness Spring Cleaning
On the Loose with Mother
Goose Purr-fect Cats
Celebrate Moms
Monkey Business
Bouncing Babies

Saturday Story Times at 11:00 a.m.

March 20	Lucky Readers
April 17	Spring Forward
May 15	Reading Raindrops

Please keep in mind your child's ability to sit through programs. Your promptness is appreciated.

FEATURING FORMER DIPLOMAT JOHN KATZKA

The library will be offering the Great Decisions lecture and video series, featuring former diplomat John Katzka. All programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. Call the library to sign up.

The series will include:

March 18	Global Crime

March 25 Russia and its Neighbors

April 1 The Persian Gulf

CHESS CLUB

A drop-in chess group will meet in the upstairs meeting room. All levels and ages are welcome. Participants arrange games among themselves. The library has chess sets for your use. The games begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be the first Wednesday of each month starting March 3.

CREATIVE CARD MAKING CLASS

Classes will be held at the library on the Mondays starting March 15, April 19, and May 17. Classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be a \$10 charge for supplies for each class. Call the library for more information and to sign up.

AFTER SCHOOL WII OPEN GAMING

Join us on every Wednesday in March for an afternoon of Wii Gaming. This will be held in the lower meeting room and will be on a first come, first serve basis. We will feature a different game each week. The meeting room doors will open at 3:00 p.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.

March 3	Mario Kart
March 10	Wii Sports
March 17	Dance, Dance Revolution
March 24	New Super Mario Bros.
March 31	Your Choice

READ TO ROVER

Read to Rover will be back in spring 2010. For more information and dates please contact the Youth Services at the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library at 375-5315.

MOVIE MANIA AT THE LIBRARY

The U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library proudly presents "Movie Mania". A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children. No registration is required. All movies are in the children's meeting room.

No school Movie

Thursday, March 4 at Noon

Disney's Peter Pan

Rated G. Runtime 77 Minutes

Super Saturday Movie

March 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Planet 51

Rated PG, Runtime 91 Minutes

Spring Break Movie

Wednesday, April 7 at Noon

The Princess and the Frog

Rated G, Runtime 98 Minutes

Snacks and beverages will be allowed during movies. If you have any questions regarding this program please call 375-5315.

BRUSH, YARD, GARDEN WASTE AND WASTE OIL

Brush:

- Curb-side collection of brush and branches is provided on a weekly basis (April October). Collection begins on Tuesdays and is generally complete the same day.
 Only those properties that have scheduled a collection prior to Monday at 2:30 p.m. will be collected.
- To schedule your collection, please contact the DPW at 375-5325. If there is no answer, leave your name and address on voice mail (extension 7) to be placed on the schedule.
- Brush must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday of the scheduled week. (Brush must be on the grass between the sidewalk and curb not in the street or gutter.) All butt ends must be facing the flow of traffic. Brush cannot be bundled with any type of string or twine.
- Nothing larger than 6 inches in diameter will be accepted. Trimmings or brush less than 18" must be brought to the yard. LONGER BRANCHES ARE ENCOURAGED. Stumps must be removed. Stumps will be collected when brush collection is completed.
- Disposal of brush is the responsibility of the contractor for all contracted tree trimming.

Leaves and other yard waste:

- Leaves will be collected from the street gutters only in the fall.
- Grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste can be brought to the Residential Drop site, 2266 Lakefield Road.

The Village recommends that grass be mulched or composted on your lawn as an alternative to disposal at this site.

WASTE OIL can be brought to the Municipal Services Facility, 675 North Green Bay Road.

Please note that the Department of Public Works does not collect leaves and grass at the curb during the spring and summer months.

Do not rake yard waste into the curb. It must be bagged and brought to the Residential Drop site for disposal.

NEW RESIDENTIAL DROP SITE

The new residential drop site located at 2266 Lakefield Road is anticipated to be operational beginning April, 2010.

Access to the site will be provided by an automated key card that will be programmed to allow users to enter the site two times per week. For your convenience the cards will be programmed to allow entrance to the site 7 days per week from sun up to sun down. (Access times will be adjusted monthly with the longer/shorter days.)

Yard Waste

Only yard waste will be accepted at the site. For those users who are familiar with the Hickory Street yard, the set up will be similar. Yard waste that will be accepted will include: brush, grass, leaves, and small amounts of rubble.

Mulch / Top Soil

Mulch (wood chips) and/or top soil will be available for no additional fee at the residential drop site. However, you must have an access card to obtain the mulch or top soil.

Costs

The annual fee for the access card to the residential drop site will be \$20.

The card can be obtained from the Department of Public Works. The current address (existing building) is 1300 Hickory Street. However once the DPW has moved into the Municipal Services Facility the address will be 675 North Green Bay Road.

Access cards will be available beginning March 15, 2010.

DUMPSTER DAYS

A new service that will be provided with the new Residential Drop site is two dumpster days per year, one in May and one in September.

These are days when residents may bring items that are too large to dispose of in the garbage carts and are legal to be land filled, such as furniture, carpet, etc. Items that will <u>not</u> be accepted include washers, dryers, televisions, microwaves, etc.

You must have an access card to utilize the dumpster days.

DO YOU HAVE A PERMIT?

Residents are reminded that a permit is required before any work can be performed within the public right-of-way of the Village. This includes driveway approaches, curb cuts, and sidewalk construction. Permits should be applied for at the Department of Public Works at least 7 days prior to construction. A copy of specifications will be provided at time of issuance.

CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS HERE UPDATE ON 2010 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Several major public works projects are underway:

- 2010 STREET RECONSTRUCTION 15TH AVENUE / 9TH AVENUE / POWER STREET – Mill and pulverize existing pavement and base, place binder and surface course, full water main and sanitary sewer replacement, spot curb and gutter and sidewalk repairs.
- SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM –
 Replace defective sidewalk in areas bounded
 by Hickory Street on the north / West is the 7th
 Avenue / East is 13th Avenue / South would be
 Washington Street and an area bounded by
 Arrowhead Road the North / 17th Avenue to
 the West / Port Washington Road to the East /
 Falls Road to the South.
- CEDAR CREEK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS –
 Mill and pulverize existing pavement and base,
 place binder and surface course. Travel lanes
 will be 12 feet each direction, two paved 3 foot
 bike and pedestrian lanes, and 3 foot gravel
 shoulder lanes in the Village limits.

MULCHING AROUND TREES AND SHRUBS

Woodchips make good mulch for trees and shrubs. A 3 inch layer of woodchips will help block sunlight from the soil, reducing weed problems. Mulching conserves moisture, prevents erosion, moderates soil temperatures, and adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

Mulch around a tree or shrub reduces the need to mow close to the tree or shrub, preventing lawnmower or weed whip damage.

Mulch is available and can be picked up at the Residential Drop site at 2266 Lakefield Road. (Access card is needed).

WATER & SEWER RATES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

The Public Service Commission requires that the Utility periodically notify its customers concerning the actual rates being charged. Current water and sewer rates applicable for 2010 are provided below:

WATER QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE

5/8"	Meter -	\$18.00	2"	Meter -	\$ 69.00
3/4"	Meter -	\$18.00	3"	Meter -	\$114.00
1"	Meter -	\$27.00	4"	Meter -	\$174.00
1 1/4"	Meter -	\$39.00	6"	Meter -	\$309.00
1 ½"	Meter -	\$48.00	8"	Meter -	\$471.00

PLUS VOLUME CHARGES

Residential:

All water used - \$2.41 per 1,000 gallons

Nonresidential:

First 30,000 gallons used each quarter - \$ 2.41 per 1,000 gallons

Next 470,000 gallons used each quarter - \$ 2.29 per 1,000 gallons

Over 500,000 gallons used each quarter - \$ 1.93 per 1,000 gallons

PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE

5/8"	Meter -	\$ 5.10	2"	Meter - \$ 39.00
3/4"	Meter -	\$ 5.10	3"	Meter - \$ 75.00
1"	Meter -	\$12.60	4"	Meter - \$126.00
1 1/4"	Meter -	\$18.60	6"	Meter - \$249.00
1 1/2"	Meter -	\$24.00	8"	Meter - \$402.00

SEWER

QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE

5/8"	Meter -	\$18.75	2"	Meter -	\$ 74.00
3/4"	Meter -	\$18.75	3"	Meter -	\$130.00
1"	Meter -	\$31.00	4"	Meter -	\$209.00
1 1/4"	Meter -	\$40.00	6"	Meter -	\$407.00
1 ½"	Meter -	\$50.00			

VOLUME CHARGE

For each 1000 gallons of domestic strength discharge to the sanitary sewer system - \$ 4.93 / 1000 gallons

DO YOU HAVE A LEAK?

The amount of water lost from leaks in U.S. homes each year exceeds 1 trillion gallons. equivalent to the annual water use of Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami combined. On a smaller unit scale, the average American home can waste as much as 11,000 gallons of water each year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. Whether the water leaks are visible, audible, hidden or silent they waste thousands of gallons and can cost you - the customer plenty on your quarterly water bill. To better ensure the future of our nation's water supply, the U.S. EPA 'Water Sense' Program is promoting "Fix a Leak Week" this month from March 15 - 21, 2010. Some things you can do to participate include:

- ➤ Walk through your house and listen for running toilets and look for drippy faucets
- To tell if your toilet has a leak, place a drop of food coloring in the tank. If the color shows in the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak.
- Check your winter water use. It's likely a family of four has a serious leak if winter water use exceeds 36,000 gallons per quarter.
- If you are unsure whether you have a leak, read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the water meter changes, you probably have a leak.

"Fix a Leak Week" is a good way to promote water conservation and possibly save some money at the same time with a reduced water bill.

STORMWATER MANAGMENT

The Village has many informational flyers regarding storm water and how to prevent additional pollution to our lakes, rivers and streams. You can pick up a copy at the Public Works Department.

Titles of information available include:

- Storm Sewer The Rivers Beneath Our Feet
- Car Care for Cleaner Water
- Cleaning Up Stormwater Runoff
- Storm Drain Stenciling How You Can Prevent Water Pollution

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Utility bills for water and sewer service are sent out quarterly. Residential customers are billed the last day of March, June, September and December. Utility bills become due on the 20th of the month following the date of billing. A late payment charge of 3 percent, but not less than \$0.50 is added to bills not paid by the due date. This onetime charge is applicable to all customers.

In addition to mailing your payment, bills can also be paid at the following pay stations:

Grafton Water Utility 1900 9th Avenue

Grafton Village Hall 860 Badger Circle

Harris Bank 1200 Washington Street 101 Falls Road locations

Port Washington State Bank 2080 Washington Street

Tri City National Bank
301 W Falls Road
(inside Grafton Pick 'n Save)

Pay stations will not accept payments after the due date. Past due payments can be mailed in or paid directly at the Utility Office, 1900 9th Avenue. For after hour's convenience, a night depository is also available and located at the front door of the Utility.

The Utility also offers an automated payment option that allows the customer to authorize payments from a checking or savings account directly to the Utility on the specified date. As part of this plan, you would continue to receive a statement of utility billing and amount due as a reference. Please contact the Utility Office at 375-5330 if you would like more information or if you wish to sign up for the automated payment plan. To those residents already enrolled automated payment customers please advised that if you move from your current service address you will need to contact your bank directly and discontinue the automated bank payment plan for the address in question. In addition, if you switch banks but wish to continue as an automated payment customer you need to contact the Water Utility Office concerning this change.

WATER SERVICE CROSS CONNECTION INSPECTIONS REQUIRED

In accordance with the Village's cross connection control program, as mandated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Utility is required to conduct periodic inspections for cross connections of the water supply. Inspections of residential properties are scheduled to occur in conjunction with any water meter maintenance or replacement appointments, and, also at time of home sale. The inspection is performed by Water Utility personnel and usually takes only 5 to 10 minutes. Any request for a time of sale inspection should be scheduled at least two weeks in advance of closing on the sale of a property.

The purpose of the inspection is to identify any connections or potential connections of contaminant sources within the public water supply system. The most typical example of a potential cross connection is the outside hose spigot that does not contain a backflow prevention device. Newer homes will normally include backflow devices on the outside water spigots, but not always.

If inside or outside backflow devices, also known as hose bib vacuum breakers, are required, they must be provided and installed by Utility personnel only. This will typically be done at the time of inspection and materials will be billed as an additional charge to the customer with the time of sale inspection fee that is due upon receipt of the compliance certificate. Backflow preventers installed by the Utility will be warranted for a period of 24 months.

Cross connection control inspections are also a DNR requirement for commercial and industrial properties in the Village. The Utility is working with a contractor – Hydro Designs, Inc. to perform these more complex inspections. These inspections cover commercial, industrial, institutional and governmental facilities within the Village and are scheduled to occur every two years. The inspections will be preceded by a notice to the owner 14 days prior to the inspection date. The cooperation of all affected property owners throughout this inspection process is greatly appreciated by the Utility and Hydro Designs, Inc.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

From January 2010 through March 2010, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary.

Carl Harms	Cable Coordinator	15
Paul Styduhar	Finance Director	5
Melissa Depies	Administrative Assistant – Public Works	20
William Dickmann Jr.	Crewperson – Parks and Recreation	20
James Cawley	Police Officer	15
David Podewils	Police Sergeant	35
Douglas Wilde	Police Sergeant	25

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