

THE VILLAGE MESSENGER



July 2009

Dear Citizens:

Summer is finally here and with it all the activities that make Grafton a great place to live and visit. The Lions Club Chicken Roast was a great success, and we have just completed the 3rd annual Giro d’Grafton bike races, including a world record attempt at the longest glow stick chain. We look forward to the Holiday event, Tuesday Tunes, GALA concerts and, of course, the Paramount Blues Festival coming up August 21 and 22.

Along with new and continuing events, we have seen continued interest in the Village’s redevelopment efforts. The new Pick ‘n Save has opened in the South Commercial District as the first part of a multi-million dollar project redeveloping the old Manchester Mall. The Community Development Authority continues to award façade grants, and additional steps have been taken to add parking in the downtown. Aurora Health Care continues to work on the medical facility and is on target for opening in late 2010. On the east side of the Grafton Commons, another building will soon be breaking ground. And as a part of the “Gateway” development, Hampton Inn and Suites has recently opened for business. The successes we have seen are based on the investments of individuals and companies that believe Grafton is a quality community in which to live and conduct business.

“Quality.” It is the key word in the Village’s branding efforts. “Quality Life. Naturally.” The phrase is attached to our new logo and is apparent in initiatives such as sustainability and redevelopment. It is not, however, limited to Village government activities. “Quality Life” reflects our nationally-ranked school system, our synergy with the Town of Grafton, our churches and civic groups, and our commitment to our business community and Chamber of Commerce. It is not just a phrase but how we define and promote our community. It reflects values and what we hold to be important. It reflects our pride in who we are and where we are going and finally, it speaks to a commitment to our future.

Balancing “Quality Life” with the constraints dictated by the State’s financial condition will require serious effort by Village Staff and your Village Board at budget time this year. Cutbacks in State shared revenue will total close to 70,000 dollars. In addition, doubling landfill tipping fees, additional taxes and fees and new wage regulations will have a negative impact on the budget. Fortunately, the Village Board and Staff have implemented a fund balance program maintaining critical reserves to reduce the impact of major variances in the economy. As always, the Village Board will balance the needs and wants of residents against the cost of providing those services.

One service that residents have adjusted to is the new waste and recycling system. As the “old” system was no longer an option, the Board of Public Works and the Village Board researched what would provide service most cost effectively. The cart system is being adopted by more and more communities because the efficiencies in manpower keep costs under control. There is a trade-off however. Because the carts are large, it may be difficult for some residents to easily store them. Information on how to place the containers for pickup is located on our web site; however the location of containers during the week is up to residents. I encourage you to reduce the visible impact of the containers by storing them in a screened or enclosed location. It is an effort that creates “Quality Life. Naturally” that we and future residents can enjoy.

In closing, I would like to thank the Village Board, Staff and all our residents for believing that “Quality Life. Naturally” is the reason we chose to live in Grafton.

Thank you and have a great summer,

Jim Brunnquell
Village President

**HOLIDAZE SCHEDULE, LIME KILN PARK
FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2009**

3:30 p.m.	Park Opens Bingo (Legion) Food (The Flipside) Corn Roast (Sons of the Legionnaires) Root Beer Floats (GFD Explorers) Beer (Grafton Lions) Cotton Candy (Grafton Cheerleaders) Music by Don Burhop (3:30-5:30)
4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Inflatable Attractions and Games, sponsored by The Rose Harms American Legion Family
5:30 p.m.	Parade (starting at the Legion, down 12 th Avenue and ending at the park) Featuring the UW Marching Band, sponsored by The Heart of Grafton Family Restaurant
6:00 p.m.	5 th Quarter performance by UW Marching Band in the park
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Rock Band Video Contest , sponsored by Best Buy
8:30 p.m. - Dusk	Entertainment – Loo\$e Change
Dusk	Fireworks, sponsored by Harris Bank and the Grafton Area Jaycees
After Fireworks until 11:00 p.m.	Entertainment – Loo\$e Change
11:30 p.m.	Park Closes



HOLIDAY HOURS

Municipal Offices will be **closed** on Friday, July 3, 2009.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING UPDATE

In January, the Village switched from Waste Management to Veolia for garbage and recycling collection. With this switch, all residents must now use the Village-provided cart for service collection.

Although residents are adjusting to this new system, cart placement continues to be a problem throughout the Village. When placing your carts out for collection, please remember to keep the carts a minimum of 3 feet away from each other and all objects. The best way to achieve this is to place your garbage cart on one side of your driveway and the recycling cart on the opposite side of the driveway.

With this new system, the Village only pays for the amount of trash that is dumped. Therefore, the more efficient you are at recycling, the less the Village will have to pay in tipping fees. This is very important as the tipping fees have recently doubled in the state of Wisconsin.

The following items are recyclable and can all be placed into one cart for collection:

- ✓ All cardboard, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, envelopes, etc.
- ✓ All glass
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Steel and tin
- ✓ Plastics. All plastic containers with the recycling label and any number 1-7 on the bottom.

If you have questions regarding recyclable materials, you can contact Veolia at 1-800-387-0949 or the Department of Public Works at 262-375-5325.

DO YOU HAVE A PERMIT?

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

TREE CITY USA

Grafton has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the 15th year Grafton has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters, and the USDA Forest Service.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

“More than ever, today we understand the importance of trees to our cities and towns,” said John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees help clean our air and water, moderate heat and cold, and bring warmth and grace to our homes.”

MULCHING AROUND TREES AND SHRUBS

Woodchips make good mulch for trees and shrubs. A 3” layer of woodchips will help block sunlight from the soil, reducing weed problems. Mulching also 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. Lawnmowers and weed whips hitting the base of trees and shrubs will injure the trunks creating a perfect entrance for disease and insects. When injury occurs around the base of the tree, it dies.

Mulching around trees or shrubs can save you time and work. You can cut around a large mulch bed faster than several individual trees and shrubs. Hand trimming around the base of the trees and shrubs will no longer be necessary.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS

Anyone who goes door to door selling merchandise, or a service, must have a solicitor’s license issued by the Grafton Police Department. This also includes ice cream vendors. Solicitors have to show their license on their outer garment where it is easily visible to the public. If you have a concern regarding a solicitor, please contact the Grafton Police Department.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

FALLS ROAD STORMWATER DETENTION POND. The Village of Grafton has recently constructed a new water quality pond across from Lime Kiln Park. This pond was built to improve the water quality of the Milwaukee River by allowing pollutants to settle prior to water reaching the River.

The pond was designed to divert water from the Falls Road storm sewer into the north section, and water from Muttland Meadows into the south east section. The pond water discharges into Lime Kiln Park and flows under the historic steel truss bridge. Muttland Meadows has benefitted from this project, due to the removal of the drainage ditch and installation of a storm sewer, they now have more available land for the dogs to run.

The pond was required by the DNR to satisfy the Village's Storm Water permit. The DNR funded roughly \$100,000 of the project's \$400,000 cost.

DOWNTOWN PARKING. A new public parking lot, at 1231 13th Avenue, has recently been completed and is open for public parking. The new lot added an additional 15 parking spaces for downtown patrons.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES FACILITY. The contract for construction of the Municipal Services Facility (Public Works and Park and Recreation Departments) has been awarded. The storm water pond in front of the current Public Work building will be removed and the pond to the north of the aquatic center will be expanded.

This project is being built in phases and is anticipated to take over a year to construct. The office portion, mechanics bays, and a small portion of the storage garage will be constructed in 2009, with an anticipated move in date of March, 2010. The remainder of the building will follow with substantial completion late summer 2010.

As part of this project, the yard waste residential drop site will be relocated to Lakefield Road, just east of River Bend Road. The current facility will remain open as long as possible on the existing site. **As the project proceeds please use extra**

caution when entering and exiting the property, keep alert to construction trucks and personnel, as well as Village trucks and employees, and children walking to the neighboring swimming pool.

Expanding the pond north of the swimming pool will add additional storm water quality and quantity. This part of the project will enable the Village to reach the mandatory DNR permit requirements by 2013.

NEW VILLAGE HALL. The former Brooks Stevens building, on the corner of Cheyenne Avenue and Badger Circle, is being renovated into the new Village Hall. It is anticipated that the Village Hall will relocate into this facility the end of October. The renovation includes making all departments assessable from one entrance and a larger parking area to accommodate parking for Village meetings. The building is also large enough and being designed to accommodate future Village growth.

FIRST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION. First Avenue will be rebuilt from Highland Drive to the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. This project includes replacing water main and continuing the bike pavement markings. Due to the excellent pricing received for this project, the Village has added Highland Drive from First Avenue to Audubon Avenue, along with the water main replacement, to the project. This project is scheduled to begin July 13.

MULTI-MODAL PATH STH 60. A multi modal path along Washington Street, from First Avenue to Canary Court, will be constructed early this summer. The path will connect the First Avenue sidewalk to the Canary Court sidewalk and will feature a board walk across the wetland.

THANK YOU!

Bill Moritz recently retired from the Grafton Joint Library Board after faithfully serving on the Board for 10 years. His service will be greatly missed. Bill worked in administration for the Golda Meir Library at UW-Milwaukee for many years, and so his understanding of libraries is vast. Bill's good ideas and input benefitted our library in many ways. Thank you, Bill.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM June 15 – August 8

Boogie on into the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library and join the Summer Reading Program for tons of fun this summer!

Children ages 3-12 may register. To register, fill out a form with the child's name and age. Each registered child will receive a reading log to record the hours read this summer. For each hour read, the child will color a picture on their reading log. For every 5 hours marked off, there will be a chance to enter into the drawing(s) of the child's choice.

Each child will receive a free library bag and book mark!

The Library will be offering a variety of programs, give-aways, and contests all summer, so pick up a list of events and drop in as often as possible.

Hand in reading logs by August 5, to receive a free book and tickets to the pool party. The party will be held on Saturday, August 8, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon, at the Family Aquatic Center.

SCHUDELED EVENTS

July 8 at 6 p.m.

Geoff Akins' Bubble Wonders Show.

"You'll never look at bubbles the same way!"

July 15 at 4 p.m.

Craft Time Wednesday

Program is geared toward children 6 and up.

July 22 at 1 p.m.

Reed Marionettes

Enjoy a performance by the world's oldest and smallest musician!

July 22 at 6 p.m.

Cookie Decorating Contest

Design your own cookie for a chance to win a great prize. Space is limited. Please register at the children's checkout desk.

July 29 at 4 p.m.

Craft Time Wednesday

Program is geared toward children 6 and up.

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM June 15 – August 6

Join us for a fun filled summer! Read as much as you like or as little as you like, but read for your chance to win a free ticket to Six Flags Great America as well as other great prizes!

SCHUDELED EVENTS

July 2

Teen only Open Gaming

(Upper Level Meeting Room)

Teens can practice for the guitar hero contest. A variety of games will be available.

July 13 at 4 p.m.

Teen book discussion

(Lower Level Meeting Room)

Join us for soda, snacks and good discussion. Please register at the adult circulation desk for discussion questions.

July 20 at 6 p.m.

Express Yourself with Music! – Guitar Hero Contest

(Lower Level Meeting Room)

Put all that natural music talent to the test! Get together with some friends and try your hand at being in a rock band! For more information and to register, please see the adult circulation desk for more information.

July 27 at 6 p.m.

Express Yourself with Jewelry!

(Lower Level Meeting Room)

Join us for a fun program with jewelry designer, Andrea Kopan. Make a fun jewelry creation for yourself or for someone special. Learn how to use basic jewelry tools to create a finished, professional product. Registration is required.

August 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Express Yourself through Film!

(Lower Level Meeting Room)

Come enjoy the movie, *Hoot*, based on the best-selling novel by Carl Hiaasen. When a boy and his classmates realize that a population of endangered, burrowing owls is threatened by new construction, the kids decide to take on crooked politicians and bumbling cops in the hope of saving their new friends.

August 6 at 6 p.m.

TEEN PIZZA PARTY

(Upper Level Meeting Room)

Pizza party for all participants and drawing for Great America tickets and other great prizes!

FAMILY STORY TIMES

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



Tuesday Story Times at 6:00 p.m.

July 7	Catch the Beat
July 14	Setting the Stage
July 21	What's Cookin'?
July 28	Boogie Woogie Bunny
August 4	Imagination Station

Thursday Story Times at 11:00 a.m.

July 2	Building Fun!
July 9	Catch the Beat
July 16	Setting the Stage
July 23	What's Cookin'?
July 30	Boogie Woogie Bunny
August 6	Imagination Station

BAG LUNCH MOVIES

You bring your lunch and we'll provide the movie! All bag lunch movies will be held at Noon in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library. Each movie program will run approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. A responsible adult should attend with young children.

July 6	Max and Ruby "Summertime with Max and Ruby"
July 20	Mickey Mouse "The Prince and the Pauper"
August 3	My Friends Tigger & Pooh "Friendly Tails"

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

This year the Library celebrates 20 years in the current building. To celebrate this event, during the week of July 13, the Library will conduct a silent auction featuring many old and rare books. Refreshments will be served, and historic photos of the Library will also be displayed.

PARAMOUNT PLAZA BUY A BRICK!

Now is the time to place your order for the purchase of a personalized Paramount Plaza brick. This is a great way to remember those you love. You can also give them as gifts, memorials, or to commemorate other special occasions. There are two sizes to choose from: 4" x 8" (\$50) or 8" x 8" (\$100).

For bricks to be installed by fall, the Village will be accepting orders until August 31, 2009. You can order through the Village website, or you can pick up an application at the Village Hall, 1971 Washington Street. Sponsorships of other Paramount Plaza streetscape amenities are also available.

SUMMER RECREATION BOOKLET

The Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Recreation Booklet is available for viewing on the [Village's website](#). You can view program dates and times, pool pass sales information, discounted ticket information, and also view and print out a registration form.

The Department has openings in the following programs:

Day Camp (Ages 4K - 2nd Grade)
Session II July 20 - August 14

Pom Pon Camp (Grades 2 - 8)
July 6 - 16

Girls Volleyball Camp (Grades 6 - 9)
August 3 - 6

Instructional Baseball (Kindergarten - 5 years old)
July 7 - August 6

Girls Basketball Camp (Grades 2 - 9)
July 6 - 9

Youth Golf Lessons (Ages 6 - 10, 11 and older)
Session II July 13 - 29

Youth Tennis Lessons (Ages 4 - 16)
Session II July 13 - 31

Boys Basketball Camp (Grades 2 - 8)
July 13 - 16

Registration forms are available on the Village's website or you may register in person at the Parks and Recreation Department.

RUMMAGE SALE / ADVERTISEMENT SIGNS

Village ordinance prohibits any person from placing any sign or other obstruction on any land dedicated to public use, such as medians, sidewalks, or other areas of public use.

GRAFTON WATER QUALITY

In June, each Village resident should have received a copy of the 2008 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the Grafton Water Utility. This report also known as a "CCR", or "Consumer Confidence Report", has become an annual mailing to all water system customers. The purpose is to keep you informed on the quality of your drinking water relative to EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) standards. **In summary the Report indicated that Village of Grafton municipal water meets and exceeds the EPA drinking water standards and is completely safe for consumption.** If you have concerns or would like to know more, feel free to call the Utility Office at 375-5330. If you did not receive a copy of the CCR Report, additional copies are available at the Utility Office and at the Village Hall or otherwise can be viewed on the [Village website](#).

SUMMER SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

As in prior years, the Grafton Water Utility has again imposed "sprinkling restrictions" on all customers, during the summer period from June 15 through September 15. These restrictions do not constitute a 'ban' on sprinkling, but rather a call for "scheduled" sprinkling to better distribute 'water demand'. Scheduled sprinkling should be in accordance with the 'odd-even' rule. Customers with odd-numbered addresses should sprinkle on odd-numbered days. Customers with even-numbered addresses should sprinkle on even-numbered days. To determine the 'odd-even' designation, use the last digit in the property address.

In addition to 'sprinkling restrictions', there are some simple conservation-related sprinkling practices that residents can follow to keep their lawns green. Conservation examples include:

1. Sprinkle at daybreak when more of the water can be absorbed into the lawn. After 10:00 a.m., heat steals moisture through

evaporation. When you water early, you can water less, thereby saving time and money.

2. Use sprinklers that spray low, large drops rather than high fine ones. This provides for a thorough more effective watering which encourages deep, solid root growth.

3. Water only when your lawn needs it. When stepping on the grass, if it springs back up, you don't need to water. If it stays flat or otherwise has a grey-green color, that's a sign the lawn needs water.

Your conservation efforts and cooperation this summer will help everyone and is greatly appreciated by the Water Utility.

UNSUITABLE FOR SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The average American home stores up to 100 pounds of household hazardous waste. With concern and awareness towards the environment, it is important to consider the kinds of waste products that are typically disposed of into the municipal sewer system. This is because some are amenable to biological reduction at the municipal wastewater treatment plant, but many are not. Examples of waste products that are hazardous and should NOT be poured down the sewer drain are:

Metal & furniture polish	Floor care products
Window cleaner	Nail polish remover
Other fuel & motor oils	Brake fluid
Gasoline, Kerosene	Antifreeze
Car wax w/solvent	Cutting Oil
Glue (solvent based)	Rust remover
Paint thinner & stripper	Turpentine
Varnish	Wood Preservative
Swimming pool acid	Fertilizer
Insecticides	Rat poison
Dry cleaning solvents	Week killer
Lighter fluids	Moth balls
Photographic chemicals	

Although a few of the above products are recyclable, most of them should be saved for a community-wide collection day or given to a licensed hazardous waste contractor. The Grafton Water & Wastewater Utility has literature that gives a more comprehensive list of household hazardous wastes, including charts showing the proper means of disposal. If you would like a copy, please stop by the Utility Office, 1900 Ninth Avenue or call 375-5330.

VILLAGE IS NOW OFFERING CREDIT CARD OPTION FOR PAYMENTS

The Village has recently partnered with Nationwide Payment Solutions, Scarborough, ME, and is now accepting MasterCard and Discover credit cards for payment of Village services and fees through MunicIPAY. The credit card payment option is currently accepted at Village Hall and the Water and Wastewater Utility. Soon the feature will be added to the Parks and Recreation Department and Inspections Department.

The fee paid to Nationwide Payment Solutions is 2.45 percent (minimum of \$1.50) of the payment amount. It is anticipated that by the end of the year, Visa will be part of the MunicIPAY program. It is also anticipated that debit cards will be accepted by the end of the year at a flat fee of \$3.95 per transaction. All payments processed by credit card must be in person. The Village is always looking for additional ways to enhance customer service and is pleased to offer this new option.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

From April 2009 through June 2009, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary.

Employee	Position	Years
Steve Block	Engineering Technician	15
Deborah Brown	Administrative Secretary – Finance / Planning and Development / Water and Wastewater	15
Pat Clemins	Public Works Crewperson	10
Karen Thatcher	Library Assistant	5

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

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Cable	375-2923	Carl Harms	graftonstudio@wi.rr.com
Clerk	375-5300	Teri Dylak	tdylak@village.grafton.wi.us
Parks & Recreation	375-5310	John Safstrom	jsafstrom@village.grafton.wi.us
Finance	375-5300	Paul Styduhar	pstyduhar@village.grafton.wi.us
Library	375-5315	John Hanson	jhanson4@esls.lib.wi.us
Planning and Development	375-5303	Michael Rambousek	mrambousek@village.grafton.wi.us
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Public Works/Engineering	375-5325	David Murphy	dmurphy@village.grafton.wi.us
Water and Wastewater	375-5330	Tom Krueger	tkrueger@village.grafton.wi.us

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