

THE QUARTERLY MESSENGER



GRAFTON
QUALITY LIFE. NATURALLY.

June 2011

Dear Citizens

Believe it or not, summer is here in Grafton and with it a new season of activities. The Grafton Blues Association sponsored the first Lucky Street Music Festival downtown to kick off the season. Celebrate Grafton follows up with the Giro d’Grafton on June 18, the 4th of July Holiday, the new Grillin’ in Grafton - in August and finally PumpkinFest in October. In addition to festivals, the Chamber-sponsored Farmer’s Market also starts on July 7 and GALA returns with music in Veterans Memorial Park on Thursdays starting July 14.

As you can see, Grafton continues to be a vibrant and activity-filled community. In addition to events, there are a few significant development efforts under way that will enhance our Village. The Grafton Hotel, a prominent downtown landmark is in the midst of a restoration and addition that will bring back details of its historic past. Make sure you follow progress as you travel through the downtown. The projected use of this building will be residential when completed. Another major project is the new Aurora Cancer Center building under construction on the Aurora Medical Center campus. This facility is scheduled to open early 2012 and will provide yet another level of health care services to our community. With other construction projects sprinkled in around the Village, you can tell Grafton continues to move forward as a community of choice.

Continuing on the Village’s current path of creating a quality community, the Village Board and Staff are working hard on the next budget cycle. As you are well aware, significant cuts in State Shared Revenue have an impact on how the Village will provide services in the future. Although, there will need to be fundamental changes in how services are provided, the vision of Grafton and the tag line “Quality Life. Naturally.” will continue to be the underlying foundation in decisions made during continuing budget discussions. Your Village Board is very committed to the community and the momentum we have created. Whether the budget includes consolidation of services, inter-community co-operation, or exploring new and creative uses of technology, the end result will always focus on our vision as Grafton being a “Community of Choice”.

Please look for information on the upcoming electronic community survey as an opportunity to provide feedback to your Village Board. As always, your Village Board is extremely interested in your opinions and ideas on issues concerning the Village.

In closing, I hope you have a very enjoyable summer and you enjoy the activities around the community.

Thank you,

Jim Brunnquell
Village President

PARAMOUNT PLAZA - BUY A BRICK!

Now is the time to place your order for purchase of a 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 sized to choose from: 4" x 8" (\$50) or 8" x 8" (\$100).

The Village will be accepting summer orders until August 31, 2011. You can order through the [Village website](#), or you can pick up an application at the Village Hall, 860 Badger Circle. 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.

GIRO D'GRAFTON 2011

Saturday, June 18

Professional Bike Races 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for this unique and entertaining experience! The course will twist through the streets of downtown Grafton. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy FREE live music during the event! Food and beverages will also be available from local vendors and service clubs. For more information, check out the Summer Recreation Booklet on the [Village's website](#) or also visit www.celebrategraffton.com.



RUMMAGE SALE / ADVERTISEMENT SIGNS

Village ordinance prohibits persons from placing any sign or other obstruction on any land dedicated to public use, such as medians and sidewalks terrace areas. Rummage sales can operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and cannot exceed 4-days in length.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Municipal Offices will be **closed** on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



GRAFTON POLICE ADD BIKE PATROL

The Grafton Police Department welcomes a new addition to the department, the police bicycle. Officer Patrick Brock will attend the International Police Mountain Bike Association training in June at the UW-Madison Police Department and take to the streets of Grafton mid-June. The bike patrol will be responsible for patrolling the Ozaukee Inter-Urban Trail, Village parks, business districts and apartment complexes, in addition to being a highly mobile asset at various Village special events.

The Police Department envisions the bike patrol program to integrate with other patrol strategies in a continuing effort to review and refine our service to the community.

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 will be removed.

DO YOU HAVE A PERMIT?

Residents are reminded that a permit is required before any work is performed within the public right-of-way of the Village. This includes driveway approaches, curb cuts, sidewalk construction, and storing materials in the roadway. 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 17th 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 inch 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.

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www.QualityLifeGrafton.com

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE SITE

Access to the site is 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 including: 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. 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 is \$20. The cards expire 1 year from the original date of purchase.

The card can be obtained from the Department of Public Works in the Municipal Services Facility, 675 North Green Bay Road.

GRAFTON WATER QUALITY

All Village residents are hereby given notice that the 2010 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the Grafton Water Utility is now available for review. In past years, this report was mailed directly to all Water Utility customers. This year in the interest of cost savings, the report will not be mailed out but can be viewed on-line at the [Village's website](#). In addition, hard copies of the report will be available for review and/or pick-up at the Utility Office, at the Village Hall and other Grafton municipal buildings.

This report also known as a “CCR” or ‘Consumer Confidence Report is meant to keep you informed on the quality of your drinking water relative to EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) standards. **In summary the Report indicates 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.

RECYCLING UPDATE



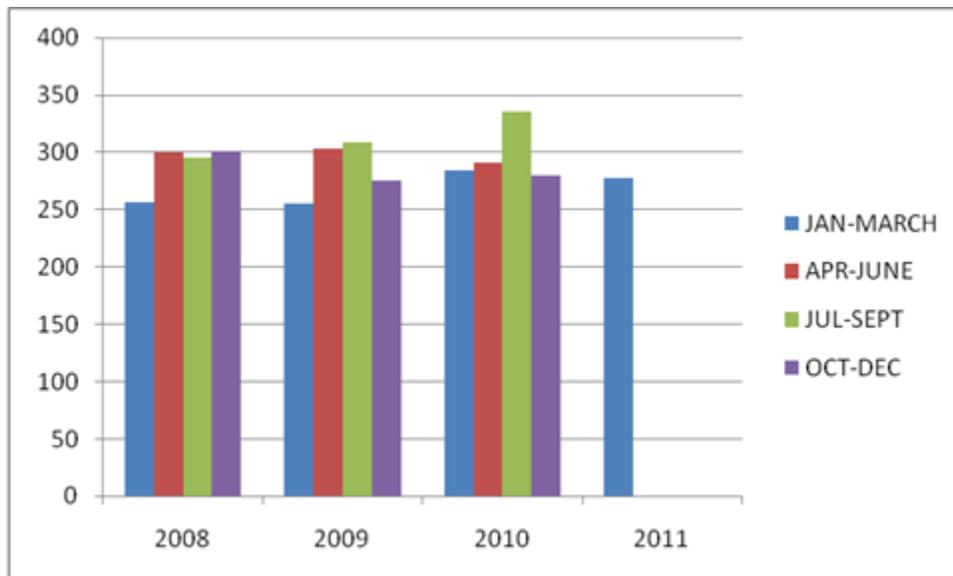
Recycling is not only required by law, it also saves you money....Let me explain how...

The Village contracts with Veolia Solid Waste Services for curbside collection of garbage and recycling. With this contract the Village pays \$6.82 per unit per month for the collection of garbage plus a \$42.95 tipping (or dumping) fee for every ton of garbage disposed of. The fee for curbside recycling is \$2.66 per stop per month.

What this means is for every ton of waste that is recycled rather than put in a landfill, the Village save \$42.95.

In 2008, residents recycled a total of 1,153 tons, in 2009 - 1,142 tons, and in 2010 - 1,191 tons for a total of 3,486 tons over the 3-year period. If this amount had been landfilled at \$42.95 per ton the Village would have had to pay an additional \$149,743! This averages out to 1,162 tons or \$49,914 per year. So you see the more you recycle the more you save!

The following chart shows the tons recycled by Village residents per month.



Please help the Village maintain your tax dollar – RECYCLE!

Figuring out what you can and cannot recycle can be downright confusing. There are some basics that will make recycling convenient and reduce your environmental impact.

- Flatten boxes, bulky containers and aluminum cans.
- Play by the recycling rules. They are not in place to keep the carts spick 'n span, there is a bigger purpose. Broken glass or wet cardboard can clog processing machines. Paper goods with food residue, like last night's greasy pizza box, can contaminate an entire bale of paper.

RECYCLING - the DO'S, the DON'TS



GLASS

DO RECYCLE unbroken glass containers such as applesauce jars, ketchup bottles, perfume bottles, wine and beer bottles. Clear, Green & Brown.

DON'T RECYCLE windows, mirrors, light bulbs and tubes, pyrex and dishes, drinking glasses, chemical bottles, medial container, or laboratory glass.

YOUR GLASS becomes food containers, tiles, landscaping pebbles and road surfacing.



PAPER

DO RECYCLE newspapers, magazines, cardboard and mixed papers such as corrugated boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, junk mail, envelopes, catalogs, telephone books, plain gift-wrap, books and stapled paper. Go to [Direct Marketing Assoc.](#) to get yourself off mailing lists to reduce your mail.

DON'T RECYCLE bathroom waste paper (paper towels, toilet paper), food-stained papers, foil or glitter gift wrap, carbon paper, cellophane, cloth, cork, foil, polystyrene styrofoam, stickers, wet paper products, and those containing plastic, wax or metal foil coatings. Remove hot melt glue used to attach ads to the front of phone books and magazines.

YOUR PAPER becomes newsprint, boxes, insulation and animal bedding. One Sunday paper recycled each month saves a tree a year.



METAL

DO RECYCLE aluminum and steel (which includes tin) in the form of beverage and food cans.

DON'T RECYCLE contaminated foil wrap, pop tops and other metals curbside. Instead, donate to charity usable items such as flatware, can openers and tools. Call a scrap metal company for heavy loads such as house siding, and gutters.

YOUR ALUMINUM becomes beverage cans, cookware, bike parts, and tennis rackets; old steel becomes new steel and may wind up as filing cabinets, auto parts, or appliances.



PLASTICS (1 thru 7)

DO RECYCLE all bottles and rigid containers, for example: beverage bottles, milk jugs, dish and laundry detergent bottles, and peanut butter jars, grocery bags (if not returned to store), shrink wrap, caps. (If there is not a recycling market for any type of plastic – it still will not go to our landfill.)

DON'T RECYCLE spray nozzles and pumps, foam packaging (note: some packing peanuts are cornstarch base and dissolve in water). Donate usable items such as toys.

YOUR PLASTIC turns into beverage and shampoo bottles, fleece, pipes, fencing, deck planks and gutters, refuse and recycling carts. Recycling five soda bottles yields enough material for one square foot of carpet or fiberfill for a ski jacket.



COMPUTERS and Electronics Recycling: Computers and any other electronics in plastic housings can be dropped off at the Municipal Services Facility, 675 North Green Bay Road, Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Televisions can be taken to Best Buy for recycling or will require a special pick-up and disposal, contact Veolia – 1-800-387-0949.

YOUR ELECTRONICS are processed for plastics and metals. Many electronics have hazardous metals that are banned from landfills.

All recyclables shall be mixed together in one 96 gallon container.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

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 or the Library. 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
- Pet Waste and Water Quality

CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS HERE UPDATE ON 2011 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Several major public works projects are underway:

- **2011 STREET RECONSTRUCTION –**
 - Glen Anna Drive from 16th Avenue to Keith Lane (replace the water main)
 - Valley Drive from 16th Avenue to 17th Avenue
 - 17th Avenue from Falls Road to Spruce Street
 - 16th Avenue from Washington Street to Bridge StreetMill and pulverize existing pavement and base, place binder and surface course, spot curb and gutter and sidewalk repairs.
- **SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM –** Replace defective sidewalk in areas west of the Milwaukee River, south of Cedar Creek Road, north of North Street, and east of Fifth Avenue. All sidewalks have been marked by the Village staff.
- **OZAUKEE COUNTY FISH PASSAGE PROJECT –** Ozaukee County has received a grant from NOAA to improve the fish passage in the Milwaukee River Basin. The project has three components within the Village of Grafton, which are improving the box culvert on Ninth Avenue which Mole Creek flows through (this has been completed), removing the Lime Kiln Park dam (completed with restoration in the spring of 2011), and building a fish passage at the Bridge Street dam. The design for the fish passage is completed and we are awaiting the permit from the DNR. Once the permit is obtained, the project will be bid out.

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 150**) 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 inches must be taken 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 gutters only in the fall.
- Grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste can be taken to the Residential Yard Waste 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 in the curb during the spring and summer months.

Do not rake yard waste into the curb – they must be bagged and taken to the Residential Yard Waste Site for disposal.



TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2011

All summer programs are brought to you by the Grafton and Cedarburg Libraries.

June 13

The Teen Summer Reading Program Begins!

June 28 at 4:00 p.m.

"I Am Four" – Movie / Book Discussion. Join us for a movie showing immediately followed by a book discussion. We'll supply the snacks, you supply the discussion.

July 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Spine Poetry Program – Make up poems using your favorite book titles. *This program will be held at the Cedarburg Library.*

July 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Manga Workshop with Nick Katzfey – Learn how to draw Manga Style. In this workshop, you will learn the basics of drawing characters with a little character design thrown in the mix.

July 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Turn your ordinary t-shirts into something extraordinary! Do you have a favorite shirt that just doesn't fit any more, but you aren't ready to give it up? Join us for this fun recycled t-shirt program!

August 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Pizza Party – All teens participants are invited to join us for food, games, and drawings.

Please register for all programs at the downstairs checkout desk.

FAMILY STORY TIMES

June 20 – August 4

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Story time introduces children to the Public Library and the joy of reading. It focuses on early literacy skills and includes stories, finger plays, songs, crafts, and coloring sheets.

***No story time** on June 30. Glen Gerard will perform his magic show.



U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library
1620 11th Avenue
June 13 – August 6

Help us kick off the Summer Reading Program with storyteller, Rick Ponzio, sponsored by Port Washington State Bank.

Wednesday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m.

- Children ages 3-12 may register. To register, fill out a form at the library. For every 5 hours you read, you will have a chance to enter the drawing(s) of your choice.
- Each child receives a free book mark and reading log to record the hours spent reading this summer!
- The library offers 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 3 to receive a free book and tickets to the pool party, Saturday, August 6, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at the Grafton Family Aquatic Center.

Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

If you are disabled and need assistance please call Youth Services at 375-5315.



SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

From April - June 2011, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary:

Francis Hilgart Utility Operator 30 years

Melissa Francek Library Assistant 10 years

READING TAKES YOU PLACES!

Summer reading program performances and activities are geared towards school age children and do not require additional registration unless otherwise noted. A responsible adult should accompany young children.

June 13

Summer Reading Program Begins

June 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Help us kick off the summer reading program with storyteller, Rick Ponzio and his "Folktales from Around the World" show.

June 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Multicultural Movie Series: Mexican-American Heritage video and craft program. Approx. 45 min.

June 30 at 11:00 a.m.

Glen Gerard's Magic Show. Mr. Gerard will amaze crowds of all ages with his exciting magic tricks and illusions!

July 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Multicultural Movie Series: Chinese-American Heritage video and craft program. Approx. 45 min.

July 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Dance around the world with us! Join us for a toddler dance party! **Registration is required for this event!**

July 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Wise Guy and His Gal present "Imagireadination Fantabookasy"! Explore the world of reading through acting, singing, dancing, audience participation and comedy!

July 27 @ 11:00 a.m.

The Spoon Man performs his *Catch the Rhythm of Reading* program. "It's a spoonful of family fun!"

August 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Multicultural Movie Series: African-American Heritage video and craft program. Approx. 45 min.

August 4

Last day to hand in reading logs and drawing slips. Winners will be announced at the pool party. Good luck!

August 6 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

"One World, Many Stories" pool party at the Grafton Family Aquatic Center. Come see folksingers, Fox and Branch perform, enjoy some ice cream and of course swimming to reward yourselves for all your hard work!

WATER / SEWER RATES COMPARISON

In comparison with other Wisconsin communities, Grafton's water and sewer rates are ranked quite favorably. Grafton typically ranks in the lower one-half with both its annual water charges and its annual sewer charges statewide for an average residential household. A current comparison of the combined quarterly charges (1) with neighboring Ozaukee County communities is as follows:

Fredonia	\$ 137.87
Grafton	\$ 168.87
Mequon	\$ 175.42
Cedarburg	\$ 191.58
Saukville	\$ 208.05
Port Washington	\$ 217.91
Belgium	\$ 229.04

(1) Assumed 18,000 gallons per quarter usage; does not include 'public fire protection' charges.

The current 2011 water and sewer rates in the Village of Grafton remained unchanged from 2010 rates.

UV DISINFECTION PROJECT TO START

The Village recently awarded a contract to convert the wastewater treatment plant disinfection process from gas chlorination to UV (ultraviolet light) disinfection. This project is another step or phase within the long range master plan for upgrading the wastewater treatment facility for long-term service. The change to UV disinfection will improve the overall safety at the plant for both employee operators and the surrounding neighborhood by eliminating the on-site storage and handling of gas chlorine and gas sulfur dioxide -- both classified as extremely hazardous chemicals. In addition, elimination of the current process will also eliminate the potential for chemical residuals in the effluent that can have a negative impact on aquatic life in the Milwaukee River. Project construction will begin October 3 and should be complete and ready for start-up by May 1, 2012.

SUMMER SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

Voluntary sprinkling restrictions are in effect June 15 - September 15. Customers with odd-numbered addresses should sprinkle on odd-numbered days; even-numbered addresses should sprinkle on even-numbered days.