



COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response Update – March 17, 2020

The Village of Grafton has begun making operational changes in an effort to limit exposure for our workforce. Our goal is to maintain the high level of municipal service to the extent possible under these ever-changing public health circumstances. We wanted to provide residents with a summary of those changes to help you plan accordingly. The **following Village facilities are CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** but employees will continue to conduct business via telephone, internet/Email, or USPS mail. Links and phone numbers are listed below.

Grafton Village Hall offices 262-375-5300

- Absentee ballot applications are available in the entryway vestibule
- Building Permit applications are available in the entryway vestibule
- Inspections are **cancelled** except for new construction and life safety issues
- The Village does offer [online payments](#) through our website otherwise you can utilize the secure drop box located in the Village Hall parking lot.
- Please click here for a [Village Staff Directory](#)

Grafton Senior Center: 262-375-5311

- All Senior Center programming and events have been **cancelled**

[Public Works](#) offices: 262-375-5325

[Park and Recreation](#) offices: 262-375-5310

- All Recreation programming and events have been **cancelled**

[USS Liberty Memorial Library](#) [*closing on Wed. 3/18*]: 262-375-5315

- All library programming and events have been **cancelled**
- The Library's Community Room will not be available for group meetings

[Water/Wastewater Utility](#) offices: 262-375-5331

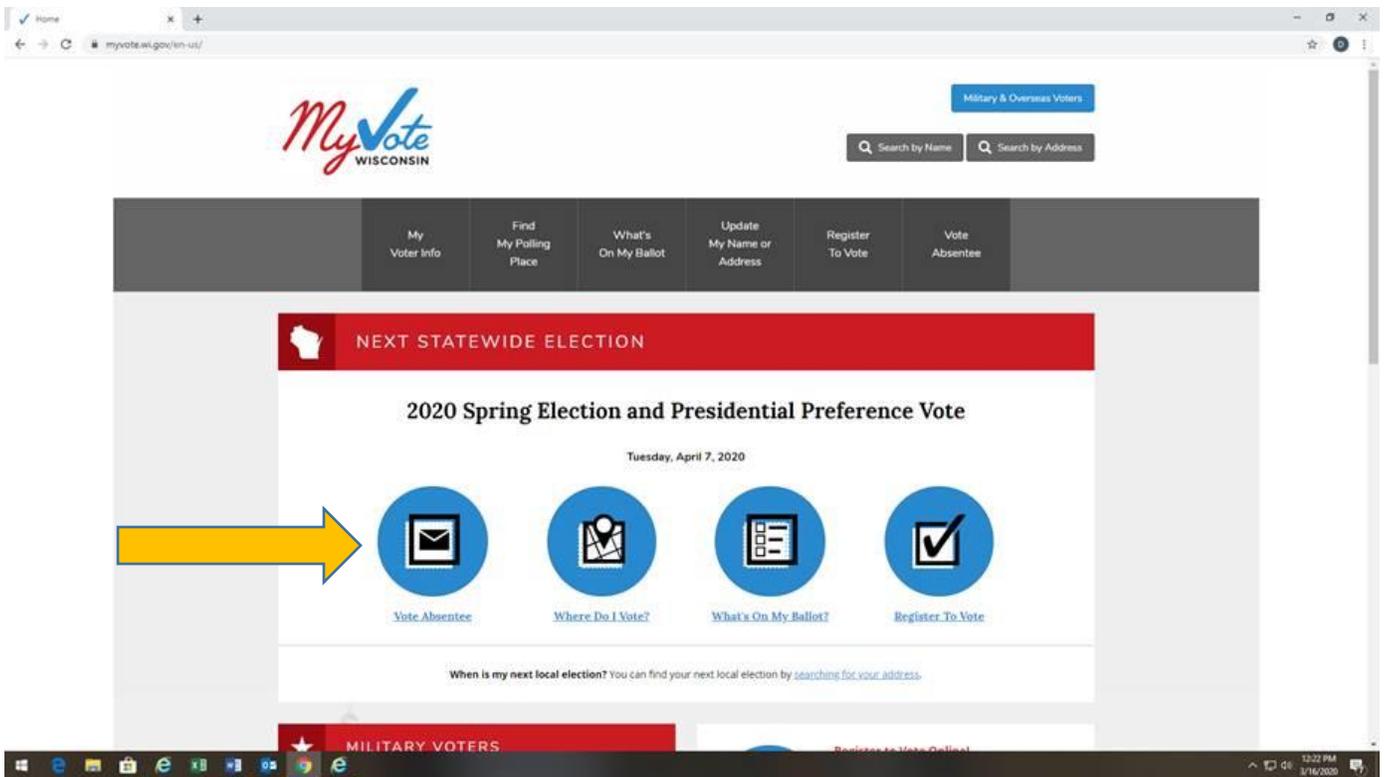
- Scheduled water meter change outs have been **postponed** until later this year.
- Water meter installations for new construction are still ongoing.

The Village of Grafton's Fire and Police Departments remain fully staffed and responding to calls as normal. Village first responders have CDC recommended personal protection equipment and are following recommended protocols.

ELECTIONS UPDATE:

As of March 16th all Election activities are being carried out in their regular fashion. That said we **strongly urge residents to consider requesting an Absentee Ballot online** at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> to help alleviate person-to-person contact during this interim period. If you would like to receive an absentee ballot by mail for the April 7th election, please visit the website noted above. Once you complete the simple steps, Myvote sends your completed application electronically directly to our Village Clerk. It is simple, and takes only a couple of minutes. A screen shot of the MyVote website is below to help guide you to the application form. If you need assistance, you can call the Village Clerk's office at 262-375-5300.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission governs the elections process and has not made any changes to date. As of this update the Village will be holding in-person absentee voting next week. Should this change, the Village will communicate any changes to the election process (if any are made) as soon as possible via social media and its website. Please stay tuned.



In closing, it goes without saying that this public health emergency is presenting many challenges. If we all do our part through small efforts like hand washing and social distancing, we can reduce the spread of the virus and ultimately defeat it. While doing this, please look out for each other, particularly our seniors, help with neighbors' childcare and support our local businesses. Every little bit helps. Thank you.

"People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses, or the problems of modern society."

- Vince Lombardi