

## WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR VILLAGE TAX DOLLARS

*Where do my Village tax dollars go?* Less than a third of your total property tax payment (32 percent) is used to pay for all Village of Grafton provided services. Budgets of other taxing jurisdictions, including Ozaukee County, Grafton School District, Cedarburg School District, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the State of Wisconsin also impact your taxes. Costs shown are based on an assessed home value of \$250,000. This home would pay \$1,446 for its Village of Grafton services. Figures are based on the 2021 adopted Village of Grafton Budget and the portion of the budget supported by property taxes net of other sources of revenue.

<b>Police Protection.</b> Twenty-two sworn police officers and six support staff along with five crossing guards and Police Reserves keep Grafton safe around the clock. Activities include traffic enforcement, crime investigation, education programs, special events planning and safety and emergency management.	<b>\$ 490</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Projects.</b> Includes streets, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, sidewalks, and vehicle and equipment replacement for the Departments of Public Works, Park and Police.	<b>\$ 227</b>
<b>Public Works / Engineering.</b> Includes maintenance programs such as storm sewer maintenance, pothole patching, street cleaning, snow removal, flood control, street painting and weed cutting. The Engineering Division provides for design, maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure and community facilities.	<b>\$ 214</b>
<b>Fire Protection / Emergency Medical Services.</b> Protects the lives and properties of citizens and businesses by providing fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical services around the clock and funding of capital equipment purchases.	<b>\$ 153</b>
<b>Library.</b> The U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library is funded by the Village and Town of Grafton. Books, e-books, videos, DVDs, Internet access, magazines and programs are provided by the Library.	<b>\$ 107</b>
<b>Parks / Recreation.</b> Oversees programs to meet leisure and recreation needs of the community. Recreation activities include sports, aquatics, fitness, seniors, and teen programs. There are 17 developed parks and facilities including pavilions walking/biking trails, tennis courts, swimming pool, and athletic fields.	<b>\$ 95</b>
<b>Debt Service.</b> Includes debt payments for prior year capital projects. Types of projects include infrastructure improvements and facility construction and improvements.	<b>\$ 59</b>
<b>Sanitation.</b> Encompasses the trash collection and disposal program. This includes seasonal brush collection, curbside leaf pickup, and environmental groundwater monitoring	<b>\$ 64</b>
<b>General Government / Administrative Services.</b> Includes the following program areas: Village Board, Village Administration, Legal, Assessing, Clerk, and Finance.	<b>\$ 51</b>
<b>Community Development / Inspections.</b> The Planning and Development Department plans for the orderly development of Grafton, which includes processing development plans. The Inspections Department administers and enforces local, state, and national codes related to building design and construction.	<b>\$ 0</b>

Total Village of Grafton 2020 Tax Bill (\$250,000 Average Assessed Valued Home) **\$1,460**

Total Village of Grafton 2019 Tax Bill (\$250,000 Average Assessed Valued Home) **\$1,830**

**Water and Wastewater Utilities.** Residents and businesses receive a water and wastewater utility bill. Charges are calculated according to how much water is consumed and wastewater is produced. No taxpayer funds are used to support the Utilities' operations.