

THE QUARTERLY MESSENGER



September 2009

Dear Citizens

I hope the summer has been enjoyable for you. Events such as the Giro d’Grafton, Holiday, GALA concerts and Tuesday Tunes were well attended and continue to be successful. Remember to check out the Fall Pumpkin Fest, October 9 -10.

Here’s a quick update on developments occurring in the Village. On the East side, Aurora Medical Center is proceeding on schedule to open in the fall of 2010. Across the street, Aldi’s is under construction and is expected to also open this year. St. Paul’s Providence Place senior housing development is under construction, and the Paramount Grille and Bakehouse has opened in the previous Paramount Restaurant location. In the South Commercial District, the new Pick ‘n Save has now opened, and we welcomed Waukesha Metal Products which will bring significant new jobs to the area. Grafton remains a vibrant and desirable community to live and work however, as with all active communities, there is always challenging issues to address.

You probably are aware of the Bridge Street Dam issue now under review by the Village Board. As with all complex issues, some background information is useful. Ozaukee County applied for and received a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant under the Federal Stimulus Bill to enhance Milwaukee River’s fish habitat by, among other benefits, allowing better fish passage. Two parts of this grant hit very close to home here in Grafton: the removal of the Lime Kiln Park Dam and the creation of a fish ladder at the Bridge Street Dam location. Recently, the Wisconsin DNR notified the Village that the Bridge Street Dam, because it does not have working gates to relieve flood events upstream, was out of compliance. At some point, the Village will be faced with a choice of removing or replacing the dam. Estimates to replace the dam range up to \$2 million along with the additional expenditure of thousands of dollars every 3–4 years for maintenance and DNR–mandated inspections. These costs would be the responsibility of Village taxpayers. We are investigating the feasibility and desirability of using a portion of the NOAA grant money to remove the dam, stabilize and landscape the riverbank and return this portion of the Milwaukee River to the natural riverbed. The grant would cover the costs, and there would be no dam reconstruction costs or on-going maintenance costs to the local taxpayer.

However, the discussion is more complex than just the money involved. The health of the river, the impact of the pond on the image of Grafton and the potential for redevelopment need to be a part of the decision making process. The Village Board is seeking to have an

engineering study completed, including conceptual drawings of what the area would look like if the dam was removed, prior to the next public informational meeting. The meeting is anticipated to occur in late September.

As with all issues that have a significant financial or visual impact to the community, feedback has been strong. The Village Board has been responsive to comments and concerns and is not rushing this decision. Although not on the same scale, this process is very similar to the process completed during the removal of the Falls Road Dam. I encourage you to view the Milwaukee River from Fall Road to see what a natural river flow looks like.

In closing, please be assured that the Village Board is taking all aspects of this decision into consideration: cost to the taxpayer, impact on the downtown and community, potential for redevelopment, health of the river, flood control and feedback from residents.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Jim Brunnquell
Village President

VOTING LOCATION CHANGE

Beginning with the 2010 election schedule, all residents in the Village of Grafton will vote in the new gymnasium (west side) at John Long Middle School, 700 Hickory Street. The change to this location will provide better access to the polls and better parking. The proximity of the poll location to the adjacent residential area will also allow some residents to walk to the polls.

Thank you Grafton School District for your cooperation in working with the Village on a new polling site.

Thank you voters for your patience during the transition from the current location to the new voting site.



UPCOMING BUDGET REVIEW DATES

The Village Board will conduct a budget workshop on the proposed 2010 Budget on Saturday, October 17, starting at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room, lower level of Village Hall. A Public Hearing on the budget will be held on Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the same location. The public is invited to attend both reviews.

The Village Board is expected to take final action on the 2010 Budget on Monday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m.

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be Saturday, October 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



HOLIDAY HOURS

In observation of Labor Day, the Municipal Offices will be **closed** on Monday, September 7, 2009.

**2ND ANNUAL
FALL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 8 - 10**



Thursday, October 8

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Scare Crow Building
(Plaza)

Friday, October 9

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Fish Fry – Paramount
Grille, Beer Tent, Food
(Plaza)

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Entertainment (Plaza)
7:30 p.m. Pumpkin Lighting (Plaza)
Bring a carved
pumpkin to light and be
judged. Candles will
be provided.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Entertainment (Plaza)

Saturday, October 10

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast –
Grafton Lions Club
(Lime Kiln Park)

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cyclo Cross (Lime Kiln
Park)

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Art Show (NSAA)
10:00 a.m. - Noon Scavenger Hunt (Plaza)
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Entertainment (Plaza)
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Chalk Festival (NSAA)
Children 3 and older

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Food (Plaza)
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Community Bake Sale &
Farmers Market
(Plaza)

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Children's Activity Area
(Plaza)

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Entertainment (Village
Center)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Entertainment (Plaza)
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Pumpkin Judging /
Awards (Plaza) Scare
Crow Judging / Awards
(Plaza)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pumpkin Seed Spitting
Contest (Village
Center)

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Entertainment (Plaza)
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Best Pumpkin Pie
Contest / President's
Pie Auction (Plaza)

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Community Dance - Free
Admission (NSAA)

To register for pumpkin carving, scare crow building and best pumpkin pie, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 375-5310.

WATER AEROBIC CLASSES

Aqua Dynamics is for men and women of any age and athletic ability. This unique program is designed to give you a complete workout in the water. No swimming skills are necessary. Instructor is Aquatic Exercise Association certified.

Deep Water Workout will improve circulation, strength, and flexibility without strain or stress on muscle joints. Deep Water participants must know how to swim and must purchase aqua gloves at a cost of \$12.00 per pair. Instructor is Aquatic Exercise Association certified.

Both classes are held at the Grafton High School Pool on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Class dates are September 14 - November 16 (no class October 28). Make checks payable to the Parks and Recreation



Department, 1665 7th Avenue. Fees are \$35.00 for Village residents and \$45.00 for non-residents.

AEROBIC CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Morning Cardio-Tone – Aerobic choreography, free weights and exercise bands provide a total body workout to burn calories, raise metabolism and tone major muscle groups. Intensity levels can be high or low, depending on participant's ability. Instructor is ASCM/AEA certified and has been teaching fitness classes since 1984. Classes are held on the lower level of the Multi-purpose Senior Center Building, 1665 7th Avenue. Classes are September 11 - October 16 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Fees are \$26.00 for Village residents and \$34.00 for non-residents.

Adult Aerobics – Try this fun, aerobics class held at Woodview Elementary School gym on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Classes are August 24 - September 29 (no class on September 3, 7, and 17). Connee Conway is ASCM/AEA certified and has been teaching fitness classes since 1983. Fees are \$26.00 for Village residents and \$34.00 for non-residents.

GRAFTON SENIOR CENTER

Check out what's going on at the Grafton Senior Center. Fun activities for everyone ages 55 and better. Classes are held year-round for computers, exercise, sketching, watercolor and music. Enjoy a nutritious lunch each day at noon. Play bocce ball, shuffleboard, cards, Wii, dominoes, pool, bingo and dominoes. We also take affordable day trips to cheer on the Brewers, hear the M.S.O. orchestra play, see Chicago's sights and enjoy great area dinner theatres to name a few. Call 375-5311 for more information, or pick up a two month planner for a full list of activities.

READ TO ROVER PROGRAM

The Ozaukee Humane Society and the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library have partnered to create a place where children with reading difficulties get an opportunity to read aloud to a supportive, non-judgmental listener - a certified companion dog. Students in grades 1 - 5 can read 25 minutes each Monday, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., November 2 through November 23. Attendance each week is required. Readers who finish this free program will receive a "Certificate of Accomplishment", and a book. (Day and times may change due to number of applicants.)



Read to Rover registration forms will be available October 5 in the Youth Library. All registration forms must be returned by October 26. Registration is limited, and slots will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. The Read to Rover program has touched many lives and helps children reduce their apprehension of reading aloud. For more information, call Youth Services at 375-5315.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER & EMT'S NEEDED



The Grafton Volunteer Fire Department is seeking men and women from the Village or Town to join the department as firefighters and/or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). All training and equipment is provided by the department. For more information, call (262) 364-8210, or stop by the fire house on Thursday evenings after 6:30 p.m. Applications are also available on the web at www.graftonfiredept.com.

FAMILY STORY TIMES

Story times include stories, finger plays, and songs. No registration is required. A responsible adult should accompany young children.

Saturday Story Time 11:00 a.m.

September 19	A is for Alphabet
October 17	A Trip to the Pumpkin Patch
November 21	Turkey Time
December 19	Winter Wonderland

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

October 5 – December 7

SUPER SATURDAY MOVIE SCHEDULE

Saturday movies will be shown at 11:00 a.m. No registration is required. Snacks and beverages will be permitted during the movies. A responsible adult should accompany young children.

September 12

Meet the Robinsons - Rated G
102 minutes

October 10

Hannah Montana the Movie - Rated G
102 minutes

November 14

Disney's Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure - Rated G
76 minutes

December 12

Santa Buddies - Rated G
88 minutes

THURSDAY BAG LUNCH MOVIES

Bag lunch movies will be shown at 11:00 a.m. Snacks and beverages will be allowed during the movies. A responsible adult should accompany young children.

October 1 Little Einsteins

October 15 Arthur Gets Spooked

November 5 Thomas & Friends:
The Great Discovery

November 19 Little Bear Movie

December 3 The Book of Pooh

December 17 Tigger & Pooh: Super Sleuth
Christmas Movie

FALL STORY TIMES



Registration

September 28 – October 2

in the Youth Library. Registration is limited.

Story time introduces children to the public library and the joy of reading. It includes stories, finger plays, songs, small crafts and coloring.

October 6 – December 10

Two & Three Year Old Story Times

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Four & Five Year Old Story Times

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.



PARAMOUNT PLAZA BUY A BRICK!

Remember those you love with a commemorative brick placed in Grafton's Paramount Plaza. 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).

The Village will be accepting orders until October 1, 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.

FALL, WINTER & SPRING RECREATION BOOKLET

The Parks and Recreation Department's fall, winter and spring recreation booklet will be available on-line in mid-September.

Sign up for e-"Notify Me" on the Village's web site to get the new Recreation Booklets e-mailed automatically to you.

FUTURE STARS FLAG FOOTBALL – BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 1 – 5

This Flag Football program kicks off with a training camp on Monday evening, September 14 at Centennial Park, 1370 Seventeenth Avenue.



Thereafter, the program meets every Monday evening through October 26. The program is divided into three camps. Rookie Camp is for children entering grades 1 and 2, Veterans Camp is for grades 3 and 4, and there is also a Veterans Camp for grade 5. Fees are \$20 for Village residents and \$40 for non-residents.

A registration form is available on-line and also at the Parks and Recreation Department, 1665 7th Avenue (located inside the Grafton Multipurpose Senior Center), the USS Liberty Memorial Public Library, and at Village Hall. An after-hours registration drop box is available for your convenience.

We encourage parent volunteers to coach their son's or daughter's team. If interested, please indicate so on the bottom of the registration form.

If you are interested in becoming a league supervisor or referee, please contact the department at 375-5310 for an employment application, or download an application from the Village's website at www.QualityLifeGrafton.com.

RESERVE YOUR 2010 PARTY AT THE ROBERT P. ZAUN PAVILION

In-person reservations for the 2010 calendar year will be taken at the Parks and Recreation Department, 1665 7th Avenue, beginning September 1, 2009, for the Robert P. Zaun Pavilion in Lime Kiln Park, 2020 S. Green Bay Road.

Rental fees include the River Room, attached open-air shelter, and kitchen facilities. Rental fees and further information can be found at the Department's website, or you may call the Department office at 375-5310.

Reservations for all other park shelters will be accepted no earlier than the first business day after January 1.

GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL POOL HOURS

(Through May 2010)

ADULT LAP SWIM ONLY –

Beginning September 14, 2009

Monday & Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

OPEN SWIM & ADULT LAP SWIM –

Beginning September 20

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Saturday hours begin on November 7

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DAILY FEES:

	<u>YOUTH</u>	<u>ADULT</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>
Resident Daily Admission	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Non-resident Daily Admission	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
<i>(Children age two and under are free with paying adult.)</i>			

PUNCH CARD FEES:

	<u>YOUTH</u>	<u>ADULT</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>
Resident 10 Visits	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Resident 20 Visits	N/A	\$50.00	\$50.00
Non-resident 10 Visits	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Non-resident 20 Visits	N/A	\$70.00	\$70.00

POOL CLOSURE DATES:

October 28, 2009

December 26, 2009 - January 1, 2010

April 3 - 10, 2010

(Please check information board at the pool for future dates.)

RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE

The Village is now offering for sale rain barrels. The use of 55 gallon 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. The paintable rain barrels are being sold at the Utility Office, 1900 9th Avenue and come in either blue or white. They can be purchased from the Utility for \$45 each (delivered) or \$40 if picked up by the homeowner. Call the Utility Office, 375-5330, if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

POLICY CHANGES REGARDING BACKFLOW PREVENTION "TIME OF SALE" INSPECTIONS

In accordance with the Village's Cross Connection Control Program as mandated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Utility is required to conduct periodic inspections for cross connections and backflow prevention of the water supply. Inspections of residential properties are scheduled to occur in conjunction with any water meter maintenance or replacement appointments and at time of home sale. The inspection is performed by Water Utility personnel and usually takes only 5 to 10 minutes. In follow-up to the inspection and correction of any code violations found, the Utility will issue a certificate of compliance that is required at the time of closing on sale of a home.

Changes to the Village policy and ordinance regarding backflow prevention were implemented in July and include the following requirements:

1. Time-of-sale inspections must now be scheduled at least 48 business hours in advance of closing on the sale of a property.
2. Any required time-of-sale inspection that is scheduled with less than 48 business hours notice will be subject to a \$20 surcharge.
3. A certificate of compliance will be acceptable for a period of 12 months from the date of inspection.
4. Inside and outside hose bib backflow preventers required to achieve time-of-sale compliance must now be provided and installed by Utility personnel only.
5. Backflow preventers that are provided and installed by Utility personnel will be warranted for a period of 24 months.
6. Correction of any other type of cross connection or backflow prevention non-compliance issue that is identified by Utility personnel during an inspection is the responsibility of the homeowner.

WHEN DRINKING WATER BECOMES DISCOLORED

On occasion you may find that the tap water or water supply to your home has become discolored and rusty-brown. In almost all cases, this is the result of rust and iron scale buildup in the water mains which loosens and becomes dispersed in the water supply. The Water Utility addresses iron scale build-up and potential "red water" by routinely flushing the water system. This is done twice per year by opening all the hydrants in the May and again in the October. Dead end or cul-de-sac hydrants are flushed additionally during the summer. Residents are advised of the regularly scheduled hydrant flushings via the local paper and the Village cable station. During flushing in your area, the water system becomes quite agitated, and rusty water may become apparent. You are advised to refrain from doing laundry at these times or any other time that you experience rusty water. Although harmless to consume, the rusty water can cause discoloration to laundry.

If you experience rusty water at a time other than when the Water Utility is doing routine hydrant flushing, you should run your tap water for a period of about five minutes. If water is still discolored, wait about 15 to 20 minutes and again run your tap water for another five minutes. In most cases, this routine repeated two or three times will usually clear up the water discoloration. If it does not, you should then call the Water Utility, and a person will be dispatched to take corrective action.

SUMMER SEWER CREDIT ENDS

The Water Department would like to remind all residents that the summer sewer/sprinkling credit ends with the October 1 billing. For periods of service billed December 31 and March 31, the actual volume of water used will be billed fully at the effective water and sewer rates, with no credit given for water used which does not enter the sanitary sewer system. This change can result in a slightly higher than expected bill in January if, for example, a homeowner waters trees or shrubs in late September or October.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact the Water Department at 375-5330.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE

The Water & Wastewater Utility recently completed a comprehensive review of its rates relative to projected revenues and expenses. As a result, the Utility will be seeking Village Board and Wisconsin Public Service Commission approval to increase both water and sewer charges to general service customers in 2010. The request will include a 16.4 percent increase in water revenues and a 19.2 percent increase in sewer revenues. The purpose for the increase is to offset increased water and wastewater operation and maintenance expenses, decreased water sales, and increased debt service as a result of major improvement projects over the last four years. The new rates will also generate more cash to pay for routine infrastructure replacement projects without adding to debt service. The typical residential customer will notice an approximate \$7.07 per quarter increase in the water charges and a \$12.82 per quarter increase in the sewer portion of utility billing charges. The new water and sewer rates will take effect on or about December 15, 2009. Residential customers will receive their first billing under the new rates shortly after March 31, 2010. The Utility's last comprehensive rate review and increase took place in 2005.

ADOPT- AN – ASH TREE



What are the yellow ribbons around many street trees throughout the Village? The ribbons are being tied around all Village-owned ash trees to help residents identify them and visualize how many trees could be lost if Grafton becomes 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, the cost would be \$30, and if the tree is 15 inches, 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.

Please contact Melissa at 375-5325 for more information about how to adopt an ash tree.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, October 11, the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department will be holding an Open House at the Fire Station located at 1431 13th Avenue from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

From July 2009 through September 2009, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary:

Employee	Position	Years
Lori Ebbert	Library Head of Technical Services	30
Gary Helm	Superintendent of Public Works	30
Brian McCutcheon	Parks and Recreation Crew Person	30
Evelyn Nowak	Parks and Recreation Adult Aerobic Instructor	25
Duane Schenk	Water and Wastewater Operator	25
Sasha Polansky	Library Aide	10
Dean Groleau	Water and Wastewater Operator	5

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Department	Office Phone	Contact Person	E-Mail Address
Administration	375-5300	Darrell Hofland	dhofland@village.grafton.wi.us
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Cable	375-2923	Carl Harms	graftonstudio@wi.rr.com
Clerk	375-5300	Teri Dylak	tdylak@village.grafton.wi.us
Finance	375-5300	Paul Styduhar	pstyduhar@village.grafton.wi.us
Library	375-5315	John Hanson	jhanson4@esls.lib.wi.us
Parks and Recreation	375-5310	John Safstrom	jsafstrom@village.grafton.wi.us
Planning and Development	375-5303	Michael Rambousek	mrambousek@village.grafton.wi.us
Police	375-5320	Charles Wenten	cwenten@village.grafton.wi.us
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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