

THE QUARTERLY MESSENGER



GRAFTON
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June 2010

Summer is almost upon us and as usual, activity in the Village is in full swing. Celebrate Grafton is gearing up for a full season of events, including the popular Giro d'Grafton bike race, Holiday, and Pumpkin Fest. GALA is ramping up with the 2010 music series in the park. The Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce is getting ready for Tuesday Tunes in Paramount Plaza. You can find further details on these organizations respective websites.

The Village is also in full swing with 2010 projects. Final work on the parking lot and landscaping at the remodeled Village Hall location is scheduled to be completed by June and the new Municipal Services Facility is scheduled to be completed this fall. Various road projects, sidewalk replacement and trail improvements are also underway.

Probably the most visible project this year will be the construction of the NOAA-funded fish passage in the Milwaukee River starting at the Bridge Street dam and extending to the north. This project is being managed by Ozaukee County as part of the larger Milwaukee River watershed project. The Village recently held a joint Parks and Recreation Board, Board of Public Works and Committee of the Whole meeting where the County presented several options for placement and design. Criteria included construction constraints, public access, impact to the pond during construction, maintenance, ability to accommodate as many species of fish as possible, and cost. The County has recommended an east side river bank placement with the upstream end terminating just by the boat landing north of Highway 60. The Board of Public Works concurred with the recommendation and forwarded a motion to the Village Board for June action. Construction is anticipated to start early fall and be essentially completed by the end of the year. This fish passage will add yet another unique feature to the downtown.

This fish passage is just another example of how our downtown has seen tremendous change since the current development project start in 1998. A project that started with a plan based on a visioning workshop. As with most plans, a periodic review is beneficial to make sure the vision and results are still in alignment. The Village will be hosting another downtown visioning workshop June 12, starting at 8:30 a.m., at the Multi-purpose Senior Center. Residents are welcome to attend and provide feedback that will in turn be the basis of the ongoing efforts downtown. For planning purposes, please email graftonvillage@village.grafton.wi.us if you can attend.

Grafton continues to be vibrant community with a healthy economic diversity. The newest component of that diversity is the health care industry. Aurora Health Care has named Len Wilk the new president of the Grafton Medical Center. In addition, they are now in the process of recruitment for the new facility. A kiosk has been set up at the former Village Hall next to the Police Department to accept applications.

Our health care industry is growing already. Columbia St. Mary's will be breaking ground within the month on a new medical clinic next to the high school. Once again, Grafton has scored a success with new businesses.

It is looking like summer is going to be an exciting time in the Village. I wish you the best the season has to offer. To find concert and event schedules, visit:

<http://www.celebrategrafton.com/>

<http://www.graftonarealivearts.us/>

<http://graftonchamber.chambermaster.com/directory/events.jsp?ccid=412>

Thank you,

Jim Brunnquell
Village President

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our *100% volunteer* fire department is about people. Portable defibrillators don't save lives-our members do. Fires don't put themselves out, our members do. Our Jaws-of-Life can't rescue people involved in a motor vehicle accident on their own, they need people to do that.

Our members are all part of the team that our community relies on to be there in their time of need and we would like you to be part of that team!

The Grafton Volunteer Fire Department is made up of people just like you, including neighbors, business men and women, friends, and family members. Our volunteers are also like you in that they have families of their own, demanding careers, and time consuming active lifestyles. But they still find time to give back to our community by volunteering time as a member of our Fire Department. Our volunteers are here to offer training, support, encouragement, and friendship so that you can make the most of your volunteering investment with us.

Opportunities for involvement are plentiful at the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department. Our services include comprehensive fire suppression, vehicle accident extrication, specialized rescues in confined spaces/trenches and ice-swift water rescue.

Our largest numbers of responses are provided through life-supporting emergency medical services via our rescue squads which are

composed of teams of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) at the basic and intermediate level.

Does joining the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department sound like something that suits you and your need to serve all while challenging you to attain new skills in a positive atmosphere? If so, here's what to do next:

- Pick up an application at the Fire Station on Thursday evenings between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Call 262-364-8210 to have an application sent directly to you
- Download an application at www.graftonfiredept.com under the "Join Us" section

Upon completion of your application process, interview, and acceptance as a probationary member, you will enjoy benefits such as weekly training opportunities, continuing education courses, personal protective equipment, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in your community! Sign up now for a spot on our team. Some accelerated classes are offered throughout the summer months while regular training classes begin in the fall of 2010 for those requiring certification to become firefighters and/or EMTs.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Municipal Offices will be **closed** on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.



GRAFTON HOLIDAZE

Grafton Holiday Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 3, at Lime Kiln Park.

Events:

- 11:00 a.m. Grafton Independence Day Parade (parade begins at the Rose Harms Legion Post and travels south on Twelfth Avenue to Lime Kiln Park)
(Kids can decorate bikes and join the parade.)
- 11:00 a.m. Festivities begin in Lime Kiln Park
- 11:30 a.m. 5th Quarter Performance by the UW Marching Band - Lime Kiln Park
- Dusk Fireworks - the largest fireworks display in Ozaukee County.

Throughout the Day, there will be inflatable attractions, games, bingo, entertainment including performances by "Glenview Lane" and "Loo\$e Change," variety of food vendors, corn roast, and root beer floats.

GIRO D'GRAFTON 2010

Saturday, June 19

Professional Bike Races 11:20 a.m. – 7:30 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.tourofamericasdairyland.com.

SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE

In the event of a tornado warning, the Village of Grafton will activate the tornado siren system. Sirens will sound for 3 minutes. Residents should take cover in a basement or secure area. There will be no all clear message. Please do not call the Police Department if the sirens are activated.

Monthly testing of the sirens are conducted on the last Saturday of the month at noon.

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 extended the dates for Pom Pon Camp found, on Page 7 in the Summer Recreation Booklet. The program now runs through July 15. The dates and times are as follows:

SESSION July 6 - 8 (Tuesday-Thursday)
July 12 -15 (Monday-Thursday)

Grades 2 - 3 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Grades 4 - 5 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Grades 6 - 8 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

The program is held at John Long Middle School. Fees are \$15.00 for Village residents and \$30.00 for non-residents.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES FACILITY

The Department of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Department opened for business at the new Municipal Services Facility, 675 N. Green Bay Road, on Monday, April 26. Customers may access the building by using the same driveway as the Family Aquatic Center.

Hours of operation for the Departments are:

7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. - Monday – Friday.

Department of Public Works:

Tel: 375-5325

Fax: 375-5327

Parks and Recreation Department:

Tel: 375-5310

Fax: 375-5327

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 7AM and 7PM and cannot exceed 4-days in length.

AHOY READERS



The Summer Reading Program begins on June 14. 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 17 - 4:00 p.m.

Kickoff Craft – Make a fun fish that will be on display in the Children’s Library all summer long!

June 23 - 11:00 a.m.

Movie Matinee featuring Disney’s “The Little Mermaid”
Rated G, Run time 83 minutes

June 30 - 6:00 p.m.

Geoff Akins’ Bubble Wonders Show
“You’ll never look at bubbles the same way!”

July 7 - 11:00 a.m.

Bubble Dance Party – Geared for toddlers and preschool aged children.

July 8 - 6:00 p.m.

Glen Gerard’s “Make a Splash” Magic Show. Mr. Gerard will amaze crowds of all ages with his exciting magic tricks and illusions using water!

July 21 - 1:00 p.m.

The Atwood Players’ play “The Fisherman and His Wife.” A slapstick version of this fairy tale classic.

July 28 - 11:00 a.m.

Movie Matinee featuring Disney’s Atlantis “The Lost Empire”

August 4 - 11:00 a.m.

Water Experiment Fun – Join us we explore fun things to do with water.

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

August 7 - 10:30 a.m.

“Make a Splash” pool party at the Grafton Family Aquatic Center. Come and see Kathy Luck perform her “Wet, Wild, and Wacky” puppet show and enjoy ice cream and of course swimming to reward yourselves for all you hard work!

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Teen Summer Reading Program begins on June 14. Please register for all programs at the adult checkout desk at the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library.

June 29

Art Cards Program – Join us as we make secret book recommendation cards to put in our favorite books.

July 13

Teen Book Group featuring the book: *Exodus* by Julie Bertagna

July 27

Battleship Tournament

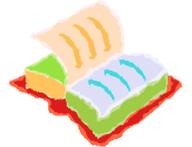
August 3

End of reading program. A pizza party will be held for all teen participants.

More information can be found on the Library website at www.grafton.lib.wi.us.

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.



Monday Story Times at 6:00 p.m.

June 21

Gone Fishin’!

June 28

Commotion in the Ocean

July 12

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

July 19

Sea Serpent Search

July 26

Splish, Splash, Fun

August 2

High Seas Adventure

Thursday Story Times at 11:00 a.m.

June 24

Gone Fishin’!

July 1

Commotion in the Ocean

July 8

Glen Gerard – Magician will perform

July 15

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

July 22

Sea Serpent Search

July 29

Splish, Splash, Fun

August 5

High Seas Adventure

ADOPT A FLOWER BED

On your way home from work or on your next shopping trip take time to stop and enjoy one of the 15 flower beds in the Adopt-A-Flower Bed program.



LOCATION	OWNER
Corner of Highway V & Highway 60	1. Jim & Gina Blank
On 1 st Avenue	2. American Legion Auxiliary 3. Grafton Lions Club
On South Green Bay Road	4. Creative Cuts 5. Boy Scout Troop 842 6. Jacqueline Damm
Wisconsin Avenue & 9 th Avenue	7. Julie Vander Loop
Wildwood Park - North Bed - Middle Bed - South Bed	8. Mary Molaski 9. St. Paul Lutheran Full Day Kindergarten 10. Joyce Normile
Centennial Park Entrance Sign	11. George Boehm
Centennial Park Walk Path	12. Girl Scout Troop
15 th Avenue–Near Canoe Launch	13. Dave & Nan Antoine
Library Parking Lot (East Side)	15. Clover Leaf 4-H Club
Library Parking Lot	16. Ozaukee Master Gardeners

The people who maintain these flower beds purchase (reimbursed by the Village), and plant the flowers. They also weed, water and do general maintenance. Thank you to these people for the time donated to make the Village of Grafton a more beautiful place.

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 in an efficient way that will help assure a sufficient water supply all summer long. Some examples include:

1. Sprinkle at day break when more of the water can be absorbed into the lawn. After 10:00 a.m., heat steals moisture through evaporation. So, 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 is a sign the lawn needs water.

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

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, 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.

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.

RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE

The Village is offering for sale rain barrels. The use of 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. Rain barrels are being sold at the Utility Office, 1900 9th Avenue. They can be purchased for \$45 each (delivered) or \$40 if picked up by the homeowner. You can call the Utility Office at 375-5330 if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

SOLICITORS PERMITS

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 must show their license ID on their outer garment where it is easily visible to the public. Door to door solicitations are limited to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you have a concern regarding a solicitor, please contact the Grafton Police Department

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 September 1, 2010. 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.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

From April 2010 through June 2010, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary.

Employee	Position	Years
John Hanson	Library Director	10

VILLAGE BOARD

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