

# THE VILLAGE MESSENGER



March 2009

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## VILLAGE WEBSITE RECEIVES A MAKEOVER

The Village website will have a new look on March 23. Along with the new look, there will be new features to assist residents and businesses in obtaining information quickly. Changes and features are:

- Report a concern – Contact a Village department with your concern when you don't know whom to contact.
- Notify Me – Subscribe to information of interest and receive notification when updates are available. This feature will allow the Village to instantly alert thousands within our community of important news, events and cancellations via e-mail or text messaging.
- New web address – As part of the Village's goal to promote the community, new web address will be: [www.QualityLifeGrafton.com](http://www.QualityLifeGrafton.com).
- Crime Alerts – The Police Department is taking proactive steps to alert residents and businesses of crime in the area. You can subscribe to receive this information when updates are available.
- RSS – The Village will offer this option for you to get notification updates on information of interest.

As a cost cutting measure, the Village will no longer mail out the seasonal recreation booklets and the Quarterly Messenger newsletter. These documents will be available in limited quantities at Village municipal facilities. Please sign up on the new website to receive these and other publications through **Notify Me** or **RSS**.



## ELECTION NEWS

A Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at Grafton High School, 1950 Washington Street. Voters will have the opportunity to elect the following officials:

### VILLAGE PRESIDENT – 2-Year Term

#### Vote for One (1):

Eugene Lombness  
James Brunnquell

### VILLAGE TRUSTEE – 2-Year Term

#### Vote for Three (3):

Ron LaPean  
Carl Stier  
Cory R. Peters  
James Grant  
Richard P. Rieck

In addition, residents will have the opportunity to vote for the following offices: Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Judge and School District representatives.

The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. for all elections.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE. VOTE ON APRIL 7.**

## GRAFTON SAFETY TOWN

Registration for this year's Safety Town will be on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Grafton Police Department. The registration fee is \$30.00.

Safety Town is for children entering kindergarten in the 2009/2010 school year. Safety Town will be held at Woodview Elementary School June 15 - 26, 2009. There are two sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. For questions, contact Sgt. Podewils at 375-5320.

## 2009 GIRO D' GRAFTON BIKE RACE

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 20, 2009 to experience a unique world-class bicycle racing event through the streets of downtown Grafton! Look for additional information on the Village's website as the date draws near.

## DOG AND CAT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

The Village of Grafton requires that all dogs and cats be licensed annually. Licenses must be obtained on or before March 31 of each year.

### Required Information:

Name of Owner  
Address  
Name of Pet  
Breed, Color, Sex  
Certificate of Current Rabies Vaccination from your veterinarian

### 2009 Fees for Dog Licenses:

\$ 8.00 Neutered & Spayed Dogs  
\$13.00 Unneutered & Unspayed Dogs

### 2009 Fees for Cat Licenses:

\$4.00 Neutered / Spayed Cats  
\$6.00 Unneutered / Unspayed Cats

A \$5.00 late fee will be charged for all dog license RENEWALS obtained after the March 31 deadline. (The late charge does not apply to first time licenses or cat licenses.)

Dogs and cats are not permitted to run at large and are not allowed in Village parks. Municipal Code Section 6.08.090 states that pet owners are responsible for cleanup of all waste products from their pets. This applies to public property and private property. Waste products shall be disposed of in an appropriate receptacle located upon property owned or possessed by the owner of the responsible pet.

## SUMMER RECREATION BOOKLET

Beginning this year, the Community Activities Department's Summer Recreation Booklet will no longer arrive in your mailbox, but will be available on the Village's website beginning April 20. You will be able to view program dates and times, pool pass sales information, discounted ticket information, and also download and print out a registration form.

Mail-in registrations will be processed beginning Monday, May 4.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

In observation of Memorial Day, the Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2009.

**FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER SEASON PASSES**



Take advantage of our special evening and weekend hours and also get 15 percent off your season pass. A 15 percent discount will be offered to all Village of Grafton residents on Saturday, April 25, from 10:00

a.m. – noon, Monday – Friday, April 27 – May 1, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. – noon. Passes will be sold at the Community Activities Department (located inside the Grafton Multi-purpose Senior Center) 1665 7th Avenue.

Proof of residency (two forms of I.D. will be required) and proof of the number of immediate family members (i.e. tax return or insurance card) is required for all Family Season pass purchases. If you purchased a Photo I.D. season pass in 2008, you must bring it with you for it to be validated for the 2009 season. No new photo is necessary. After May 2, regular season fees will apply.

All Village resident season pass holders will have their pass honored at the Pirates Hollow Community Water Park in the City of Port Washington. This is a great way to ensure you get your money's worth from your season pass. Two pools for the price of one!

**Season Pass Fees**

	<u>YOUTH</u>	<u>ADULT</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>FAMILY</u>
Discount Period:	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$17.00	\$76.50
Savings:	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$13.50
After May 3:	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$90.00

**DO YOU HAVE A PERMIT?**

Residents are reminded that a permit is required before any work can be performed within the public right-of-way of the Village. This includes driveway approaches, curb cuts, and sidewalk construction. Permits should be applied for at the Department of Public Works at least seven days prior to construction. A copy of specifications will be provided at time of permit issuance.

**BOYS & GIRLS AMERICAN RED CROSS  
BABYSITTER TRAINING**



This course will provide the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. Openings are still available for boys and girls ages 11 and up on the following dates:

- Session III: Saturday, March 21  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Session IV: Saturday, April 4  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Fee: \$50 Resident,  
\$60 Non-resident

Classes are held at the Multi-purpose Senior Center. Registration forms are available at the Village's website or you may register in person at the Community Activities Department.

**WATER SERVICE CROSS CONNECTION  
INSPECTIONS REQUIRED**

In accordance with the Village's Cross connection control program as mandated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Utility is required to conduct periodic inspections for cross connections of the water supply. Inspections of residential properties are scheduled to occur in conjunction with any water meter maintenance or replacement appointments and also at time of home sale. The inspection is performed by Water Utility personnel and usually takes only 5 to 10 minutes of time.

The purpose of the inspection is to identify any connections or potential connections of contaminant sources with the public water supply system. The most typical example of a potential cross connection is the outside hose spigot that does not contain a backflow prevention device on it. The required backflow devices, also known as hose bib vacuum breakers can be purchased locally at hardware stores. Outdoor vacuum breakers should be an anti-frost type.

## MOVIE MANIA AT THE LIBRARY

The U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library proudly presents "Movie Mania". A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children. No registration is required. All movies are in the children's meeting room unless otherwise noted.



### Bag Lunch Movies

March 18 Backyardigans  
March 25 Berenstain Bears

Have lunch with some of your favorite characters!

### Spring Break Movie

Wednesday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m.  
in the upstairs meeting room

#### **Mary Poppins**

Rated G  
Runtime 139 minutes

### Super Saturday Movie

April 11 at 11:00 a.m.

#### **Bolt**

Rated PG for some mild action and peril  
Runtime 96 minutes

### Alfred Hitchcock Classic Movies

(Movies will be located in the downstairs meeting room)

March 17 at 1:00 p.m.

**Quiet Man** (OK, it's not Hitchcock, but it is Irish for St. Patrick's Day- a classic with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara)

March 24 at 1:00 p.m.

**North by Northwest** (Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint)

March 31 at 1:00 p.m.

**To Catch a Thief** (Cary Grant and Grace Kelly)

Snacks and beverages will be allowed during movies. If you have any questions regarding this program please call 375-5315.

## FAMILY STORY TIMES

Family story times include stories, finger plays, and songs at U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library. A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children. No registration is required.



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

March 16	Clifford
March 23	Angelina Ballerina
March 30	Thomas the Tank
April 6	Winnie the Pooh
April 13	Berenstain Bears
April 20	Elmer
April 27	Max and Ruby
May 4	Arthur
May 11	Fancy Nancy
May 18	Corduroy

### Saturday Story Times at 11:00 a.m.

March 21	Spring Time at the Library
May 16	Reading Raindrops

Please keep in mind your child's ability to sit through programs. Your promptness is appreciated.

## 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 spring, the Village will be accepting orders until April 30, 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.

## MEDICINE COLLECTION DAY A PRESCRIPTION FOR CLEAN WATER

NEVER FLUSH or pour unused medicine down the drain. Bring it to a special "Medicine Collection Day."

- Help protect Lake Michigan
- Prevent childhood poisonings
- Reduce substance abuse

Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove all medicines from wastewater. Drugs can end up going through the wastewater treatment plant and directly to our lakes and rivers. Various levels of antibiotics, anti-depressants, veterinary drugs, birth control hormones and other drugs have been detected in waterways across the United States.

Research suggests that hormones found in pharmaceuticals may cause abnormalities in the reproductive cycles of fish. Antibiotics in the environment may also contribute to the development of drug resistant germs.

## MEDICINE COLLECTION DAY

Please keep medication in the original package or bottle. You CAN cross off your name and address, but DO NOT cover up or remove the name of the medicine. Simply drive or walk through the drop off area and give your medicine to a pharmacist that will be on site. They will sort into one of two groups. Federal law requires that certain drugs are immediately handed over to law enforcement. Law enforcement will destroy all drugs it receives. Veolia Environmental Services will incinerate the rest of the medicine collected at a federally licensed incinerator.

When: April 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Highway Department  
Ozaukee County  
410 South Spring Street,  
Port Washington



MATC  
5555 West Highland Road,  
Mequon

For more information, please visit:  
[www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com)

## 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 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 trunk 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 and you will no longer need to hand trim around the base of the trees and shrubs.

Free mulch is available and can be picked up at the Department of Public Works, 1300 Hickory Street.

## GARBAGE / RECYCLING

While driving through the Village on any given day you can see the garbage / recycling carts out for collection; however, many of those carts are out incorrectly. One cart is behind the other, the carts are extremely close together or next to a street light or mailbox, etc.

Your new refuse and recycling drivers from Veolia Environmental Services are very conscience on collecting your carts; however we must do our part to help them by putting the carts out correctly.

The Village is paying for a fully automated collection system, which means that the driver should not have to get out of the truck to complete the collection. There is a mechanical arm that reaches out from the side of the truck, grabs the cart, dumps it, and then returns the cart to the curb. This is why it is so important to have your carts out correctly.

Please place your refuse cart on each side of your driveway approach or a **minimum of 3 feet away** from any other object. This assures that they are not in the way of each other. Please also make sure that the handles of the cart are toward the house so the cart opens correctly. If the cart is backward, they can still dump it; however the cover may be damaged or broken in the process.

**CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS HERE  
UPDATE ON 2009  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Several major public works projects are underway:

**2009 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / FIRST AVENUE.** Mill and pulverize existing pavement and base, place binder and surface course, full water main replacement, minor spot repairs to the sanitary sewer, and storm sewer on First Avenue from Highland Drive to the Ozaukee Interurban Trail.

**SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM –** Replace defective sidewalk in the Glen Anna Subdivision. Boundary on the north is Falls Road; West is the Milwaukee River; East is 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue; South is the Village limits; and an area bounded by Washington Street to the North; 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the West; Cheyenne Avenue to the East; Falls Road to the South.

**BUILDING DEMOLITION/PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION -** Razing the home located at 1231 13th Avenue and construction of a 12 - space public parking lot.

**STORM WATER POND –** Construction of a stormwater quality pond on the corner of Falls Road and South Green Bay Road.

**PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FACILITY –** Design and construction of a replacement facility at 1300 Hickory Street.

**RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE AND BRUSH DROP OFF AREA –** Design and construction of a residential yard waste and brush drop off area on the 40 acre parcel on River Bend Road.

**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.

Titles of information available includes:

- 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

**BRUSH, YARD & GARDEN  
WASTE & 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 7**) 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 brought 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 street gutters only in the fall.

Yard Drop Off:

- Waste oil, grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste can be brought to the DPW yard, 1300 Hickory Street, for disposal during the scheduled hours.

**The Village recommends that grass be mulched or composted on your lawn as an alternative to disposal at this site.**

**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. It must be bagged and brought to the compost pile for disposal.**

## YARD HOURS FOR 2009

The DPW yard is open year round Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For your convenience, the yard will also be open on the following Saturdays. **Due to budget constraints, Wednesday evening hours have been eliminated:**

**Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

April: 25  
May: 2, 9, 16, 30  
June: 6, 13, 20, 27  
July: 9, 25

**PLEASE NOTE:** A Village residency sticker is required to bring yard waste material to the DPW yard. A sticker may be obtained by bringing proof of Village residency.

The 2009 sticker is orange.

## ADOPT AN ASH TREE

The Village will be sponsoring an Adopt an Ash Tree program. This program will aid the Village in protecting ash trees against the Emerald Ash Borer.

There are two options for treating an ash tree against this insect.

1. Soil Drench Method: Measure the circumference of the ash tree about one foot from the ground. Sprinkle Imidacloprid on the ground, and water it in. Imidacloprid can be found in Bayer Advanced Garden Tree and Shrub Insect Control, or in a generic version. The cost will be between \$17 and \$25 per container, which will treat a tree up to 32 inches of circumference.
2. Tree Injection: Must be done by Village staff or a certified arborist. The cost is \$1 per circumference inch with a minimum of \$20 per tree.

If you are interested in adopting an ash tree, please contact the Department of Public Works at 375-5325.



## UTILITY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SENIOR EMPLOYEE OPENING

The Village Water & Wastewater Utility is seeking a senior citizen to perform grass cutting and other grounds maintenance for the Utility during the warm weather season, generally defined as late April through October. This would be a part-time position with flexible hours depending upon weather conditions and growth rate of grass. Equipment would be furnished by the Utility. The starting pay for this position is \$8.81/hour. Village application and resume will be accepted in the Office of the Village Administrator, 1971 Washington Street, P.O. Box 125, Grafton, WI 53024 at [dhofland@village.grafton.wi.us](mailto:dhofland@village.grafton.wi.us). The Village application is available at the Village Hall or the Village website.

## CHANGES TO UTILITY ELECTRONIC PAY OPTION

In conjunction with the first quarter residential billing for 2009, the Utility is making changes to its Electronic Payment Option. The Water & Wastewater Utility is now in the process of implementing a new software package that will be more user friendly, efficient and most importantly – more reliable and accurate. With this software change, it will also become necessary to eliminate the online payment process and move forward with only an automatic payment option. **Any customer who currently utilizes the Utility's automated payment option will have to re-enroll by April 3 for continued use of this option with the next residential billing to be processed the last week in March and due by April 20.** In addition to this notice, a direct mailing has been mailed directly to all Utility customers. With automatic pay re-enrollment, payments will only be processed on the quarterly billing due date, for example April 20.

If you are interested in enrolling for automated payments, please contact the Utility at 375-5330. It is important to note that any automatic payments that are currently set-up for payment after March 13 will not be processed by the current automatic payment provider.

**CONGRATULATIONS SERGEANT  
SEAN FUERSTEBURG**



Sergeant Sean Fuerstenberg was promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant on January 5, 2009. Sergeant Fuerstenberg joined the Grafton Police Department on September 16, 1997. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh.

In his spare time he enjoys running, family activities and competing in triathlon events. Sergeant Fuerstenberg is looking forward to the many challenges that are ahead in his new position with the Grafton Police Department.

**REPORTING A DEFECTIVE STREET LIGHT**

Streetlights in the Village are owned and maintained by We Energies. If you notice a street light that is burned-out, cycling on and off, or otherwise not working properly, please call the Department of Public Works: 375-5325 or e-mail [mdepies@village.grafton.wi.us](mailto:mdepies@village.grafton.wi.us) or you can report the information directly to We Energies at [www.weenergies.com/night\\_aura/index.htm](http://www.weenergies.com/night_aura/index.htm)

When reporting defective street lights it is important that you provide the following information:

- POLE NUMBER
- PROPERTY ADDRESS
- POLE LOCATION

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

From January 2009 through March 2009, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary.

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Years</b>
Teri Dylak	Village Clerk	20
Sheryl Prohuska	Administrative Secretary – Community Activities	15
Kay Kernats	Telecommunicator	10

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**POSTAL PATRON**

Committee and Commission listing is available on the Village's Website or at the Village Hall.

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