

# THE QUARTERLY MESSENGER



GRAFTON  
QUALITY LIFE. NATURALLY.

September 2010

---

Dear Citizens,

Fall will soon be upon us with school starting back up and summer activities winding down. The GALA concert series was again a Thursday evening success. New musical groups kept the series fresh and popular. The Tuesday Tunes in the Plaza was another opportunity to experience local talent. Celebrate Grafton, a local non-profit festival organization, held two of its four annual events: Giro d’Grafton and the Holiday Fourth of July festivals. These were both very successful, and we look forward to new, additional activities with these events next year.

Celebrate Grafton is not done with events for the year. Grafton Pumpkin Fest and PumpkinCross are coming up October 7 – 9, and do not forget the Paramount Blues Festival, September 17 and 18. To top it off, the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual Christmas Parade on Thanksgiving weekend.

Grafton is living our “Quality Life. Naturally” brand in several ways. We have been working closely with Aurora Health Care on the much anticipated opening of their medical center planned for November 1. The services provided, partnerships formed, and jobs created by Aurora Health Care are a welcome addition to our community and will add to the quality of life in the Village. The Village continues to encourage growth in the health care industry with Columbia St. Mary’s planned opening of a new clinic in December. Two other very visible projects are the opening of the Water Street Brewery east of the freeway and the opening of Providence Place, St. Paul Lutheran Church’s senior living complex located west of downtown.

Other significant milestones include the near-completion of the Village’s multi-purpose facility on Highway O. This is significant in that it marks the last project to be renovated or constructed as identified in the Village’s Space Needs Study completed several years ago. These upgrades and building projects will serve the Village’s needs and keep Village facilities viable for a projected 20 years.

Engineering plans are underway for the fish passage planned for the Milwaukee River between Bridge Street and the boat launch. Construction is planned to begin late fall. To facilitate the construction, the pond adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park will be drawn down to a safe working level. Board of Public Works and the Village Board will be looking at opportunities to remove or compress sediment in order to gain additional depth in the pond. This should reduce algae blooms and allow for additional recreation. Options to deal with the sediment include letting evaporation compress the silt, excavation or a combination of both. Please check the Village’s web site for details, and information presented at Village meetings which are open to the public.

Lastly, as surely as summer passes, the Village Board once again moves into the budget cycle. The Board realizes that we are still in challenging economic times and will be looking to create a budget that provides our high level of Village services at an acceptable tax rate. Grafton has been very successful in the budget process in the past, and it is the Board's intention to once again hold the line on the Village government portion of your tax bill. In order to keep you well-informed, we are looking at software that provides at-a-glance information on the website to track expenditures and budgets throughout the year. Stay tuned to the Village's web site [www.QualityLifeGrafton.com](http://www.QualityLifeGrafton.com) for more information on the budget process and meetings.

In closing, I would like to say that Grafton is a community of choice and has been made so by the efforts of the Village Board, staff and especially you, the residents and businesses who provide feedback on a continual basis. Without feedback and participation, we would not be the successful Village we have strived so hard to become.

Thank you all, and have a great Packer season.

Jim Brunnuquell



Village President

### **ART BARK – DOGS ON PARADE**

It is amazing how much attention ten fiberglass dogs have gotten over the past two months. Art Bark, a joint Village project with the Ozaukee Humane Society (OHS), is the Village's first public art project.



On October 2 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., OHS will auction the dogs, as part of a sneak preview event, at their new building located at 630 West Dekora Boulevard, Saukville. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the new shelter.

Thanks again to the ten local businesses who "adopted" the dogs and to the ten local artists who donated their time and talent.



### **JOB SEEKER WORKSHOPS**

The library is pleased to offer two free job seeker workshops:

September 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - The Everything Workshop covers resume writing, job searching, online job applications, and networking. If you don't have a resume, please pick up a resume fact sheet at the library and complete before class.

September 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Networking with [LinkedIn.Discover](#) the online professional community and create a compelling profile to attract employers.

**“CELEBRATE GRAFTON” PRESENTS  
3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PUMPKIN FEST OCTOBER 7 - 9**



**Thursday, October 7**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Scarecrow Building (Paramount Plaza)  
Register in advance by calling 375-5310

**Friday, October 8**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fish Fry, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Entertainment and Beer Tent (Paramount Plaza)

Bring your Best Pumpkin Dessert entry to be judged  
Register in advance by calling 375-5310

7:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Lighting (Paramount Plaza)

Bring a carved pumpkin to light and be judged. Candles will be provided.

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Entertainment (Paramount Plaza)

**Saturday, October 9**

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast (Lime Kiln Park – Zaun Pavilion)

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Family Scavenger Walk (Paramount Plaza)

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Art Show (Paramount Plaza – Beech Street)

10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Cross Bike Races (Lime Kiln Park)

Visit [www.badgerveloclub.com](http://www.badgerveloclub.com) for details.

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Entertainment provided by NSAA (Paramount Plaza)

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Chalk Walk (Paramount Plaza – Beech Street)

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Children’s Activity Area and Bake Sale (Paramount Plaza)

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Food and Farmer’s Market (Paramount Plaza)

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment (Village Center)

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Carving Contest Awards, Scare Crow Decorating Contest Awards, Best Pumpkin Dessert Contest Awards (Paramount Plaza)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Seed Spitting Contest, Youth & Adult Divisions (Village Center)

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Entertainment provided by NSAA (Paramount Plaza)

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Pig Roast, Hay Rides, Live Entertainment, Beer Tent (Lime Kiln Park)

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Community Bonfire and Sing-A-Long (Lime Kiln Park)

**UPCOMING BUDGET REVIEW DATES**

The Village Board will conduct a budget workshop on the proposed 2011 Budget on Saturday, October 16, starting at 8:00 a.m. in the Village Hall’s Board Room. A Public Hearing on the budget will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 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 2011 Budget on Monday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m.

## GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL POOL HOURS

### ADULT LAP SWIM ONLY –

Beginning September 20

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

### OPEN SWIM & ADULT LAP SWIM

Saturday hours will begin on November 6

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

*(Children age two and under are free with paying adult.)*

### 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:

December 25, 2010 – January 2, 2011

April 23 - 30, 2011

(Please check information board at pool for future dates)

## FALL, WINTER AND SPRING RECREATION BOOKLET

The Parks and Recreation Department's fall, winter and spring recreation booklet will be available on-line the end of August.

## TRICK OR TREAT

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



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

This Flag Football program kicks off with three training camps: Friday, September 10 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Saturday, September 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and Monday, September 13 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Park, 1370 17th Avenue. Thereafter, the program meets every Monday evening through October 25. The program is divided into three camps. Rookie Camp is for children entering grade 1, Veterans Camp is for grades 2 and 3, and there is also a Pro's Camp for grades 4 and 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, 675 N. Green Bay Road (located inside the new Municipal Services Facility), 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 for this league, please contact the department at 375-5310 for an employment application, or download an application from the Village's website at [www.QualityLifeGrafton.com](http://www.QualityLifeGrafton.com).

## FUTURIST BOB CHERNOW

Nationally known Futurist Bob Chernow to speak at the U.S.S Liberty Memorial Public Library. You may sign up for the program; "It's Hard to Read the Label When You're Inside the Bottle", by calling the library at 375-5315. This will be held on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

In observation of Labor Day, the Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6.

## MILWAUKEE LAKEFRONT MARATHON

At 8:00 a.m., Sunday, October 3 you may hear the unusual sound of a distant gunshot. The gun, fired by Village President Brunquell, will be the start of the Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon (<http://www.milwaukeeelakefrontmarathon.org/lfm>)

With the route for the marathon running through the Village's east side, the organizer of the marathon encourages residents in the adjacent neighborhoods to cheer on their fellow community members as they participate in this athletic achievement. This is a special year for the marathon, as it is celebrating its 30th year anniversary.



## 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 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m., November 1 through November 22, or Saturday mornings 10:00 a.m. - Noon, October 30 through November 20. 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 4 in the Youth Library. All registration forms must be returned by October 25. 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 apprehensions of reading aloud. For more information, call Youth Services at 375-5315.

## RESERVE YOUR 2011 PARTY AT THE ROBERT P. ZAUN PAVILION

In-person reservations for the 2011 calendar year will be taken at the department office beginning Wednesday, September 1, 2010 for the Robert P. Zaun Pavilion in Lime Kiln Park, 2020 S. Green Bay Road.

Rental fees include both 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.

## FAMILY STORY TIMES

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

### Monday Family Story Times 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

September 13 – November 25  
(No story time due to the Book Sale on October 18)

### Saturday Family Story Times 11 a.m.

September 18	Sneaky Squirrels
October 16	Fall Back
November 20	Terrific Turkeys
December 18	Arctic Animals

## UPCOMING MOVIE EVENTS

Saturday, September 25 at 11 a.m.  
Tinkerbell and the Great Fairy Rescue  
Rated G, Runtime 90 minutes

Saturday, October 23 at 11 a.m.  
How to Train Your Dragon  
Rated PG, Runtime 98 minutes

Wednesday, November 24 at Noon  
A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving  
Not Rated, Runtime approximately 45 minutes

Saturday, December 11 at 11 a.m.  
The Santa Clause  
Rated PG, Runtime 97 minutes

## BOOK TO MOVIE DINNER CLUB

This new and exciting program is open to all children in grades 2 - 5. Each month the library will pick a book to read and then watch the film adaptation. Immediately following the movie we will discuss the pros and cons of the book vs. the film while enjoying some pizza and beverages. Registration is required. Please sign up at the Children's checkout desk.

### Book / Movie Schedule:

#### September's Book

*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White

Movie Showing / Book Discussion on September 22  
at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### October's Book

*Curious George* by H.A. Rey

Movie Showing / Book Discussion on  
October 27 at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### November's Book

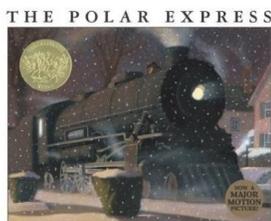
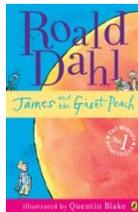
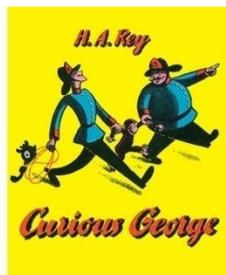
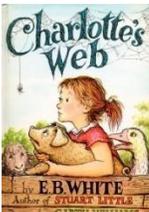
*James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

Movie Showing / Book Discussion on November 17  
at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### December's Book

*The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg

Movie Showing / Book Discussion on December 15  
at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



## THE VILLAGE OF GRAFTON HAS SCHEDULED DUMPSTER DAY

The Village of Grafton will be hosting dumpster day on **Saturday, September 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Residential Yard Waste Site on Lakefield Road.

Village of Grafton residents may bring items that need to be disposed of but do not fit into their cart.

Anyone wishing to utilize the dumpster service will be required to have a yard access card and show a picture ID with their current address to verify that they are a Village resident.

Yard access cards cost \$20 and can be obtained at the Municipal Services Facility, 675 North Green Bay Road, Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You will need to bring picture ID/proof of village residency. Please note that we are unable to use credit cards. Only cash or check is accepted.

No appliances or electronic equipment will be accepted as they are not legal to be landfilled.

Appliances and electronics that are **NOT** accepted include but are not limited to:

- Refrigerators / Freezers
- Washers / Dryers
- Dehumidifiers
- Stoves
- TV's
- Microwaves
- Computers

Each household will be restricted to disposing of two large items. (e.g. couch & chair or mattress and box spring or dresser and table)

We anticipate that the yard will be extremely busy this day to accommodate the dumpster use as well as yard waste drop off. Please use caution when entering and exiting the yard



## GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Garbage is collected weekly and recycling is collected bi-weekly using 96 gallon carts, provided by the Village. A recycling calendar can be found on the Village of Grafton [website](#): or you may obtain one at the Village Hall or the Municipal Services Facility.

Recycling is commingled, meaning all recyclable material will be placed into the cart including newspapers, magazines, cardboard, telephone directories, and box board.

All garbage must fit into the cart with the lid down for collection. If there is material outside the cart, that material will not be collected. Veolia will offer special collection service for large items and can be reached at 800-387-0949.

Disposal fees for garbage are calculated separately; therefore, the more you recycle the less the Village will be charged for garbage disposal. This is your opportunity to help the Village reduce expenses (thereby reducing tax increases), reduce your carbon footprint on the environment, and increase your recycling efforts.

Questions can be directed to the Department of Public Works (262) 375-5325.

### THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF OZAUKEE COUNTY OFFERS TV, COMPUTER, MICROWAVE, AND CELL PHONE, RECYCLING

**October 15 and 16 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
885 Badger Circle, Grafton**

Protecting the environment and giving back to the community at the same time is the goal of The Volunteer Center's computer recycling drive. Your old computer components, TV's, and microwaves, are recycled in an earth friendly way. Cell phones are reworked, then donated to families that have been in abusive relationships. The cost for recycling covers the shipping and recycling costs.

TV's	\$25.00
Monitors and laptops	\$15.00
CPU's, printers, microwaves	\$ 5.00

Cell phones, keyboards, ink cartridges, mouse and cables are free.

Call the Volunteer Center for more information at 377-1616.

## E-CYCLE WISCONSIN PROVIDES EASIER ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

*By Bridgette Valdez-Kogle, DNR*

A new statewide electronics recycling law, passed in October 2009, is creating new recycling opportunities for Wisconsin households and schools. The law also bans many electronics from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators starting September 1, 2010.

The E-Cycle Wisconsin program, created under the law by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), provides more electronics recycling options in many parts of the state. To find a collection site in your area, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin>.

Recycling your electronics is important because they contain valuable materials that can be recycled and reused. These materials include plastics, steel, glass and precious metals like gold and copper.

Many devices also contain dangerous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium and chemical flame retardants. If disposed of improperly, these materials can leach into the environment where they may affect human and environmental health.

"After September 1, no one in Wisconsin may put items such as TVs, computers, printers and cell phones in the trash," said Ann Coakley, director of the DNR's Waste and Materials Management Program. "Electronics are resources that are too valuable to waste, and we can help both our economy and the environment by recycling them."

Contact your local recycling program or visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin> to learn more and find where to recycle your electronics.



## WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THOSE LEAVES!

Every spring and fall, home owners engage in the rituals of raking and sometimes bagging all those deciduous, wonderful leaves.

In the Village of Grafton the most common way of disposing of leaves is raking them into the gutter in the **fall** and Village crews collecting them. **However, this is the most expensive option for the disposal of leaves.**

An alternative way to take care of your leaves is mulching. Mulching is an easy, environmentally friendly and cost effective way to managing all those leaves. It is a win-win solution for everyone, most notably for your lawn and your tax bill!

Studies have proven that mulching leaves directly into lawns is beneficial to the health of the lawns because it recycles nutrients back into the soil. This leads to a richer soil, which causes lawns to green up faster in the spring, and provides a softer surface for physical activities.

Wisconsin's recycling law prohibits sending yard waste to landfills. Leaf mulching is an easy way to manage leaf waste at home for those people who don't want to compost. The leaves don't have to be raked, or bagged – they only have to be mowed

## YARD WASTE / LEAF COLLECTION

The Village will begin curbside leaf collection on or about **October 11**.

The Department of Public Works will push the leaves into one large pile at the end of the street. A loader bucket will then pick up the leaves, load them into a dump truck to be hauled away. This procedure will not change the way you should put your leaves at the curb, please continue to follow the following guidelines:

### Important Information about Leaf Collection:

- Rake leaves into rows rather than piles in the gutter next to the curb.
- Keep rows as close to the curb as possible.
- Keep rows away from trees, hydrants, sign posts, mail boxes, electrical pedestals, or other obstacles.
- Keep all garbage, metal, branches, sticks, and bags out of the rows of leaves. Currently the Village does not have to pay to dispose of leaves, however if these items are left in the piles there will be disposal charges.
- We will not collect any bags that are filled with leaves, yard waste, or garbage.

- Try to rake your leaves when your neighbors do. This will prevent our crew from making needless return trips to the same area. The more leaves in one area the more efficient it will be for us to remove the leaves in that area.
- Do not park cars next to leaf rows. If we cannot get our equipment to the rows they will have to wait until the next rotation.

### **ALSO:**

- Grass, leaves, and garden waste are composted at the Lakefield Road's Residential Yard Waste Site and can be taken there by Village residents who have obtained a yard access card. A yard access card can be obtained at the Municipal Services Facility, 675 North Green Bay Road during office hours. Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You will need to bring picture ID/proof of village residency. The cost for the card is \$20 per year. Please note that we are unable to use credit card. Only cash or check is accepted.

Please work with the Village by keeping these guidelines in mind when raking leaves. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 375-5325.

## **IF YOU HAVE BRUSH TO BE COLLECTED YOU MUST CONTACT THE DPW AT 375-5325 BY 2:30 PM ON MONDAY**

Curbside collection of brush and branches is provided on a request only basis (April – October). Collection begins on Tuesdays and is generally completed 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, contact the DPW at 375-5325. If there is no answer, you may leave your name and address on voice mail (extension 150 – brush line) and you will be placed on the schedule. You may also e-mail your request to: [publicworks@village.grafton.wi.us](mailto:publicworks@village.grafton.wi.us).

Brush must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday of your 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 less than 18 inches must be brought to the Lakefield Road Residential Yard Waste Site. Longer branches are encouraged. Stumps must be separated and will be collected when brush collection is completed.

Garden wastes, bagged or canned material cannot be chipped and will not be collected. This material can be brought to the residential yard waste site.

**IF YOUR TREE HAS BEEN REMOVED OR TRIMMED BY A CONTRACTED PERSON, THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE TO REMOVE ALL BRUSH FROM THE PROPERTY.**

**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 appearance. 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 - flowing all the hydrants in the Spring (May) and again in the Fall (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 cable station. During flushing in your area, the water system becomes quite agitated and rusty water may become apparent or temporarily worsened. 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 5 minutes. If water is still discolored, wait about 15 to 20 minutes and again run your tap water for another 5 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

**ADOPT A FLOWER BED**

There are 16 flower beds throughout the Village that are maintained by volunteers.

The volunteers purchase (reimbursed by the Village, however many volunteer choose not to charge the Village for the plant and donate them) 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.

LOCATION	OWNER
Corner of Hwy V & WIS 60	1. Jim & Gina Blank
On First Avenue	2. Beth Connell 3. American Legion Auxiliary-355 4. Grafton Lions Club
On South Green Bay Road	5. Creative Cuts 6. Jackie Damm 7. Boy Scouts Troop 842I
Wisconsin Ave & Ninth Ave	8. Julie Vander Loop
Wildwood Park - North Bed - Middle Bed - South Bed	9. Mary Molaski 10. St. Paul Lutheran Kindergarten 11. Joyce Normile
Centennial Park Entrance Sign	12. George Boehm
Centennial Park Walk Path	13. Girl Scout Troop
15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue–Near Canoe Launch	14. Dave & Nan Antoine
Library Parking Lot (East Side)	15. Clover Leaf 4-H Club
Library Parking Lot	16. Ozaukee Master Gardeners



## SEWER BACK-UP PROBLEMS?

If you experience a back-up of sewage into your basement, your first step should be to stop using water and then immediately contact the Water and Wastewater Utility at 375-5330. Utility personnel are directly available Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you experience a problem after normal hours or on weekends, a recorded message will direct you to call the Grafton Police Department who will then dispatch Utility assistance. Utility personnel will typically determine the general location of the problem and what corrective efforts are required. If a sewer obstruction is identified as being in the street/public sewer main, the Utility will quickly correct the situation. Damage claims will be considered when the back-up is the result of Utility negligence as determined by the Village Board of Public Works. If the sewer obstruction is identified to be between the property structure (home) and the sewer main connection, the customer or property owner will be advised of his/her responsibility for this matter. In this case it typically involves a need for sewer lateral maintenance or repair. If you have had a sewer backup situation and would like further clarification or review of an administrative decision, you are invited to attend a Board of Public Works monthly meeting.

## WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?

It is the rain and melting snow that flows off streets, rooftops, lawns, and farmland. The flowing water carries salt, sand, soil, pesticides, fertilizers, leaves and grass clippings, oil, litter, and many other pollutants into nearby waterways. Since these pollutants are washed off a wide area and cannot be traced to a single source, they are called nonpoint source or runoff pollutants.

In developed areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement which do not allow water to soak into the ground. Instead, storm sewers are used to carry the large amounts of runoff from these roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways.

Storm sewers are simply pipes laid underground, often below streets. Inlets or drains located along curbs and in parking area collect the runoff, which then flows to nearby streams or lakes. A common misconception is that water running off streets goes into a sewage treatment plant. It does not. In fact,

stormwater usually receives no treatment. Water that runs off lawns, streets, and parking lots flows directly into lakes and streams.

Stormwater runoff carries pollutants that seriously harm our waters:

**Sediment.** Soil particles washed off construction sites or farm fields into a lake or stream make the water cloudy or turbid. When sediment settles out of the water, it gradually fills in the stream or lake bed.

**Phosphorus.** This nutrient, often attached to soil particles, fuels the growth of algae and aquatic weeds. These plants are important in providing habitat for fish and wildlife. However, rapid and excessive growth of algae and aquatic plants can degrade water quality and interfere with swimming, boating and fishing.

**Micro-organisms.** Bacteria, viruses and other disease causing organisms make waterways unsafe for swimming, wading and other types of recreation. Some of these organisms, notably Cryptosporidium, are difficult to remove through water treatment and may endanger people who depend on drinking water supplies drawn from lakes or streams.

**Toxic chemicals.** Motor oil, lead from gas and auto exhaust, zinc from roof drains and tires, and pesticides in stormwater runoff may kill aquatic organisms or impair their health, growth or ability to reproduce.

## WE CAN ALL HELP!

Each of us contributes to stormwater pollution and each of us can help stop it. Here are some ways you can help:

- Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.
- Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.
- Clean up pet waste – bury it or flush it down the toilet.
- Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks – or better yet, walk, bike or take the bus.

The amount of pollution that you stop may seem small, but together it all adds up to cleaner water for everyone to enjoy.

## PARTISAN PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION NEWS



On Tuesday, September 14, 2010, a Partisan Primary Election and on November 2, 2010 a General Election will be held at John Long Middle School, 700 Hickory Street. Voters will have the opportunity to cast votes for the following offices:

- ✓ Governor
- ✓ Lt. Governor
- ✓ Attorney General
- ✓ Secretary of State
- ✓ State Treasurer
- ✓ United States Senator
- ✓ Representative in Congress
- ✓ State Senator
- ✓ Representative to the Assembly
- ✓ County partisan offices

Reminder: At a partisan primary, an elector may cast votes for candidates of only one political party. If you designate a party preference and then cast a vote for a candidate in another party, only the votes cast for candidates of the party you designated will be counted. Even if you do not designate a political party, you must only vote for candidates in one party. If you vote for candidates of more than one party, and have not designated a political party, no votes will be counted.

Absentee Ballots for the September 14, Primary Election are now available.

Absentee Ballots for the November 2, General election will be available beginning the week of October 4.

A written request is required to obtain an absentee ballot. Requests may be faxed to (262) 375-5312 or e-mailed (must include digitalized signature) to [tdylak@village.grafton.wi.us](mailto:tdylak@village.grafton.wi.us) with a signed hard copy of the request to follow by mail postmarked the date the fax or e-mail was sent. Upon receipt of your application form, a ballot will be mailed to you, with return postage included. Note: Absentee Ballots cannot be hand carried out of the Village Clerk's Office.

Voter Registration is required in the Village of Grafton. You must provide proof of Grafton residency in order to register to vote. Voter registration can be accomplished in the Village

Clerk's Office, or at the polls on election day. You also have the option of registering by mail; however, you must include a copy of your identification (ie. WI driver's license) or your registration cannot be processed. The last day to register by mail for the November election is October 13.

You must include your WI driver's license number or WI identification number on your voter registration form when registering to vote. If you do not have a WI driver's license or WI identification number, you are required to provide the last (4) digits of their Social Security Number.

If you have moved within the Village of Grafton since the last time you voted, you will need to change your address for voting purposes. This can be accomplished in the Village Clerk's Office or on election day by providing proof of residency.

Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request forms are available on the Village of Grafton website at [www.QualityLifeGrafton.com](http://www.QualityLifeGrafton.com) or at Grafton Village Hall, 860 Badger Circle, Clerk's Office.

*With the anticipated large voter turn-out for the fall elections, we encourage un-registered voters, or residents with change of address, to register prior to election day. In addition to the regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Village staff will be available in the Village Clerk's Office, located at Grafton Village Hall, to process voter registrations and absentee ballot requests prior to the November General Election as follows:*

6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday thru Thursday  
October 12 - October 14  
October 19 - October 21  
October 26 - October 28

6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, October 29, and Monday, November 1

9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Saturday, October 23

If you are unsure whether or not you are currently registered, contact the Clerk's Office at 375-5300.

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

**TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE - IT'S YOUR RIGHT**

## 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!

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](http://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.

### SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

From July 2010 through September 2010, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary:

Employee	Position	Years
Richard Aamodt	Police Sergeant	20
Darrell Hofland	Village Administrator	20
Dave Sette	Public Works Crewperson	15
Scott Brinkman	Police Officer	5
Dustin Cline	Police Officer	5

### VILLAGE BOARD

President	Home Phone	E-Mail Address
Jim Brunnuquell	377-0718	<a href="mailto:jbrunnuquell@village.grafton.wi.us">jbrunnuquell@village.grafton.wi.us</a>
Trustees		
James Grant	377-7424	<a href="mailto:trusteegrant@sbcglobal.net">trusteegrant@sbcglobal.net</a>
Ronald LaPean	377-2598	<a href="mailto:rlapean@village.grafton.wi.us">rlapean@village.grafton.wi.us</a>
David Liss	375-0177	<a href="mailto:davidliss@wi.rr.com">davidliss@wi.rr.com</a>
Richard Rieck	375-9995	<a href="mailto:Rieck3@gmail.com">Rieck3@gmail.com</a>
Susan Meinecke	375-9480	<a href="mailto:smeinecke@village.grafton.wi.us">smeinecke@village.grafton.wi.us</a>
Lisa Uribe Harbeck	375-1619	<a href="mailto:lharbeck@village.grafton.wi.us">lharbeck@village.grafton.wi.us</a>