

# THE QUARTERLY MESSENGER



**GRAFTON**  
QUALITY LIFE. NATURALLY.

December 2010

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Dear Citizens,

The holiday season is upon us which means we are closing in on the end of another successful year in the Village. Celebrate Grafton ended the Festival series with Pumpkin Fest which had great weather and a fantastic turnout. GALA added a new indoor concert series to the already successful Thursday concert series and the Grafton Blues Association turned out another great Paramount Blues Festival. I would like to thank all these organizations, the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce for supporting community events and all other civic groups that helped make Grafton a destination this past year.

Probably the biggest economic event was the opening of the Aurora Medical Center. Although covered extensively in the papers, I would like to review some of the highlights surrounding this project.

From initial contact to November 1 opening this year, this project covered just over three years. As part of the pre-annexation agreement, Aurora contributed over three million dollars to the Village Hall renovation and the new Municipal Services Facility. These two projects completed the multi-year effort to address municipal facility growth requirements. Grafton municipal facilities are now set for the next 20 years of expected growth. Even more significant is the positive economic impact, Aurora Health Care will have on our community. We have already seen several new businesses related to health care open in the Village. The addition of 600 new jobs with the expectation of growing to over a 1,000 in the next few years will drive demand for goods and services of local businesses. Beyond the economic impact, the Village Board has worked with Aurora to bring a new health care industry to the Village, further diversifying our local economy and putting the Village on track for quality future growth.

A great example of that growth was the announcement of Gauthier Biomedical breaking ground on a new corporate headquarters and production facility in the Grafton Corporate Park. We welcome this new facility and the continued partnership with Gauthier.

Other major developments include the opening of the Water Street Brewery, Hampton Inn Suites and the new Pick 'n Save grocery store. Even in economic challenging times, Grafton continues to thrive and move forward. Much of the excitement in the community can be traced back to the branding efforts the Village has undertaken in the last few years. The new logo and the tag line "Quality Life. Grafton" is more than just pictures and words. It is a way of life that encourages resident and business participation in our ongoing success. Much of the Branding effort is the result of efforts on the part of the Grafton's economic development board or EDGE.

Growth and development is important to the Village as it adds value to Village. That growth in value is part of the equation that your Village Board uses to develop the annual budget. The Village has passed a budget that reflects programs and services supported by Village surveys and feedback from residents. It is balanced against the need to maintain control over taxes. Once again, the Village Board, along with Staff have created and passed a budget that provides the services requested at rate less than the cost of living increases. This year, the budget reflects a nominal 1 percent tax rate increase. The on-going mission of the Village Board is to provide the programs and services requested by residents of the Village in the most economical method. I believe this has been accomplished again in 2010.

All in all, it has been another successful year in Grafton and 2011 promises to bring more of the same success. I wish you the best in this holiday season and a happy new year.

Thank you,

Jim Brunnquell  
Village President

### **ON-LINE STORE FOR GRAFTON APPAREL**

If you are looking for gift suggestions this Holiday, please include Village of Grafton apparel. An [on-line store](#) - is available for you to consider with selections including Village-logoed hats, jackets, warm-ups, etc. for that special person.

### **THANK YOU ADOPT-A-FLOWER BED VOLUNTEERS!**

The Adopt-a-Flower Bed program has completed another successful season.

Many thanks go out to the 14 families, businesses & community organizations that maintained Grafton's public flower beds in 2010.



## WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR VILLAGE TAX DOLLARS

*Where do my Village tax dollars go?* About a third of your total property tax payment (31 percent) is used to pay for all Village of Grafton provided services. Budgets of other taxing jurisdictions, including Ozaukee County, Grafton School District, Cedarburg School District, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the State of Wisconsin also impact your taxes. Costs shown are based on a home value of \$250,000. This home would pay \$1,610 for its Village of Grafton services. Figures are based on the 2010 adopted Village of Grafton Budget and the portion of the budget supported by property taxes net of other sources of revenue.

<b>Police Protection.</b> Twenty-two sworn police officers and six telecommunicators keep Grafton safe around the clock. Activities include traffic enforcement, crime investigation and education programs.	<b>\$ 589</b>
<b>Public Works / Engineering.</b> Includes maintenance programs such as storm sewer maintenance, pothole patching, street cleaning, curbside leaf collection, snow removal, flood control, street painting and weed cutting. The Engineering Division provides for design, maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure and community facilities.	<b>\$ 210</b>
<b>Debt Service.</b> Includes debt payments for prior year capital projects. Types of projects include the construction of the Municipal Services Facility, infrastructure improvements, and facility improvements.	<b>\$ 174</b>
<b>General Government / Administrative Services.</b> This includes the following program areas: Village Board, Village Administration, Legal, Assessing, Clerk, and Finance.	<b>\$ 125</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Projects.</b> Includes streets, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, retention ponds, and sidewalks.	<b>\$ 121</b>
<b>Library.</b> The U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library is funded by the Village and Town of Grafton. Books, videos, DVDs, Internet access, magazines and programs are provided by the Library.	<b>\$ 108</b>
<b>Parks / Recreation.</b> Oversees programs to meet leisure and recreation needs of the community. Recreation activities include sports, aquatics, fitness, seniors, and teen programs. There are 17 developed parks and facilities including pavilions walking/biking trails, tennis courts, swimming pool, and athletic fields.	<b>\$ 103</b>
<b>Sanitation / Recycling.</b> Encompasses trash and recycling collection and disposal programs. This includes appliance recycling, seasonal brush collection, curbside leaf pickup, and environmental groundwater monitoring.	<b>\$ 91</b>
<b>Fire Protection / Emergency Medical Services.</b> The Grafton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is staffed by 30 volunteer personnel, ready to respond to emergencies around the clock. The Fire Department protects the lives and properties of citizens and businesses by providing fire prevention, fire suppression and emergency medical services.	<b>\$ 72</b>
<b>Community Development / Inspections.</b> The Planning and Development Department plans for the orderly development of Grafton, which includes processing development plans. The Inspections Department administers and enforces local, state, and national codes related to building design and construction.	<b>\$ 17</b>

Total Village of Grafton 2010 Tax Bill (\$250,000 Average Valued Home) **\$1,610**

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



## TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please read these instructions carefully to avoid problems in making a timely tax payment.

**The tax bill that you receive in the mail in December will be the only bill you will receive. No additional reminder bills will be sent.** The new bill will have tear-off stubs should you elect to pay in installments. Please include a stub with each payment that you make. This will help insure that your payment will be applied to your tax bill properly. Tax bills will not be mailed to lending institutions on mortgaged properties. If you have an escrow account, it is your

responsibility to contact your lending institution to make the necessary arrangements for the payment of the taxes. The official U.S. postmark will determine whether your payment is timely if paid by mail. **A receipt will not be mailed unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is included with your payment.**

### OPTION 1: FULL PAYMENT

Under this option, full payment must be made on or before January 31, 2011. All personal property taxes, special assessments, and special charges appearing on the bill must be paid in full on or before January 31, 2011.

### OPTION 2: INSTALLMENT PAYMENT

Under this option, the first installment must be made on or before January 31, 2011. The amount of the first installment shall be, at a minimum, the sum of all special assessments and special charges and one half of the real property taxes, less any lottery credit and first dollar credit. An additional 25 percent of the real property taxes will be due on or before March 31, 2011, with the remaining balance (25 percent) due on May 31, 2011. If the first installment of real property taxes is not paid on or before January 31, 2011, the entire amount of the remaining unpaid balance is delinquent as of February 1. If the second or any subsequent installment payment is not paid by the due date specified, the entire amount of the unpaid balance is delinquent with interest and penalty calculated from February 1.

#### VILLAGE HALL LOCATION AND HOURS

860 Badger Circle  
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### CLOSED

December 23, 24, 30, and 31

Taxes may be paid at Village Hall, Bank Mutual, Cornerstone Community Bank, Harris Bank, or Port Washington State Bank. If business hours are inconvenient for you, a drop box is located at the entrance to Village Hall. Any payment placed in the Village Hall drop box before midnight will be credited for that business day.

If you are paying with an escrow check, remember all individuals listed as co-payees must endorse the check. If your escrow check exceeds the amount of taxes due, a refund check will be mailed to you in approximately five working days from date of payment if you pay your taxes at Village Hall.

If your escrow check is larger than your tax bill, you may make payment at one of the banks to receive an immediate refund.

Please visit the village website at [www.QualityLifeGrafton.com](http://www.QualityLifeGrafton.com) for additional information regarding tax rates and how the Village utilizes your tax dollars for the Village portion of your tax bill.

## TAX PAYMENT LOCATIONS AND HOURS

For your convenience, your tax bill(s) may be paid at the locations listed below and at Village Hall, 860 Badger Circle. Village Hall hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Village Hall will be closed December 23, 24, 30, and 31.**

**When paying your taxes at any of the banks, present your copy of your tax bill to identify the appropriate account. All banks are closed Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1.**

	Grafton Lobby / 2030 Wisconsin Street / 262-375-2121			
	Monday - Thursday	9:00	a.m.	5:00 p.m.
	Friday	9:00	a.m.	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00	a.m.	12:00 Noon
	Friday, December 24	9:00	a.m.	12:00 Noon
	Friday, December 31	9:00	a.m.	6:00 p.m.

	Grafton Lobby / 2090 Wisconsin Avenue / 262-375-9150			
	Monday - Thursday	9:00	a.m.	5:00 p.m.
	Friday	9:00	a.m.	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00	a.m.	12:00 Noon
	Friday, December 24	9:00	a.m.	12:00 Noon
	Friday, December 31	9:00	a.m.	3:00 p.m.

	Grafton Lobby / 101 Falls Road / 262-377-5511			
	Monday - Thursday	9:00	a.m.	5:00 p.m.
	Friday	9:00	a.m.	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00	a.m.	12:00 Noon
	Friday, December 24	9:00	a.m.	12:00 Noon
	Friday, December 31	9:00	a.m.	3:00 p.m.
	Grafton Lobby / 1200 Washington Street / 262-377-4000			
	Monday - Friday	9:00	a.m.	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00	a.m.	12:00 Noon
	Friday, December 31	9:00	a.m.	3:00 p.m.

 <i>Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow... Since 1899</i>	Grafton Lobby / 2080 Washington Street / 262-375-0100			
	Monday - Friday	8:00	a.m.	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	8:00	a.m.	12:00 Noon
	Friday, December 24	8:00	a.m.	12:00 Noon
	Friday, December 31	8:00	a.m.	3:00 p.m.

## PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD

The Village of Grafton has contracted with Official Payments to offer customers the option of paying their taxes by credit card. Payments can be made at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com). Official Payments Corp. does **charge a convenience fee** for this service. The convenience fee is based on the dollar amount of the taxes that are paid.



The Village has also contracted with Nationwide Payment Solutions (MuniciPAY) to collect payment by credit card at Village Hall. MuniciPAY does **charge a convenience fee** for this service. The convenience fee is based on the dollar amount of the taxes that are paid.



**GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL POOL HOURS**  
(Through May 2011)

OPEN SWIM  
Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ADULT LAP SWIM  
Monday & Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday 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

**PUNCH CARD FEES:**

	<u>YOUTH</u>	<u>ADULT</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>
Resident 10 Visits	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Resident 20 Visits	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Non-resident 10 Visits	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Non-resident 20 Visits	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$70.00

**POOL CLOSURE DATES:**

December 25, 2010 – January 2, 2011  
April 23 – 30, 2011  
Tentative Season Closure Date: May 29, 2011  
(Please check information board at pool for future dates)

**THE POLAR EXPRESS**

Children of all ages can climb aboard THE POLAR EXPRESS



in Grafton on Saturday, December 18. We'll make our way to The North Pole (Cedarburg Community Center) where fun awaits for all who journey there! The bus

will leave from the Paramount Plaza at 10:00 a.m. and return at 12:00 p.m.

Ticket fees are \$2.00 per Village resident children and adults, and \$5.00 for non-resident children and adults. Pre-registration is required. Further information can be found on the [Village's website](#) or at the Parks and Recreation Department. This is a joint program offered by the Grafton, Cedarburg and Port Washington Recreation Departments. Please register within your community.

**FUTURE STARS YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP**



Want to do something fun this winter? Boys and girls are introduced to the game of basketball. Fundamental and game skills will be emphasized along with sportsmanship and fun. Games will be played. Preschool Age 4 through second grade. Separate camps are held for boys and girls.

Saturdays, January 8 – February 26, 2011  
(No program on January 29)

**GIRLS' ROOKIE CAMP:**

Preschool Ages 4 & 5, K-4 & K-5 at 9:00 a.m.  
(Youth must be 4 years of age by start of program)

**GIRLS' VETERANS CAMP:**

First grade & second grade at 9:00 a.m.

**BOYS' ROOKIE CAMP:**

Preschool Ages 4 & 5, K-4 & K-5 at 10:00 a.m.  
(Youth must be 4 years of age by start of program)

**BOYS' VETERANS CAMP:**

First grade & second grade at 11:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** John Long Middle School  
Gymnasium  
700 Hickory Street

**FEE:** Resident \$ 8.00  
Non-resident \$16.00

Pre-registration is required. A registration program flyer will be distributed throughout the school district. You may also download a registration form from the [Village's website](#) or register in person at the Park and Recreation Department.

**WINTER BASKETBALL CAMPS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-8**

Information on other basketball camps beginning January 8 for children in grades 3-8 can be found in the Department's fall, winter and spring recreation booklet which is available on the [Village's website](#).

## ROBERT P. ZAUN PAVILION AVAILABLE FOR 2011 RESERVATIONS

Reserve the Robert P. Zaun Pavilion in Lime Kiln Park for your next event! This beautiful facility is heated in the winter and air conditioned during the warm, summer months. Amenities include kitchen facilities with stove and refrigerator, electrical outlets, restrooms, interior banquet room and exterior open-air pavilion. Interior capacity is 87 people with seating for 77; open-pavilion has 6 picnic tables with seating for 48.

Reservations for the Robert P. Zaun Pavilion are accepted on a first come, first served basis. To reserve the pavilion, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 375-5310 for availability. Reservations are not accepted by telephone. Interested parties must file the necessary Conditional Permit Agreement and fees in person to guarantee a reservation.

Following are fees for the Robert P. Zaun Pavilion (fees include both the interior and exterior pavilion areas).

ROBERT P. ZAUN PAVILION Lime Kiln Park 2020 S. Green Bay Road			
WEEKEND RATES: FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY			
CATEGORY	PARK FEE	DEPOSIT	TOTAL DUE
Resident	\$175.00	\$ 75.00	\$250.00
Resident Non-Profit	125.00	50.00	175.00
Resident Company	250.00	100.00	350.00
Non-Resident	225.00	75.00	300.00
Non-Resident Non-Profit	175.00	50.00	225.00
Non-Resident Company	300.00	100.00	400.00
WEEKDAY RATES: MONDAY – THURSDAY (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS)			
Resident	\$100.00	\$ 75.00	\$175.00
Resident Non-Profit	75.00	50.00	125.00
Resident Company	125.00	100.00	225.00
Non-Resident	125.00	75.00	200.00
Non-Resident Non-Profit	100.00	50.00	150.00
Non-Resident Company	150.00	100.00	250.00

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER TRAINING

Babysitter Training courses for boys and girls, ages 11 and up, will be offered on three different dates: February 19, March 19, and April 16. Further information can be found in the Department's fall, winter and spring recreation booklet which is available on the Village's website.

## ICE SKATING

Winter is just around the corner and along with it comes ice skating! Weather permitting, an unsupervised rink will be maintained at the Mill Pond at Veterans Memorial Park. A green light near the rink indicates the ice is safe; red indicates skating is prohibited.

Conditions that determine the ice is safe for skating: 8" thick for skating; 12" thick for plowing. Open mid-December to mid-February (weather permitting).



## PARAMOUNT PLAZA BUY-A-BRICK!

With the Holiday Season fast approaching 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 March 31, 2011, but with a limited supply of bricks left, orders will be taken on a first come, first served basis. You can order through the [Village website](#), or you can pick up an application at Village Hall, 860 Badger Circle. Sponsorships of other Paramount Plaza streetscape amenities are also available.



## WINTER PARKING

Winter parking rules go into effect December 1, until April 1. There is 30 minute parking on all village streets from 2:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. No parking is allowed during a snow emergency. If you have a special need for having a vehicle parked on the street, you may call the police station for one night permission. If snow is not forecast, permission may be granted.

## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Snow and ice removal from sidewalks is required by Village Ordinance. Snow and ice must be removed by 10:00 p.m. on the day following the snowfall. Snow may not be thrown, blown, or plowed into or across the roadway.

## SNOW EMERGENCY!

The declaration of a snow emergency by the Village President occurs when:

1. The safety of the citizens is at risk; and
2. To enable effective snow removal operations by the Department of Public Works.

This winter, please be alert to "Snow Emergency" situations and take appropriate measures. All vehicles must be removed from all Village streets in a snow emergency.

You can check the Village cable station 25 for up-to-date information when severe weather is in progress.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

The Department of Public Works will collect Christmas trees placed at the curb during the month of January. It is **NOT** necessary to call in for tree collection.



Please remove items such as tinsel, lights, ornaments, wire or nails and any other hardware prior to placing your tree out for chipping.

All Christmas wreaths and garland must be disposed of with your weekly trash collection. Due to the materials these items are made of they cannot be chipped or placed in the compost pile.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 375-5325.



## HOLIDAY HOURS

In observation of the Christmas and New Year Holidays, the Municipal Offices will be **closed** the following days:

Thursday, December 23  
Friday, December 24  
Thursday, December 30  
Friday, December 31

## STREET LIGHT OUT?

If you notice a street light that is burned-out or that cycles on and off, please contact the Department of Public Works at: 375-5325 or e-mail: [publicworks@village.grafton.wi.us](mailto:publicworks@village.grafton.wi.us).

It is very important to provide an address and pole number when reporting a defective streetlight. This information assists We Energies in finding the correct pole.

## WASTE OIL DISPOSAL

The Department of Public Works will take waste oil at the Municipal Services Facility, 675 North Green Bay Road.

The tank is built into the north side of the building. Signs have been installed to help direct you.

Please note that we are burning this oil to heat the facility; therefore, no other fluids can be dumped into the tank as it will cause damage to the furnace unit.

## RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE SITE

The Residential Yard Waste Site will not be plowed or maintained during the winter months. You will not be able to access the yard after the first accumulated snow fall.

To eliminate any unnecessary trips, please check the website for yard hours prior to going to the yard at [www.QualityLifeGrafton.com](http://www.QualityLifeGrafton.com) and go to the Public Works section then to yard waste, hours will be listed there.

## WINTER BREAK AT THE LIBRARY!

Join us from some fun events at the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public library Monday, December 27, through Wednesday, December 29!

Monday, December 27, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
New Year's Craft Extravaganza

Drop in and make some fun crafts to help you celebrate the coming New Year! Crafts are geared for school age children. Younger children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tuesday, December 28 at 6:00 p.m.  
New Year's Bubble Dance Party at the Library!

Party down with us at the library while we ring in an early new year! Come and enjoy bubbles, dancing, snacks and more! This program is geared to school age children, but all are welcome. A responsible adult must attend with young children. Please register for this program at the children's checkout desk.

Wednesday, December 29 at Noon  
Movie Event: TBA

Snacks and beverages will be permitted during the movies. A responsible adult should accompany young children. If you are disabled and need assistance, please contact Youth Services at 375-5315.

## 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

11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
January 10 – February 14

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

December 18	Arctic Animals
January 15	Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes
February 19	Lots of Love

\*Registration for Spring Structured Story Times will be held February 21 – 25. Please watch for more information regarding this program.

## BOOK TO MOVIE DINNER CLUB

This program is open to all children in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 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:

#### 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.

#### January's Book

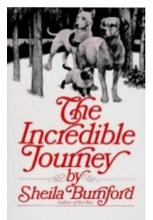
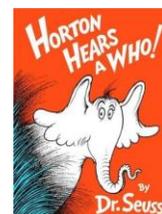
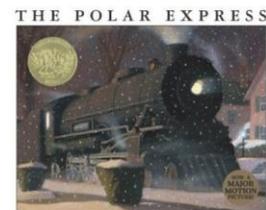
*Ramona and Beezus* (Movie is Beezus and Ramona) by Beverly Cleary  
Movie Showing/Book Discussion on  
January 12 at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### February's Book

*Horton Hears a Who!* by Dr. Seuss  
Movie Showing/Book Discussion on  
February 16 at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### March's Book

*The Incredible Journey* (Movie is Homeward Bound) by Sheila Burnford  
Movie Showing/Book Discussion on  
March 16 at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



## SUPER SATURDAY MOVIES

Join us for Saturday movies at the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library, 1620 Eleventh Avenue. Movies start at 11:00 a.m.

December 11	The Search for Santa Paws Rated G
January 22	TBA
February 26	TBA

## LIBRARY EVENTS!

### Chess Group

A drop-in chess group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the upper level meeting room. All skill levels are welcome.

### Concept Cafe

Talk about topics and ideas the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the upper level meeting room. More nourishment for the mind from your local library.

### Free New Release Movies

Bring your own popcorn!

Wednesday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m.

*Eat, Pray, Love*

Rated PG-13, Runtime 133 minutes

Wednesday, December 29 at 5:30 p.m.

*Inception*

Rated PG-13, Runtime 148 minutes

### No School Movie

Monday, February 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Call the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Library at 375-5315 for more information.

## ADOPT A HYDRANT

If your property has a fire hydrant located adjacent to it, won't you please assist the Grafton Water Department and Grafton Fire Department this winter by keeping it clear from snow.

By clearing the snow, you will be performing an important community service which is greatly appreciated by the Village and all who depend upon that hydrant for "public fire protection".

## SUMMER SEWER CREDIT ENDS

The Water Department would again like to remind all residents that the summer sewer/sprinkling credit ended 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 had increased usage to water trees or shrubs in late September or October.

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

## GIS MAPPING NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS

Over the last 5 years the Village has converted much of its mapping and map information into a comprehensive 'geographic information system' known as GIS mapping. This GIS mapping system is now available to the public through the [Village website](#). To access the GIS mapping system, go to the Village website; once you have entered the site, click on 'ONLINE SERVICES' at the top of page; then click on 'GIS Mapping' in the drop down list that will be displayed. An overview map of Grafton will be displayed on the right side of your screen; click on the map for public access.

Mapping layers will be listed on the left hand side of your screen and include 1) streets and parcels, 2) land use, 3) public land survey system, 4) sanitary sewer service area, 5) topographic data, and 6) orthophotos. Clicking on any of these layers will open up a list of detailed mapping subsets or features that can be displayed by clicking the feature and refreshing the map.

Mapping functions are displayed in the tool bar at the top of the GIS map display. Navigating the mapping system and its functions is rather intuitive and easily learned through practice and/or clicking on the 'Help' feature in the tool bar. When using the 'Help' function be sure to minimize the map in order to display the 'Help' screen. If you have any problems or are interested in learning more about the Village's GIS mapping, feel free to call the Water Utility Office at 375-5330 or stop by for a quick lesson.

## WATER FOR YOUR HEALTH

We all know that water is important but how important becomes even clearer when factually discussed or written down. Some water facts to think about:

- 75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated.
- In 37% of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger.
- Even mild dehydration will slow down one's metabolism as much as 3%.
- One glass of water shut down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a University of Washington study.
- Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.
- Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water per day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.
- A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page.
- Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, decreases the risk of breast cancer by 79%, and reduces one's likelihood to develop bladder cancer by 50%.

Drink water for your health!

### SEE MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM LIVE IN THEATER!

Celebrate the history of one of Grafton's blues recording artists! The Public Arts Board has organized transportation and tickets to see *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* by the Milwaukee Repertory Theater on Saturday, March 19, 2011. The play will be most appreciated by residents of at least high school age. Ticket packages range from \$33 to \$55 per person and include transportation to/from Milwaukee. Bussing will depart from Grafton Village Hall at 5:30 p.m. and return at 11:30 p.m. The performance begins at 8:00 p.m. and there will be time to enjoy dinner downtown before the play! The deadline to register is Friday, February 4, 2011. Registration forms can be downloaded at the [Village website](#). For more information on *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, please visit The Milwaukee Repertory Theater website at <http://www.milwaukeeerep.com/season/quadracci.php>

### SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

From October 2010 through December 2010, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary:

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<i>Years</i>
Romelle Nowak	Crossing Guard / Chief Election Inspector	45
Timothy Nennig	Utility Superintendent	25
Eric Sutherland	Police Sergeant	15
Kim Lentz	Police Telecommunicator	10
Deborah Paschke	Library Assistant	5

## VILLAGE BOARD

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## ELECTION NEWS

A spring election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in the gymnasium at John Long Middle School, 700 Hickory Street. Voters will have the opportunity to elect the following Village officials:



**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**, for a term of two years, to be elected at large, to succeed James Brunnuquell, whose term expires on April 19, 2011.

**VILLAGE TRUSTEE**, for a term of two years, to be elected at large, to succeed James Grant, whose term expires on April 19, 2011.

**VILLAGE TRUSTEE**, for a term of two years, to be elected at large, to succeed Ronald LaPean, whose term expires on April 19, 2011.

**VILLAGE TRUSTEE**, for a term of two years, to be elected at large, to succeed Richard Rieck, whose term expires on April 19, 2011.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the **first day to circulate** nomination papers is **Wednesday, December 1, 2010**, and the **final day for filing** nomination papers is **Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Nomination papers are available in the Village Clerk's Office located in Grafton Village Hall, at 860 Badger Circle, daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Nomination papers are also available from the Government Accountability Board – Elections Division website at: <http://gab.wi.gov>.