

# THE QUARTERLY MESSENGER



GRAFTON  
QUALITY LIFE. NATURALLY.

March 2011

Dear Citizens,

As I look out the window and see the effects of the “storm of the century,” I reflect on the past year and what 2011 has in store for us. What policies will the new governor put in place that will affect us? How will the recovering economy impact us locally? Are we flexible enough to react to swiftly changing political and economic times? And the truly big question is which Packers went to Disney World to celebrate the Super Bowl Championship?

Over the past eight years, Grafton has been a focal point in the county and the region for economic and community revitalization. We can point to numerous developments and projects that have made us a success story. However, it is important to realize that this success was not spontaneous: It was the result of careful planning and long term vision. The Village Board, committees and commissions, and excellent staff, all work toward the vision of a sustainable, leading-edge, full-service community. We are a community that strives to provide the services citizens and businesses request in the most economical way available.

This year, the focus will move towards greater transparency. The Village budget will be posted online on our website. This will allow residents to see where tax dollars are spent and how individual budgets are doing over the fiscal year. The Village Board will once again survey our citizens to collect information and opinions on what is important to residents. This information will determine our "areas of emphasis".

To further promote transparency, the Village is utilizing social networking to share information with an increasingly-connected population. In addition to Facebook and Twitter, we continue to offer News Flashes and Opinion Polls. You may sign up for email updates using the Notify Me function at <http://www.village.grafton.wi.us/list.aspx>. Check out all our online services at <http://www.village.grafton.wi.us/index.aspx?NID=9>.

In addition to transparency, another focus will be to implement projects and processes that are consistent with the Grafton's tag line: “Quality Life. Naturally.” Economic Development for Grafton's Enhancement (EDGE) will continue to look for new opportunities to move us forward, including filling in open retail and commercial floor space. The newest committee, the Public Arts Board has an aggressive 2011 agenda, including a sidewalk poetry program, a rain barrel public art project, and field trips. More information on these programs is available at the [Village's website](#).

Celebrate Grafton is sponsoring the major community events again this year and is in the final stages of adding a new, late summer, family-oriented event downtown. The Grafton Blues Association will be hosting a new event downtown in May that promises to bring additional excitement to the area. North Shore Academy of the Arts is bringing new artists and programming to the renovated Arts Mill building on

the river. In addition to the new Cool Blue Winter Frolics, you can see that there is considerable interest in adding to the quality of life by many organizations and individuals.

In closing, I would like to write that Grafton is truly a vibrant Village made of hard working individuals who believe in their community. You have made "Quality Life. Naturally." more than a tag line. You have made it a way of life.

Thank you and I look forward to another successful year in 2011.

Jim Brunquell  
Village President

## DOG AND CAT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

The Village of Grafton requires that all dogs and cats be annually licensed. 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



### 2011 Fees for Dog Licenses:

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

### 2011 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 in an appropriate receptacle located upon property owned or possessed by the owner of the responsible pet.

## RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE

In 2009, the Village initiated a rain barrels for sale program. The use of rain barrels on residential property is a green initiative with numerous merits that include reuse of water for watering of gardens, shrubs and flowers, a reduction of water entering the storm sewer system and, a likely reduction in water use and water demand caused by sprinkling.

Rain barrels are again being sold at the Utility Office, 1900 Ninth Avenue. They are currently available in white only, but can be painted in any number of colors or fashions. The barrels can be purchased for \$40 each, payable in advance and are available for pick-up directly at the Utility. On an as-needed or as requested basis, the Utility will also provide free delivery as a 2011 promotional incentive. You can call the Utility Office at 375-5330 if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

## 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 at 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](http://www.weenergies.com/night_aura)

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

- Pole number
- Property address
- Pole location

## Ozaukee County's Reverse Emergency Notification Alerting System



Residents of Ozaukee County have long known that they may call 9-1-1 for police, fire or medical assistance.

What you may not be aware of is that the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office, Ozaukee County Public Health Department, and Ozaukee County Emergency Management participate within a mass alert notification system similar to a reverse of the 9-1-1 system. We have the ability to send voice and text-to-text messages that alert the community to a variety of emergency and non-emergency circumstances. Such messages may be community wide or very specific geographically.

The alert notification system is provided by MyStateUSA – AlertSense. Any such system is only as effective as the database of contacts allows. For example, many land line, cell phone telephone numbers and pagers are unpublished or unlisted. Those numbers may not be in the data base and as such you would not receive emergency notification through our system.

MyStateUSA has a simple process in place that enhances our opportunity to contact you via your cell phone, Blackberry, pager and email. We urge you to visit our website at [www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/sheriff](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/sheriff) or <https://mystateusa.com/alertSignup.aspx?region=21328>

Please complete the following sections; Basic Information, Select Alerts, Send Message To and Submit. We stress that you provide your unpublished and unlisted land line phones as well as your cell exchange. We also strongly urge that you enter your full address as that information will sync your cell phone exchange with a physical location. Once submitted the information is now added to the database. This information enhances our ability to contact you.

Please note that the information you are adding is confidential and you are not giving permission to private or political solicitation of any kind. Be aware, your standard text messaging rates apply and you may unsubscribe at any time.

The capability to disseminate critical information in a very rapid manner equates to safety for residents and businesses alike. We look forward to serving you.

If you have any questions you may contact Captain David Guss, 262-377-7172 or 262-284-7172.

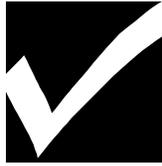
### **CARBON MONOXIDE & SMOKE ALARMS**

Carbon Monoxide and smoke alarms are required in all one and two family dwellings effective February 1, 2011. For more information see the [Village website](#).

### **WINTER PARKING**

Winter parking regulations are in effect until April 1. If it is necessary to park your car on the street, and there is no threat of a snowstorm, please call the Police Department at 375-5320. Street parking permission may be granted on a day to day basis.

## ELECTION NEWS



A Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at John Long Middle School – 700 Hickory Street**. Voters will have the opportunity to elect the following Village of Grafton Officials:

### VILLAGE PRESIDENT – 2 Year Term

#### Vote for One (1)

James Brunnuquell

### VILLAGE TRUSTEE – 2-Year Term

#### Vote for Three (3):

James Grant  
David L. Antoine  
Ron LaPean  
Richard P. Rieck

In addition to the listed local offices, residents will have the opportunity to vote for the following offices: Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, and School Board representatives as well as the Primary for the State Assembly District 60 seat, if needed.

You have the option of voting by Absentee Ballot at any election. Absentee ballots for the April 5, spring election will be available after March 15, 2011.

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE. VOTE ON APRIL 5.



The Governor has established May 3, 2011 as the date of the Special Election to fill the vacant Assembly District 60 seat.

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

### SUMMER RECREATION BOOKLET MAILING INFORMATION

Again this year, the Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Recreation Booklet will not be mailed but will be available on the Village's website at [www.QualityLifeGrafton.com](http://www.QualityLifeGrafton.com) beginning April 15. 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.

## COMING SOON!

On-line Registration will soon be available through the Parks and Recreation Department. You will be able to register for programming, view available openings, and be one of the first to register all from the comfort of your home. Watch for further details!

### REMINDER!

### THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE HAS RELOCATED

The Parks and Recreation Department has moved to the new Municipal Services Facility, 675 N. Green Bay Road. Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The earlier service time of 7:00 a.m. will help to assist those residents that wish to conduct business prior to the start of their work day.

### 2011 GIRO D' GRAFTON BIKE RACE

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 18, 2011 to experience a unique world-class bicycle racing event through the streets of downtown Grafton! Ice cream social, Big Wheels race for kids, "Tapping of the Beer Keg" ceremony, mascot race, free live music, food vendors, beer tents and more. Watch for additional information on the [Village's website](#) as the date draws nearer.

### BOYS AND 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 older on the following dates:

Session II: Saturday, March 19  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Session III: Saturday, April 16  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$50 Resident,  
\$60 Non-resident

Classes are held at the Multipurpose Senior Center. Registration form available on the Village's website or you may register in person at the Parks and Recreation Department.

**FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER SEASON PASSES  
DISCOUNTED APRIL 1 – APRIL 30**

A 15 percent discount will be offered to all Village of Grafton residents Monday through Friday, beginning April 1 through April 30, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., and also on Saturday, April 9 and April 30, from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Passes will be sold at the Parks and Recreation Department in the new Municipal Services Facility, 675 N. Green Bay Road. 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. New photos will be required for the 2011 season. After April 30, 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:**

	YOUTH	ADULT	SENIOR	FAMILY
Discount Period	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$17.00	\$76.50
Savings	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$13.50
After April 30	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$90.00

**GREAT DECISIONS SERIES RETURNS  
TO THE LIBRARY**

Great Decisions Series returns to the library. Presentations by John Katzke, a retired U. S. diplomat, who talks about issues as part of the US Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions series, a public initiative to bring people together to discuss important global affairs issues. All programs will begin at 6:30 p.m.

March 10	Crisis in the Caucus - why should the US care?
March 17	Global Governance - is US power in decline?

**READ TO ROVER PROGRAM**

**\*Watch for more information regarding upcoming spring dates for this 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 read out loud for 25 minutes for four consecutive weeks. Attendance each week is required. Readers who finish this free program will receive a certificate of accomplishment, and a book.

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 contact Youth Services.

If you are disabled and need assistance, please contact Youth Services at 262-375-5315.

**SPRING FAMILY  
STORY TIMES**

Story time introduces children to the public library and the joy of reading. It focuses on early literacy skills and includes stories, finger plays, songs, crafts and coloring sheets.

Please keep in mind your child's ability to sit through programs. Your promptness is appreciated. No registration required. All ages welcome!

Monday Story Times at 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
March 7 – May 16

Saturday Story Times at 11:00 a.m.

March 19	Barnyard Fun
April 16	Silly Stories
May 21	Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

**WATCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM – ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES! COMING JUNE 13 – AUGUST 6.**

## SUPER SATURDAY MOVIES

April 2 at 11:00 a.m.

### **Tangled**

Rated PG, Runtime 100 Minutes

May 14 at 11:00 a.m.

### **The Chronicles of Narnia:**

### **Voyage of the Dawn Trader**

Rated PG, Runtime 112 Minutes

Snacks and beverages will be allowed during movies. A responsible adult should accompany young children. No registration is required. All movies are in the children's meeting room unless otherwise noted.

## SPRING BOOK SALE

Big Spring Book Sale at the Library! Mark your calendars and set your clocks, the big spring book sale is coming up.



April 14 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

April 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

April 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

April 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
(Monday all books half price)

## THINK SPRING AND SUMMER!

It's Cabin Fever Week at the Grafton Library March 14 -19.

Come to the beach movie marathon all day Tuesday March 15, (think "Where the Boys Are" or "Bikini Beach" with Frankie and Annette).

Enter the "How Hot Was It?" contest (remember last summer?).

Our free raffle will include a silk arrangement from Bloomin' Olive and an hour consultation with Ozaukee Master Gardener Diane Strobel.

Dig out your flip flops and Hawaiian shirt and join us! You'll feel like you stepped into summer.



## BOOK TO MOVIE DINNER CLUB

The library is offering this new and exciting program to all children in 2 – 5 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. For more information, contact Youth Services at 375-5315.

### **March's Book/Movie**

*The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford  
(Movie is Homeward Bound)

March 16 at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### **April's Book/Movie**

*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett

April 6 at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### **May's Book/Movie**

*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien

(Movie is The Secret of Nimh)

May 18 at 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## ADOPT AN ASH TREE

As the Emerald Ash Borer spreads through Wisconsin, the Village needs to treat the Ash Trees against the insect, unfortunately the Village does not have funds to do so, therefore the Village has developed an "Adopt-an-Ash Tree" program.

The cost for a resident to adopt an Ash Tree is \$1.00 per circumference inch with a \$20 minimum. For example if the tree is 30 inches around the residents cost would be \$30, if the tree is 15 inches around the cost would be \$20. Residents can either make a contribution toward the program or can identify a specific Ash tree to adopt. Once a tree has been "adopted" the tree will be treated and tagged. Trees will need to be treated bi-annually to effectively fight off the insect.

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

## BRUSH, YARD, GARDEN WASTE AND 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 150**) 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. (If your brush was a car, the cut ends would be at the front of the car and the branches would be at the trunk). Brush cannot be bundled with any type of string or twine.
- Nothing larger than 6” in diameter will be accepted. Trimmings or brush less than 18” must be taken 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 gutters only in the fall.
- Grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste can be taken to the Residential Yard Waste Site, 2266 Lakefield Road.

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

**WASTE OIL** can be brought to the Municipal Services Facility, 675 North Green Bay Road.

**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 Residential Yard Waste Site for disposal.**

## RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE SITE

Access to the site is provided by an automated key card that is programmed to allow entrance to the site 7 days per week from sun up to sun down. (Access times will be adjusted monthly with the longer/shorter days.)

### **YARD WASTE**

Yard waste that is accepted includes: brush, grass, leaves, and small amounts of rubble.

### **MULCH/TOP SOIL**

Mulch (wood chips) and/or top soil is available at the residential drop site.

### **COSTS**

The **annual** fee for the access card to the residential drop site is \$20.

The card can be obtained from the Department of Public Works 675 North Green Bay Road.

If you already have an access card, you may mail in the \$20 fee, after residency is verified the card will be re-programmed for the year.

## **WHAT TO DO WITH OUTDATED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION?**

The Grafton Police Department now has available to the public a receptacle for unused or outdated prescription medication. This receptacle is located in the Police Department lobby and is open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Prior to discarding your medication, take any personal information off of the bottle.

Items that are not allowed in the receptacle: needles, medications from medical facilities, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, and inhalers.



## MULCHING AROUND TREES AND SHRUBS

Woodchips make good mulch for trees and shrubs. A 3" 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.

Mulch is available and can be picked up at the Residential Drop Site on River Bend Road. (Access card is needed).

## CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS HERE UPDATE ON 2011 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Several major public works projects are underway:

- **2011 STREET RECONSTRUCTION – Glen Anna Drive / Valley Drive / 17th Avenue** – Mill and pulverize existing pavement and base, place binder and surface course, relaying of water main and storm sewer structures, spot curb and gutter.
- **SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM** – Replace defective sidewalk in areas bounded by Cedar Creek Road on the north / West is the Fifth Avenue / East is County Trunk Highway O / South would be Elm Street.



## WATER SOFTENERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Village of Grafton water supply is characterized as “very hard” water. Technically, it contains an approximate 357 mg/l of calcium carbonate or about 21 grains of hardness. Most Village residents have found it necessary to install household water softeners in order to counteract the negative effects of hard water including excessive soap consumption and scale build-up on plumbing fixtures. The use of a water softener in Grafton certainly has its benefits but if the unit is not operating at peak efficiency it can cost you money and actually cause harm to the environment. That’s because when softeners are functioning inefficiently, they not only waste water and salt but release unnecessary quantities of sodium, chloride and wastewater to the environment.

In brief review of the softening process, salt or sodium chloride is used as an exchange agent for water softening purposes. Sodium is released gradually by the water softener during the service cycle as it removes dissolved calcium and magnesium (hardness causing elements) from the hard water. Chloride is also released in concentrated slugs during the brine and rinse portions of the regeneration cycle. The chloride-laden wastewater is directed to waste via a drain line. A water softener generally releases between 25 -100 gallons of wastewater during each regeneration cycle. High levels of chloride are found in this wastewater and are known to be toxic to small aquatic organisms. The adverse effects of this toxicity can have amplified effects up the ‘food chain’.

In Grafton, the cumulative effect of so many water softeners has been noticeable in testing performed at the municipal wastewater treatment facility. The only way to limit chloride discharges from water softeners is to limit the amount of salt they consume. This may be possible with an annual softener tune-up that will assure your softener is performing as efficiently as possible under changing water or service conditions. If you believe your softener is using too much salt, you and the environment may benefit from a tune-up. Check with the vendor or company that supplied or installed your softener and ask if they offer this service or a tune-up program.

## 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 7 days prior to construction. A copy of specifications will be provided at time of issuance.

## 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. Any request for a time of sale inspection should be scheduled at least two weeks in advance of closing on the sale of a property.

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. Newer homes will normally include backflow devices on the outside water spigots but not always. If inside or outside backflow devices also known as hose bib vacuum breakers are required, they must be provided and installed by Utility personnel only. This will typically be done at the time of inspection and materials will be billed as an additional charge to the customer with the time of sale inspection fee that is due upon receipt of the compliance certificate. Backflow preventers installed by the Utility will be warranted for a period of 24 months.

Cross connection control inspections are also a DNR requirement for commercial and industrial properties in the Village. The Utility is working with a contractor – Hydro Designs, Inc. to perform these more complex inspections. These inspections cover commercial, industrial, institutional and governmental facilities within the Village and are scheduled to occur every two years. The inspections will be preceded by a notice to the owner 14 days prior to the inspection date. The cooperation of all affected property owners throughout this inspection process is greatly appreciated by the Utility and Hydro Designs, Inc.

## RECYCLING OIL FILTERS BECOMES MANDATED!

As of January 1, 2011, the Department of Natural Resources has mandated recycling of oil filters and oil absorbents.

The ban prohibits the landfilling of all used automotive engine oil filters and all oil absorbent materials containing oil, except absorbent materials of less than one gallon resulting from a non-routine spill.

Examples of non-routine spills may include:

- Oil discharged when a seal in manually broken;
- Oil spilled when an accident occurs at a particular machine;
- Oil spilled when a do-it-yourselfer changes the oil in home equipment such as lawnmowers, snow blowers or rototillers;
- Oil spilled when a do-it-yourselfer changes the oil from their own vehicle; and
- Oil released during a vehicle accident.

Rags or wipes for personal cleanup after machine maintenance would be included in determining the less than one gallon exemption.

A gallon of oil absorbent material is the amount that would fit inside a dry-gallon container. For example, an absorbent pillow may only have a pint of oil from a non-routine spill, but if the pillow with oil does not fit in a gallon bucket, it is not exempt.

The Department of Public Works has placed a 55 gallon drum next to the waste oil tank for collection of oil filters from **Village of Grafton residents only**. You may place your filter in the drum when you drop off the used motor oil.

The following links have been provided by the DNR:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/recycle/newpages/oilabsorb.htm>

[http://dnr.wi.gov/news/mediakits/mk\\_oil\\_filters\\_absorbents.asp](http://dnr.wi.gov/news/mediakits/mk_oil_filters_absorbents.asp)

## 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 plan. 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.

## 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 include:

- 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

## DUMPSTER DAYS

These are days when Village residents may bring items that are too large to dispose of in the garbage carts and are legal to be landfilled, such as furniture, carpet, etc. Items that will **not** be accepted include washers, dryers, televisions, microwaves, etc.

There will be two dumpster days per year, one in May and one in September. The May date will be:

**May 7, 2011                      9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Services Facility**  
**675 North Green Bay Road**  
**(enter through the gate on Hickory Street)**

To utilize the dumpster you will need to bring a valid driver's license showing that you are VILLAGE resident. Your yard access card will allow you to use the dumpster at no cost, however if you do not have a yard access card you may pay a \$10 fee to use the dumpster. We ask that this fee is paid by check only.

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Utility bills for water and sewer service are sent out quarterly. Residential customers are billed the last day of March, June, September and December. Utility bills become due on the 20th of the month following the date of billing. A late payment charge of 3 percent but not less than \$0.50 is added to bills not paid by the due date. This onetime charge is applicable to all customers.

In addition to mailing your payment, bills can also be paid at the following pay stations:

Grafton Water Utility – 1900 Ninth Avenue

Grafton Village Hall – 860 Badger Circle

Harris Bank – Washington Street and Falls Road locations

Port Washington State Bank – Washington Street (Grafton location)

Tri City National Bank – inside Grafton Pick 'n Save

Pay stations will not accept payment after the due date. Past due payments can be mailed in or made directly at the Utility Office, 1900 Ninth Avenue. For after hours' convenience, a night depository is also available and located at the front door of the Utility.

The Utility also offers an automated payment option that allows the customer to authorize payments from a checking or savings account directly to the Utility on the specified date. As part of this plan, you would continue to receive a statement of utility billing and amount due as a reference. Please contact the Utility Office, 375-5330 if you would like more information or if you wish to sign up for the automated payment plan.

**To those residents already enrolled as automated payment customers please be advised that if you move from your current service address you will need to contact the Utility to discontinue the automated bank payment plan for the address in question. In addition, if you switch banks but wish to continue as an automated payment customer you need to contact the Water Utility Office concerning this change.**

## WATER & SEWER RATES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

The Public Service Commission requires that the Utility periodically notify its customers concerning the actual rates being charged. Current 2011 water and sewer rates are unchanged from 2010 and are provided below:

### WATER – QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE:

5/8" Meter - \$18.00	2" Meter - \$ 69.00
3/4" Meter - \$18.00	3" Meter - \$114.00
1" Meter - \$27.00	4" Meter - \$174.00
1 1/4" Meter - \$39.00	6" Meter - \$309.00
1 1/2" Meter - \$48.00	8" Meter - \$471.00

### PLUS VOLUME CHARGES,

#### Residential:

All water used - \$2.41 per 1,000 gallons

#### Nonresidential:

First 30,000 gallons used each quarter - \$ 2.41 per 1,000 gallons

Next 470,000 gallons used each quarter - \$ 2.29 per 1,000 gallons

Over 500,000 gallons used each quarter - \$ 1.93 per 1,000 gallons

### PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION – QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE:

5/8" Meter - \$ 5.10	2" Meter - \$ 39.00
3/4" Meter - \$ 5.10	3" Meter - \$ 75.00
1" Meter - \$12.60	4" Meter - \$126.00
1 1/4" Meter - \$18.60	6" Meter - \$249.00
1 1/2" Meter - \$24.00	8" Meter - \$402.00

### SEWER – QUARTERLY SERVICE CHARGE:

5/8" Meter - \$18.75	2" Meter - \$ 74.00
3/4" Meter - \$18.75	3" Meter - \$130.00
1" Meter - \$31.00	4" Meter - \$209.00
1 1/4" Meter - \$40.00	6" Meter - \$407.00
1 1/2" Meter - \$50.00	8" Meter - \$646.00

### VOLUME CHARGE:

For each 1000 gallons of domestic strength discharge to the sanitary sewer system - \$ 4.93 / 1000 gallons

## COOPERATION NEEDED FOR WATER METER ACCESS

In general, every property or customer in the Village of Grafton has a water meter typically located in the basement. The meter is used by the Water Utility to measure water consumption for billing purposes. At times it is necessary for the Utility to gain access to the meter for either maintenance purposes or to otherwise verify accuracy of readings. When access is required, the Utility will typically contact the homeowner by phone to set up an appointment. Normal working hours for Utility personnel are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; however Saturday morning appointments can be arranged as needed or

necessary. If contact by phone is not successful, the Utility will leave a 'door handle notice' advising the customer to contact the Utility to arrange for the meter inspection appointment. If this form of contact also fails, we will then send out correspondence with further explanation of the request. In this era, Utility staff realizes that it is increasingly difficult to provide for meter access via appointments during working hours. We do however, continue to request everyone's cooperation in this regard and will make every effort to schedule meter access appointments at the convenience of the customer.

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

From January 2011 through March 2011, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary.

Employee	Position	Years
David Wenzler	Police Officer	30
Dennis Bartelt	Public Works Crewperson	20
Daniel Radtke	Police Officer	20
Clarissa Allen	Telecommunicator	15
Darrell Geidel	Crossing Guard	10
Peter Knauer	Public Works Crewperson	10

## VILLAGE BOARD

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