

# THE QUARTERLY MESSENGER



GRAFTON  
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September 2011

Dear Citizens

Another successful summer is behind us. The GALA concert series were well attended and the Celebrate Grafton events, Giro d'Grafton, and Holidaze were as great as ever. The new event this year, Grillin' in Grafton was a huge success for a first time event. The food and music were great. It was exciting having professional grillers from the region compete in a sanctioned Kansas City BBQ event.

From a development perspective, two significant new facilities are under construction at this time. The Aurora Cancer Center is rising up north of the hospital and should be opening in 2012; bringing additional health care services to Grafton. In a related field, Gauthier Biomedical is underway with a new 70,000 square foot building on WIS 60 directly across from the former Leeson building. We welcome these new additions to the Village. Moving downtown, probably the most watched project is the Grafton Hotel renovation and addition. With a significant portion of the exterior paint removal completed, the original cream city brick façade has been revealed and with the framing of the new addition, we can really start to imagine what the end result will look like. All in all, Grafton continues to thrive in challenging economic times.

Your Village Board and staff have been watching and reacting to actions taken at the state level and are well positioned coming into the budget cycle. In addition to finding savings this year, the Village and City of Cedarburg are participating in a joint exercise to look at opportunities to further save tax dollars by combining resources where it makes sense. Regardless of the final outcome, this level of cooperation between communities is rare and is a sign of the future. We will need to continue to look at more joint efforts in order to maintain the level of services expected while keeping tax levels in check.

The final topic I would like to update you on is ongoing issue regarding the Bridge Street Dam. At this time, the Village is preparing a grant to match up to 50 percent of the costs associated in bring the dam into DNR compliance. As you may be aware, the deficiency is in how much flood water the dam can pass in certain types of flood situations. Although this issue must be resolved due to DNR requirements, the issue of dredging the pond to remove accumulated silt is also being addressed by the Board. Basically, over time the pond has filled in, leading to the large algae blooms that are visible this time of the year. Unless these deposits are removed, this situation will continue to worsen. With the pond level lowered to accommodate the dam repair, it is the optimal time to consider dredging. The Board will be looking at the costs associated with dredging, the financing involved and overall long term benefits in their deliberations. Feel free to contact myself or Trustees with any thoughts or comments you have on this subject.

In closing, summer has always been a pleasure in Grafton and this year was no different. I hope you enjoy the rest of the season and make sure you root for the Brewers.

Thank you,



Jim Brunnquell  
Village President

**“CELEBRATE GRAFTON” PRESENTS**  
**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PUMPKIN FEST OCTOBER 6 - 8**



**Thursday, October 6**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Scare Crow Building (Paramount Plaza)  
Register in advance by calling 262-375-5310

**Friday, October 7**

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fish Fry, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Beer Tent (Paramount Plaza).  
Music by Loo\$e Change.

Bring your “Best Pumpkin Dessert” Entry to be judged.  
Register in advance by calling 375-5310

7:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Lighting - Bring a carved pumpkin to light and be judged. Candles will be provided. (Paramount Plaza)

**Saturday, October 8**

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast (Heart of Grafton)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Family Scavenger Walk (Paramount Plaza)

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Cross Bike Races (Lime Kiln Park)

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

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Entertainment provided by NSAA (Paramount Plaza)

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Art Show (Paramount Plaza – Beech Street)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Carving Demonstration (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 (Grafton Village Center)

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Carving Contest Awards (Paramount Plaza)

Scare Crow Decorating Contest Awards (Paramount Plaza)

Best Pumpkin Dessert Awards Contest (Paramount Plaza)

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Seed Spitting Contest – Youth and Adult Divisions (Grafton Village Center)

Youth and Adult Divisions

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bingo (Paramount Plaza)

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)

## ADULT CARDIO & SCULPT CLASS

This newly revised class includes various routines with combinations of Zumba, Cardio Boxing, Boot Camp and Freestyle. Sculpting focuses on strengthening and toning all of the major muscle groups. Tough enough to challenge the hardcore enthusiast, but can also be modified to fit everyone's needs. Try it!

Instructor: Connee Conway.

When: September 12 – October 12  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
(No class on September 15)

Where: Woodview Elementary School Gym  
600 Fifth Avenue

Fees: Resident \$27.00  
Non Resident \$36.00

## MORNING CARDIO TONE CLASS

Have fun and get in shape while exercising to choreographed routines. Various moves can be incorporated to all levels of intensities. Class format includes aerobic exercise, warm-up and cool-down, followed by strength toning, stretching and relaxation. Bring free weights (1-3 lbs.) and a floor mat.

Instructor: Evelyn Nowak.

When: September 19 – October 24  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Where: Grafton Multi-purpose Senior Center  
1665 Seventh Avenue

Fees: Resident \$27.00  
Non Resident \$36.00

## 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

## GRAFTON MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER

A variety of activities for individuals ages 55 and better! Activities, meals, day trips and parties, Aerobics classes, new fitness room, chorus, dance group, book discussion groups, crafts, ceramics, bingo, bocce ball, shuffleboard, computer classes, card games, Wii, Senior Games Competition, dominoes, intergenerational activities, senior scrapbook, and hosts dining site Monday through Friday. A two month planner is available on the Villages [website](#) or you can call the office at 375-5311.

Grafton Multi-purpose Senior Center / 1665 Seventh Avenue

### Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Fridays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## FUTURE STARS FLAG FOOTBALL – BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 1 – 5 SEPTEMBER 10 – OCTOBER 24

This Flag Football program kicks off with three training camps: Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and Monday, September 12 and 19 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The September 10 camp will meet at the Grafton High School Football Field, and the remainder of the camps and program will meet every Monday at Centennial Park, 1370 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, through October 24. The program is divided into three camps. Rookie Camp is for children in 1st grade. Veterans Camp is for grades 2 and 3, and Pro's is for grades 4 and 5. Fees are \$21 for Village residents and \$42 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 Municipal Services Facility), the USS Liberty Memorial Public Library, and at Village Hall. An after-hours registration drop box is also 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).

## GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL POOL HOURS

### ADULT LAP SWIM ONLY –

Beginning September 19

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

### OPEN SWIM & ADULT LAP SWIM

\*Saturday hours will begin on November 5

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 24, 2010 – January 1, 2012

April 7 - 13, 2012

(Please check information board at pool for future dates)



## TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be Sunday, October 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



## AQUA DYNAMICS AND DEEP WATER WORKOUT (WATER AEROBICS)

Aqua Dynamics for men and women of any age and athletic ability is designed to give you a complete workout in the water. No swimming skills are necessary.

Deep Water Workout improves circulation, strength and flexibility without strain or stress on muscles or joints. You must know how to swim and wear a flotation belt because all exercises are performed in the deep end of the pool. Aqua gloves may be purchased at a cost of \$12.00 per pair.

Classes run September 19 – November 16, Monday and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Grafton High School Pool. Fees are \$36 for Village residents and \$47 for non-residents.

## RESERVE YOUR 2012 PARTY AT THE ROBERT P. ZAUN PAVILION

In-person reservations for the 2012 calendar year will be taken at the department office beginning Thursday, September 1, 2011 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 introduce 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. 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 12 – November 14

*(No story time the week of October 17 due to the Book Sale)*

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

September 17

Autumn Colors

October 15

Spooky Tales

November 19

Turkey Tales

December 17

Books and Blankets

## UP COMING LIBRARY EVENTS!

### An Evening with Lesley Kagen

The Grafton library is proud to offer New York Times best selling (and local) author Lesley Kagen. Lesley will discuss her newest book, "Good Graces", the anticipated sequel to her debut novel "Whistling in the Dark". Both stories follow the lives of the O'Malley sisters, Sally and Troo, in Milwaukee's Washington Park neighborhood during the summers of 1959 and 1960. The girls are funny and endearing, and will touch your heart. "Whistling in the Dark" was a book club favorite and "Good Graces" looks to have the same following. Come see Lesley Tuesday night, October 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

### Bulb Exchange

In cooperation with the Master Gardeners, the library is holding a Bulb Exchange. Bring in bulbs on Thursday, September 8, from Noon to 7:00 p.m. and you will receive coupons to redeem on Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

### Bead Exchange

A Bead Exchange will be held at the library. Bring in your beads on Saturday, September 17 or Monday, September 19 and you will receive coupons to redeem on September 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### Fraud Fighters Workshop

Representatives from AARP will conduct a Fraud Fighters workshop on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room. An educational forum on how to prevent Identity theft and financial fraud, on safeguarding your credit and how to report any suspected fraud will be presented.

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

From July 2011 through September 2011, the following employees observed a significant service anniversary:

Employee	Position	Years
Richard Wesson	Utility Operator	25
Emmett Grissom	Police Captain	20
Emily Dufner	Library Page	5
Jake Arndt	Public Works Crewperson	5

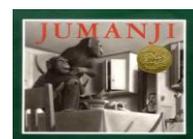
## BOOK TO MOVIE DINNER CLUB

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:

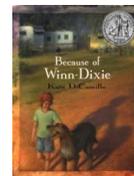
#### October's Book

*Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg  
Movie Showing / Book Discussion on October 5 at 3:30 p.m



#### November's Book

*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo  
Movie Showing / Book Discussion on November 2 at 3:30 p.m.



#### December's Book

*A Day with Wilbur Robinson* by William Joyce  
(Movie: *Meet the Robinsons*)  
Movie Showing / Book Discussion on December 7 at 3:30 p.m.



## SUPER SATURDAY MOVIES

Moving showings will be free. Movies will be shown in the lower level meeting room. Food and beverages are permitted during the film. Nor registration is required. A responsible adult should accompany young children.

September 24 at 11:00 a.m.  
Rio  
Rated G, Run time 96 minutes

October 29 at 11:00 a.m.  
Spooky Buddies  
Rated G, Run time 88 minutes

November 26 at 11:00 a.m.  
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer  
Rated PG, Run time 91 minutes

## WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THOSE LEAVES!

Every spring and fall we engage in the rituals of raking and sometimes bagging all those wonderful deciduous 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. **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's 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 lawn 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.

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage is collected weekly and recycling collected bi-weekly using 96 gallon carts, provided by the Village. A recycling calendar can be found on the Village's [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, 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; for more information call 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 375-5325.

## YARD WASTE / LEAF COLLECTION

The Grafton Department of Public Works **strongly recommends mulching your leaves**; however they will begin curbside leaf collection on or about **October 10**.

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 Residential Yard Waste Site on Lakefield Road 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 N. 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 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.

## 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 Sept. 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.

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

**October 7 and 8 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**885 Badger Circle, Grafton**

TVs	\$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.

## TIME-OF-SALE INSPECTIONS REQUIRED

The Village’s clear water exclusion program and its cross connection / backflow prevention program require that a clear water and backflow prevention inspection be performed prior to a property’s time of sale or change in ownership. Upon request, the Water & Wastewater Utility will perform this inspection at a cost of \$50 to the property owner. The inspection usually will take only 5 to 10 minutes and includes a sump pump inspection and also an inspection for cross connections and backflow prevention of the water supply in compliance with Chapter 12.12 of the Village Code. In follow-up to the inspection, the Utility will issue a certificate of compliance which is required to complete a sale of property.

Time-of-sale inspection and program specifics include the following requirements:

1. Time-of-sale inspections must be scheduled at least 48 business hours in advance of closing on the sale of a property.
2. Any required time-of-sale inspection that is scheduled with less than 48 business hours notice will be subject to a \$20 surcharge.
3. A certificate of compliance will be acceptable for a period of 12 months from the date of inspection.
4. Inside and outside hose bib backflow preventers required to achieve time-of-sale compliance must be provided and installed by Utility personnel only.
5. Backflow preventers that are provided and installed by Utility personnel will be warranted for a period of 24 months.
6. Correction of any other type of cross connection or backflow prevention non-compliance issue that is identified by Utility personnel during an inspection is the responsibility of the homeowner.

If you are planning to sell your home, please contact the Utility Office at 375-5330 for more information and to schedule the required inspection.

## 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. Tammy's Tender Thumb
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



## SUMMER SPRINKLING CREDIT TO BE ELIMINATED

The Utility has long provided a summer sprinkling credit to its sewer customers during the second and third quarter billing periods of each year. This is the period of time when most outdoor water usage occurs and the sprinkling credit has been determined by billing a sewer volume based upon the average winter usage rather than actual metered usage during the summer quarters. The amount of sewer credit or reduced sewer billing in 2010 was equivalent to about \$18 per customer. As a cost saving initiative the Utility's summer sprinkling credit will be eliminated in 2012. This measure will repeal the equivalent or need for an approximate 5 percent rate increase. At the same time, it will generally assist the Village and Utility with active promotion of water conservation. The impact of this change in billing practice will initially become apparent with water/sewer billing statements that will be dated 6/30/12 for the period of service 3/12/12 through 6/12/12.

## UTILITY OFFICE LOCATION CHANGES FOR 2012

As part of Village and Utility budget cuts for 2012, changes in operation will occur at the Utility Office location. Effective January 2, 2012, the Utility Office will no longer function as a customer service center and will be dropped as a pay station after January 20. Utility clerical staff will relocate to the Village Hall location at that time and will provide the same billing, payment collections and customer service functions currently performed at the Utility location.

The advantages of this reorganization include 1) it will centralize all Village billing and collection functions, 2) it will provide customers and residents of Grafton with a one-stop location for payments and miscellaneous inquiries regarding municipal issues and, 3) it will provide the Village with supplemental staff members for enhanced coverage and improved citizen/customer service. Both Village and Utility staff members appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during the early transitional period and look forward to 2012 and providing an even higher level of service to Village residents.