



Town of Grafton Times

DECEMBER 2007

Special Interest Articles:

- Recycling News
- Building Inspection Reminders
- Where do your taxes go?

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Message from Chairman Bartel

As we head into the end of another exciting year for our community it is almost breathtaking to see the changes taking place. Most notable is the development by the Village of Grafton on the Highway 43 interchange. Earlier work by the joint ad-hoc committee of the Village and Town officials has paved the way for intergovernmental cooperation of important items such as stormwater runoff and traffic concerns. Soon it may be the Town's turn to entertain applications for commercial development along the highway corridors. If this occurs, it will be necessary for good intergovernmental cooperation to address extra-territorial review by the Village. Expansion of the Town's commercial base is necessary to maintain a balance of residential and commercial tax base. However, proper planning and review will be needed to ensure quality developments that enhance the overall value of our community. I would urge everyone to take time to look at the future development overlay map of the Town to see the possible affects.

The Town Plan Commission and Board of Supervisors spent the past year discussing the merits of upgrading address markers. A goal was to choose a color that would separate us from the neighboring communities to assure the best possible response in emergency situations. The days are long gone when everyone knew each other and only a name was needed to dispatch emergency or fire calls. When an emergency response is needed, **minutes can save lives.** The consistent placement of these markers will allow first responders to find you as quickly as possible and hopefully minimize the negative consequences of your emergency. It is necessary to point out the address markers are property of the Town of Grafton and their placement in the Town right-of-way is provided for by ordinance. These markers are no less of a public safety requirement than speed limits or stop signs.

Managing change and continuous work on planning issues is still the biggest challenge you Town government faces. We are blessed to have excellent people working with us on the Plan Commission, Open Space Commission, Board of Appeals, election workers and Town staff. It is truly a pleasure to work with a talented group of individuals and an honor to serve as your Town Chair. On behalf of everyone in the Town Office, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

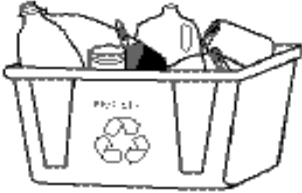
Lester A. Bartel Jr.
Town Chairman

Garbage and Recycling –

VEOLIA WASTE SERVICES 1-800-387-0949

Garbage and Recyclables must be out before 7:00 A.M. on the day of pick up.

If your garbage is missed, please call Veolia at 800-387-0949.



❖ **BULKY ITEMS –** Call Veolia to schedule pick-up. Remember the item must be small and light enough for one person to move.

❖ **CARPETING-** Pieces should be cut and bound less than 5 feet in length and weigh less than 50 pounds.

❖ **SMALL APPLIANCES-** Small appliances such as toasters can be put with your regular trash

❖ **LARGE APPLIANCES-** Larger items like stoves and refrigerators call PORT RECYCLING at (262)284-4060.

❖ **LATEX PAINT-** Dry out the remaining paint and place in trash.

Last year the Town Recycled:

Aluminum	5.75 tons
Cardboard	30.5 tons
Glass	187 tons
Magazines	15.5 tons
Newspaper	190 tons
Plastic	20.0 tons
Milk Jugs	11.7 tons

ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL SITES

❖ **PORT RECYCLING** (262)284-4060, 728 Schmitz Drive, Port Washington, WI – Furniture, televisions, appliances, car batteries, etc. Call for pricing, hours, and pick-up.

❖ **EARN CASH-** Port Recycling will pay you money for aluminum cans, copper, stainless steel, radiators, and brass.

❖ **ONYX/VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES** (262)243-8998

❖ **Arrow Disposal** (262)284-1166 3860 Cty Rd H Port Washington, WI

BRUSH-LEAVES-YARD WASTE

The Town of Grafton does not offer yard waste pick-up. The following options are at your disposal.

❖ **Composting and Mulching –** These are the most environmentally friendly ways to manage yard waste. Mulching returns valuable nutrients back to the soil and results in greener grass and foliage.

❖ **Burning-** You can burn yard waste without a permit. Please be cautious and always have a water source available.

❖ **Independent Landscapers-** Often landscapers will offer their services for clean up.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up Ozaukee County Highway Department will pick up trees on:

- **January 3, 2008**
- **January 17, 2008**

Please have them out by the road by 7:00 AM.

BUILDING INSPECTION NEWS

Inspector: Rick Fellenz
(262) 377-1087

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday
7:30 AM – 10:00 AM

- ✓ **REMINDERS**-the Town of Grafton requires building permits for many home projects. Please call if you are unsure or have questions.
- ✓ **DOUBLE FEES APPLY** if you fail to take out a permit before work starts!

REQUIRES PERMITS:
 New Construction
 Garages, Barns, or Sheds
 Remodeling
 Pools
 Decks
 Water Heater or Treatment Replacement

DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT:
 Replacement of doors or windows (no structural changes)
 Re-siding
 Re-roofing (first or second layer)

When in doubt about permits, please call the Hall!



Treasurer's Chest

Jan Strachota

(262)377-8500

TAX COLLECTON AT THE TOWN HALL
Town of Grafton
1102 Bridge Street – Grafton, WI 53024

December 14, 17-21, 26-28	9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
December 31	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
January 11, 18, 25, 29, 30, 31	9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
March 14, 21, 27, 28, 31	9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
May 16, 23, 28, 29, 30	9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Please Note:

- Town Hall will be **CLOSED** the following days:
- Saturdays and Sundays
 - Christmas Day
 - New Year's Eve Day
 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Good Friday

Local Banks Accepting Payments:

- Grafton State Bank – Grafton
- Ozaukee Bank – Grafton Location ONLY
- Cornerstone Community Bank – Grafton
- Port Washington State Bank – Grafton
- Bank Mutual – Grafton

Refund Information

Payments can be made at the listed banks anytime. They will be able to issue refunds on-site. Refunds for payments made at Town Hall will be issued at the next scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting.

Where is your Money Spent?

A guide to your taxes



State of Wisconsin	\$0.199
Ozaukee County	\$1.894
Town of Grafton	\$2.389
Milwaukee Area Technical College	\$2.081
Grafton School District**	\$11.319
Cedarburg School District**	\$10.455
Port Washington School District**	\$10.217

**School district where applicable. Most Town residents are in the Grafton School District. There are a few homes in the northeastern portion of the Town that are in the Port Washington/Saukville District. Cedarburg School district applies to a small portion in the southwestern corner.







Mutland Meadows in the Town of Grafton is a great place to let your dog run and relax. It's FREE too!

<u>Total Levy Amounts</u>	
Grafton School District	\$15.99
Cedarburg School District	\$15.13
Port Washington School District	\$14.89

Dog Licensing Information

Puppies should be registered by 5 months of age. Renewals are due by March 31, 2007. A late fee of \$5.00 will apply after that date.

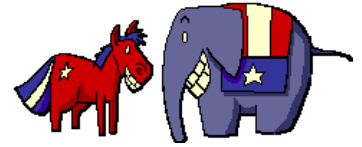
Please bring in a current Rabies Certificate. If mailing, enclose a copy of the rabies certificate, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope so we can send you the license and tag.

-  Spayed or Neutered Dogs \$5.00
-  Male or Female Dogs \$10.00
-  Multiple Dog \$35.00
-  Kennel License \$35.00

Clerk's Corner**Jessica Schmidt****(262)377-8500**

Hello Town of Grafton, my name is Jessica Schmidt and I am your new Town Clerk. A little about myself; I live in West Bend with my husband and daughter. I am originally from the Fox Valley area but love southeastern Wisconsin. My professional background is in banking which has made my career change to Town Clerk very smooth.

It has been an exciting year so far as I anticipate 2008 to be even more interesting. Please stop by and introduce yourself as I would love to meet all of you!



Presidential Election 2008

Remember to Vote!

Election Information

Spring 2008 Local Elections

Any Town resident interested in running for the position of Town Supervisor can pick up nomination papers at the Town Hall. Papers must be returned by January 2, 2008 for the spring election held April 1, 2008. Two Supervisor positions will be voted on for a two-year term. If you have any questions please call Town Hall at

Voter Registration

If you are not already registered to vote in the Town of Grafton, please try to register prior to election days by filling out and submitting the official Voter Registration EB-131 form. These are available at:

- Town Hall
- Town of Grafton website:
www.town.grafton.wi.us
Under the FORMS tab
- Wisconsin State Election Board website:
www.elections.state.wi.us
Go to the FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS tab.
Then choose EB-131.

2008 ELECTIONS DATES

- **February 17** Presidential Preference and Spring Primary
- **April 1** Spring Primary
- **September 9** Partisan Primary
- **November 4** General Election

HAVA Voting Maching

Help America Vote Act has required each municipality to be equipped with a HAVA compliant voting system. This machine provides accessibility to all voters. Voters who are visually-impaired or with unique accessibility requirements can now vote with independence and privacy. It provides an easy to use touch-screen with large print and many options to verify your vote.



Are you registered to vote? Stop at the Town Hall and find out.

Town of Grafton Officials

Town of Grafton

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P.O. Box 143
Grafton, WI 53024

PHONE:
(262) 377-8500

FAX:
(262) 377-0332

E-MAIL:
clerk@town.grafton.wi.us

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.town.grafton.wi.us

Chairman	Lester Bartel	375-0236
Clerk	Jessica Schmidt	377-8500
Deputy Clerk	Lila Schwan	377-8500
Treasurer	Jan Strachota	377-8500
Building Inspector	Rick Fellenz	377-1087

Board of Supervisors

Nancy Rogers	375-1141
Paul Helms	375-4356
Tim Kaul	377-6999
Tom Grabow	377-7650

Plan Commissioners

Karron Stockwell	377-7472
Bob Clapper	375-3743
Lou Hefle	377-7212
Bob Wolf	377-7409
Mike Ansay	376-0496
Lyle Sperber	377-3680
Alt. Craig Butler	377-1046

Meeting Reminders: Public is Welcome!

Plan Commission Meetings:	1 st Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.
Town Board Meeting:	2 nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.
Open Space Commission:	4 th Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.

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