



Town of Grafton Times

DECEMBER 2008

Special Interest Articles:

- Recycling News
- Building Inspection Reminders
- Optional Well Testing

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Message from Chairman Bartel

This past year we have seen a number of significant projects completed in the Town. One project is referred to as "codification". The Town took all of the diverse codes, ordinances, and regulations of the Town and put them into one book that is now the official Town Code. It was a large project that required many hours of work by Town staff, supervisors, and commissioners. The result is a document in a modern, user-friendly format and will serve the Town for many years to come. Another large undertaking was "Smart Growth". This was legislated by the State and required the drafting of new protocols and procedures to comply with the State's requirements to allow the Town to determine our own destiny with regards to development issues.

The Town also finished installing new address markers that match those of surrounding communities. These markers not only make it easier for people to find your residence but were fully endorsed by the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department and the Ozaukee County Sheriffs Department as a better tool to locate you in the event of an emergency. Unfortunately, there are a few instances of people who removed the markers. Because of this, I need to remind everyone the markers were installed as a safety feature for all residents. To alleviate personal responsibility of the markers they are and will remain **Town Property and are placed in the Town Right of Way, not on personal property.** Anyone removing them is guilty of destroying Town property and is in violation of the ordinance that requires them. During the annual road tour the Town will inspect for any removed address markers. Removed markers will be replaced at full cost to the property owner and the Town will prosecute following provisions stated in the ordinance. Removal of address markers is no different than removing a speed limit or stop sign. If you know of someone in your neighborhood that has done this, please gently remind them of the potential consequences. Also, any damaged or stolen signs should be reported immediately for a prompt replacement.

As we look into the future it has become absolutely necessary for the Town to pursue development of its commercial zoning areas. Without this commercial base it will be extremely difficult for the Town to remain financially stable. Our ordinances, zoning codes and building standards give us the tools to require attractive and complimentary buildings and uses that will blend in with our residential base.

All of us at the Town hall wish everyone in the Grafton Community a wonderful Holiday season and welcome any input that will help us serve you better. It is the people of this community, like you, who make it a great place to live and raise our families.

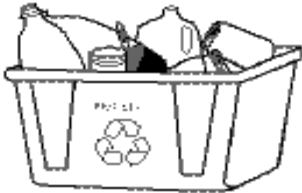
Lester Bartel Jr.
Town Chairman.

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 or Veolia at (800)-387-0949.

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

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours -- or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.

If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save about 25,000,000 trees a year.

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 and Arrow Disposal will pay you money for aluminum cans, copper, stainless steel, radiators, and brass.

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

❖ **Arrow Disposal** (262)284-1166 3860 Cty Rd H Port Washington, WI Will pay for recycled goods such as copper and aluminum. Call ahead for drop-off and fees of other items.

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 or around:

- **January 7, 2009**
- **January 14, 2009**

Please have them 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

1102 Bridge Street – Grafton, WI 53024

**Payments put in the mail slot next to the door will be credited the following business day.

December 15-19, 22, 26, 29, 30	9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
December 31, 2008	9:30 AM –12:00 PM
January 16, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31	9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
March 20, 26, 27, 30, 31	9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
May 15, 22, 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:

Harris Bank- Grafton locations
 1102 Falls Road & 1200 Washington Street
 Cornerstone Community Bank – Grafton
 Port Washington State Bank – Grafton
 Bank Mutual – Grafton

Refund Information

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

Well Water Testing

The Town of Grafton receives many inquiries for private well testing. The following information has been gathered on resident's behalf. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides great information for homeowners on their website. There is information about what a homeowner may have in their well water and facilities that offer testing. Another great option to purchase testing kits is through Health Goods. Their website is also listed below for information and purchasing. The kits can be ordered online, shipped directly to your home with instructions for sampling and how to submit the samples. The cost of the tests range from \$122.95 to \$152.95 plus shipping and handling.

WI Department of Natural Resources:

www.dnr.state.wi.us

Under Program Search enter: Drinking water and Groundwater

Health Goods:

http://www.healthgoods.com/shopping/Home_Test_Kits/Watercheck_Water_Quality_Test_Kit.asp

Or, at the home page choose Water Quality then Water Quality Testing Products.



Mutland Meadows in the Town of Grafton is a great place to let your dog run and relax.

It's FREE too!




Mutland Meadows

789 Green Bay Road
Across the street from
Lime Kiln Park

Dog Licensing

All licenses are valid from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Puppies should be registered by 5 months of age (WI Stat. §174.05). Renewals are due by March 31, 2009. A late fee of \$5.00 will apply after that date for late renewals, not for new licenses.

Please bring in a current Rabies Certificate which includes the vaccine manufacturer, expiration date, and vaccine serial number (WI Stat. §174.07). If mailing, enclose a copy of the rabies certificate, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive your license and tag in the mail.

-  Spayed or Neutered Dogs \$5.00
-  Male or Female Dogs \$10.00
-  Multiple Dog (up to 12 dogs) \$35.00

Clerk's Corner

Jessica Schmidt
(262)377-8500

It is hard to believe that 2008 is nearing its end. It seems like just yesterday I assumed my position as the new Clerk for the Town of Grafton. I have to say that it has been a pleasure working for such a wonderful community and I appreciate the warm welcome I have received from so many of you.

My first presidential election went off without a hitch! I would like to thank all of my election inspectors for their dedication and for making the day a success. On behalf of the Town, I would like to thank Francis Pierron for constructing and donating our new ward signs. They turned out beautifully.

With Technology advancing, so has the Town. Please visit our new website www.town.grafton.wi.us and take a look around. With many added features, we now have the ability to post important notices, activities, and events. We add new information daily, so check back often.

Congratulations are in order to Lester and Bonnie Bartel, Grafton Outstanding Citizens Award recipients, for their undying support and leadership in the community. Thank you for paving the way for our children! Your thoughtfulness and sincerity make Grafton a better place to live and work.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a blessed new year. ~ Jessica Schmidt

Election Information

Spring 2009 Local Elections

Any Town resident interested in running for the position of Town Supervisor or Town Chairman can pick up nomination papers at the Town Hall. Papers must be returned by January 2, 2009 for the spring election held April 1, 2008. Two Supervisors and Town Chairman will be voted on for a two-year term. If you have any questions please call Town Hall at 377-8500.

2009 ELECTIONS DATES

February 17	Primary
April 1	Election

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.



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

*Or, use the Wisconsin Election Board website:
<http://elections.state.wi.us>
Click on Voter Public Access*

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PHONE:
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FAX:
(262) 377-0332

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

We're on the Web!

See the new site at:

www.town.grafton.wi.us

View minutes, agenda, contact
information and newly added
FAQ's

Town of Grafton Officials

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
Tom Sykora	375-6165
Tom Grabow	377-7650

Plan Commissioners

Karron Stockwell	377-7472
Lou Hefle	377-7212
Bob Wolf	377-7409
Mike Ansay	376-0496
Lyle Sperber	377-3680
Alt. Jonathon Stevens	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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