



**GRAFTON**  
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# Town of Grafton Times

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## Message from Chairman Bartel

Hello to all of you! As we head into the New Year we are, as always, faced with many challenges. Living in a growing community that offers all of the opportunities and amenities that we have here in Grafton always presents obstacles to getting to where we want to be. There are some very good things happening despite the challenges. We opened a "non-motorized" boat launch on the Milwaukee River, on the north end of Town on Hwy O, which is getting much more use than we imagined. We have also now opened the first section of "multi-use" trail which translates to horses, walkers, and yes, dogs are allowed. We plan on someday having the trail connect the south end of Town to the Lion's Den. New housing starts are up substantially from last year and we are seeing more lot sales taking place. As a township, we need to continue to work to attract quality commercial development to our business districts to bring a better balance of business to residential to our tax base. We will be conducting a survey to see if there is interest in the Town buying into the Village's yard waste drop off facility. We estimate that the cost would be somewhere around \$15,000 per year or about \$.03 cents per thousand on our mil rate. I invite all of you to try to attend at least a couple of either Plan Commission or Board of Supervisors meetings in the next year. We appreciate your input and interest. Have a great Holiday Season. It is a privilege to serve as your chairman.

*Lester*

## Tax Collection

**Tax payments can be made at the following locations:**  
**Town Hall**, during regular business hours

\*A drop box is available next to the Town Hall office door; all payments will be deposited the next business day  
If paying by mail or drop box, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope if you would like a receipt sent to you

**Harris Bank** -Falls Rd and Washington Ave locations

**Cornerstone Bank**-Grafton

**Bank Mutual**-Grafton

**Port Washington State Bank**-Grafton

### Refund Information

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

### Town of Grafton

1102 Bridge Street

P.O. Box 143

Grafton, WI 53024

PHONE: (262) 377-8500

FAX: (262) 377-0332

### We're on the Web!

[www.townofgrafton.org](http://www.townofgrafton.org)

View minutes, agenda, contact information

### Town Hall Office Hours

Mon 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Tues 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Wed 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Thurs 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Fri 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Town Hall will be

**CLOSED** the following days:

Saturdays & Sundays

Christmas Day

New Year's Eve Day

Good Friday

Government Holidays

### Town Chairman

Lester A. Bartel, Jr.

### Town Supervisors

Nancy Rogers

Tom Grabow

Tom Sykora

Steve Schaefer

# Garbage and Recycling

**Veolia Waste Services 1-800-387-0949**

Garbage and recyclables must be out before 7:00 am on the day of pick up.

**Holiday pickup:** If a holiday falls on a weekend, garbage collection days will remain the same, if a holiday falls during a weekday, garbage collection will be delayed one day.

**Bulky items must be small enough for 1 person to handle and require a special pick up.** Please call Veolia to schedule.

**ALTERNATE DISPOSAL SITES**

CALL FOR PRICING, PICK-UP AND A COMPLETE LISTING OF ACCEPTED ITEMS




<b>PORT RECYCLING</b> <b>(262) 284-4060</b> 728 Schmitz Dr. Port Washington	Televisions, furniture, appliances, car batteries, etc.
<b>VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b> <b>(262) 243-8998</b>	
<b>OZAUKEE COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE</b> <b>(262) 483-8998</b> 1275 Mineral Springs Drive, Port Washington	<b>OPEN MONDAYS ONLY!</b> <b>See the Town's website for more information</b>
<b>ARROW DISPOSAL</b> <b>(262) 284-1166</b> 3860 CTY Rd H Port Washington	

**Brush, leaves and yard waste may be burned without a permit. Please be cautious and ALWAYS have a water source nearby.**

Christmas trees will be picked up by the Ozaukee County Highway Department January 5, 2011 and January 19, 2011

# Dog Licensing

All licenses are valid from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> each year, regardless of when purchased. Puppies should be registered by 5 months of age (WI Stat. §174.05). Renewals are due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. A late fee of \$5.00 will apply for renewals after that date. 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 Dogs                                                      \$35.00

Get basic assessment information online at [www.assessordata.org](http://www.assessordata.org)

You will need the property address or the tax key number to access the information

## **What is Stormwater Runoff?**

Stormwater runoff is the portion of rain that does not infiltrate into the ground. Rain that falls on hard surfaces like streets, parking lots, rooftops becomes runoff and flows directly into storm drains and ditches that empty into our streams, rivers and lakes. In most areas, stormwater runoff enters these waters without being cleaned of pollutants.

During a storm, rain runs off of saturated or hard surface areas and picks up and mixes with things like:

- Oil, grease, metals and coolants from vehicles
- Fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals from gardens and homes
- Bacteria from pet wastes and failing septic systems
- Soil from poor construction site practices
- Soaps and detergents from car washing

The way to protect and clean our waterways is to make sure only rain – and nothing else – goes into the storm sewers and ditches.