



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

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MEETING PACKETS, PUBLIC  
HEARING NOTICES, & MORE!

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**See below: Did You Know?**

**TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAYS - THURSDAYS**

8:30am – 4:30pm

**FRIDAYS**

8:30am – 12:00pm

Closed Fridays –

June thru September

**ONLINE TAX BILLS &  
RECEIPTS**

[www.co.ozaukee.wi.us](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us)

CLICK ON "GOVERNMENT"  
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**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP**

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON

**JANUARY 4, 2021**

AND

**JANUARY 18, 2021**

**2021 ELECTION DATES**

**FEBRUARY 16 – SPRING PRIMARY**

**APRIL 6 – SPRING ELECTION**

**2021 ROAD PROJECTS**

# TOWN OF GRAFTON ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

2020 EDITION

## 2020 HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

**CLOSED on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve & New Year's Day**

**December Holiday Office Hours:**

**December 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30am to 4:30pm**

## 2020 TAX BILL COLLECTION

**TAX PAYMENTS CAN BE TO BE MADE AT ONE OF 3 PLACES:**

**1) TOWN OFFICE (1102 BRIDGE STREET)**

Taxpayers because of COVID-19 please pay attention to amount of people in the office when paying in person. Please feel free to use our drop box by the Bridge Street entrance door for helping Social distance this Tax Season. All payments placed in the drop box 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 mailed receipt.

**2.) CORNERSTONE BANK – 2090 WISCONSIN**

**3.) PORT WASHINGTON STATE BANK – 2080 WASHINGTON STREET**

Both Banks will CONTINUE TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS during Covid-19,

**Through DRIVE THRU's ONLY!**

They will collect IN FULL PAYMENTS OR 1<sup>st</sup> INSTALLMENTS

DECEMBER through JANUARY 31, 2021: please be courteous if drive thru's are busy.

Also remember if your Escrow check is more than tax bill, the banks can give you cash back right away. If paid at Town Office, we will need a few days to process a refund check.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS:** 2020 Taxes may be paid on the Town's website

([www.townofgrafton.org](http://www.townofgrafton.org)) by using a **MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express** credit card. Please note that there is a convenience fee for this payment option – 2.39% of the total amount being charged to your card. **E-Checks** may also be used for fee of \$1.50.

## OBTAINING A DOG LICENSE

All dog licenses are valid from January 1st through December 31st each year, regardless of when purchased. Puppies should be registered by 6 months of age (WI Stat. §174.05). Renewals are due by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, and 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/NEUTERED DOGS: \$5.00 🐾UNALTERED DOGS: \$10.00 🐾MULTIPLE DOGS: \$35.00

## DID YOU KNOW...?

**Your Town Office shares news about the Town with residents via EMAILS or TEXTS!!!**

Our Town's 2020 population is 4,227 with approximately 3,380 registered voters and to date we only have about 460 residents who take advantage to our Email/Text information.

**Please take time to go to our website – TODAY at [www.townofgrafton.org](http://www.townofgrafton.org)**

Click on the red button named **Subscribe to Emails** at lower right side of home page.

Next **fill in your name, address & email**. Only put in phone number if you prefer a text message. Next **Select the Topics to Subscribe to** – you may only want **News & Notices and Spotlights** (these are important notices about closings of office & roads, garbage pickup delays or cancellations, new businesses and all important information) scroll down and mark just those 2. If you want to know about meetings & agendas mark everything. Select if you want information by Email or Text and be sure to **hit the SUBSCRIBE button on left side** at the bottom.



**FROM THE DESK OF TOWN CHAIRMAN,  
LESTER A. BARTEL, JR.**



Greetings from all of us at Town Hall. It would be an understatement to say that anyone would have imagined where we are today when I wrote this a year ago. We all send our sincere sympathies and thoughts to any of you who have been negatively affected by the virus. I also want to thank our Town staff both in house and contract for doing a yeoman's job of keeping the Town Hall and all our processes available, approachable, and as safe as possible.

Our election workers deserve an extra level of recognition. Presidential election years are the busiest we have with 4 election cycles to deal with. Everyone should be aware of the monumental increase in absentee (mail in) ballots that had to be handled this year. This involved many scores of hours of extra work and I am proud of all our election staff that we managed it professionally and accurately. If this trend continues there will have to be changes made in protocols to protect both the integrity of count and the health and welfare of election workers and inspectors. If you plan on continuing to use the absentee process, we urge you to exercise that option as early in the cycle as possible to allow us adequate time to process and catalog them for election day. If you are registering for the first time, please try to do that ahead of time as well.

We are happy to inform you that we have purchased a site for a Town Hall facility and that the development of site and building plans are in progress. I would hope to be ready to occupy this new facility by early Spring of 2022.

We are hoping that more of you who are interested in what is going on at the Town please sign up for email notifications. This is the fastest way for us to update you on things like delays in garbage and recycling pickup, snow plowing progress and anything else that is time sensitive. You can do this right from our website at [www.townofgrafton.org](http://www.townofgrafton.org) or call office and they will be happy to get you signed up.

The Town had another good year of growth from new construction both residential and commercial which has resulted in a decrease in the tax rate from \$2.41 last year to \$2.16 for this year. We continue to focus every available resource to the reconstruction of dated and deteriorated roadbeds. Our roads are our single most important physical asset and one of the keys to stable property values.

All of us on your Town Board, your commissions, and your office staff wish you all a Merry and Blessed Christmas season and a Happy and prosperous New Year. Let us continue to work together to get through this trying time by keeping ourselves and those around us as safe and healthy as possible. Also, please be aware of your neighbors who may need additional help if they are among the most vulnerable and offer help and assistance where possible.

Lester A. Bartel, Jr

Town Chairman

