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MEETING PACKETS, PUBLIC
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See below: Did You Know?

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS - THURSDAYS

8:30am – 4:30pm

FRIDAYS

8:30am – 12:00pm

ONLINE TAX BILLS & RECEIPTS

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us
CLICK ON "GOVERNMENT"
THEN "ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS"

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

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WILL TAKE PLACE ON
JANUARY 3, 2020
AND
JANUARY 13, 2020

2020 ELECTION DATES

FEBRUARY 18 – SPRING PRIMARY
APRIL 7 – SPRING & PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENC PRIMARY
AUGUST 11- PARTISAN PRIMARY
NOVEMBER 3 - GENERAL

2020 ROAD PROJECTS

CEDAR SAUK ROAD

TOWN OF GRAFTON ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

2019 EDITION

2019 HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

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

Christmas Office Hours:

**December 23rd, December 26th, December 27th, December 30th, January 2nd -->
8:30am to 4:30pm**

2019 TAX BILL COLLECTION

TAX PAYMENTS MADE AT THE TOWN OFFICE (1102 BRIDGE STREET, GRAFTON):

All in-person payments may be made during the Town Office hours (listed above); however, a drop box is available by the Bridge Street entrance door for after-hours payments. 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.

TAX PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT OTHER LOCATIONS FOR 1ST INSTALLMENTS ONLY:

2019 Tax Bills are payable at following banks through **January 31, 2020:**

Cornerstone Bank – 2090 Wisconsin Avenue, Grafton

Port Washington State Bank – 2080 Washington Street, Grafton

ONLINE PAYMENTS: 2019 Taxes may be paid on the Town's website (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.

IF YOUR ESCROW CHECK IS MORE THAN YOUR TAX BILL:

Refunds can be issued immediately when payments are made at Cornerstone Bank & Port Washington State Bank. Refunds for payments made at the Town Hall will be issued by check and may take up to a week.

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 31st 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 2019 population is 4,221 with approximately 3,380 registered voters and to date we only have about 300 residents who take advantage to our Email/Text information.

Please take time to go to our website – **TODAY** at 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.**



Holiday greetings from all of us at the Town Hall. You are of course receiving these greetings via your annual Thanksgiving/Christmas card informing you of your annual membership dues to us at the Town, the County, the School District and MATC. It may interest you to know that even though we at the Town send you your total membership dues, we only collect about 15% of it for Town operations.

We have been fortunate to see slow but steady growth in new construction in the Town which has allowed us to continue operations without raising taxes to cover ever rising expenses. Our focus is and has always been to rebuild our road system. Our largest budget expenditures are roads, garbage & recycling, and Fire & Rescue.

Keeping property taxes at a reasonable level involves paying a lot of attention to details and looking at the best options to get the most value for the money spent. A great example of this is the USS Liberty Memorial Library. The Town of Grafton operates the Library in partnership with the Village of Grafton. Operating costs are shared on a cardholder basis. The Library building itself was built through a community fundraising effort. I have always been proud to point out that more than half of the funds came from Town Resident donations. Library Director John Hansen is one of the most dedicated public servants I have ever had the opportunity to work with. He has consistently led the Library to constant growth and adaptation to changes in demographics and technology. He has done this while constantly keeping the Library budget below what the State thinks should be spent. If you haven't visited your Library yet make it a point to do so and thank John and his staff for doing a tremendous job.

You may have heard some rumbling about investing in a New Town Hall facility. We are on the search for right parcel of land that will be easily accessible and able to help us offer additional services that we are unable to do now like grass and brush drop off. We are not under any rush to leave where we are now. This is just more planning for the future. Any move will have to be a financial advantage to what we are doing now.

It is a pleasure for all of us to have the opportunity to serve you. If you haven't before stop in and pay your membership dues in person and meet your friendly and dedicated Town Staff. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest and joyous New Years.

Sincerely,

Lester Bartel, Jr.

Town Chairman.

