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

STOP BY FOR TOWN INFO,  
MEETING PACKETS, PUBLIC  
HEARING NOTICES, & MORE!  
**JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!!**

**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"  
THEN "ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS"

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP**

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON

**JANUARY 3, 2022**

AND

**JANUARY 17, 2022**

**2022 ELECTION DATES**

**FEBRUARY 15 – SPRING PRIMARY**

**APRIL 5 – SPRING ELECTION**

**AUGUST 9 – PARTISAN PRIMARY**

**NOVEMBER 8 - GENERAL**

**2022 ROAD PROJECTS**

TRAILWAY DR & TRAILWAY CRT  
EDGEWOOD & HILLSIDE  
SHADY LANE

# TOWN OF GRAFTON ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

2021 EDITION

## 2021 HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD – TOWN OF GRAFTON OFFICE **will be closed**  
**DECEMBER 23, 24 and after 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on December 31st**

## 2021 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**

You may pay in the Lobby or at the Drive thru. They will collect IN FULL PAYMENTS

OR 1<sup>ST</sup> INSTALLMENTS - DECEMBER through JANUARY 31, 2021

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...?

For those of you who are TECH SAVVY and want to know as soon as your Tax Bill is posted & or paid – you can NOW SIGN UP to received either an email or text directly through Ozaukee County as soon as these things happen. See Below:

Tax Bill Text/Email Notification Program Sign Up Page:

<https://www.ascent.co.ozaukee.wi.us/AscentNotifications/index.html>

Tax Bill Text/Email Notifications Instructions:

<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/14640/Text-Email-Notification-Program-Instruction>



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



Season's Greetings and Blessings to everyone in the Town. This last year has been overall a good one for the Town. While as individuals many of us have been negatively affected by the Covid Virus, the Town as an entity has had a good year. This year's road reconstruction projects included Edgewater Drive and Indian Hills Drive. We have scheduled Trailway Rd & Ct Shady Ln, Edgewood & Hillside for 2022 reconstruction.

The new Town Hall project has hit some road bumps as estimated building costs have exceeded budgeted amounts mostly due to the dramatic increase in material expenses. As we have further evaluated the site we purchased, getting it "build ready" was also a budget challenge. We are looking at putting the property back on the market either as a whole or in parcels. There is still a chance that we could use some of it but we are open to looking at other sites as well.

We will be changing garbage/recycling carriers starting with the New Year which is covered in another part of the newsletter.

Our building inspector Rick Fellenz will be retiring in June. All of us wish Rick and Jane a happy and enjoyable retirement. We thank him for his years of service to the Town. We have never had one complaint about him in the 20 plus years he has been our inspector. We will find another inspector, but Rick will never be replaced.

Despite some cost increases with garbage/recycling and some capital work on the USS Liberty Memorial Library, our budget as remained stable due to steady growth in new construction. Increasing costs for Fire and Rescue will continue to present a budget challenge going forward.

The reconstruction of I43 has brought attention to Town as at least one and possible two sites for concrete batch plants to be located here during construction time. They can only go on land that is Zoned M-1 must receive permission from the plan commission to operate.

Our Town Staff continues to be our greatest asset in serving you our stockholders in the Town. This year saw the retirement of Lila Schwan who worked for us for 20 years. Bonnie and Rick are now the veterans of the office as we welcomed Sara Jacoby to be our New Town Clerk starting in January of this year. We on the Town Board could not do our work without their dedicated and professional approach to their work. We will continue work to meet the challenges of the Town together.

These past two years have certainly reminded us that our families, neighbors, and friends are our greatest treasures. As we head into the Holiday Season let's all remember working together, we will continue to make the Town of Grafton the best place in the world live and raise families. All of us at the Town Hall wish all of you Happy Holiday Season and Blessings in the coming New Year.

*Lester*

