



**GRAFTON**  
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**WE'RE ON THE WEB- new**  
**address in 2022**

[www.townofgraftonwi.gov](http://www.townofgraftonwi.gov)

STOP BY FOR TOWN INFO,  
MEETING PACKETS, PUBLIC  
HEARING NOTICES, & MORE!

**Be sure to JOIN OUR EMAIL**  
**Notifications 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.ozaukeecounty.gov](http://www.ozaukeecounty.gov)  
CLICK ON "GOVERNMENT"  
THEN "ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS"

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP**

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WILL TAKE PLACE ON

**JANUARY 9, 2023**

AND

**JANUARY 16, 2023**

**2023 ELECTION DATES**

**FEBRUARY 21 - SPRING PRIMARY**

**APRIL 4 - SPRING ELECTION**

**2023 ROAD PROJECTS**

**Woodland & Crestview**  
**Drives**

# TOWN OF GRAFTON ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

2022 EDITION

## 2022 HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD - **TOWN OFFICE will be closed**

**Friday & Monday DECEMBER 23 & 26 as well as Monday, January 2nd 2023**

**We will be open for final December Tax Payments on Friday December 30<sup>th</sup> From**  
**8:30AM until Noon - ONLY.**

## 2022 TAX BILL COLLECTION

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

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

Please feel free to use our drop box by the Bridge Street entrance door if office is closed when you come to make a payment. 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 only - DECEMBER through JANUARY 31, 2023

**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:** 2022 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

## ARE YOU TECH SAVVY ??

- Would you like to know amount of your Tax Bill in late November instead of waiting for Tax bill to arrive?
- Or know we have posted your payment from your Bank Escrow?
- IF so, sign up for TEXT/EMAIL Notification Program directly through Oz County 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.**



Greetings from the Town Hall. Maybe it is the fact that I am more seasoned than many of those around me, that I seem to notice the beauty of how nature changes our landscape. This place where we have been so blessed to call home has specific beauties of all seasons. Trees flocked with snow in the winter, the blooming of spring flowers and greening of trees in the spring, the long days of warm sunshine making our forests, the river and lake so breathtaking to take in, and of course the fall brings the colors of the trees, the harvests of the fields, and cooler temperatures.

We have rivers to kayak, trails to walk, paths to bike and parks to enjoy. This little Town of Grafton is truly Gods Country in every aspect of the term. Forgive me for waxing sentimental.

During this year our building inspector Rick Fellenz retired after more than 22 years on the job. He is doing well and drops in occasionally to visit. Our new building inspector Jason Katz, who is a Town resident is doing a wonderful job of helping folks through the permitting process for their building projects. Bonnie and Sara are a great team in the office handling the bookkeeping, record keeping and all day-to-day operations of the Town.

We just completed another large election with 85% over turnout of almost 2800 votes cast, which includes hours of work handling 1000 of them being mailed out. Our election team of Bonnie, Toni Moegenburg and Sara do a great job of recruiting cheerful, skilled, and friendly election inspectors to keep this process running smoothly.

Our new trash and recycling contractor has made the transition a smooth one as we get very few complaints and when we do, they respond quickly. We are hoping to be able to occupy our new Town Hall facility by the end of 2023.

Consolidation of Fire and Rescue continues to be the front-line issue. As the demand for EMT and Paramedic services continues to grow the need for full time on call trained professionals does as well. This will result in higher costs going forward. While this will cost more going forward, please know that many lives have been saved because of much faster response times by better trained and better equipped people has been the result.

As you all know we are experiencing way above normal power outages. Almost all are caused by dead ash trees falling across power lines. Your Town Board has been proactive, spending over \$74,000 to date removing dead ash trees in the Town right of ways concentrating on areas that most threaten power lines. Contact your legislators to encourage the State to work with WE Energies to identify and remove threatening trees. This issue is only going to get worse until all of them are gone.

All of us in the office and on your Town Board wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Holiday season! Stop in the office anytime and say hi. There is a pretty good chance that if you pay your taxes in person that there may be home baked Christmas Cookies on the counter.

*Lester*

