



The Village Spotlight

A Publication of the **Village of Grafton** designed to provide the community with a snap shot of village life today.



*The Pride We Foster Today will
reflect upon the Pride We Have Tomorrow.*

A Message from Mayor Dave DiVencenzo



*Village of Grafton
Mayor David DiVencenzo*

Dear Grafton Residents,

On behalf of the entire Village leadership team, we sincerely hope that you enjoyed the State of the Village publication that was distributed to the community this past January. The entire Village can feel and experience the successes, but documenting them and promoting all that has been accomplished together, is an important part of the communications process. Thank you to the Department Directors for their diligence in keeping track of the various statistics that were presented. The community is always encourage to provide feedback.

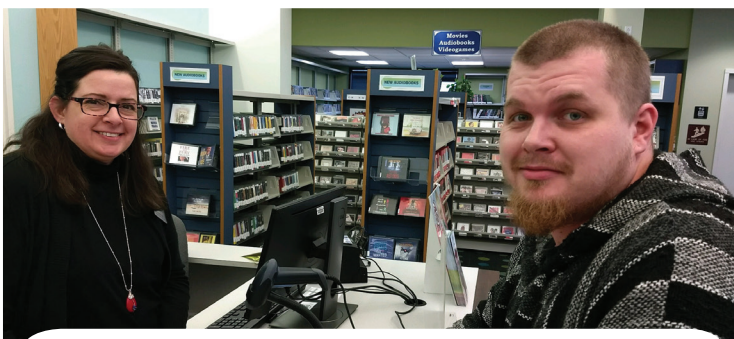
As mentioned in this prior publications, a Charter Review Commission is convening to review the Village Charter. As established in this foundational document for the community, the Mayor is called upon to convene a committee who has the expressed purpose to carefully review each section of the Charter and to make suggestions that would help make the Village thrive.

These individuals are sacrificing their time for the betterment of the entire community, and on behalf of the Village, I extend my gratitude to each them for their service. As the Charter Review Commission proceeds with its duty of reviewing and making suggestions, Village leaders will update the community with their proposals. Please stay tuned for more information.

The Village always wishes to thank and congratulate the new businesses that have come to town. The Village is able to operate due to the income tax collections we experience from their presence in our community, and I always like to take a moment to thank the business community for their decision to be part of Grafton. All businesses are invited to participate in the Greater Grafton Business Partnership and are encouraged to attend our meetings.

As we make our way through the late winter and early spring seasons, take comfort in knowing that the cold winter weather has limited days remaining and that warmer temperatures are right around the corner. We, in the Village administration, are always here to serve you so please feel free to contact us at any time. Thank you for the opportunity to lead this fine community.

Dave DiVencenzo
Mayor of Grafton Village



*Getting past the winter blues is easy when dropping by the
Grafton-Midview Public Library.*



*The Kiwanis organization is Back! Learn more by reading
the article inside on Page 2!*

Village of Grafton on Verge of Monumental Economic Development Opportunity

The Village of Grafton has kept a keen eye on identifying many economic development opportunities that will positively position Grafton, Lorain County and Northeast Ohio for many years to come. After all, part of the responsibility of any sound leadership team is making decisions for those we are commissioned to serve today, and to set the course for economic opportunity benefiting future generations of Grafton residents to follow. Such is the time for the Village of Grafton, which is on the verge of a monumental economic development opportunity that will powerfully benefit our community. This multi-phase opportunity essentially begins with the Village purchasing approximately 386 acres of land just North of the Lorain County Correctional Facility, land which was previously owned by the State of Ohio. The Village will then lease part of the property to a solar energy developer to construct a 3Megawatt Solar facility within the existing Village electric grid. This Phase I arrangement will create additional opportunities for the Village. First, more high-paying and sustainable jobs will be created strengthening the Village income tax base for decades to come. Second, as the "behind the meter" power will be generated within Grafton's incorporated limits, it will benefit Grafton Electric consumers with a reduction in transmission costs they pay for the power purchased as early as the summer of 2020. Additionally, there is the potential for stabilizing and lowering electric costs for all electric users within Grafton and by establishing a fixed rate for solar power through a Power Purchase Agreement spanning a 25-year term. This represents the start of the opportunities with more already on the drawing board! Phase II proposes expansion of the solar energy farm and possible development of an industrial park in the same area along Avon Belden Road.

An added benefit of the proposed industrial park, is that it stands to create hundreds of local jobs across the skilled labor force spectrum including corporate executive positions. Phase II will come about after the completion of Phase I and has the propensity to transform an area of the Village with no adverse impact on residential neighborhoods and transform land with limited income tax revenue and no real estate value into a powder keg of economic development expansion, growth and opportunity in the Village of Grafton. The pursuit of Phase I and Phase II is important to every resident and business owner in Grafton for a number of reasons. First, the establishment of an energy facility within our community will help stabilize their municipal utility costs while controlling the cost for delivering energy to consumers in the region. Second, more development means more jobs which means more revenue to the Village. With more revenue, the Village could provide added services to residents and enhance the overall experience of living in the Village. Third, an opportunity such as this has the ability to showcase the Village throughout Northeast Ohio and even the world. The byproduct could be the true creation of community image that spotlights Grafton as the most affordable place to live, work, own a business, visit and raise a family in Northeast Ohio. As the Village progresses forward with this proposal, please stay tuned for more information to come regarding Grafton's BRIGHT future. Thank you for your continued support of the Village.

Kiwanis is Back! Organization is Focused on Developing Future Leaders Among Children

Kiwanis is Back! With a revitalized mission of helping to prepare future generations of Midview area children with necessary leadership skills and community service values. Led by the spirited and passionate oversight of Current President Justis Clifford, President-Elect Melissa Janowski and Secretary Celeste Brلاس, the Midview Kiwanis officially reformed in August 2017 and presently has 22 members in the organization. When asking Current President Justis Clifford what the mission is, he quickly states, "it's for the kids." By this, Kiwanis purpose is to help cultivate future leaders, create and pursue community-based projects that are for the children of the Midview School District and promote a sense of giving back. The group is working with the Key Club at Midview High School and looks to create Builders Clubs at the Middle School and Elementary School for the purpose of developing the same traits among student who will be future leaders. "We want to be a group that students can positively plug themselves into," says Melissa Janowski. One project goal that the current group has is to restore the basketball courts at North Park. They have applied for grants and other outside funding, so that the kids can have a place to shoot hoops on repaved surface. The Kiwanis presently meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 12 noon at Village Hall, and again on the fourth Tuesday of every month between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at locations to be determined. "Come out and join our organization," says Celeste Brلاس. "You'll meet a group of dedicated people while helping to promote future generations of leaders." The club is open to any and all, and ask that you visit them on facebook/midviewkiwanis or by emailing Justis at jclifford@rossenvironmental.com or Melissa at melissajanowski@allstate.com. Look out community... ***Kiwanis is back!***

Some of the members of the revitalized Midview Kiwanis Club



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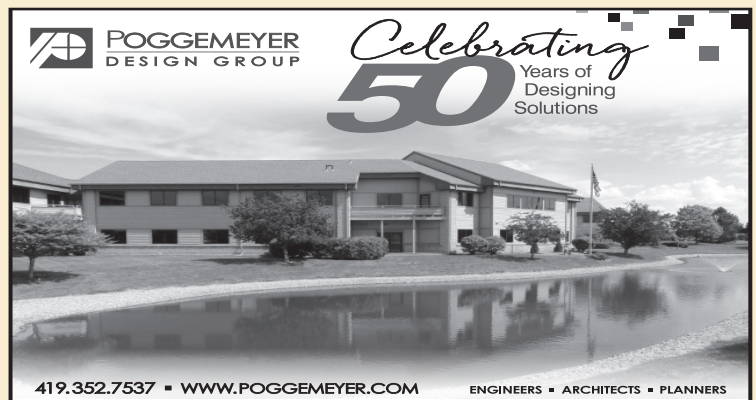
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2018 Infrastructure Projects UPDATE

2018 will be a busy and fruitful year for the Village of Grafton, particularly as it relates to roads and infrastructure project. Please be on the lookout for the following projects to get underway and completed in next several months:

- Main Street Water Loop Line Project:
- Elevated Water Tank Project
- Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project
- Water System Booster Pump Facility in front of Willow Park
- Expedite Oak Street Water Line and Reconstruction Project

Each of these projects will enhance the community for years to come. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Village at anytime!



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Upcoming Village Events



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Easter	2	3 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	18	19	20	21
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

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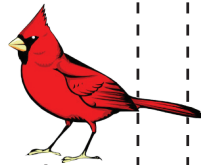
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