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TOWN HALL HOURS

ADMINISTRATION/PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/COURT

7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M to TH
Friday 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

***24-hour Absentee Ballot drop box
in entrance**

POLICE DEPARTMENT WINDOW

7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. M to F

***24-hour Police Phone and
payment drop box in entrance**

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PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM TO GO BEFORE THE VOTERS

After extensive discussion and careful evaluation of the current and future public safety needs within the Town of Grand Chute, the Town Board unanimously voted to move forward with a referendum question to be placed on the November ballot seeking a levy limit increase to fund an additional nine firefighter/paramedic positions (three personnel for each of the three rotating 24-hour shifts) for your Grand Chute Fire Department. This question, which will result in a levy increase of \$5.72 per month on a \$200,000 home, will allow the citizens of Grand Chute to voice their desires in relation to the level of public safety service their community receives, and supports the **top two priorities for improvement identified by citizen stakeholders in the GCFD 2017-2020 strategic plan which included delivering rapid emergency response and staffing to ensure personnel availability for these responses.**

As dedicated servants of our community, the decision to seek voter approval for this increase in the levy to fund these additional positions is not one which was taken lightly. Your Grand Chute Fire Department has and will continue to strive to provide excellent service to the citizens and visitors of our municipality while maintaining the utmost level of fiscal responsibility. With that, increasing service demands in the form of growing numbers of calls for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services (EMS),

simultaneous calls for service, and additional inspections and risk reduction activities as a result of growth and development within the Town have contributed to an environment in which the maintenance of existing service levels will be challenging, if not impossible without additional personnel to meet these increasing needs.

The last public safety referendum question was posed to Grand Chute citizens in 2008 and subsequently resulted in the hiring of six firefighters upon its approval. As previously mentioned, there has been a significant increase in service demands since that referendum was approved more than ten years ago. **In 2019, your Grand Chute Fire Department responded to 2,272 calls for service, representing a 62% percent increase since the 2008 total of 1,404.** The number of concurrent calls – when two or more emergency incidents are being addressed simultaneously – has also increased significantly. **In 2019, GCFD had 267 overlapping calls representing a 126% increase when compared to 2008 figures.** This is particularly significant due to the fact that the GCFD currently has only two pieces of fire apparatus staffed each day, meaning that every instance in which there are overlapping calls there are no additional resources to send on subsequently occurring emergencies,

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leaving the Town unprotected and increasingly reliant on our neighboring fire departments to assist, which results in extended response times.

In addition to emergency incidents, **the number of scheduled public education events has increased 71% from 63 in 2008 to 108 in 2019.** Your Fire Department and Town leadership are concerned about how these service demand increases stretch the personnel availability for emergency incidents and compromise their ability to continue to perform the community risk reduction efforts that have resulted in below average injuries, deaths, and dollar loss values in the Town. **The effectiveness of these proactive risk reduction efforts is demonstrated by the fact that there has not been a civilian fire fatality in Grand Chute since 1977.** The additional staffing which would be afforded to our community via the successful passing of the proposed referendum would assist in preserving the abilities of your Grand Chute Fire Personnel to continue to prevent those types of tragic outcomes not felt in our community for more than 40 years.

Since the 2008 referendum, your Grand Chute Fire Department has added single firefighter positions occasionally as the budget has allowed. Given the experienced and projected growth within the Town, the current and future needs require the addition of another three-person crew across all three shifts similar to the result of the 2008 staffing additions. With this, the staffing minimum will grow from 2 three-person crews who currently staff a minimum of one engine and either another engine or the ladder truck depending on the type of call to 3 three-person crews to staff two engines and the ladder truck at all times. **The addition of a third crew at all times will show immediate benefits to GCFD's coverage of the increasing call volume, the simultaneous calls, and the situations when an incident requires more than one crew or apparatus to address the issue.** Additionally, the staffing of the ladder truck 24-hours a day will enhance civilian and firefighter safety by facilitating the expedient arrival of personnel on the scene to fires, accidents, and other

emergencies requiring significant commitment of resources.

Last but certainly not least, this referendum includes the request to hire firefighter/paramedics as opposed to our current practice of hiring of firefighter/EMTs. **This will allow your Grand Chute Fire Department to provide advanced life support (ALS) care to the community immediately upon our arrival at medical emergencies, ensuring our community receives the highest standard of care in their time of need, while simultaneously strengthening the capability and capacity of our EMS system and longstanding partnership with Gold Cross Ambulance.** This increase in service level will result in the Town's residents and visitors receiving emergency medical care from providers trained at the highest level faster than before, ensuring they "experience better" prehospital care. **The cost difference within this referendum request associated with hiring firefighter/paramedics as opposed to firefighter/EMTs equates to 68 cents of additional levy annually based on a \$200,000 home.**

Your Grand Chute Fire Department exists to protect the health and safety of our community through an all-hazards response model utilizing dedicated personnel who are trained and equipped to provide excellent fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical care. Your Grand Chute Fire Department is dedicated to proactively addressing as well as responding quickly, professionally, and compassionately to the evolving needs of our community and are honored and humbled to do so each and every day. The Town Board has approved this referendum question to allow you, the citizens, to determine how your fire department will meet these current and future challenges associated with the increasing service demands which have accompanied the growth our Town has experienced over the last decade, and we are thankful for their consideration in doing so. Should you have any questions regarding the referendum question, emergency operations, or anything else pertaining to the services your Grand Chute Fire Department provides, please don't hesitate to stop by Fire Station One, or contact Fire Chief Bantes at (920) 832-6050, or timothy.bantes@grandchute.net.

2021 DOG TAGS

As a reminder, the licensing year for dogs is January 1 – December 31, and licenses for 2021 will be available the second week in December 2020.

NOTE: We are required to see the rabies certificate each year - a copy is not kept on file at the Town Hall.

License fee:

*Spayed or Neutered: \$6.00

*Not Spayed or Neutered: \$11.00

*Service Dogs: no fee upon application

*Kennel Licenses are available for an owner with more than

three dogs, and a Special Exception Permit shall be filed with Community Development for review and consideration (application available on our website under Find a Form)

How to obtain a license:

By mail: include the completed application (found on our website under Find a Form), rabies vaccination certificate, proof of sterilization, the appropriate payment, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Once your license has been processed, your certificate and new license will be mailed back.

At the Administration window: bring in your rabies vaccination certificate and proof of sterilization, along with the appropriate payment.



2020 PROPERTY TAX BILLS



December is fast approaching, and with that comes property tax season. Grand Chute's tax bills will be mailed by Outagamie County before the third Monday in December. As a taxpayer, you have the option of paying your tax bill in full, or in two

installments. Should you choose to pay in two installments, the first installment or the full payment is due to the Town by January 31, 2021, and the second installment is due to Outagamie County by July 31, 2021.

Ways to pay your taxes:

- **Grand Chute Town Hall:** open Monday to Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Friday 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (holiday hours may differ)
- **Drop Box:** located in the Town Hall entrance – available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

- **Online:** <https://www.grandchute.net/government/page/make-a-payment/>
2.20% convenience fee for a credit card
\$0.25 convenience fee for an e-check
- **Mail:** Grand Chute
Attn: Tax Collection
1900 W. Grand Chute Blvd.
Grand Chute, WI 54913-9613
- **Bank:** locations will be listed on your tax bill

Note: Failure to pay any installment in full by the specified due date, will result in the full tax bill becoming due, and interest and penalties will be assessed.

If you do not receive your tax bill in the mail, or it gets misplaced, you can print a copy from the Outagamie County website: <http://ascent.outagamie.org/LandRecords> .

POLICE ACQUIRE DRUG TESTING TECHNOLOGY THROUGH LOCAL GRANT

The Town of Grand Chute has experienced an increase in calls for service for trafficking of methamphetamines, heroin, and emerging threats like fentanyl, which are negatively affecting our community. Narcotic investigations are becoming a routine part for our patrol officers' duties. Dealing with these substances, many of them unknown, is incredibly dangerous. Over the past couple years, Wisconsin has had eight officers exposed to fentanyl alone.

The most commonly used testing method is over 45 years old, which is a destructive, presumptive test of unknown substances. This testing method contributes to the safety issues that are present in dealing with these controlled substances, because it requires removal of the unknown substance from its packaging. New technology has entered the arena for law enforcement. One particular product is the TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer, which enables officers to accurately and safely identify a wide range of narcotics, synthetic drugs, precursors and cutting agents by simply aiming and shooting a Raman technology laser into the suspected chemical powder, liquid, solid, or tablet/pill. This is often times done without having to remove the substance from packaging.

Because of the safety issues and new technology available, the Grand Chute Police Department applied and received a grant from the Capital Credit Union Elevate Communities program for the TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer. Grand Chute shares this device with all local agencies that request it. It has been in use since June and has identified the following substances: Heroin, Fentanyl, Alfentanil, Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Buprenorphine, Alprazolam, Gabapentin, and Oxycodone. The TruNarc is a valuable tool that helps keep our local law enforcement officers safe from accidental and potentially fatal exposures to these substances.

On behalf of all area law enforcement officers, the Grand Chute Police Department extends sincere appreciation to Capital Credit Union for their financial contribution to obtain this technology.



COPING WITH 2020

Pandemics sure can be stressful. Whether it is the financial pressure that comes with now living off of unemployment, the constant worry about the upcoming school year, or simply the fear and anxiety that comes with a new disease, we are all feeling some sort of mental and/or emotional impact from COVID-19. Masking up, social distancing, and quarantine, while help protect us from this virus, also contribute to the increased stress and anxiety and can leave people feeling isolated without their strongest support systems.

STRESS FROM A PANDEMIC CAN SOMETIMES CAUSE:

- Fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones, your financial situation or job, or loss of support services you rely on.
- Changes in sleep or eating patterns.
- Difficulty sleeping or concentrating.
- Worsening of chronic health problems.
- Worsening of mental health conditions.
- Increased use of tobacco, and/or alcohol and other substances.

SELF-CARE ISN'T SELFISH

Caring for others and helping those you care about is a healthy way to cope with stress. However, how can you expect to care for others if you first haven't taken proper care of yourself? Some of the best ways to cope with the stress and anxiety caused by COVID-19 are to:

- Learn about COVID-19, what to do if you are sick, and where and how to get treatment
- Be cognizant of and take care of your emotional health.
- Take breaks from reading, watching, or listening to news stories, including those on social media.
- Take care of your body by getting plenty of sleep, eating healthy and well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, and avoid excessive alcohol and tobacco use.
- Find hobbies you enjoy and make time to do them.
- Reach out to those you trust and share your concerns and how you are feeling
- Utilize technology to connect with your community or faith-based organizations.

There are plenty of resources here in the Fox Valley to help you along the way. One of the best online resources available is the MyConnectionNEW.org website. This website is a one-stop shop for mental health and substance abuse information, resources, and service navigation in Outagamie, Brown, Calumet, and Winnebago Counties.

Information obtained from www.cdc.gov

AVOID LONG LINES ON ELECTION DAY!

Absentee voting is a great way to avoid long lines on Election Day and still have your vote counted. Beginning January 1st of every year, you can request an absentee ballot be mailed to you for the entire calendar year. Once we have your request on file, we will mail your ballot to you as soon as the ballots are available and we even pay for the return postage!

Here is a list of ways you can request an absentee ballot:

- Online by visiting myvote.wi.gov
- Print off the absentee request form from Grand Chute’s website (include copy of photo ID)
- Fill out a request form in our office
- Send us a letter requesting an absentee with a copy of your photo ID (not a selfie)

A few moments of your time now can save you from standing in long lines on Election Day.



ELECTION NEWS

We will again be combining the Town Center Park (wards 15-18) and Town Hall (wards 1-3) poll locations due to COVID19 for the November election. These two locations will vote at Town Hall. Voters in wards 4-14 will continue to vote at Appleton Alliance Church.

The Clerk’s Office will have in-person absentee voting during the following dates/times:

Tuesday, October 20 thru Thursday, October 22
7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 23
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 26 thru Thursday, October 29
7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 30
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NEW ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOX

A ballot drop box provides a secure and convenient means for voters to return their absentee ballot. Voters may deposit their ballot in the Grand Chute absentee drop box at any time after they receive it in the mail up until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. This absentee ballot drop box located at 1900 W. Grand Chute Boulevard in the Town Hall entry, is open 24 hours 7 days a week. Only absentee ballots for Grand Chute voters can be returned in this drop box.

Before you deposit your ballot in the drop box make sure you signed the envelope as the voter, had a witness sign, and completed the witness's address. A witness can be a spouse, significant other, roommate, or any U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older!



POLL WORKERS NEEDED!
 CONTACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR MORE
 INFORMATION AT ELECTIONS@GRANDCHUTE.NET
 OR BY CALLING 920-832-5644

COVID-19 Risk Index

Risk levels for exposure vary based on four main factors:

 **Enclosed space**

 **Duration of interaction**

 **Crowds**
 Density + challenges for social distancing

 **Forceful Exhalation**
 Sneezing, yelling, singing, coughing



Low

- Staying at home
- Walking outdoors
- Running or biking
- Picking up takeout food, coffee, or groceries
- Outdoor picnic or porch dining

Low / Medium

- Playing "distanced" sports outside
- Grocery shopping
- Retail shopping

Medium

- Medical office visit
- Dentist appointment
- Taking a taxi or a ride-sharing service
- Museum
- Outdoor restaurant dining

Medium / High

- Exercising at a gym
- Hair / nail salon and barbershops
- Working in an office
- Indoor restaurant or coffee shop

High

- Indoor party
- Playing contact sports
- Air travel
- Public transportation
- Concert
- Religious services
- Movie theater or live theater
- Watching sports
- Bars and nightclubs

Adopted from COVID-19 RECOVERY Consulting, www.covid19reopen.com, Ezekial J. Emanuel, MD, PhD Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania / James P. Phillips, MD, EMT-T George Washington University / Saskia Popescu, PhD, MPH University of Arizona/George Mason University

MULTIPLE GRANT AWARDS TO THE GRAND CHUTE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

The Grand Chute Fire Department wants to thank the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, Country Financial, and the We Energies Foundation for their generosity to our operations! The Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) is a national nonprofit organization formed in 1996 to inform the public about the life-saving value of home fire sprinkler protection. HFSC (homefiresprinkler.org) offers accurate, noncommercial information about installed home fire sprinkler systems - how they work, why they provide affordable protection and answers to common myths and misconceptions about their operation.

HFSC in partnership with State Farm awarded GCFD a \$500 stipend to increase home fire sprinkler education through our annual Safety Day side-by-side demonstration (see associated article about Safety Day in 2020). This summer, Donna Holewinski, the local agent for Country

Financial, selected the Grand Chute Fire Department to receive funding from the company's Operation Helping Heroes program. GCFD was awarded a \$1500 grant that will be used to purchase StoveTop FireStop devices, smoke alarms, and carbon monoxide alarms for targeted distribution in the Town supporting our fire and life safety efforts. The most recent and largest grant was awarded by the We Energies Foundation from their Rewarding Responders program. GCFD will use this \$2,000 grant to purchase two new multi-gas detectors (description featured in the January 2020 newsletter) used in response to incidents like natural gas smells, carbon monoxide alarms, and structure fires.

Thank you again to all of these local and national organizations for assisting us in continuing to provide you excellent risk reduction and response services.

ANNUAL "JESSE PICKETT" FAMILY SAFETY DAY 2020

Usually, this newsletter would include a "Save the Date" notice for our annual Family Safety Day open house event to invite you to visit our station to take part in some fun activities and to learn more about our operations, important safety information, and the many resources in your community. However, GCFD will not be holding the traditional Safety Day on September 12th out of caution for everyone's safety during these unusual circumstances. Watch for several fun and educational virtual safety activities during national Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2020! What might you see virtually during that week?

- ◆ Side-by-side home fire sprinkler demonstration
- ◆ Station tours
- ◆ Fire safety presentations
- ◆ And more!



Please also plan to join us for an even bigger and better "Jesse Pickett" Family Safety Day on Saturday, September 11, 2021, also the 20th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001!

RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT CHIEF SCHOMMER

After more than three decades of selfless service to the citizens and visitors of Grand Chute, Assistant Chief Brian Schommer closed the books on a storied career dating back to 1988 when he was hired as one of the department's first full-time employees. As a passionate advocate for fire prevention, Brian is well known throughout the Fox Valley for his diligent efforts dedicated to reducing the tragic loss of life and property from fire through proactive public education and risk reduction activities. A true pioneer of the organization, he is the second career member of the Grand Chute Fire Department to retire.



Reflecting on Chief Schommer's years of exemplary service, we must seize the opportunity to respectfully express our most sincere gratitude to his family who graciously "shared" him with our organization and the community throughout his career. While firefighters are sworn to serve, the silent sacrifices made by their loved ones are seldom recognized. To Dianne, Alex, Nick, and Michael: Thank you for supporting him as he helped countless others in their times of need. You and all the others like you represent the true heroes of the fire service.

While a unique void will be created by his departure, the impact Chief Schommer had on the Grand Chute Fire Department will be felt for years to come, perpetuated through the work of those who had the honor to serve alongside him as he exercised integrity, compassion, and humility in all of his actions. Please join us we celebrate the career of Assistant Chief Schommer and congratulate him on his retirement! We wish you and your family all the best!

SERVE UP FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN™

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years. This year's campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" is designed to educate everyone about simple but important actions you can take to keep yourself and those around you safe.

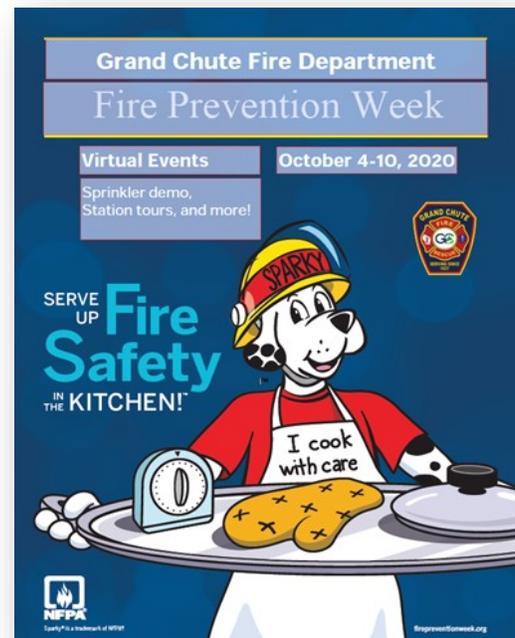
Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

Here are important safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire.

- Never leave cooking food unattended!
 - * Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, *even for a short time*, turn off the stove.
 - * If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.

- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool. NEVER put water on an oil or grease fire.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Watch our Facebook page and our new YouTube channel for more about cooking and other fire and life safety topics during Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10!



Toy Safety

In 2020, people are spending more time at home and toys at home are probably getting more use. Holiday season and gift giving time are also coming up fast. Here are some tips for toy safety from SafeKids Worldwide!

Find the Perfect Toy for the Right Age

- Consider your child's age when purchasing a toy or game. Read the instructions and warning labels to make sure the toy is just right for your child.
- Check to make sure there aren't any small parts or other potential choking hazards before you settle on the perfect toy.
- Separate toys by age and keep a special eye on small game pieces that may be a choking hazard for young children.

Toys intended for older children may pose a risk to younger, curious siblings.

Don't Forget a Helmet for Riding Toys

- If your children have their hearts set on a new bike, skateboard, scooter or other riding equipment, be sure to include a CPSC certified helmet to keep them safe while they're having fun.

Store Toys After Play

- Use a bin or container to store toys when playtime is over. Make sure there are no holes or hinges that could catch little fingers.

Sign Up to Receive Product Recalls

- Check these resources for excellent information about product recalls: [safekids.org/sign-childrens-product-recalls](https://www.safekids.org/sign-childrens-product-recalls) and [recalls.gov](https://www.recalls.gov)

TOWN CENTER PARK RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Town Center Park is 23.8 Acres, located at 1850 W. Grand Chute Boulevard, north of the Town Hall.

We offer three room rental options: Room A-capacity 40; Room B-capacity 80, Rooms A&B- capacity 120.

Rental of Room B or Rooms A&B include access to the kitchen, offering amenities such as a refrigerator, hand sink, wash sink, prep table, microwave, and freezer. The gas grill is available for an additional deposit. The large patio is also included. (Room A includes the small patio.)

Outdoor amenities include a patio, children's playground, picnic tables, walking trails, and open green space for activities.

For more information regarding pricing and availability please visit our website, www.grandchute.net under Parks & Recreation/Parks.

PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER



The Town has received numerous complaints of people not picking up pet waste on the trails.

There is more to pet waste than meets the eye. It is not only unpleasant to find, but carries bacteria that can cause beach closings and illness to humans.

PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL can prevent bacteria in our streams. Please carry small plastic bags when walking your dog, collect the droppings, tie a knot in the bag, and dispose of it properly. Do not throw pet waste down the sewer! At home, pick up your pet waste often. Even waste in your back yard can pollute waterways.



Thank you to our 2020 Park & Recreation donors!

- ◆ A1 Recyclers LLC
- ◆ Century 21 Ace Realty
- ◆ Gill & Gill S.C.
- ◆ Luv 2 Play
- ◆ Culvers Family Restaurant
- ◆ Ascend Chiropractic Institute, S.C.
- ◆ Christensen & Wisnet Inc.
- ◆ Sues Electronics, Inc.
- ◆ Floors By Roberts
- ◆ Valley Screenprint, Inc.
- ◆ Grand View Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
- ◆ Baye Dentistry
- ◆ Midwest Truck Service
- ◆ Omni Associates, Inc.
- ◆ Automated Comfort Controls
- ◆ Metal Products
- ◆ Mar Tet Leasing
- ◆ Urban Air Appleton

We would like to thank our most recent donors since December 2019, who will be added to the sign (pictured) located in the Community Building at Town Center Park, 1850 W. Grand Chute Blvd:

- ◆ Brent & Shawn Scott
- ◆ Jim & Jodi March family

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation towards this park, please complete the form below and return it with a check to the Town Hall.



Town Center Park Donation Opportunities

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____

Please select the option in which you are looking to donate:

- Park Friend (\$100)
- Park Ranger (\$1,000)
- Park Forester (\$250)
- Park Steward (\$2,500)
- Park Curator (\$500)
- Park Conservationist (\$5,000)
- Other \$ _____

Please print clearly the name to display on your plaque: _____
 Examples: Doe Family; In Memory of Jane Doe; John & Jane Doe

Make checks payable to: Grand Chute Parks and Recreation
 Mail or drop off this section with your check to the Town Hall Public Works counter:
 1900 W. Grand Chute Blvd., Grand Chute, WI 54913

Consider us for a tax deductible donation

TENNIS COURTS AT PATRIOT PARK



The Town is looking for your input on a new purpose for the tennis court at

Patriot Park. It is due for resurfacing next year and appears to have limited use. One option could be pickleball. There would be room to convert the tennis court into four pickleball courts.

Please provide your comments or suggestions at parksandrec@grandchute.net as to how we could convert this space into something more utilized by our residents.

WHIFFLE BALL AT ARROWHEAD PARK

The Town would like to recognize Cage Kavanagh in his efforts to raise the funds needed for the whiffle ball fence at Arrowhead Park. The Town budgeted funds were used to extend the fencing so the facility can also be used for tee ball. It is up and ready to use! Thank you for your contribution Cage!

WINTER TRAIL SYSTEM

Snow and ice are not removed from all trails within the Town. The heaviest used trail connections are kept clear of snow. At times, trails are confused with sidewalks. Trails designated by the Town Board are cleared of snow by the Town's Public Works crew within 24-hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on the trail. A map of maintained locations can be found on the Town website at <http://www.grandchute.net/departments/parks-recreation/trails/trail-information/>.



Leave your Leaves on Land

Fall leaves provide beautiful color on trees, but in local waters they contribute to green algae blooms - not so pretty.

Cleaning up your yard in the fall properly will help keep our local waters clean too! Read these tips. Post this sheet in your garage near your rakes. Working together to keep leaves out of the storm drain and out of local waters will help keep green on the land and out of the water.

KEEP YOUR LEAVES ON YOUR PROPERTY

A great way to make sure leaves do not end up in local waters is to keep them on your property!

Mulch leaves in place by making several passes over the leaves with a mulching mower. This will keep leaves on your lawn and provide it with nutrients it needs for healthy grass next spring.

Composting is recycling your lawn trimmings and turning them into a valuable resource for your garden or houseplants!

Collect leaves and spread them in garden beds or under shrubs. Here leaves provide valuable protection for plants through the winter.

COMPOSTING

Composting is recycling your lawn trimmings and turning them into a rich soil, known as compost - a valuable resource for your garden or houseplants.

Cold composting requires little maintenance but can take up to 2 years to complete. To create a cold compost pile, mix non-woody yard wastes and let them sit.

Hot composting requires regular maintenance such as turning and watering. Typically, compost can be reached in 1-3 months. To create a hot compost pile, layer or mix roughly equal amount of high nitrogen "Greens" (wet and soft materials, like grass clippings) and high-carbon "Browns" (dry and woody, like dead leaves) with 10% bulky materials (wood chips) to keep the pile loose.

All materials in the pile must stay moist, but not soaking wet. Add water to maintain conditions conducive to the composting process. Turn the pile often.

FLAKING & COLLECTION

If you decide to collect your leaves for removal from your yard, follow your community leaf collection policies and schedules. Put a tarp over leaf piles between pick-up times to prevent them from blowing away. Remove leaves and debris from the gutters and storm sewer outlets.

Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium
P.O. Box 1861 Appleton, WI 54912 | 920.858.4246

SIDEWALK SHOVELING ORDINANCE

If your property has sidewalks you, as the property owner, are responsible to clear the sidewalk of snow and ice. Town Ordinance 468 A(1)(2)(a)(b) requires that the sidewalks be cleared of snow and/or ice within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on said sidewalk.

If you see sidewalks that are not being cleared, you may call the Department of Public Works with the address and a notice will be sent to the property owner.

SNOW IN THE STREET

The Town's plow crews remove snow from the roadways as soon as possible after an event to maintain our streets in good winter driving condition. The plow drivers will clear the snow to the edges of the pavement and apply a deicer (salt) to begin the melting process. The process of plowing snow from the roads may create large snow banks on the road right-of-way and a windrow of snow across driveway aprons. Town Ordinance 398-5 prohibits snow from private property to be pushed

**Renew
Our Waters**
Every choice counts.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or letting fertilizer fall into the street drain. We can choose products carefully and shape our lawns and pavement so water sinks in. When we do, runoff is reduced, pollutants filter out and streams and groundwater are protected.

Untreated runoff is the biggest threat to our nation's water quality, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce that threat and improve water quality and our lives!

Realize

What touches the ground enters the water

THE TOWN DOES NOT HAVE LEAF PICK-UP. SEE THE YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE ARTICLE FOR LEAF DISPOSAL OPTIONS
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or blown onto the streets. If snow from driveways or parking areas is deposited onto the street or right-of-way, the Town may levy a fine and charge the property owner the cost of clearing the snow from the street.

SNOW PLOWING

Town crews typically do most of our snow plowing during the night hours. Please keep this in mind when placing your rubbish and recycling items out the night before pick-up.

The Town also has a winter parking ordinance that states no vehicles shall be left parked on the streets and right-of-way between Nov. 1 and April 1 of each year between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Please remember when plowing parking lots or long driveways that depositing snow on Town right-of-ways is prohibited. This blocks vision and can cause damage to Town equipment once the pile freezes. It is also against Town Ordinance to blow or shovel snow from your driveway

into the street. Either of these violations could result in a citation.

The Town’s Winter Maintenance Policy is available on the Town’s website. This policy outlines Grand Chute’s responsibilities and procedures for winter road maintenance, snow plowing and salt application.

MAILBOX DAMAGE

During the winter season mailboxes can become damaged if they are not in the correct location, at the correct height, or if snow piles up around them. Please make sure your mailbox is clear of snow. The snow plows push a large amount of snow and this can cause damage to the mailbox. The Town’s Winter Maintenance Policy is available on the Town’s website and provides details on mailbox placement and responsibility for damage. If your mailbox is damaged and you think a snow plow made physical contact with it, please call the Department of Public Works at (920) 832-1581. A field inspection by Town staff will determine if the damage was due to a plow or from the snow coming off of the plow.

BULKY / OVERFLOW REFUSE PICKUP

Monday, October 19 Thru Friday, October 23, 2020

The Town of Grand Chute will be offering free bulky/overflow refuse collection **on your collection day** during the above mentioned week. Advanced Disposal will have a separate truck in your service area picking up the bulky/overflow items starting at 6:00 a.m.

What is bulky/overflow pickup?

Bulky/Overflow pickup is a service the Town has contracted with Advanced Disposal for Grand Chute residents to place items that are too large to be placed in your garbage cart, such as broken furniture, a mattress, or a cabinet, curbside for collection.

Items of a size that are able to be placed/fit into your garbage cart will not be collected as overflow. This includes extra bags of garbage.

For bulky/overflow pickup, what is the allowable quantity that a resident can set curbside?

2 cubic yards of bulky items (about the size of four garbage carts) may be placed curbside over the course of bulky/overflow pickup. If your bulky items can be reused, consider donating to a local organization instead.

From start to finish, is bulky/overflow pickup completed in a one-week timeframe?

The bulky/overflow pickup route will vary each time. This is dependent on the amount of bulky/overflow material set curbside, which can take as long as two weeks if needed. Regardless, contents are to always remain curbside until collection efforts are completed.

What if I have Bulky Items that are not accepted during bulky / overflow week or I would like to have them picked up outside of the pre-scheduled bulky / overflow weeks?

Advanced Disposal offers bulky item pick-up for certain items not accepted during bulky / overflow week or for large volume pick-ups throughout the year. This service is coordinated directly between the property owner and Advanced Disposal and is at the property owner's expense. Items that may be able to be picked up through this service include pianos, large volume carpet, construction debris, large electric items, and normal bulk items. For details and to schedule a pick-up contact Advanced Disposal at (920)983-3341.

Bulky and Overflow Safe Handling and Acceptance Requirements

Example items that are accepted and not accepted are noted below, but not limited to items listed.

- Items that are capable of being broken down to four feet or less need to be broken down. Such items will not be collected if they are not broken down to four feet or less, not bundled or not tied.
- Items identified as unsafe to handle upon pickup (nails, glass that is protruding outward, etc.) will not be collected.

Overall, it is critical that special handling/disassembly is completed, as feasible as possible, for safety upon handling.

| Accepted Items | Items NOT Accepted |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beds, Box Springs • Bikes – no Tires • Carpet – less than 4’ in length, rolled, tied and bundled • Furniture - Couches, Chairs, Sofas • Desks • Entertainment Centers • Exercise Equipment • Free-Standing Cabinets • Grills (Propane Tank Removed) • Ladders • Mattresses • Mowers (Oil, Gas & Filters Removed) • Tables • Wood – One bundle, less than (4) feet in length, bundled and tied | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bagged Household Waste • Batteries • Carpet that is longer than 4 feet, not tied, not bundled • Construction & Demolition Material –Concrete, Roofing, Bricks, Dry-wall, Lumber, General Contractor Remodel Material, etc. ***Any project completed by a contractor is to be disposed of by the contractor. • Electronics • Hazardous Waste • Fluorescent Light Bulbs - Ballasts • Appliances (Non Freon & Freon) • Propane Tanks • Recycling Material • Soil & Stones • Tires • Yard Waste and Tree Stumps |

FLUSHABLE WIPES



IMPORTANT

The labeling on the product is accurate if you want to split hairs. You can flush these wipes down a toilet.

They make it through the curved colon in your toilet and enter the three-inch drainpipe in your home. You can also flush plastic army men, plastic dinosaurs, golf balls, keys, sand, gravel, cellphones, underwear, cosmetic bottles, pill bottles, etc., down toilets. But are the wipes truly sewer and septic safe, and is it a good idea to flush all those things above down a toilet? Absolutely NOT!

The only thing that should go down a toilet is liquid and solid waste from your body and toilet paper. It's also important to realize the less toilet

paper you use each trip to the bathroom, the happier your plumbing system will be. The flushable wipes controversy is really a common-sense exercise. If you moisten a single sheet of toilet paper and rub it on your skin or a hard surface, you'll discover it rapidly falls apart. This is by design. You want toilet paper to disintegrate as fast as possible into the tiny cellulose fibers used to create it. Try the same experiment with a decent-quality paper towel. You'll notice that the paper towel tends to hold up and not fall apart. Once again, this is by design. The paper towel manufacturer wants you to be able to use them to clean up spills and do light-duty cleaning. Never flush paper towels down a toilet.

Finally, do the same test with a flushable wipe. You'll quickly discover they hold together better than

paper towels. Can you imagine what happens if there's not enough water to transport these through your in-house building drain and outside buried sewer line out to your city sewer? At some point, you'll get a clog. In your case, they didn't disintegrate, and they burned up your sewage pump!

These wipes survive the long and tortuous journey from homes through miles of sewer pipes, ending up at municipal sewage treatment plants. They clog giant pumps at the plants. The Internet is littered with stories about massive clogs in sewers and treatment plants caused by these wipes. Flushable wipes are the scourge of sewers and septic systems. If you must use them in your home, it is suggested that you dispose of them in a garbage can, much like you'd store a soiled baby's diaper until trash day.

REFUSE/RECYLING

General Rules

- Carts must be placed **curbside by 5:30 a.m.** on the day of collection (for 6:00 a.m. collection), or the night before after 5:00 p.m.
- Carts must be removed within 24 hours of the collection.
- All solid waste or recyclables must fit in the cart without packing too tightly and the **lid must close**. Any waste or recyclables set outside the cart **will not be collected**.
- Do not place any hazardous waste or hot ashes in the cart for collection.
- Recycling is required by Wisconsin State Law.
- If a cart is not collected; an orange tag will be affixed to the cart explaining the problem or you will receive a notification by mail. Residents must resolve the problem and the cart will be collected on the next service day.

Placing of the Cart

- Set your cart on a flat surface near the edge of the curb or at the end of your driveway apron.
- The cart **must be a minimum of five (5) feet away from any object** such as mailboxes, trees, utility poles, snow piles and the other carts.
- Do not place your cart under low wires or on snow piles. **They must be placed at ground level.**
- The wheels and handle of the cart should be facing your home (away from the road).
- If the cart cannot be reached for any reason; **its contents will not be picked up.**



Service Problem

- Please be aware that the garbage and recycle pick up is serviced by two different companies.
- **Refuse (garbage):** If you have a service problem please contact us at publicworks@grandchute.net.
- **Recycle:** If you have a service problem contact Orion Services directly at (920)759-0501.

Cart Maintenance

- Contact Grand Chute, we own the carts! Call us at (920)832-1581 or email us at publicworks@grandchute.net.

REFUSE/RECYCLE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

When a holiday falls on your scheduled pickup day, your refuse will be collected the following day. All other residents are asked to have their carts out on their normal pickup day by 6:00 a.m. As time permits, Advanced Disposal will work ahead to get back on schedule.

BRUSH CHIPPING SERVICE

The Town will offer brush chipping services one more time in 2020 in

September per the schedule listed. The maximum amount of brush to be

| <u>Refuse Collection is:</u> | <u>Brush Chipping will be:</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday | 1st Tuesday of the Month |
| Tuesday or Wednesday | 2nd Tuesday of the Month |
| Thursday | 3rd Tuesday of the Month |
| Friday | 4th Tuesday of the Month |

picked up per address is 480 cubic feet. This is based on a loose brush pile 4 feet high by 10 feet long by 12 feet deep. Brush is to be a minimum of 3 feet long and placed on the shoulder or curb with the cut ends facing the street by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled Tuesday (see below). Branches larger than 12 inches in diameter and 75 pounds in weight cannot go thru our chipping machine, therefore, will not be picked up. Brush piles cannot contain root balls, stumps or construction materials. If any of these guidelines are not met your brush pile will be tagged and you will be responsible for disposing of the brush.

****NOTE:** Pickup of brush may continue on Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday depending on the amount of brush there is to pick up.

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITES

Grand Chute and the City of Appleton have a reciprocal agreement which allows Grand Chute residents the use of the City of Appleton's Yard Waste sites. Grand Chute does not provide leaf/yard waste pickup services. Per Town of Grand Chute ordinance, residents are not permitted to blow grass clippings, leaves and/or yard waste into the street. *Residents are encouraged to use the Appleton Yard Waste Sites.*

WHITMAN YARD SITE - 701 S.

Whitman Avenue, Appleton
April 2020 - November 23, 2020
 Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday
 9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
 *CLOSED Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and on Appleton observed holidays.

GLENDALE YARD SITE - 2625 E.

Glendale Avenue, Appleton
April 2020 - November 23, 2020

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Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday 9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

* CLOSED Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and on Appleton observed holidays.

Both sites are available to all Grand Chute residents for grass clippings, brush, Christmas trees and yard waste. **The 2020 grass clipping fee is \$4.00/30-gallon bag.** Please be prepared to show proof of residency to the attendant.



FALL CLEANUP

The Public Works Department would greatly appreciate residents taking the time to clean debris, rubbish, leaves, and twigs out of ditches and yard drains. Keeping your ditches clean will help water flow and aid in keeping your ditch dry.

Grass clippings and/or leaves should be kept in your yard or bagged. Blowing into the street is prohibited to keep storm

sewers from clogging and untreated waterways free of harmful algal blooms.

2020 FREE TIRE COLLECTION

Fall tire collection week is scheduled for September 14th-18th. Residential properties are allowed to place up to four (4) tires at the end of your driveway by 6 a.m. Monday morning during this week. Tires must be 18" or less, rims are acceptable as long as they are attached to the tires. You **must** call Public Works at (920) 832-1581 or email us at ***publicworks@grandchute.net*** by the Friday before the start of the collection week to be placed on the collection list. We will need your name, address, phone number and number of tires.

2020 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Residents are encouraged to dispose of hazardous materials, by appointment only, at hazardous waste collections held at Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste. For more information regarding dates, times and/or to set up an appointment please go to ***www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org*** or call (920) 832-5277.





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GRAND CHUTE, WI 54913-9613**



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Fire Department Station #1

2250 W. Grand Chute Boulevard
Grand Chute, Wisconsin, 54913-7700
phone: 920-832-6050

Fire Department Station #2

3900 W. Spencer Street
Grand Chute, Wisconsin, 54914-5701
phone: 920-832-4768

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Jeff Ings, Supervisor 731-5684
Travis Thyssen, Supervisor 749-2751
Brad Gehring, Supervisor..... 757-6750

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Greg Peterson, Police Chief 832-1575
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Sarah Ziemba, HR Director..... 380-2905
Assessor 832-1578
Burning Permits..... 832-6050
Building Permits/Inspections 832-1599
Code Enforcement 832-1599
Court 832-1605
Diggers Hotline..... 1-800-242-8511
Fire (non-emergency) 832-6050
Elections/Voting 832-5644
Emergency 911
Licenses (hotel, liquor, pawn, taxi)..... 832-5644
(dog)..... 832-1573
Mapping/GIS..... 832-1599
Parks/Recreation 832-1581
Parking Tickets..... 832-1575
Planning/Zoning..... 832-1599
Police (non-emergency) 832-1575
Property Code Violations..... 832-1599
Property Tax Payments 832-1632
Refuse (Advance Disposal) 1-800-279-1930
Recycling (Inland Services)..... 759-0501
Special Event Permits 832-5644
Streets 832-1581
Water/Sewer/Storm/Utility Bills 832-1581

IMPORTANT DATES

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT *The Fall Recycling Event has been cancelled.*

SEPT 14-18 *Free Tire Pickup*

OCT 31 *Trick or Treating 4-7 p.m.*

NOV 26-27 *Town Hall Closed–Happy Thanksgiving*

DEC 24, 25, 31 *Town Hall Closed (open 12/31, 9:00 a.m.-Noon for Taxes Only)*

JAN 1 *Town Hall Closed*

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DATES

TOWN BOARD 1st, 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

SANITARY DISTRICTS 1st, 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

PLAN COMMISSION 1st, 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

CDA (Community Development Authority) 2nd, 4th Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 2nd Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

POLICE / FIRE COMMISSION quarterly

PARK COMMISSION 2nd Mondays at 5:00 p.m.