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Grafton's Art in Motion: Dam Illumination Inaugural Lighting Ceremony

On Thursday April 9, 2015 the Grafton Public Arts Board (GPAB) will turn the lights on the Bridge Street Dam. An inaugural lighting ceremony will be held at 8 p.m. on the bridge and the public is invited to see the lights turned on the dam.

There are 10 LED lights mounted under the bridge to spotlight the Woolen Mill Dam waterfall. The lights will be programmed to change colors, allowing for special night time effects. In addition, the bridge will be highlighted with crisp, white rope lights.

Grafton is defined by its mill pond on the Milwaukee River which flows through the center of the village. At the southern end of the mill pond is a 17 foot waterfall created by the Woolen Mill Dam. The Bridge Street Bridge is immediately next to it. GPAB's July 2012 dream was to showcase this dam which would undergo a \$1.4 million 2 year renovation.

Major donations were received by local businesspersons Steve Cary and Sue Cary, the Zaun Memorial Foundation Ltd., an anonymous donor, and First Bank Financial Centre to privately fund the lighting project. The Arts Board conducted three public events to raise awareness and privately fund the lighting: a Lakeshore Chinooks Game, a Craft Beer Tasting / Silent Auction and a Comedy Night.

Former GPAB member Bob Wagner invited MSOE to assist the Village in bringing the idea to life. With the leadership of Professor Dudley Outcalt, his senior engineering students took on this idea as a class project. On April 15, 2013, the GPAB and other Village officials attended the final MSOE Senior Class Presentation of the design, complete with a mock up, light samples and price points. Responding to the Public Works Department's request for bids, Steiner Electric of West Bend, WI was selected as the electrical contractor.

The GPAB has committed to making Grafton a more interesting place to live and visit; helping the entire community by drawing people in. They welcome new members and continued support from individuals and businesses. This is a group to be a part of and watch! The GPAB has open positions and is looking for new members.

Quality Life. Naturally. This is the position that the Village of Grafton lives day-to-day to define itself. Known as a community of caring neighbors and invested in the village's culture. In addition to a dedicated school district, Grafton offers everything from a charming and revitalized downtown steeped in its Blue's History to several parks including child, adult, and senior activities to walking programs, such as Walkabout Grafton, and public art, including Instrument Art and the Poetry Paths program.