



# Grafton Riverbeat

## March Events, Music & Things to do

Tickets go on sale  
April 3, 2023!

**MAY 6, 2023**



Tickets are purchased through the JCBA, the link to purchase tickets can be accessed at: <https://www.graftonilchamber.com>. Click on the Sip, Sample Stroll logo to go to ticket purchase site.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 3rd Annual Sip, Sample & Stroll event returns on May 6th from 11am to 6pm hosted by JCBA and The City of Grafton. This year it falls on Kentucky Derby Day also so get into the spirit and break out the fancy hats for your stroll through town! Tickets for this event will need to be purchased ahead of time and are limited to 200. For \$40 you will get a signature food and drink from various businesses in Grafton. Past participants included:

- 3rd Chute Bar & Grill, located at 220 W Main.
- Aerie's Winery, located at their office 14 W Main
- Bloody Bucket, located at 201 E Main
- Grafton Harbor, located at 215 Water St
- Grafton Oyster Bar, located at 215 Water St
- Grafton Pub, located at 226 W Main
- Grafton Winery, located at 300 W Main
- Hawg Pit BBQ, located at 821 W Main



**FINAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS TBD**

**Grafton Open Bar Crawl March 25**



Registration at Pit 9am.  
Tee off 11am

4 per team  
\$20 / person  
Prizes for best dressed & lowest/highest scores

Hawg Pit Barbecue Barn, Inc

The Annual Grafton Open 9-hole Putt-Putt Bar Crawl is back again this year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Wear your favorite golf attire and hit the links. Register the day of the event at The Hawg Pit from 9-11am. Event is from 11am to 2pm. You don't have to be a great golfer to join in the fun, it just involves putting!



## Things to Do

**Grafton Sky Tour:** Opening in March Thursday-Sunday 11:30 am-7pm (weather permitting).

**Aeries Alpine Coaster:** Thursday-Sunday 11am-4:30pm.

**Grafton Zip Line:** Open 7 days a week (weather permitting), reservations only for groups of four or more. 14 West Main St. Call 786-9477 for information. Aeries Resort main office hours are Sun-Thu 8am to 6pm, Fri & Sat 8am to 8pm.

**Edward Amburg Museum & Visitor Center:** Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm and Monday holidays.

**The Grafton Winery Vineyards: Fireplace Friday, Mar. 10, 6-9pm:** Spend a relaxing evening hanging out with friends and fellow wine lovers. Bring a favorite appetizer, dish, or dessert to share.

**Pere Marquette State Park: Mar. 3, 6:30pm Comedy Magic Show & Dinner. Mar. 8, 6:30pm, Wine Pairing Dinner-Luck of the Irish. Mar. 24, 6:30pm, Murder Mystery Dinner-Bullets in the Bathtub.** Trail Hiking, Rock Climbing, Educational Visitors Center. For information and reservations on all events call 618-786-2331.



**3RD ANNUAL  
THE GREAT MUSHROOM HUNT**



**April 15, 2023  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

We will be hosting our 3rd Annual Mushroom Hunt that includes; our mushroom hunt for morel mushrooms, food trucks, vendors, eagle watching, hiking, Find the Gnome and possible bigfoot sightings.

**Get your FREE Admission Ticket  
at RagingRivers.com**



Raging Rivers Waterpark | 100 Palisades Parkway, Grafton, IL 62037

Raging Rivers is having their annual mushroom hunt again and this year it is free admission when you RSVP. Please contact: [groupsales@ragingrivers.com](mailto:groupsales@ragingrivers.com) if you are interested in having a booth at this event.

Also pay a visit to the Raging Rivers website and check out the specials they are having on 2023 Season Passes.



## Shopping

### Hours for most shops vary in the Winter.

**Aeries Gift Shop 600 Timber Ridge Dr:** Open Thu-Sun 12 -5pm.

**Cox's Rivertown Mill Art & Gifts 115 W Washington:** Call for hours 812-994-9007.

**Golden Eagle Antiques 300 E Main:** Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm.

**Grafton BP Station 200 E Main:** Open Daily.

**Grafton Fudge Shop 321 E Main:** Open 11am-5pm.

**Grafton Graphix, Darts & Crafts 1406 W Main:** Open 10am-6pm Daily.

**Grafton Harbor Marina Shop 215 W Water St:** Open 10am-6pm Daily (Hours may change in the Winter).

**Grafton Market 1415 W Main:** Open 6am-8pm daily. Call 786-2337 for information.

**Grafton Winery Gift Shop 300 W Main:** Daily from 11am-7pm.

**Harrisons Gifts 224 E Main:** Weekends only, weather permitting.

**Hideaway Farms Market 1 East Main:** Opening in April.

**Knotty By Nature 15 E Main:** Daily from 10am-6pm.

**Mosby Woodwork 309 Market St:** Call for information on hours 786-2223.

**Fancy Nancy on Main 120 W Main:** Hours vary; Look for the Cardinals and Open flag.

**Pajarito 316 E Main:** Open 11am-5pm Daily.

**Riverbank Gifts 225 E Main:** Open Weekends.

**The Lady LaMarsh 25 E Main:** Opening in April.

**The Wood Artisan 22 E Main:** Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm.

**Main Street Gift Shop: Reopening soon at new location! 301 E Main:** Check their Facebook page for hours.

Have you downloaded the new Grafton app on your phone yet? It is available in Android and iOS formats in your phone's app store or scan below. It is free to download and use and contains a wealth of information at your fingertips such as: The Current weekly calendar of events, Grafton Ferry schedule and fees, Buy tickets / RSVP for events, "Bucket list" of Grafton activities, Links to: Restaurants (with menus), Shopping, Lodging (with photo galleries), Museum / Park information, City Services information, and all thing Grafton.



## Music Scene

### Grafton Winery March Music:

**Mar 4** NGK Band 3-7pm. **Mar 5** Synergiee 1-5pm.

**Mar 11** Rogers & Nienhaus 3-7pm, **Mar 12** Danny Kalahar 1-5pm.

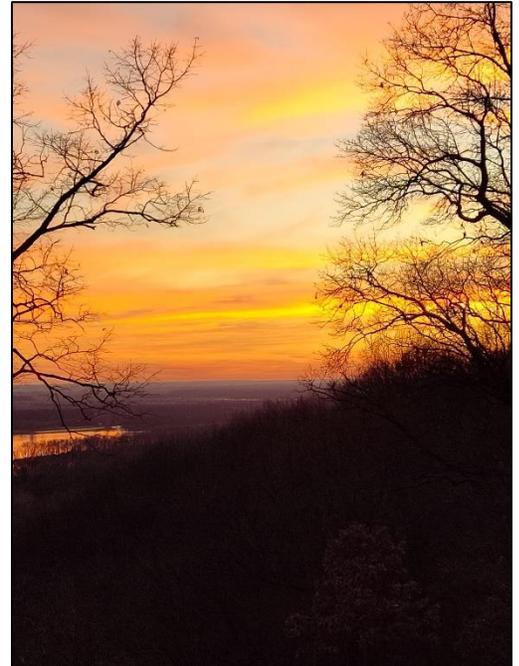
**Mar 18** TBD 3-7pm, **Mar 19** Scott & Karl 2-6pm.

**Mar 25** Terry Beck 3-7pm, **Mar 26** String & Keys 2-6pm.



## GRAFTON SUNSETS

March is a month of transition in Grafton when we are in between the closing of the winter activities and waiting for the town to get in full swing with the upcoming Spring activities starting up again in April. One thing you can count on when you come to Grafton is ending the day with a beautiful sunset from almost any vantage point in town. Take a seat, relax with a glass of wine, and watch the sun go down in Grafton on a picture-perfect day. 🌅



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