

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter

November 2023

TOWN OFFICIALS

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Green Valley Sanitary District President: Corey Bristol 920-619-6846

Assessor: Accurate Appraisal, LLC 920-749-8098

Fire Chief: Leonard Wahl 920-373-3308

Regular Town Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the Community Center.

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK:

- Scheduled 2024 elections: February 20th, April 2nd, August 13th & November 5th
- To save the Town some money, if you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail only, please inform the Clerk by e-mailing her at Clerk@tn.greenvalley.wi.gov
- This will be my last term as Clerk (ending April 2025). Thank You for your support over the past almost 20 years!
If a Town resident is interested in the Clerk position, please let me or a Board member know.
Training will be provided.

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- The majority of roadwork the budget allows, has been completed for the year. Although there are a couple smaller projects we may be able to do, however that is weather dependent.
- The trucks will be ready for snow when that occurs. Please understand the difficulty with plowing when the ground is not frozen; this is a problem both in fall and in spring. There will be some sod and dirt moved, by accident, this is not intentional. With this, when snow is plowed across the road, it freezes into an ice block that makes banks difficult and dangerous to work with.
- In early October the town rented a brush mower to cut the brush in the ditches; this is to try to maintain vision and drainage along the roads. There are several large rocks that have been dumped in the ditches; this activity makes the brush cutting hard on equipment. If you're working there and can safely

remove those to your stone pile elsewhere, it would be appreciated! This process is becoming increasingly difficult with the addition of the infrastructure as well.

- The county has repealed the “Health and Junk Ordinance” and replaced it with the “Human Health Hazards Ordinance.” This will be administered through the County Health Department. Violations need to be reported by the first party to the Health Department. They work in anonymity, no different than your patient-Dr relationships.
- The town is working to put in place a “Nuisance Ordinance” which will have a Public Hearing before it becomes effective. This requires a 15-day posting prior to the public hearing, so keep an eye on the posting locations for further information (Cluster mailboxes in Green Valley, the Community Center and the Fire Station in Pulcifer).

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER’S DESK:

As we near the end of 2023, I would like to share a few reminders:

- The 2023 tax bills will be mailed in December.
- In person tax collection times are 6 PM – 8 PM on the following days - Wednesday, December 27th, Thursday, December 28th, Thursday, January 25th, and Wednesday, January 31st. All payment information will be included with the tax bill too.
- If you choose to pay your 2023 taxes in installments, remember the second installment due July 31st must be sent to the Shawano County Treasurer. The Town only collects the January 31st payments.
- All dogs residing in the Town of Green Valley are required to obtain an annual license. A copy of the vaccination certificate and the fee (\$3 spayed/neutered, \$8 not spayed/neutered) should be mailed to the Town of Green Valley Treasurer at N7211 River Heights Ln, Cecil, WI 54111. Your dog is counting on you to be a responsible pet owner.

I wish everyone a Blessed Holiday Season.

PLAN COMMISSION: Regular meetings - first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center Members: Chairperson Bob Krause 853-6969, Secretary Carol Nygaard 745-6056, Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647, Alice Schneider 715-851-1277, Claudette Tipton 715-853-1889.

- Please remember you must apply for a field access permit application and/or driveway permit application prior to receiving the permit. You will not be issued a field access and or driveway permit until the Plan Commission secretary has the application and fee payment and your site has been viewed by a member of the Town Board of Supervisors and/or the Plan Commission Chairman. You will not be issued a permit the day you request one.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING:

***** Per Harter’s Fox Valley Disposal- If a holiday falls in the week of our normal pickup before our normal pickup day (Wednesday), pickup will be pushed back one day (to Thursday).*****
If you have questions on garbage/recycling pickup, please call Harter’s Fox Valley Disposal.

- Garbage should be placed in bags and put out in your garbage cart.
- **Recyclables must be placed loosely in your recycling cart; NOT in bags in your cart.**

Harter’s will do large item pick-ups, but the days of the week may change due to increased volume. Call Harter’s to schedule a pick up; they will do large item pick-up a minimum of every other week. Some items require a fee to be picked up.

(The following information was found on the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources website.)

REDUCE WASTE AND SAVE MONEY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Giving and sharing during the holiday season can add up to additional waste with extra gift wrap, extra packaging, disposable dishes, leftover food and more. But we can make small changes in some of our holiday habits to keep recycling and trash workers safe, reduce waste and save money.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the volume of household waste increases by 25% between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. That's about 1 million extra tons sent to landfills across the country each year. You can recycle or compost some holiday waste. But some items should stay out of your recycling bin or cart because they can harm workers and damage equipment. Consider these suggestions to prevent and manage that extra waste this holiday season.

SHOPPING AND GIFT WRAPPING

To save money and reduce waste, you can:

- Bring your own reusable bags when you go out to shop for gifts or groceries.
- Look for presents made locally. In general, local products reduce energy costs and greenhouse gases because they don't need to be shipped long distances.
- Get creative with recyclable gift wrap, like newspaper, old maps or posters. Even brown paper bags can be festive if decorated with stamps, drawings or colorful ribbons.
- Look for rechargeable batteries for holiday gifts requiring battery power.
- Buy items made with recycled materials or consider the gift of an experience, such as admission to a museum or a state park pass.

HOLIDAY CLEANUP

The mess of packaging, wrapping paper, food and more can be overwhelming after a holiday gathering. But it doesn't have to be! Here are tips to help you attack the clutter with a plan.

Items to put in your recycling bin or cart

- Bottles and cans made of plastic, glass or metal. Make sure they are empty, and don't crush them. Equipment at most recycling facilities works best if bottles and cans are three-dimensional.
- Cardboard. Flatten boxes so they can be handled properly by recycling equipment.
- Newspaper, magazines, office paper, junk mail, paperboard boxes and similar paper.
- Wrapping paper that can be torn and doesn't have glitter, foil or other adornments can be recycled in the majority of programs in Wisconsin.

What not to put in recycling bins or carts

- If you aren't sure whether something can be recycled, it's best to throw it out. The following items cause significant problems at facilities that process household recyclables and should not be placed in recycling bins or carts.
- Loose plastic bags, film or wrap
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Light strings and cords
- Textiles/clothing

In addition, keep in mind the following:

- Used paper plates are not recyclable because the paper is soiled.
- Plastic cutlery and plates are not recyclable.
- Foam packaging and packing peanuts cannot go in recycling bins or carts, though some communities may accept them at drop-off sites.
- Plastic packaging that is not a bottle, tub or lid is generally not recyclable.
- Tissue paper is not recyclable.

ADDITIONAL TIPS AND RESOURCES TO PREVENT AND REDUCE WASTE

- At holiday parties, using washable plates, cups, silverware, tablecloths and napkins instead of disposables saves resources. If you need to use disposable, don't pay extra for products labeled "compostable" unless you are able to send the waste to a commercial composting facility that can handle the material. Compostable products are not beneficial if landfilled and typically don't break down in home compost bins.
- Save bows, gift boxes and gift bags to use again. Recycle boxes that are torn or no longer usable.
- For unrecyclable wrapping paper that you don't plan to reuse, put it in the trash instead of burning it. The dyes, inks and coatings used in paper have changed over time and can release toxins when burned.
- Recycle plain paper greeting cards (no glitter, sequins, batteries, etc.) and envelopes (photo paper can't be recycled). Or get creative and make the cards into postcards or gift tags for next year.
- Put cut trees in a corner of the yard to provide winter cover for rabbits and birds. In the spring, chip the tree and use it for mulch.

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- On Wednesday October 11, 2023 the Green Valley-Morgan Fire Co. visited Fairview School for Fire Prevention week. There were various stations the kids visited to learn all about the fire company and fire prevention. We would like to thank the school and kids for having us and hope you learned something to take home and share with their parents. Also thank you to the DNR for their presentation in the school forest on wild land fires. And...let's not forget Smokey Bear! Thanks for greeting the kids!
- "Change your Clock, Change your Batteries!" **Daylight Savings Time ended on November 5 this year**, and this is a great time to make sure all your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order! Check the manufacturing date on the detector and if it is more than 10 years old it needs to be replaced. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding their alarms, feel free to contact any firefighter.
- Our annual picnic was held in August and this year was held in conjunction with the Town of Green Valley's 150th anniversary! What a celebration it was. There was a parade, three bands, a huge car show, lots of great food and let's not forget about the fabulous fireworks show. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the day with us. The money raised from the picnic was designated to purchasing wild lands fire equipment. Plans are being made for next year's picnic so mark your calendars to come out on **August 10, 2024**. We have booked both Chad Przybylski and Grand Union for next year and will be having the annual gun raffle, bucket raffle and don't forget the **FOOD** especially the chicken booyah!! A special **THANK YOU** to every person and business that donated money, bucket raffle items, and or time to our fire company. We certainly appreciate all of you!
- "**A Time to Give Back**" So often volunteer fire fighters are asked why do you volunteer? The short answer: "It makes me *feel good* to be able to help someone when they need it!" If this describes you and are looking for a way to give back to your community, the Green Valley Morgan Fire Company is accepting applications to join our department. Contact a department member or stop by the fire station in Green Valley the second or third Tuesday of the month between 6:30 and 7:00 pm to see what we are all about and how you can begin your journey to Giving Back!!
- **SANTA IS COMING TO THE FIRE STATION!!** Mark your calendars to attend Santa Day at the Green Valley Fire Station. Santa will arrive by fire truck to the fire station at 12:00 noon on **December 9th** and will be checking to see who has been naughty and nice. Bring your list to share with Santa from 12:00 pm till 2:00 pm. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served. The fire station address is N5746 Oak Avenue, Green Valley.

HAPPY HOLIDAY'S FROM THE GREEN VALLEY MORGAN FIRE COMPANY!!

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

Jean Froelich 715-851-2675

Hello from the History Room,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the celebration of 150 years for Green Valley. My son Benjamin Froelich and his wife Colleen graciously stepped in to help while I was attending to a family illness. But all told, it was a fantastic day with many new memories. I also appreciate all those who expressed an interest in the two books previously published showing Green Valley's history. Hopefully, there will be a way to print off additional copies for those who want to purchase one. Thank you also to those who signed the notebook that provided information about their businesses that were started in 2003 and following when the last book ended. We hope to continue documenting our history so that those who follow will understand our rich heritage. I also still have some baseball caps available if anyone is interested in having one for a small donation. Please email me at jmfcataw@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing one.



GREEN VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT #1:

Regular meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the GV Fire Department Building unless posted otherwise.

District Board: President – Corey Bristol, [920-619-6846](tel:920-619-6846); Treasurer - Peggy Peotter, [920-619-6847](tel:920-619-6847); Secretary - Lisa Bergner, [715-851-2288](tel:715-851-2288);

- If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Board.

KRAKOW SANITARY DISTRICT:

President: Daniel Cota, 920-899-3652; Treasurer: Tom Gwidt, 920-899-3890

Secretary: Ronald Smurawa, 920-655-4631, krakowsanitary@yahoo.com

Plant Operator: Dale Wagner, 920-899-3381 contact for emergency issues only

Bookkeeper: Jean Banker, 715-851-3403, jbanker05@icloud.com) contact for billing questions

- If you have questions or issues with the Krakow Sanitary District, you should contact the Sanitary District Board as listed above.

Wishing you & yours a Happy Thanksgiving & Blessed Christmas.

**** Keep the enclosed 2024 Harters garbage & recycling pickup schedule to reference pickup dates for next year.****