

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter

December 2024

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair: Terry Tipton 715-853-1555

Clerk: Janalee Jenerou 715-745-2699 e-mail: Clerk@tn.greenvalley.wi.gov

Supervisors: Gary Uelmen 715-745-2982, Brandon Nygaard 715-851-5365

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Animal Control: Gary Uelmen 715-745-2982

Plan Commission: Chair: Bob Krause 715-853-6969, Secretary: Carol Nygaard 715-745-6056

Members: Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647, Alice Schneider 715-851-1277,

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Harter's Fox Valley Disposal: 715-253-2619 or 888-804-8556

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:

- The Town of Green Valley had 629 voters for the November 5th election. All election results can be found on the Shawano County website: <https://www.co.shawano.wi.us>
- **Election of Town Officials** – Anyone who is interested in being a candidate for Chair, Supervisor, Treasurer or Clerk can circulate nomination papers between December 1 and the first Tuesday in January (1/7/25) prior to the election which will be held the first Tuesday in April (April 1, 2025). If the number of persons submitting nomination papers to the town clerk on the first Tuesday in January are more than twice the number to be elected for that office, a nonpartisan primary election will be held (February 18, 2025). Contact the town clerk for the necessary forms required when circulating nomination papers.
- Scheduled 2025 elections: February 18th (if a primary is needed) & April 1st
- 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 20 years!

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- Summer sure went by in the blink of an eye. It sure was a busy time in the Township. The summer roadwork has been completed recently which included ditch cleaning and a new surface/shoulders on Olson Road from Wahl Road to County C. Several culverts around the town have been replaced and the

road patched back in. This included a section getting removed from the middle of Linquist Road. This evidently was buried as fill, from a local farm, possibly in the 1950/1960 era. This area was constantly changing with the seasons as frost was moving it.

- In the last couple years, most of our green road/intersection signs have been stolen. We are in the process of getting replacement signs to update all of the town intersections. These will be mounted to the top of the Stop sign posts wherever possible, the rest will need a sole purpose post.
- In early October I received a call “Are there any projects the town has that 30-40 high school boys could do for a community service project October 10th?” This was a group of young men from Bonduel High School. They installed new posting boxes (3), painted the LP tank at the Community Center, stained the new picnic table at the Community Center, totally cleaned and reorganized the storage building and picked up some random tires and debris in the town ditches. This was completely managed by John Jacobs and some of his employees at Green Valley Dairy. Thank You all for your time and commitment.
- Another reminder.... The Clerk position will be open in April. See Janalee or Terry for details. There is a HUGE need for someone to step up and run for this office. Janalee has served 20 years and will not be our clerk after April. Thank You Janalee for the 20 years you served the town!
- Thank you to all who kept the lawns cut and looking nice all summer.
- With winter approaching, just another reminder that pushing snow across the road and leaving snow piles on the road is illegal.
- Good luck to the hunters!

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER’S DESK:

- 2024 tax bills will be mailed mid-December.

Tax collection dates at the Community Center are as follows:

- Friday, December 27th – 6PM – 8PM
- Monday, December 30th – 6PM – 8PM
- Thursday, January 30th – 6PM - 8 PM
- Friday, January 31st – 6PM – 8PM
- You can also mail payments to **TOGV – Treasurer, N7211 River Heights Ln, Cecil, 54111**
- You can view your tax bills and receipts at www.co.shawano.wi.us – Maps and Land Records – Property/Tax Information – Ascent. From the Ascent screen you can search by township & last name.
- If a dog resides on your property you are required to have it licensed. Mail proof of vaccination and the appropriate fee to the address above. \$3 spayed/neutered, \$8 not spayed/neutered. Don’t embarrass your dogs, get them licensed!

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, 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 finding items to reuse as gift wrap, like newspaper, old maps or posters. Even brown paper bags can be festive if decorated with stamps, drawings or colorful ribbons.

Consider 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.

If you aren't sure whether something can be recycled, it's best to throw it out.

In addition, keep in mind the following:

Used paper plates and straws are not recyclable because the paper is soiled.

Plastic cutlery and plates are not recyclable due to their shape.

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, including hard plastic packaging around electronics or toys.

Tissue paper and most wrapping paper is not recyclable and can contaminate recyclable paper. Unless your local program says it can accept certain types of wrapping paper, either save tissue and wrapping paper for reuse or put it in the trash.

Holiday food waste

The organization ReFED estimates that on Thanksgiving alone, 316 million pounds of food is wasted in the U.S. This represents more than \$556 million of groceries thrown away in a single day. When this wasted food decomposes in landfills, it will release nearly 5,000 metric tons of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. This is similar to what's emitted by powering 26,000 homes' electricity for a year.

Here are some tips to prevent and reduce food waste at home:

Understand date labels and when food items are actually unsafe. Date labels are NOT regulated by federal or state law and do not indicate food safety, with the exception of infant formula. Manufacturers provide dates to help consumers and retailers decide when food is of peak quality. Relying on your eyes and an old-fashioned sniff test can be a better indicator of whether food is good to eat and help you avoid disposing of healthy and safe food.

Shop with a plan and prepare for gatherings. Take inventory of what you already have, plan meals and making detailed shopping lists. You can spread the leftover love by having containers on hand to send guests home with their favorites.

Store food to extend its life. Proper food storage can reduce waste and save the time and money associated with additional grocery store runs.

Freeze before you toss. Consider popping your holiday leftovers and surplus ingredients in the freezer before it's too late.

Additional tips and resources to prevent and reduce waste

At holiday parties, use washable plates, cups, silverware, tablecloths and napkins instead of disposables to save 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 9, 2024 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 Oconto County Sheriff's Department for bringing their K-9 dogs for the day. Oh yeah...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 August 10th at the fire station in Green Valley. There was a parade at 11:00 which had many floats and spectators, three bands, a huge car show, a kids bike give away and lots of great food. 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 9, 2025**. 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!
- The department applied for and was awarded a matching funds grant from the Wisconsin DNR to purchase a wild land slide in unit that will be put in our pick-up truck. The unit has a cost of about \$14,000 and the DNR Grant will pay for half of the cost and the remaining cost the department will use proceeds earned from our fundraising picnic.
- "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 Tuesdays 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!!
- Last fall the department completed the application to submit for review to improve the insurance rating for the townships we serve. The department was successful in lowering our rating from a 9 to a 7. This is a significant improvement. We encourage you to reach out to your insurance agent to ensure that your company is aware of the improved rating. With coverage premiums increasing you may not see a reduction in your premium but the saving could be there just absorbed by inflation.

• **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 14th** 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 jmfcawpaw@gmail.com

- Hello from the history section of Green Valley. Recently we took the time to honor our veterans and we do certainly appreciate all that they have done to secure and maintain our freedom in America. If you would like to email or text information about a veteran you know, include their dates of service, branch of service, deceased or alive. I would like to gather this information for a file in Green Valley. My email is jmfcawpaw@gmail.com and phone number is 715-851-2675. Again thanks for your heroism and honor you have brought to our country.

Dr. Jean M. Froelich
Green Valley Historian

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 Bristol, [920-619-6847](tel:920-619-6847); Secretary - Lisa Bergner, [715-851-2288](tel:715-851-2288);

- If you have any questions or issues with the Green Valley Sanitary District, you should contact the board and attend our meetings. Thank you.

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 2025 Harters garbage & recycling pickup schedule to reference pickup dates for next year.****