

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter December 2025

TOWN OFFICIALS

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Plan Commission: Chair: Bob Krause 715-853-6969, Secretary: Claudette Tipton 715-853-1889

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

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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 on the second Wednesday
of each month at 7PM at the Community Center.***

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK:

- Town of Green Valley will be hosting an e-waste collection event Sunday July 18, 2026 at the Community Center. More details regarding time will be shared closer to the event.
- The Shawano County Land Conservation and Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Departments are providing free well water testing for homeowners living in the townships of Angelica, Lessor, Maple Grove, Hartland, and Green Valley in February 2026. Testing is limited on a first come, first serve basis. Sign up by January 16, 2026 by visiting tinyurl.com/5bz8hyyc
- Scheduled 2026 elections: Tuesday, February 17 (if a primary is needed) & on Tuesday, April 7.

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail only, please inform the Clerk by e-mail her at Clerk@tn.greenvalley.wi.gov Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

Hopefully everyone had a great Summer and Fall.

- There have been many interesting happenings behind the scenes, with Janalee's retirement and Rose taking over the clerk's office. We all are getting a renewed appreciation of what someone doing that job for 20 years means to a town. Rose has done a Great job learning the job.
- Another change is with the Planning Committee, with passing of Carol Nygaard who had served as Planning Committee secretary for many years. Claudette Tipton has offered to fill that position. With this change being unplanned and not being able to have a regular hand off there is a pretty steep learning curve. Much of Carol's work was done on her personal computer which brought to light the need to get

a computer for that office that can be forwarded to the next Planning committee secretary. See the town website for that contact information.

- During the summer we accomplished the resurfacing of Shawano Line Road. The east ½ mile of that road the ditches got cleaned and culverts changed. We added 3 inches of stone to that before it was pulverized and graded. NEA suggested that during grading that more “crown” be added to the base to aid in getting the water off the road. This might have contributed to why potholes developed at the centerline in the past.
- This fall we rented a boom mower for cutting the brush in the ditches. This is a every other year practice. The rocks that get left in the ditches are not very good for that equipment. Thank You Also we replaced some culverts as they failed. The multiple set on Olson road was a “Bridge Aid” project with Shawano County Highway Department. Since those are bigger than 36” diameter they qualify for that program which the county pays 50 percent.
- Please remember that putting snow in the road right of way is illegal and dangerous!

Happy Thanksgiving
Merry Christmas
Terry

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER’S DESK:

- 2025 tax bills will be mailed mid-December.

Tax collection dates at the Community Center are as follows:

- Monday, December 29th 6PM – 8PM
 - Tuesday, December 30th 6PM – 8PM
 - Thursday, January 29th 6PM - 8 PM
 - Friday, January 30th 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 & 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 Claudette Tipton 715-853-1889, Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647, Alice Schneider 715-851-1277, Brooke Sikorski 920-590-1971.

- 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.**

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF PLASTIC BAG USE AND DISPOSAL

Their lightweight and ease of use mean plastic bags and wrap require less energy for production and transportation than some other packaging materials.

At the same time, plastic bags and wrap have a number of environmental impacts throughout their life cycle. These include greenhouse gas emissions and pollution from the process of extracting and refining petroleum or natural gas, which are used to make new plastic.

They also include impacts from improper disposal, as bags and wrap can clog gutters and sewer grates, endanger animals that mistake the plastics for food, and accumulate in trees, fences and other places where they become an eyesore. Plastics can take hundreds of years to degrade and can also interfere with proper moisture distribution and drainage in landfills.

Reducing, reusing and recycling plastic bags, film and wrap helps to lessen these negative environmental impacts while promoting the continued use of the plastics we have already produced in ways that benefit the community and spur economic activity. While some cities have imposed bans or taxes on bags, reusing and recycling bags and wrap recovers these resources and contributes to a supply of plastic wrap for use by industry.

RECYCLED PLASTIC BAGS AND WRAP BECOME NEW PRODUCTS

While only about 12% of plastic bags and other film are currently recycled in the United States, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the demand for clean scrap film is quickly growing. Plastics are long-lived and, even after initial use, can serve as feedstock in a swiftly expanding manufacturing industry.

Products made from recycled grocery bags and other plastic films include new bags, composite lumber and playground equipment. Recycling plastic bags and wrap prevents the waste of resources, reduces the amount of material being buried in landfills, helps prevent litter and contributes to new jobs in Wisconsin.

REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BAGS YOU USE AND REUSE PLASTIC BAGS

- Reduce your use of disposable shopping bags by using a reusable bag or container when shopping.
- Reuse old plastic bags for multiple shopping trips.
- Re-purpose plastic bags as trash liners or pet waste bags.
- Refuse a bag for easy-to-carry purchases.
- Buy products in bulk.

Many grocery stores offer durable, washable bags to customers at an affordable price. Using these bags on a regular basis can create less waste than paper or plastic, and washing them regularly removes dirt and germs.

Do NOT put plastic bags and wrap in curbside recycling bins. They get tangled in equipment at facilities that recycle cans, bottles, cardboard and paper. This puts workers in danger and causes costly facility shutdowns.

Green Valley 4H:

Hello from Green Valley 4 H

This is what's new since the last newsletter:

All the members of the club were able to finish their projects and have them entered the Shawano County Fair. This year we had a wide range of projects such as sheep, goats, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, swine, cattle and horse exhibits. Non-animal entries; fruits, vegetables, crops, visual arts, cake decorating and woodworking. Our club also had two club entries of a plant display and a 4-H booth. Green Valley 4 H is proud to say that we all did very well and are already looking forward to next year.

This also means that the new 4-H year has started and anyone that is interested is encouraged to enroll in the program. The deadline for joining a club and being able to exhibit at the 2026 Shawano County Fair is February 1, 2026. Green Valley 4 H is just one of several clubs in Shawano County, we meet the first Monday of the month at 6:30 at the Community Center in Advance.

Come check us out!

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

On Wednesday October 8, 2025 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 your parents. Also, thank you to the N V Technologies for demonstrating how to use fire extinguishers and teaching the kids about smoke and Co2 detectors. 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 2 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 9th at the fire station in Green Valley. There was a parade at 11:00 which had many floats and spectators, three bands, a car show, a kid's 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 new low-pressure high-volume nozzles and hoses for our three engines. Plans are already being made for next year's picnic so mark your calendars to come out on August 8, 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!

Our department this year has focused on improving our monthly training. At our monthly training meetings, we are instructed by trainers from Public Safety Training Center from Green Bay. Some of the topics that we have trained on the past few months include: SCBA confidence drills, hose advancement techniques, vehicle extrication, fire scene size up, and pump operations and water flow management.

"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 call Chief Leonard Wahl at 920-373-3308 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 to 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.

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

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

Hello from the History Room!

I have been going through many files, folders, and boxes, sorting out history about Green Valley. Thank you to all who have been bringing in pictures and notes about people who have been a significant part of our community. Eventually, I want to be able to digitize the information so it can be available online. A recent email that I received asked if anyone had information about Toris and Andrew Thompson. This was taken from a photograph from the Ed Capella Saloon. If anyone has any information about the saloon or the individuals mentioned, please feel free to contact me. Thanks.

Dr. Jean Froelich

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 2026 Harters garbage & recycling pickup schedule to reference pickup dates for next year. **