

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter  
September 2013

## TOWN OFFICIALS

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Members: Gary Anderson 715-745-6761, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351,

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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:**

- **Open Book** was held Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 11AM – 7PM and Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 4PM at the Community Center.
- **Board of Review** will be held Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7PM at the Community Center. You must first have attended the Open Book session and spoken to an assessor before you can object to the assessment.
- Visit the Town's new and improved website at <http://townofgreenvalley.com> and let us know what you think.
- No more elections in 2013! The next regularly-scheduled statewide elections in Wisconsin are the spring 2014 election and the fall 2014 general election.
- The Spring Primary will be held **Tuesday, February 18, 2014**. The Spring Election will be held **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.
- The Partisan Primary will be held **Tuesday, August 12, 2014**. The General Election will be held **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**.

## **NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:**

- Time for the fall newsletter. We are ready to complete this years road work. We have repaved the west mile of Nauman Rd and the portion of Division Rd that belongs to the town. We have also pulverized and put down a double chip seal on the west half mile of Olson Rd. We will see if it will

hold up on some of our low use roads. It comes at about 40 % of the cost of blacktop.

- We had to delay rebuild of Plier Rd until 2014 due to permit problems. We will be scheduling a land owners meeting for the folks on Plier Rd shortly so we are ready to go into the spring.
- We have brought our road sign inventory up to date to meet all standards in place at this time. The road name signs will be done on an as needed basis. These are quite costly to replace so we will go slow on them.
- We hope to mow roadways one more time this fall.
- BE AWARE as you travel about at this time of year, harvesting has began and caution on the roads is everyone's responsibility.

**PLAN COMMISSION: Regular meetings - first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center** Members: Chairperson Bob Krause 745-6689, Secretary Carol Nygaard 745-6056, Gary Anderson 745-6761, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351, and Vince VandeHey 920-899-3801.

- If you are in need of a Field Access Permit or Driveway Permit, please contact Carol Nygaard @ 715-745-6056. You will need to complete an application for a permit. After the application is completed and returned to Carol along with the required fee, she will notify the Town Board of Supervisors. A Town Board member and/or a Plan Commission member will inspect the site and notify Carol of any specific requirements the applicant will need to complete, if the application is approved. Carol will then issue the permit with any additional requirements listed on the permit. The permit is valid for six (6) months.

### **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 this, please call either Harter's Fox Valley Disposal or the Clerk.)

Garbage labels are \$1.00 each and can be purchased at: Route 32 (Krakow), Lakeview Quick Mart (bp) in Cecil (on the hill on Hwy 117), Riverview Quick Mart (bp) in Oconto Falls, Cecil Lakeside Mobil, Take A Chance Bar (Advance), Rosie's Bar (Green Valley), the Bullpen Bar (Pulcifer) any of the Board members, mail a check & SASE to the Clerk, at the Community Center on election days, at the Community Center before or after monthly Board meetings, when paying property taxes. You must place a green sticker from the Town of Green Valley on each clear 30-gallon garbage bag. Recyclables can be mixed in blue bags. Call Harter's for prices on cart rentals; stickers are still required with cart use.

Large items in our Town are picked up the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. You must call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at least one day prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday pick-up to get on the pick-up list for that month. Some items require a fee to be picked up; call Harter's for information.

Harter's Fox Valley Disposal picks up garbage and recycling every other Wednesday.

**Following is the garbage and recycling pickup schedule for the upcoming months:**

**Sept 18                      Oct 2, 16 & 30                      Nov 13 & 27                      Dec 11 & 26                      Jan. 2014, 8 & 22**

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

### **Recycling facts and figures**

#### **Participation**

- 94 % of Wisconsin households recycle and feel it is worthwhile.
- 58 % of Wisconsin households recycle at least as much as they did 2 years ago, and 32 % are

recycling more now.

- Over 50 % of Wisconsin households compost yard waste and 73 % leave grass clippings on their lawns.

#### **Natural resource conservation**

- Rigorous recycling efforts keep almost 1.7 million tons of material out of Wisconsin landfills and incinerators each year.
- Wisconsin citizens have saved landfill space equivalent to the size of 5 average landfills since 1990.
- Recycling 1 ton of aluminum saves the energy equivalent of 2,350 gallons of gasoline or the total amount of electricity used by a typical Wisconsin home over 10 years.
- Recycling paper produces 73 % less air pollution than using virgin materials.
- Recycling glass reduces mining waste by 80 %.

#### **Energy savings**

- Recycling 1 ton of glass saves the equivalent of 10 gallons of oil.
- Recycling 1 ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 1-2,000 gallons of gasoline.
- Recycling 1 ton of newspaper saves the equivalent of 100 gallons of gasoline.
- Recycling 1 ton of aluminum saves the energy equivalent of 2,350 gallons of gasoline or the total amount of electricity used by a typical Wisconsin home over 10 years.
- Recycling 1 ton of iron saves 1 ton of coal.

#### **Trash trivia**

- In Wisconsin, we generate 4.6 million tons of trash and recyclables each year. That's enough to fill a typical city street over 4 feet deep with trash (curb to curb) for 575 miles! If you remove the recyclables, only 357 miles would be filled with trash.
- In the United States, we generate enough trash and recyclables each day to fill 72,450 garbage trucks that hold 9 tons of trash each. If you remove the recyclables, only 44,919 garbage trucks would be needed.

#### **Landfills**

- There are 39 municipal landfills and 37 industrial landfills in Wisconsin (2002).
- There are 1,967 municipal landfills (2000) in the United States.

#### **Office paper**

- In Wisconsin, we use enough office paper each year to build a 10-foot high wall, 145 miles long. We recycle 56 miles of that wall.
- In the United States, we use enough office paper each year to build a 10-foot high wall, 6,815 miles long or 2 1/2 times the distance from New York to Los Angeles.

#### **Our share**

- The average person in Wisconsin generates 4.7 pounds of trash (residential and their share of commercial trash) each day and recycles 1.9 pounds of that trash per day.
- The average person in the United States generates 4.7 pounds of trash each day and recycles 1.4 pounds of that trash per day.

### **GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

#### **PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES!**

It's time for Fire Prevention Week, and from October 6-12, the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company Inc is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to '**Prevent Kitchen Fires.**' During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of kitchen fires, most of which result from unattended cooking. According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home

fires. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen—more than any other place in the home. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

The Green Valley – Morgan firefighters will be handing out information to the kids at Fairview School during Fire Prevention Week, but if you would like some fire prevention information for your family and relatives, please feel free to contact any Green Valley – Morgan firefighter and we would be glad to get that information to you free of charge. Among the safety tips that firefighters will be emphasizing:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove’s back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove. Keep pot handles turned toward the inside of the stove top.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

“**Thank You**” to everyone that came to our annual firefighters’ picnic on August 10. The weather was quite comfortable that day and it was a great time to be outside and enjoy the picnic. This has been our most successful year yet! We hope you had a chance to meet and talk to your firefighters, friends, and family. Thank you to Gillett Ambulance, who was ‘standing by’ for everyone to see and talk to. Thank you to our afternoon band - Robert Delzer, Dennis Delzer, and Jim Wudtke – for playing that good, old-time polka music again, a little reminiscent of the late ‘Green Valley Homecoming’! We hope everyone enjoyed the band “Renegade” in the evening, a band from Abrams that came back to entertain for us again this year. A very special “THANK YOU” to everyone that donated items, time, and/or money for the annual firefighters’ picnic, for you are the people that make our picnic a success! We changed our raffles a little bit this year and it seemed like most people liked the new style. We had our first gun raffle, which proved to be a very successful idea thanks to the hard work of a few of our firefighters [Thank you, Shawn and Crystal!] that took it upon themselves to get the guns for our gun raffle, and also the prizes for the bucket raffles. “Thank you” also to everyone else that helped with our raffles before and during the picnic! It was a very big success and we hope everyone had fun working so hard! The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company certainly appreciates all of the time and effort it takes to have a successful picnic. The families and friends of our firefighters are always there to “fill in the gaps” at the picnic and throughout the year, and to you we owe our deepest gratitude and THANKS! It’s a lot of work, but it’s a lot of fun, too, and it’s all for a good cause! We welcome any comments or suggestions on how we can improve our picnic, so please talk to a firefighter and let us know so it can be discussed at one of our meetings. If you have any ideas that we may be able to try for next year, we’d like to hear them!

We’ll soon be into harvest season again and lots of farm equipment will be moving between fields and farms. Each one of us should be on the lookout for our wildlife friends, too - especially those brown, furry guys with horns that like to chase their girlfriends this time of year; and those birds that are mighty tasty around Thanksgiving; and maybe even a larger critter that likes to eat berries and sweets and then sleeps all winter long, only to wake up really hungry in the spring and rummage through the birdfeeders and garbage areas! Well, I guess you get the point – watch out for animals! They’ve been

the cause of quite a few accidents lately. If you do know of an accident in the area, please stay away from that area to keep the congestion to a minimum. Thanks for your cooperation ahead of time! We wish everyone a safe and profitable harvest season – harvesting the crops in the fields and harvesting those big deer in the woods! Have a great holiday season!

STAY SAFE, STAY WARM, and PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY EVERY DAY!!!

## **HISTORY COMMITTEE**

Meetings as needed. History Committee Members: Kaye Rundquist, 853-4012, or 920-822-8140, Janice Wendt, 745-2526, Esther & Kermit Morris, 745-6540, Helen Montie, 920-855-2286, and Arbutus Schneider, 745-6324

The History Committee has been quiet these past months. If you have any tales to relate, or items, questions or comments concerning the history of the Town of Green Valley, please contact anyone on the History Committee (above), or on the Town Board. We will try to get an answer for you, or to direct the comments to the right people. We are always looking for pictures and/or news articles about the Town.

### **Did you know:**

In October of 1926, the **State Bank of Green Valley** installed the “Tear Gas system of protection”. Not poisonous, not deadly, instantly blinded anyone exposed to the vapors. Caused no permanent injury. (Related by Times Herald 10/16/2006)

**Also:** The late **Lena Herning** was an amazing woman. She served as school clerk for many years; taught school in various schools for 25 years. First Deputy Clerk for Town of Green Valley from 1922 – 1929; first woman on the Town Board from 1955 - 1958, and was Cecil Postmaster for a number of years. A remarkable person.

**Thank you: Mrs. Sidney Wilson** for her donation. This is in the history room at the Community Center in Advance.

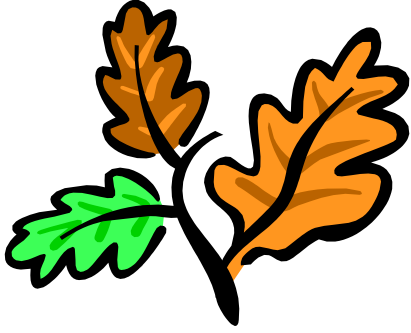
We are looking for further information on the schoolhouse in community of Green Valley, from between 1888 and 1914. Any help will be appreciated.

## **GREEN VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT #1:**

**Regular meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM as posted. District Board:** President – Julie Brown 920-680-7508; Secretary – Lisa Bergner, 715-851-2288; Treasurer – Janice Wendt, 715-745-2526

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

**CAN COLLECTION SITE:** The can collection site is located at **Harry Leib Memorial Park** in the community of Green Valley. Proceeds from this fund go to upkeep and upgrades for the town parks, including equipment. The Town Treasurer can tell you the balance in this fund.



Hope you have a peaceful autumn filled with many blessings.

