

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter

January 2012

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair: Arl Rudie 715-745-2102

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Plan Commission: Chair: Bob Krause 715-745-6689, Secretary: Carol Nygaard 715-745-6056

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Fire Chief: David Dittman 715-745-2652

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

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK:

- **Garbage labels** are now available for purchase from the following: 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 in Advance, Rosie's Bar in Green Valley, 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.
- The **Spring Primary election** will be held **Tuesday, February 21st**. The **Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary** will be held **Tuesday, April 3rd**.
- **Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7PM to attend the Town of Green Valley Annual Meeting held at the Community Center in Advance.** (This date was set by the electorate at the 2011 annual meeting. Per WI state statute 60.11, the Town annual meeting date is the second Tuesday in April, and if held on that date no notice is needed. The Town annual meeting can be held within 10 days of the second Tuesday in April only if that date is set at the previous annual meeting).
- Watch for more information posted on the Town posting boards (located at the Community Center in Advance, Fire Station in Pulcifer & Cluster Mailboxes in Green Valley) and posted on the Town website on the upcoming dates that **Open Book and Board of Review** will be held. If you have any questions concerning your taxable real or personal property valuation, attend the Open Book session held by Accurate Appraisal, LLC where you can meet individually with one of the appraisers. **These are usually held in April & May.**
- 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 jenerou@frontiernet.net

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- Time again for a newsletter so as long as we are in the winter season I will explain some about snowplowing and what we do. The town is of course bordered by other towns, so only half of the border roads belong to Green Valley. On the east we are bordered by State highway 32. On the north we border with Town of Gillett. We have an agreement with them as to who plows what. Gillett plows from Hwy 32 to Cty Rd BB. Green Valley plows west of BB and we do the portion of Flat Rock road that lies in the Town of Gillett. On the south we border Town of Angelica. There are 4 miles of road there and we each do 2 miles of that road.
- The Town of Green Valley has 50.7 miles of road, so when we are plowing we do 101 miles of road. At 25 miles an hour and cleaning up corners it takes a while. Your patience is appreciated and we ask that you give all snowplows all the room you can. The vision is not the best with the wing and plow to watch.
- While on the subject of roads, the board asks all residents to watch for items discarded in our ditches. Some of the items we have picked out of ditches this fall have been 2 mattresses, 1 transmission, 4 sheets of asbestos, numerous tires, and there are many deer carcasses.
- A lot more information could go in here but will quit for now and wish you a prosperous new year.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK:

- **Real Estate Taxes** should be paid in half or full to the Town of Green Valley Treasurer by **January 31, 2012**. Payments postmarked 1/31/12 are acceptable. Mail payments to: Traci Nygaard, Town of Green Valley Treasurer, N7211 River Heights Lane, Cecil, WI. 54111. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your receipt.
Taxes can also be paid at the Town of Green Valley Community Center in Advance on the following dates:
Wednesday, January 18th - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 21st - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wednesday, January 25th - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, January 31st - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Dog Owners:** Now is the time to license your pet for 2012. Fees are as follows: \$3 spayed or neutered, \$8 not spayed or neutered. If your pet's rabies certificate has expired you need to submit an updated one in order for a license to be issued.
The town is required to provide a dog count to Shawano County. **Dog owners without the proper license are subject to a fine from the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.**
Any questions please call 715-851-1453. Thank you.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Regular meetings - first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center

Members: Chairperson Bob Krause 745-6689, Secretary Carol Nygaard 745-6056, Brian Calaway 920-621-4314, and Gary Anderson 745-6761

- If you are in need of field access or a driveway you need to fill out an application for a permit. After the application is completed and returned to the Plan Commission chairman or secretary, the site will be inspected by a Town board member and/or a Plan Commission member. A recommendation will then be determined and a Permit will be issued after receipt of the required fee.

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.)

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Large items in our Town are picked up the 3rd Thursday of each month. You must call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at least one day prior to the 3rd 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:

Jan. 11 & 25 Feb. 8 & 22 March 7 & 21 April 4 & 18 May 2, 16 & 31

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

Recycle electronics instead of trashing them this holiday season

By Bridgette Valdez-Kogle, DNR

The holidays often bring new electronic toys—big-screen TVs, smartphones, laptops and more. When you find that shiny new gadget under the tree, you may want to get rid of some of the old electronic gathering dust.

Under Wisconsin's electronics recycling law, many electronics cannot be put in the trash. The E-Cycle Wisconsin program, funded by electronics manufacturers, offers electronics recycling options in many parts of the state.

Electronics contain harmful materials like mercury, lead, cadmium and other heavy metals, as well as chemical flame retardants. When disposed of improperly, these pollutants can pose a risk to human and environmental health.

Electronics also contain valuable, reusable materials, including steel, plastic, gold, silver, copper and glass. Properly recycling these materials reduces the need for new raw materials.

"Electronics are resources that are too valuable to waste, and we can help both our economy and the environment by recycling them," said Ann Coakley, director of DNR's Waste and Materials Management Program.

"This is an exciting opportunity for many of us in Wisconsin to recycle our electronics more easily and at a lower cost," Coakley said.

The following electronics are banned from landfills and incinerators

Computers (desktop, laptop, netbooks and tablet computers)

Desktop printers (including those that scan, fax and/or copy)

Computer monitors

Televisions

DVD players, VCRs and DVRs

Fax machines

Computer mice and keyboards

Other computer accessories such as hard drives, speakers, flash drives and modems

Cell phones

Electronic waste is the fastest growing part of waste in the United States. There are millions of pounds of electronic waste in Wisconsin alone, so make sure you recycle yours.

For more information about E-Cycle Wisconsin, including a full list of collection sites, see <http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin>. [For questions, contact the E-Cycle Wisconsin program at \(608\) 266-2111 or DNRWae-cycling@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRWae-cycling@wisconsin.gov).

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Yes, we did....Yes, we were....Yes, we will....Yes, we are

Yes, we did....purchase a brand new fire truck! On October 24, we took delivery of a brand new pumper/tanker from Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC in Clintonville. It has a 1,250 gpm pump and a 3,000 gallon water tank. It is very similar to the other large pumper/tanker that we have (which we currently refer to as “Big 4”), with a few tweaks to suit our needs better. Our new truck is equipped with a generator, more storage space for equipment, and a separate rack on the side to hold a 3,000 gallon portable tank, among many other small improvements. Of course it meets all of the current NFPA standards, but it is designed to be more firefighter friendly and safer than “Big 4”. The firefighters that were on the truck committee that designed this truck certainly put a lot of time and thought into this one! If you’d like to see it on a personal tour, please contact any one of our firefighters and we’ll answer any questions you have.

Yes, we were....at the fire in Pulaski! That has been the most asked question in the past few weeks of any firefighter, “Were you in Pulaski?” That was an excellent learning experience for everyone involved, no matter which department you were associated with. The City of Green Bay and Howard Fire Departments learned as much from us as we did from other departments that we usually don’t work with! The most important lesson from that whole event from the fire perspective – *nobody*, and we can guarantee that *nobody* was without fire protection that evening/morning! What happened in Pulaski was something beyond what any of us expected. Most everyone left there with a new idea to implement, a new problem identified that was never thought of before, or just a simple lesson from another firefighter, only if it was the thought of “what if...?” That was the MABAS system (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) in full working capacity. As far as operations, it was a large fire that seemed to be going as planned; and then the water tower was empty! That’s when they needed help with water, and lots of it! Here are some statistics that we received from the Pulaski Tri-County Fire Dept:

Fire trucks: 20 Fire Engines (Pumpers) 4 Ladder Trucks 42 Tenders (water tankers)

Water: 1.75 million gallons - village tower 1.426 million gallons of water shuttled (3.176 million gal total)

Agencies: 35 Fire Departments directly involved Many other police, municipal, and service depts. As was mentioned before, there were lessons to be learned. We all feel sorry for the loss that those residents and businesses incurred, but as an after-the-fact look at the incident, we all did the best that we could with what we had at the time. No thanks to Mother Nature for the freezing rain and sleet that morning, either.

Yes, we will....continue to participate in the MABAS system. The Pulaski Fire Dept implemented the Brown County MABAS, which we are part of due to the proximity to Pulaski. Shawano and Oconto Counties are also working on getting the MABAS system up and working very soon. MABAS is designed to be a state-wide system so that any governmental borders will not be a hindrance during an emergency. Those issues will be discussed and remedied before an event. **Yes, we will....**have our annual Firefighters’ Picnic again on August 11, 2012. Please mark your calendars now and save the date! We moved our date from the first Saturday to the second Saturday in August because of conflict

with Oconto Electric's picnic, as well as several other area events. It's hard to find a day in the summertime when something else isn't happening!

Yes, we are...interested in any special situations that your family has. Is there someone in your household that has a disability or special need? Do you have oxygen or special medicines in your home? Do you have special medical equipment? If so, please contact any firefighter and let us know. The reason for this is if we get called to your residence, we are prepared to handle your situation. If someone needs help exiting the home, we will be prepared for that before we arrive. We will do our best to get your medical needs taken care of, especially retrieving medicines and equipment from the fire. For example, some medicines are very hard to obtain on a Saturday evening or it may be difficult to replace that chair you have in a timely manner. This is also for our own safety, as oxygen and fire are not friends! Any information you provide to us will be kept confidential and used only in an emergency to help you.

Until Spring 2012, 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

Thank you to **Don & Laurice Gilbertson** for the *State Bank of Green Valley savings bank*. This is on display in the History Room at the Community Center.

Thank you to the family of the late **Dean Gueller** for the *Gueller military service picture*.

Also the family of **Leo Herning** for the *June 1930 picture of the Shawano County Schoolchildren, and undated military picture*.

And thank you to **Helen Montie** for the *Bowling trophy from the old bank*.

Thank you to **Bob & Kaye Rundquist** for the picture of *Henry Brusewitz in his grocery store in Green Valley*; also, for the pictures of the *Valentine Cheese Factory and of the building of the railroad* in the Green Valley area.

The man in the railroad picture is **not** identified. If you have an idea of **who** this man might be, please contact someone on the History Committee. We also

thank the **Rundquists** for the *tote bag* from former Village Crafts store; and the *1st Interstate Bank coaster*, and the *If You Are Captured* booklet for servicemen, dated 16 May, 1944.

Thank you to **Alex Majeski** for the beautiful pottery *tall pitcher* from his inventory and the news article from Press Gazette of 01/13/2010 for our History Room.



The few remaining copies of the History Committee's second book, *Town of Green Valley, A Glimpse into Our Past* will be available during tax collection and 2012 elections, as supply allows. Cost is \$15.00 each. Add \$5.00 for mailing, if you want a copy mailed to you. Don't wait too long, as a reprint of either of the books is cost and design prohibitive. A reminder: if you are looking for a copy of the first book, *Town of Green Valley, A Look Back*, you should check out the area Libraries and Garage Sales.

Did You Know:

A letter mailed from Germany on 01-10-1958, addressed simply to "Sly", Pulcifer WI, was properly delivered to **Mrs. Russell (Sly) Zenk** on 01-14-1958. Think about how wonderfully efficient and prompt was the postal system in 1958! [source: Times Herald]

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.

