

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter

May 2014

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair: Arl Rudie 715-853-5001

Clerk: Janalee Jenerou 715-745-2699

Supervisors: Gary Uelmen 715-745-2982, Terry Tipton 715-853-1555

Treasurer: Traci Nygaard 715-851-1453

Town Website: <http://townofgreenvalley.com>

Animal Control: Gary Uelmen 715-745-2982

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

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

Vince VandeHey 920-899-3801

Building Inspector Coordinator: Tom Smith Inspections, LLC 920-655-1735

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

Green Valley Sanitary District President: Julie Antoine 920-621-4654

Assessor: Accurate Appraisal, LLC 920-749-8098 or 800-770-3927

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:

- If you are interested in serving as an Election Inspector please notify the Clerk.
- The **Partisan Primary** will be held **Tuesday, August 12, 2014**, and the **General Election** will be held **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**. Offices on the ballot include: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Representative to Congress, Representative to the Assembly, Sheriff, Coroner, County Clerk of Court.
- **Open Book will be held Monday, May 19 from 4-6 pm** at the Community Center. 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.
- **Board of Review will be held Thursday, June 5 from 5-7 pm** 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.
- The Town Board would like to install some play equipment at the park/ball diamond in Green Valley; if you are interested in donating toward this, please let the Clerk or a Board member know.
- 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
- Following are the UNAPPROVED minutes from the Annual Town meeting:

The Town of Green Valley met Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7PM at the Community Center. There were 15 people present. Chairman Rudie called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk Jenerou read the 2013 annual meeting minutes. *Motion by Marlene Schuda, second by Wayne Evraets to approve the minutes as read. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Nygaard read the 2013 financial report printed in the Annual Report. Rudie stated that the 2013 financial report was available to everyone and asked if there were any questions or comments on it. *Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Kermit Morris to approve the financial report. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

New Business: There was discussion on setting the elected officials' salaries for the next term of office 4/2015-3/2017. Rudie stated that the electorate of the Town of Green Valley sets the elected officials salaries, and normally there are only two electorate meetings a year, the annual meeting and the budget hearing. In order to formulate a more accurate budget, it makes sense to set the salaries for the next term's (4/15) elected officials at the annual meeting. The current salaries are: Clerk = \$18,540.00, Chairman = \$9,270.00, Treasurer = \$9,270.00, Supervisors = \$4,635.00 each; they were raised 3% effective 4/11. It was explained that according to the recommendation of the WI Towns Association (WTA), the Chairman's and Treasurer's salaries are to be equal, the Clerk's salary is to be double the Chairman's salary, and the Supervisors' salaries are to be half of the Chairman's salary. *Motion by Jim Manders, second by Scott Schuda to leave salaries the same for the next term. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Old Business: Discussion on high costs to maintain and reconstruct roads.

Other Business: Explanation that per 2011 Wis Act 115, the Town annual meeting date is the third Tuesday in April, and if held on that date no notice is needed. The Town annual meeting can be held within ten days of the third Tuesday in April only if that date is set at the previous annual meeting. *Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Wayne Evraets to set next year's annual meeting date as the third Tuesday in April (4/21/15). All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Motion by Scott Schuda, second by Marlene Schuda to adjourn at 7:35 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.
Rudie thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- Spring has arrived, sort of. The town board recently completed a tour of all town roads to assess conditions and damages from the winter. Needless to say we found a great deal of it. We feel there are 26 different roads that will need crackfilling, patching or both. We have several roads that would benefit from chip sealing. The road we are focusing on reconstructing this year will be Plier Rd from the intersection with Strupp Rd to Cty Hwy E. Right of way has been acquired and the needed permits are in the process. We hope to let bids in June with construction to start in August.
- As we rode around we discovered a lot of trash in the ditches, ranging from computer monitors to trash barrels to just plain junk. We also noticed a lot of the residue from feed storage bag plastic. If you use these items we ask that you be responsible for cleaning it up. We would also like for you to clean the road if you are responsible for bringing mud onto the road surface.

PLAN COMMISSION: Regular meetings - first Thursday 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.

- A reminder regarding field access permits, driveway permits and work in road right-of-way permits. You need to contact Carol Nygaard @ 715-745-6056 to obtain a permit application. After Carol receives the completed application along with the required fee, a Town Board and/or Plan Commission member(s) will view the site and give Carol their determination. You will then be issued a permit. If the permit is to be for a driveway, a copy of the Town Driveway Ordinance will be mailed with the permit application. Keep in mind, this will take several days or longer from application to actual issuing of the permit so plan accordingly.
- All Town roads are open to ATV traffic. A maximum 25 mph speed limit will be enforced.

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 Harters for prices on cart rentals; stickers are still required with cart use.

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:

May 14 & 29 June 11 & 25 July 9 & 23 Aug. 6 & 20 Sept. 4 & 17

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

Spring sports are a great opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle

MADISON -Whether on the field or in the stands, athletes and fans can get active this spring by reducing, reusing and recycling at the game. Recycling specialists at the Department of Natural Resources advise a few simple steps that can cut sports' carbon footprint and ensure that everybody wins in the long run.

Tips for teams and athletes - Lots of athletes, teams and families already pitch in by recycling any aluminum cans or glass bottles they bring to the games, buying from sports resale shops or using hand-me-downs, but there are plenty of other ways to reduce or recycle.

For instance, when you buy sports equipment, don't forget to reuse or recycle the plastic film, hard plastic and cardboard packaging the equipment came in. If you bike or skateboard to games or practice, you might be interested to know that bicycle and skateboard recycling is growing in popularity. Check with your local bike or resale shops to see if they recycle bikes or parts. You can also recycle old athletic shoes through programs like ShoeBox Recycling and Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe.

There are ways to help the earth on the sidelines, too. Lots of teams fuel up on snacks like apples and oranges - the good news is these items are completely biodegradable! You can save cores, peels and rinds for backyard composting.

Finally, many sports teams make group pledges to help the local environment by taking on a recycling challenge, adopting a local park or highway or committing to some other sustainable practice as a group. It's a fun way to promote the team, build team spirit and help keep your home field clean!

Tips for fans - Fans, too, can play their part. An easy but often overlooked way to help keep your sports venues green is to promote the use of recycling and trash bins in public areas.

If you are hosting a sporting event or are in charge of an event venue, you can point people in the right direction. Be sure to place trash and recycling bins in easily accessible, visible locations where visitors will be able to see and use them.

Other tips for fans include reusing paper and cardboard from packaging materials to make signs and banners, carpooling to games and purchasing reusable souvenir cups that can be reused at the event or at home.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elisabeth Olson, 608-264-9258

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Busy, busy, busy...

It's been a busy year so far at the firehouse! The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company is way ahead of our usual pace for fire calls at this point in the year. Many of those calls have been to help other fire departments, but we have had a higher number of our own calls as well. Please remember to practice fire safety every day and check the batteries in your smoke detectors! Fortunately, we haven't had any serious injuries from these fires – the residents were able to exit the structure and all of our personnel were able to go home after the call. We have also been doing quite a bit of training: Most of our firefighters attended a DNR Wildland Firefighting class in January, a few firefighters attended a class on scene management in March, we hosted another Entry Level Driver/Operator course in Green Valley, and we just completed a CPR Refresher. Our chief officers have also been attending meetings to continue the MABAS system in Oconto County. Shawano County is still in the implementation stage for MABAS and there are more meetings to come regarding that.

The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company would like to give you a few reminders on wildland fire safety before you decide to burn:

- ✓ Check the local fire danger conditions per the DNR. DNR burning permits are required for the Town of Morgan (check the regulations on their web site or call them for more info), but not for the Town of Green Valley. We urge everyone to check the fire danger map at the following web site <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp>. The DNR updates this map daily at 11:00 a.m. You can also call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) for daily restrictions, or refer to the signs posted by any DNR Ranger station.
- ✓ Use common sense and plan ahead. Tend to your fire at all times.
- ✓ Please use common courtesy with fireworks and campfires during your summer celebrations so that everyone can enjoy the nice summer evenings.
- ✓ Check the nearby weather forecast. The weather may be perfect at the time you plan to burn, but it can change within a matter of minutes. If the wind picks up right after you burn, a few smoldering embers could be all it takes to start a wildland fire.
- ✓ Please remember to always make sure your fire is completely out before leaving the area.

Also, the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company asks that you contact the Sheriff's Department to report that you are going to have a 'controlled burn'; just give them the location and time you plan to burn. (Do not call 911, use the non-emergency line: Shawano County 715-526-3111, Oconto County 920-834-6900.) If you do see a fire, please stop and check to see if someone is tending to the fire and/or if it is contained. We have had several calls in the past that have been reported by cell phone users driving by and they result in a false alarm.

Please be safe on the roads! Farm equipment will be traveling on all of the roads again soon and at all times of the day and night. Some of those machines are quite large and travel at a slower speed, so we ask that you share the roadways with them. Also remember that some of the vehicles could be carrying hazardous chemicals and/or large amounts of fuel. Please be courteous as they do their jobs!

Looking for a few good men and/or ladies: The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company could use your help! If you are interested in joining our fire company and willing to get some great training and gain a new ‘fire family’, contact any of our firefighters for the information on what it’s all about. Help protect the community you live in!

The annual Green Valley – Morgan Firefighters Picnic will be held on August 9, 2014. It will be the same schedule and layout as in years past, with everything beginning at noon at the firehouse in Green Valley. The Eagle III helicopter from Green Bay is scheduled to come at 3:00 p.m., pending they don’t have any emergency calls. The band “Southbound” will be the evening entertainment. We currently have tickets for sale (\$10 each) for the gun raffle and we’re only selling 600 tickets! You can purchase a ticket(s) from any firefighter or you can visit the various businesses in Green Valley and Morgan and surrounding communities. This is one whole day where all of our firefighters are present at the Green Valley firehouse and we want you to come and see what your emergency services are all about! Watch for our posters! Enjoy the warm weather and stay safe.....see you August 9!

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

Meetings as needed

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

Shawano County Fair – 2014

The topic for the *Shawano County Historical Society’s* 2014 Shawano County Fair display is **BARS, BALLROOMS, BROTHELS AND BREWERIES**. The Green Valley History Committee met in October to begin work on this County Fair project. While we have sent pictures and information to the county’s Historical Society, if you have any pictures or other information on any of these within our Town, we can still make a copy to use in the fair display. Your help is appreciated.

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). We will try to get an answer for you, or to direct the comments to the right people.

Correction: The *clothes rack from Leib’s Store* mentioned in the January newsletter, came from **Janice Wendt**. We apologize for the error.

Please remember the Town’s History Committee if you plan to dispose of any information, pictures or documents related to the history of the Town. The only way to preserve the history is with your help. We continue to depend on residents, past and present, for all new and existing information. We are always looking for pictures, memorabilia and/or news articles about the Town. Thank you.

Did you know: ‘November 1967 the members of Luebke-Robinson Post 8314 VFW, honored Vietnam Veterans Dale and Dean Gueller from Green Valley. Also honored were Pete Heaney of Oconto Falls and Dennis Herzog of Gillett.’ [Oconto County Times Herald article]

GREEN VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT #1:

Regular meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM as posted. District Board: President – Julie Antoine, 920-621-4654; 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.

