

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter
September 2012

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair: Arl Rudie 715-745-2102

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

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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

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

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Green Valley Sanitary District President: Julie Brown 920-621-6621

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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:

- The General Election will be held **Tuesday, November 6, 2012** for President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, WI State Senate seat, WI Assembly seat, District Attorney, County Clerk, Treasurer, and Register of Deeds.
- If you are interested in being a member of the Plan Commission, please contact Chair, Arl Rudie.
- **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 prior to the election which will be held the first Tuesday in April.
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.
Contact the town clerk for the necessary forms required when circulating nomination papers.
- The next Spring Election at which Town Officials will be elected will be on **Tuesday, April 2, 2013.**
- 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:

- Summer is winding down and so is the road project for this year. We are redoing Green Valley Road from Shawano Line Road to Church Road. We let a contract to do the ditch work. The ditches have been cleaned and reshaped. The paving is scheduled for the last week in August. We have gone this route because of the difficulty in getting permits needed to totally reconstruct a road.
- We are still in the process of trying to get the mitigation site permitted. We are having very little success and are considering just buying the credits needed to finish Shawano Line Road and Carroll

Road. The problem is a wetland credit costs between \$45,000 and \$50,000 per credit. We would probably need 2 credits. There should be budget money left after the road project.

- We have been using the road budget to replace all road signs; this is about completed. The next project will be street signs. This will be a process.
- We will also be cleaning ditches in places across the town. While on the subject, we have allowed folks to clean ditches as they needed. We have encountered a problem doing it this way, so we will be a lot more restrictive in the future. We hope to have a big mower in later this fall to cut brush in the ditches. Vision on corners gets to be a real problem if we do not do this.
- Harvesting is about to commence on all the roads in the town. Once again we urge you to be really cautious around the harvesting equipment. We also urge extra caution while traveling on the roads in the northern portion of the town. The Hwy 22 detour has added a lot of traffic.

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, and Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351.

- 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 the 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.

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:

September 19 October 3, 17 & 31 November 14 & 28 December 12 & 27 Jan. 9 & 23, 2013

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

Composting at home

Home composting yard materials and certain food scraps can provide valuable material for gardens and landscaping while reducing costs for off-site composting or disposal.

Wisconsin law bans the landfilling of yard materials such as leaves, grass clippings and branches less than 6" in diameter. Composting is a preferred alternative to burning such materials, which is banned in many communities. Through home composting, residents can enjoy the benefits of compost spread on their vegetable and flower gardens or in landscape projects.

Home composting can be done in bins or in a heap; however, bins are a better way to manage the materials. There are a number of home composting containers available commercially, and it is also fairly simple to create your own. If you do not include food scraps in your compost, you may not need a specialized container.

DNR does not regulate small-scale, home composting operations of less than 50 cubic yards. All composting should be done in a nuisance-free and environmentally sound manner, however. This includes minimizing odors, not attracting excessive numbers of rodents and other pests, and not siting compost piles in wetlands or other sensitive areas.

Certain food scraps can also be easily composted with yard materials at home. Be sure to follow recommendations on what types of food scraps can be composted in order to prevent odors and avoid attracting animals and other pests.

Examples of materials for composting.

What to compost

- Yard materials
- Vegetable and fruit scraps
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea bags
- Nut shells
- Eggshells
- Clean, unwaxed paper, such as newspaper and cardboard
- Animal manure (not pet waste)

What not to compost

- Meat or fish scraps, bones and packaging
- Dairy products (milk, cheese, egg yolks, etc.)
- Fats and oils or foods containing fats and oils
- Pet waste
- Diseased or insect-ridden plants
- Highly invasive plants like garlic mustard, unless completely dry and without flowers or seeds

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

HAVE TWO WAYS OUT!

First and foremost, the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company, Inc. would like to say **"Thank You"** to everyone that came to our annual firefighters' picnic on August 11. It was our most successful year so far! 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. We want to extend a big thank you to Green Valley Dairy for sponsoring the band at night for the past several years! We hope everyone enjoyed "Renegade", a band from Abrams that played a variety of music for everyone in the evening. Some of the band members are also associated with Abrams Fire Department, so this was a special kind of "mutual aid" for us! A very special "THANK YOU" to everyone that donated items, time, and/or money for the annual firefighters' picnic. 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 woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. Unfortunately, the time available is often less. That's why the Green Valley-Morgan Fire Company, Inc. is again teaming up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2012, to urge residents to "Have Two Ways Out!" This year's theme focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice. One home structure was reported every 85 seconds in 2010. Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family's safety should fire break out in your home.

Imagine you are a young child and you awaken one night to find your bedroom is filling with smoke. Your house is on fire! What would you do? To make sure your child has the skills that can potentially save his/her life, we will be teaching burn prevention and fire safety at Fairview School during Fire Prevention Week. A key element of this learning process will include a tour at school of the Fire Safety House. The Fire Safety House is provided to us by Oconto Fire-Rescue Department and is housed in their station. The trailer was funded by a grant that was awarded to Oconto Fire-Rescue. All fire and rescue departments in Oconto County are encouraged to use the trailer to teach home safety throughout the year. We had the Fire Safety House at our picnic on August 11! We hope you had a chance to take a tour through the trailer during one of our "classes". This mobile classroom is specially designed to teach children vital burn prevention and fire escape techniques through fun, safe simulation of common hazards. The Fire Safety House is equipped with a kitchen, bedroom, and living room. The House fills with a nontoxic water based smoke. This realistic environment teaches children to "crawl low" to safety. A heated door helps children choose the right exit. An escape ladder is used to exit from the bedroom. We will try to have this trailer at our picnic again next year, so if you're not able to see it at Fairview School, please come next year and see it in Green Valley! Here are some tips for protecting your home and family from fire:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home (including the basement).
- Replace the batteries at least twice a year ("Change your clocks, change your batteries!")
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly using the test button and replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond when tested.
- Make sure everyone can hear the sound of the smoke alarms. (What does is sound like?)
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to respond if the smoke alarm sounds – Get Out and Stay Out! If you have pets that are in cages, medicines, or valuables in the house, let us go and get them for you!
- Know at lease two ways out of every room. Practice your escape plan twice a year. Remember to practice your escape plan in the dark at least once, because you never know when a fire will occur and the darkness creates a whole new perspective in your home.
- Try to keep your family and pets away from the house and driveway. We come with lots of trucks and equipment, so we want everyone to be safe at all times! Our first job – Is the scene safe?
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. Keep the handles of pots and pans turned in, so small children cannot reach them.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep. Keep candles away from small children and pets.

The Green Valley – Morgan firefighters will also 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. To learn more about “Have Two Ways Out!”, visit NFPA’s website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

One last thing, **please be safe on the roads!** We’ll soon be into harvest season and lots of farm equipment will be moving between fields and farms. We’ve had an increased number of accidents, presumably due to the detours and road construction. The road construction is expected to last into November. Take that extra 2 seconds and make sure it’s safe to proceed. It could keep your good day from turning into a really bad day! 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! We wish everyone a safe and profitable harvest season – harvesting the crops in the fields and harvesting the deer in the woods! Have a great holiday season! STAY SAFE!!!

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 **Esther & Kermit Morris** for the **globe from Green Valley School** they got from Jodie Shier’s rummage sale. One never knows what you will find at a rummage sale!

Thank you to **Lynn Czech** (formerly Linda Kruse) for **identifying students** in some of the Green Valley School pictures. A copy of the additions/corrections will be in the next newsletter.

Thank you to **Claude Bohn** for giving us the **Pleasant Valley School Board record books, 1874-1938** for safekeeping.

We are looking for: copy of pictures of the 1958 and 1959 Green Valley School students. If you can help with the pictures and possibly the identification, please contact Kaye Rundquist at one of the numbers above or at rrundquist@netnet.net

The few remaining copies of the History Committee’s second book, *Town of Green Valley, A Glimpse into Our Past* will be available during the 2012 November election. Cost is \$15.00 each. Once these are gone, you will have to check area libraries and garage sales. **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:

OUTHOUSE REGULATIONS:

In the late 1800’s and early 1900’s there were rules for school outhouses?

1. Always face outhouses to the south
2. Have roof slant equally east and west or entirely to the north
3. Floor should be at least one foot above ground level
4. Outhouses should have a screen in front if facing street, or if open to general view of those passing by

5. Outhouses for a school of 30 or under should be 8' one way and 10' the other; and if of this dimension, long way to extend east and west and roof slope east and west or entirely north; for schools of 30 or over, outhouses should be 10 by 10, at least, with roof slant ...
6. Boys privy: make three seats and one stall for every three boys.
Girls privy: one seat for every three girls.

For further explanations and reasons for these rules, check out the list in the History Room at the Community Center. This list was put out by the County Superintendent of schools.

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.

