

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter

January 2013

## TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair: Arl Rudie 715-745-2102

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

e-mail: [tom@tsinspections.com](mailto:tom@tsinspections.com) website: [tsinspections.com](http://tsinspections.com)

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

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

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:**

- The **Spring Primary election** will be held **Tuesday, February 19th**. The **Spring Election** will be held **Tuesday, April 2nd**.
- **Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 16, 2013 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 2012 annual meeting. Per WI state statute 60.11, 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 10 days of the third 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](mailto:jenerou@frontiernet.net)

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

- Once again I will remind those of you who plant crops to respect the road right of way and not plant it.

- While on that subject, as you need to access your fields with larger and larger equipment please take a look and see if you need a wider field entrance. We need to minimize damage to the road surface from turning the large vehicles.
- We have been experiencing failures in some of our cross culverts. If you are aware of a culvert with a road surface failure on top of it please inform a town board member.
- We are discussing the road system to determine which road to work on this year. We are planning on the North mile of Plier Road at this time. We have to remain flexible in case of a road failure thru the winter.

### **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, 2013. Payments postmarked 1/31/13 are acceptable. Mailed payments are preferred. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your receipt. On January 31, 2013 and prior, payments should be mailed to Traci Nygaard, Town of Green Valley Treasurer, N7211 River Heights Lane, Cecil, WI. 54111.
- Taxes can also be paid at the Town of Green Valley Community Center in Advance on the following dates: Wednesday, January 23rd - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday, January 26th - 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 30th - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Thursday, January 31st - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Dog Owners: Now is the time to license your pet for 2013. 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 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.

- We have filled the board position vacated by Brian Calaway. Vince Vande Hey has been appointed to fill Brian's position. We want to thank Brian for his years of service to the Town. We welcome Vince to the board.
- Marlene Schuda has been appointed as the Plan Commission Vice Chair.
- We are studying rezoning the Town into Farmland Preservation. We will be holding meetings in the near future, watch for announcements.

### **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 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:**

**Jan. 23            Feb. 6 & 20            March 6 & 20            April 3 & 17            May 1, 15 & 30**

**Following is a news release from the DNR concerning high arsenic levels in wells in Shawano County (in Town of Green Valley):**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

**Northeast Region**

2984 Shawano Avenue; Green Bay, WI 54313

Phone: (920) 662-5100 TDD: 711

[dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)

**DATE: November 9, 2012**

**CONTACT:     JaNelle Merry, private water supply specialist (920) 662-5484**

**Northeast Wis.** – Water samples from several private wells with high arsenic levels are spurring state drinking water officials to encourage homeowners in parts of Oconto County and Shawano County to test their drinking water wells for arsenic, a carcinogen.

The areas most likely to be affected in Shawano County include the towns of Angelica, Maple Grove, Green Valley, Hartland and Lessor. In Oconto County, residents in the towns of Oconto Falls, Morgan, Chase, Stiles and Abrams are encouraged to test their wells, according to JaNelle Merry, a private water supply specialist with the Department of Natural Resources.

Arsenic is a natural element found in soil and bedrock throughout Wisconsin. Under certain conditions, arsenic can be released into groundwater and enter water wells. Long-term exposure to arsenic in drinking water is known to increase risks of skin, bladder, lung, liver, colon, and kidney cancer. Other health effects may include blood vessel damage, high blood pressure, nerve damage, anemia, stomach upsets, diabetes, and skin changes, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

### **Signs your well water may have high arsenic levels**

An increase in iron staining on fixtures or a change in color of the water may be an indicator of possible problems. For more information about arsenic contamination and drinking water wells, as well as information about ordering water test kits from a lab of your choice, visit the DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Groundwater/arsenic/>.

Residents in the affected communities can also contact their local health department if they have concerns about arsenic in their drinking water. In Oconto County, residents should call the Oconto County Public Health Department at (920) 834-7000. **In Shawano County, residents should contact the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department at (715) 526-4808 with questions, or to obtain a water test kit.**

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

### **Another year gone....**

...and maybe that's OK. After this past summer, I'm pretty sure there are some people that hope they never have another summer like that again. The lack of moisture affected all of us somehow. There are some people that watched their crops wither away in the endless sunshine, and those people will be trying to recover for months to come. The road construction crews on Highway 22 were able to finish the project on time, which made everyone a little happier. There are some people that were fortunate enough to get the rain exactly when they needed it and it may have made the summer and harvest of 2012 the best ever! I think most of us enjoyed the extra time off as a result of not having to mow the lawn as often! Even with the lack of moisture here in Wisconsin, we are certainly more fortunate than those that had to deal with tornadoes, hurricanes, forest fires, extreme drought, and the 'man-made horror stories' with all of the recent shootings.

The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company did have a few extra grass fires and machinery fires this past year. It's hard to determine if it was due to the dry weather, the hot weather, or just plain bad luck, but the well that we have at the Green Valley station was used quite often this past year. Hauling water, topping of the tenders, and washing hose were the more popular activities happening in front of the station! We are also able to fill our trucks at Green Valley Dairy and at Wagner Farms if we ever need to and at any time, and for that we are extremely thankful to them! It has also proved to be very beneficial to have another static water source in case we have several trucks that need to be filled at the same time. Or if something just isn't working right at one of the wells, there is a 'backup'. We also saw more vehicle accidents in Green Valley and Morgan this year. Unfortunately, some lives were lost and many more were affected. We hope this was a trend that we can attribute to the road construction on Highway 22. Let us all remember to use extra caution in and around the areas of road construction and detours in the future.

The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company is still looking forward to both Oconto and Shawano Counties going live with the MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) program very soon. As of January 10, 2013, Oconto County has gone live with MABAS. Shawano County is still actively working on getting the necessary paperwork completed with all of the townships and planning on how the response system should work for each emergency agency. It is anticipated that this will take about 6 months to complete. There are countless meeting hours of preparing, planning and training that need to be completed before everyone is set to go live so that a large event, such as the fire in Pulaski, can run as smooth and as efficient as possible.

Please remember to keep the winter fire safety tips in mind: Have your furnace checked to make sure it's working properly; keep outdoor vents clear of snow and ice to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning in the home; keep indoor furnishings at least 3 feet away from all heating equipment; check and periodically clean chimneys if burning wood; never leave lit candles unattended; and of course, check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Daylight Saving Time begins on March 10 – "Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries!"

The annual meeting for the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company, Inc. was held on January 8, 2013. The following items were reviewed and discussed: The secretary's minutes, the treasurer's report, the fire runs in 2012, the fire inspections that were made in the two townships, and the budget for 2013. Elections for officer positions were also held with the following results: Chief – Leonard Wahl, Assistant Chief – Joel Nischke, Captain – Randy Konkle, Lieutenant – Matt Bohm, Treasurer – Carmen Wetzal, Secretary – Jeff Engebretsen, Safety Officer – Carmen Wetzal, and Deputy Fire Inspectors – Randy Konkle and John Davis. The Board of Directors representing the town of Green Valley consists of John Davis, Derick Dittman, Dan Pate, Dennis Pederson, and Matt Porter. The Board of Directors representing the Town of Morgan consists of Matt Bohm, Arnold Gaertig, Cory VandenElzen, Shawn VandenElzen, and Dana Wahl. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any firefighter!

**Happy 2013 – 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

The few remaining copies of the History Committee's second book, *Town of Green Valley, A Glimpse into Our Past* will be available when paying your property taxes. Cost is \$15.00 each. **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.

**What did you do?** During the winters, when you were young? Did you ice skate? Did you go sledding? Did you ski? Where? Please help me fill in the blanks of the activities of winters past. What did we do before television and video games? You can drop a note about it when you pay taxes, or send it to me, you can e-mail me at [rundquist@netnet.net](mailto:rundquist@netnet.net) – or you can pass the word to me or to someone on our History Committee. Thank you.

### **Did you know:**

November, 1967: VFW honored Vietnam War veterans from this area: Pete Heaney, Dale Gueller, Dean Gueller, and Dennis Herzog. [*Times Herald*, 11/14/2007]

**Thank you:** **Jerry Schneider** for the Original snowmobile trail blazer, **Pulcifer River Raiders Snowmobile Club**. This was used along the trail. The trail was from Pulcifer to Cecil thru the Miles Swamp.

Also, thank you to **Claude Bohn** for the book ***The Pacific***. This book is signed by author John Maino and includes a chapter signed by Claude Bohn; it includes chapters on various military personnel, some from our area, serving in the Pacific during WWII.

**Claude Bohn** also donated State Bank of Green Valley **check blanks** of Len Bohn.

### **Corrections: second book, *Town of Green Valley, A Glimpse into Our Past***

Thanks to Lynn Czech, formerly Kruse, for her help in identifying these corrections! We apologize for the errors.

Green Valley School, page 10: Date should be 1962

#### **GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL – GRADES 1 – 8**

**1962**

Teacher = Mrs. Velda Jung

**Row 1:** Jeff Funk, Dennis Davis, Robert Rehn, Clem Jagodzinski, Gary Johnson

**Row 2:** Kathy Kruse, Carol Funk, Marsha Jagodinski, Cindy Davis, Patsy Funk

**Row 3:** Doug Rehn, Mike Kruse, Allen Lotto, Kent Johnson, Tom Jagodzinski, George Kruse

**Row 4:** Stanley Funk, Roy Berg, Jim Jagodinski, Gloria Rehn, Ricarda Jagodinski, Sandy Rehn, Kathy Davis

**Row 5:** Roger Jagodinski, Leroy Wendt, Merlyn Schultz, Barb Funk, Linda Kruse, Holly Wolf

**ALSO**, the next page: 1960

#### **GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL – 1960**

Teacher = Velda Jung

**Row 1:** Mike Kruse, Steven Busch, Allen Lotto, Philip Winski, George Kruse, Douglas Rehn

**Row 2:** Kathy Davis, Sandra Rehn, Barbara Funk, Linda Kruse, Patsy Funk, Diane Winski, Cindy Davis

**Row 3:** Stanley Funk, Danny Busch, Merlyn Schultz, Roy Berg, Leroy Wendt, Jerry Busch

**Row 4:** Sharon Lotto, Elaine Funk, Janice Wendt, Ann Funk, Gloria Rehn, Maurice Rehn, Wallace Wendt

**Other corrections will be in the May newsletter.**

**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.

