

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter
January 2018

TOWN OFFICIALS

Chair: Arl Rudie 715-853-5001

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Plan Commission: Chair: Bob Krause 715-853-6969, Secretary: Carol Nygaard 715-745-6056

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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: Corey Bristol 920-619-6846

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:

- Spring Primary election will be held **Tuesday, February 20, 2018** for Justice of the Supreme Court and the Pulaski School District.
- The Spring Election will be held **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**.
- Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7PM** to attend the Town of Green Valley **Annual Meeting** held at the Community Center in Advance.
- 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.**
- All recyclable materials collected in Shawano County are transported to the Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste facility. The facility will no longer accept recyclable materials in plastic bags. **Therefore, effective January 1, 2019, all Municipalities must ensure that recyclable materials are no longer collected in plastic bags but are placed loosely in a recycling container for roadside pick-up.**

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- Time to start thinking about 2018 road work. We will be able to do a bit more road work this year due to the ATC project going through the town. We are looking at Church Road from Green Valley Road to Cty Rd BB. We are also looking at doing work on Wahl Road and Busch Road. These roads are a challenge due to the amount of wetlands alongside the road. They are extremely expensive to work on. As we work through this we will also need to do work on some of the dead end roads, culverts and such that are deteriorating to the point they need attention.
- Once again I need to remind all that as you plant DO NOT plant in the road ROW. As we mow grass we will be paying more attention to that and do not like mowing corn, but we will if we have to.
- The revenue received from the ATC project has been placed in the road budget. It needs to be used in such a manner that it benefits all residents, and the one thing that does benefit all our residents is our road system.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK:

Reminder- 2017 real estate taxes are due January 31st. Second installment is due to Shawano County Treasurer on July 31st. If you prefer to pay in person, collection times at the community center are listed below:

Friday, January 26th 6pm-8pm

Wednesday, January 31st 6pm-8pm

You must license your dog for 2018. A current rabies vaccination certificate is required. Fees are listed below:

Male or female dog -\$8

Spayed or neutered- \$3

Any questions, I can be reached at 715-851-1453.

PLAN COMMISSION: Regular meetings - first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center Members: Chairperson Bob Krause 853-6969, Secretary Carol Nygaard 745-6056, Gary Anderson 715-853-5869, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351, Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647.

- The Plan Commission has resumed the Comprehensive Plan review.
- It is early in the year however, you **must request a field access permit in advance of receiving one.** This is for all culverts you intend to install. Remember the request has to be made preferably a least a week in advance. The information needed from you will be road name, direction of the side of the road you intend to put the culvert on. The nearest intersecting road and the distance to the nearest intersecting road. Please call Carol Nygaard 715-745-6056 for the request with all of the above information. This also applies to driveway permits. Driveway permits will also need to be staked where the driveway is intended to start.

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 garbage/recycling pickup, please call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal.

- Garbage should be placed in clear 30-gallon garbage bags.
- **Effective January 1, 2019, recyclables must be placed loosely in a recycling container for roadside pick-up.**
- Call Harters for prices on cart rentals.

Large items in our Town are picked up every other Wednesday opposite weeks of garbage pick-up. You must call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at least one day prior to the Wednesday large item pick-up to get on the pick-up list for that day. 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. 31 Feb. 14 & 28 March 14 & 28 April 11 & 25 May 9 & 23

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

Wisconsin is a leader in recycling – to remain at the forefront, each of us can do more. Consult the links below for ideas on further reducing your waste stream.

- [Compost](#) yard materials and vegetable food scraps. Composting is a smart way to keep valuable materials out of the landfill. Making your own compost saves you money and makes your plants happy.
- Eliminate [open burning](#). Burning even brush can cause pollution and health problems for you or your family and neighbors. It is illegal to burn treated wood, plastic, household garbage and most all other trash. State law allows burning of clean wood or brush and non-recyclable paper.
- Recycle [electronics](#). Keep these out of the landfill by recycling your used electronics, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs and rechargeable batteries.
- Recycle used [automotive materials](#). Used oil, oil filters, lead acid automotive batteries and used antifreeze should be recycled.
- Reuse or recycle [construction and demolition materials](#). Much of this material is a mix of reusable or recyclable material that should be kept out of the landfill.
- Properly manage [fluorescent and other light bulbs](#). Many types of bulbs contain metals such as mercury at toxic levels. These bulbs should be properly disposed of to avoid contaminating the environment or harming human health.
- Buy products in recyclable containers with as little packaging as possible. Look for packaging that can be recycled in your community and items which you can repair or reuse. Also, support recycling markets by buying and using products made from recycled materials.
- Reduce use of [disposable shopping bags](#) and use canvas or other reusable bags instead

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

News from the firehouse – or make that 'firehouses'
Yes, "firehouses" – in the plural form! Did you know that the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company, Inc. has more than one firehouse? We are very fortunate to have 3 firehouses throughout our area, and one of them is brand new! There is one firehouse located in the Town of Morgan, 1 ¼ mile north of Morgan on County C. We've had 2 firehouses in the Town of Green Valley for a very long time, and there is quite a history behind both of them and how we all joined to be one department many years ago. The main firehouse has been and continues to be right in Green Valley. The other firehouse in the township was located in Pulcifer on Highway 22, right across from the park. During this past year, we sold that firehouse and built a brand new building southeast of Pulcifer on County C. Currently, the new firehouse is empty and waiting for some finishing touches to be completed when the weather gets warmer - like the driveway! There will be one fire truck kept in that firehouse. The firehouse is designed to house 2 trucks, should that become a necessity in the future. We kept the Pulcifer firehouse as simple and practical as possible, always keeping in mind that this building may still be used 75+ years from today. Having 3 firehouses may seem like too much for 2 townships, but if you live in Pulcifer and have a fire, it's a long time to wait for a fire truck to come from Green Valley. And if you live in

Morgan close to the Machickanee Forest, it's the same situation waiting for a truck from Green Valley – a long time to wait when you're watching the fire grow throughout your house! Having apparatus spread throughout the area has saved countless minutes in our response times and helped saved many dollars in property loss. Please keep the location of your nearest firehouse in mind when you review your home insurance policy! If you have any questions on the new firehouse, or would like to see it up close, please contact any of our firefighters and we'll gladly give you the grand tour!

Our annual meeting was held on January 19. **We responded to 32 calls in 2017 and our firefighters put 1,619.5 hours into the fire company throughout the year.** The fire officers for 2018 are: Leonard Wahl, Fire Chief; Joel Nischke, Asst Fire Chief; Matt Bohm, Captain; Don Watters, Lieutenant; Carmen Wetzel, Safety Officer and Treasurer; Jeff Engebretsen, Secretary. Board members for the Town of Green Valley are Matt Bohm, John Davis, Dan Pate, Dennis Pederson, and Shawn Wagner. Board members for the Town of Morgan are Nate Birr, Dana Gaulke, Matt Gaulke, Jeremy Konkle, and Nick Tyczkowski.

As always, here are just a few reminders to **practice fire safety** (and just being safe in general) during the winter months:

- If you burn wood, check your chimney(s) periodically throughout the winter months and clean out any creosote buildup and blockages.
- Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Check the batteries periodically to insure they are working properly. Also, install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning to occupants. Review your home escape plans.
- Be sure to clear snow and ice away from any vents to the outside to prevent carbon monoxide from entering the home. This includes gas furnaces, gas water heaters, and gas clothes dryers.
- Check on elderly friends and neighbors to make sure they are getting all of their needs met during the colder months when they may be unable to get outside and go places.
- Please keep furnishings at least 3 feet away from all inside heating units. Remember that small children and animals may unintentionally knock things off of a table or shelf and onto a heating unit.
- Use candles with extreme caution – these can also be tipped over very easily by small children and animals. Keep burning candles at least 12 inches away from other flammables. Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Keep matches, lighters, and sharp objects up high and out of children's reach.
- Please try to keep your driveway(s) clear of deep snow and ice. If we should have to come to your location, it is much easier for us to maneuver with our equipment when driveways are kept clear. It may save precious time when every second counts!
- Be on the lookout for snowmobiles crossing the roads! With the snowfall comes the winter enthusiasts, but blowing snow, fog, glare from the sunshine, and natural vegetation can make it difficult to see snowmobiles, and for the snowmobilers to see you!

We would also like to remind you that **Daylight Saving Time goes into effect on March 11, 2018** and we'll get that 'extra hour of daylight' back again. In the fire service, that day to us also means **"Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries"**! Remember to make sure all smoke, fire, and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly and that everyone in your household knows what it sounds like and what to do when the alarm sounds.

Our annual firefighters picnic will be held in Green Valley on Saturday, August 11, 2018. We have the band “Star 69” booked for the evening entertainment. Again this year, we will be having a gun raffle and car show. Please look for our posters and raffle tickets to be out in the coming months! We are always accepting monetary donations from those who are willing to help their fire service and community. We are currently raising money to purchase new fire gear for our firefighters and new air tanks for our breathing apparatus. Our air tanks have expiration dates in 2018, and cannot be re-certified for use in the fire service once the expiration date has passed. One set of gear for a firefighter costs \$2,032.00 (we need 20 sets) and one air tank costs \$900.00 each (we need 10 tanks). If you are willing to donate and help with the cost of this equipment, please contact any of our firefighters. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

HELP! We’re looking for a few good men and/or ladies! 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 information on what it’s all about. We’d be more than happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. (Oh yeah – we have a lot of fun times together! Ask any experienced firefighter, and they’ll share at least one hilarious story or memory!) Help protect the community you live in!

Wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous 2018 ... STAY SAFE!

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

Kaye Rundquist 715-853-4012 or 920-822-8140, Helen Montie 920-855-2286, Kermit & Esther Morris 745-6540
*****Please note:** Your Town needs person or persons to takeover History preservation for your Town. Please contact Kaye Rundquist, Janalee Jenerou or a Town Board member if you can help or have questions. Please consider this need.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AN AREA OF YOUR TOWN.

The Community of Pulcifer was named for D.H. Pulcifer, who helped establish the 1st Post Office here. He went on to become the mayor of Shawano.

Of the three population centers in the Town of Green Valley (Advance, Green Valley, and Pulcifer) the unincorporated community of Pulcifer, was probably the first and fastest growing community, possibly due to being located along the Oconto River; it was also directly on the Oconto-Shawano Stage Road. The addition of the Pulcifer Bridge & dam helped connect the communities on the South side of the river. Both Shawano & Oconto counties built Pulcifer Bridge, and Pulcifer became the trading center of the Town of Green Valley.

From Shawano Journal article of December 14, 1871: *Pulcifer, settlement of 25 families with a ‘clearing’ of 10 to 50 acres. Already has a Post Office and Blacksmith Shops. Preparing to build saw mill and store. Pulcifer is on a direct route...to Oconto...and a road is expected to be opened, as it promises to become an important tributary to business. A rail route was expected from Oconto. Excellent waterpower and soil was classified as good {no better land in the state} It was reported that there were several Norwegian families there by December 14, 1871 and since ‘the Norwegians are quite an “industrious people” and make “good citizens”’, it was expected this settlement would grow rapidly. The Oconto River was the navigation center for logs being floated to sawmills.*

Citizens of Pulcifer and of the Town of Green Valley are proud of the rich history of this area.

*****Please note:** Your Donations of pictures and items of interest from the Town’s past are appreciated. All items in the History Room at the Community Center have been donated or are on loan to the Town to help preserve our past.

GREEN VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT #1:

Regular meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the GV Fire Department Building unless posted otherwise.

District Board: President – Corey Bristol 920-619-6846; Secretary – Lisa Bergner 715-851-2288;

Treasurer – Peggy Peotter 920-619-6847

- Thank You to Corey Bristol for volunteering to serve on the Sanitary District Board; we finally again have 3 members!

KRAKOW SANITARY DISTRICT:

Regular meeting the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Sanitary plant.

District Board: Treasurer – Bud Brzezinski, 920-899-3607 (call regarding bills & balances);

Board Secretary – Scott Cooper, 920-366-1945 (call regarding overflow or backup issues);

President of Board of Commissioners – Dan Cota, 920-899-3652 (call regarding connection & disconnection issues & all other issues not listed)

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