

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter
February 2019

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 715-853-6969, Secretary: Carol Nygaard 715-745-6056

Members: Gary Anderson 715-853-5869, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351,
Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647

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

e-mail: tom@tsinspections.com website: tsinspections.com

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 19, 2019**. **The only contest on our ballot is for Pulaski School District**; therefore in an effort to save money, Pulaski School Board decided to consolidate polling locations for this election only. **Pulaski School District residents in the Town of Green Valley will vote at the Angelica Town Hall located at N3285 County Road C.**
- The Spring Election will be held **Tuesday, April 2, 2019**.
- Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 16, 2019 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.**

Town officials are up for election on April 2nd. The following candidates have filed nomination papers:

Chair: Terry Tipton

Treasurer: Traci Nygaard

Clerk: Janalee Jenerou

Supervisor (2): Gary Uelmen, Ryan Foat, Brandon Nygaard

The candidates for Supervisor provided the following information:

Gary Uelmen – W2268 Nauman Rd, Cecil

Has lived in the Town of Green Valley for 69 years (on a farm).

Has been married to Darlene for 48 years. Has 2 sons: Robbie (wife Sheila) & Jesse (wife Jessica). Has 2 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, 2 step-granddaughters & 2 step-grandsons.

Completed 12 years of education.

Worked as a licensed cheesemaker, truckdriver & meatcutter. Worked for Farmers Elevator & retired from Marquis Yachts of Pulaski.

Has served as a Town of Green Valley Supervisor for 26 years. I feel this is the best experience & qualification you can get!

I think there will be more revenue added to the road budget. Then we can do a better job on maintenance & construction on our roads.

Ryan Foat - N5944 CTH BB, Cecil

Has lived in the Town of Green Valley for 9 Happy years.

Has been married to Megan for 9 years & they have one child.

Is a High School Graduate.

Worked at Belgioioso Cheese, Inc for 9 years until a car crash changed my life and at that time I changed careers and now work at my family's business south of Pulaski.

I believe I am best qualified for one of the Supervisor positions because my life experiences have taught me to be able to compromise, communicate and work through stressful situations that may arise. I am not afraid to try something new and I am willing to listen to concerns that the town residences may have and work through what is needed and best for our town.

One vision I have is to keep our town a safe and growing community to raise a family and to help the town's agriculture industry to stay strong and moving forward into the future.

Brandon Nygaard – N7235 River Heights Ln, Cecil

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 continues to review the Comprehensive Plan.
- Reminder - you **must request a field access permit in advance of receiving one**; this is for all culverts you intend to install. The request has to be made preferably at least a week in advance. The information needed is the road name, direction of the side of the road you intend to put the culvert on, the name of 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 bags and put out in your garbage cart.
- **Effective January 1, 2019, recyclables must be placed loosely in your recycling cart.**

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.

*** Keep the enclosed 2019 garbage & recycling pickup schedule to reference for the year.***

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

Where do Recyclables Go?

In Wisconsin, thanks to our Recycling Law, there are basic recyclable materials that are required to be recycled everywhere, every day. These include materials like paper, plastic bottles & containers, glass bottles & jars, and metal cans and bottles.

How those materials get collected from your home and make it to the recycling facilities differs from community to community. Once your materials are collected they travel to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) to be combined with other recyclables and are then sorted. Like materials are compressed into bales for easy shipping. The bales are then transported to industries to be re-manufactured into new products.

Recycling happens in a global marketplace and these markets are constantly in flux. Regardless, recycling in Wisconsin has built a strong local market for our collected materials. Recycling is here to stay because our local mills and factories depend on clean, well sorted recyclables to serve as feedstock to make their new products.

Today, our ability to move materials to end markets so they can be turned into new products relies even more on our ability to deliver quality bales of recyclables. This begins at the bin or cart with each and every one of us!

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Hello from the firehouse!

New year, new gear! Some of our firefighters were able to get all new turnout gear just recently! We used the proceeds from our annual picnic to purchase the brand new gear, so none of the funds to pay for the gear came from our budgeted expenditures. NFPA 1851, Standard on Selection, Care and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, states that all "ensembles and ensemble elements shall be retired...no more than 10 years from the date the ensembles or ensemble elements were manufactured." This includes helmets, coats, pants, boots, gloves, and nomax hoods. Some of the gear that our firefighters were using was more than 15 years old! The price of a new fire helmet is \$259.00, fire coat is \$1,069.00, bunker pants and suspenders \$664.00, boots \$359.00, gloves \$65.00, nomax hood \$29.00, and a traffic vest is \$19.00. In summary, a whole new set

of gear for one firefighter costs a total of \$2,464.00. Our plan is to use the profits from our annual picnic to purchase more gear in the coming years, so that no firefighter has outdated gear.

Our annual meeting was held on January 8, 2019 at the firehouse in Green Valley. It was reported that we responded to 26 calls in 2018 and our firefighters put 1,983 hours into the fire company throughout the year. The fire officers for 2019 are: Leonard Wahl, Fire Chief; Joel Nischke, Asst Fire Chief; Matt Bohm, Captain; Matt Gaulke, 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, Kirk Tetzlaff, and Shawn Wagner. Board members for the Town of Morgan are Dana Gaulke, Matt Gaulke, Josh Hermann, Chad Mooers and Nick Tyczkowski.

Now that the warmer weather has left Wisconsin again for a few months, and the colder weather has moved in, 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.
- 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.
- 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 check on elderly or disabled relatives, neighbors, and friends that have a difficult time keeping their homes safe during the winter months. Also, they might be quite pleased to have someone help clear away snow or do a few errands for them during inclement weather!
- 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!

Daylight Saving Time will be on **March 10** this year. Remember to “Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries”! Another common scene in the springtime is the burning of dead vegetation after the snow is melted. Please be careful when burning outside and always tend to the fire! If you plan on burning, please give the Sheriff's Department a call to let them know you are going to be burning. In the town of Green Valley, call the Shawano County Sheriff's Department at 715-526-3111, or in the Town of Morgan, call the Oconto County Sheriff's Department at 920-834-6900. Also, a reminder that in the Town of Morgan, a burning permit is required if there is no snow cover. Contact the DNR to obtain burning permits.

Please feel free to contact any of our firefighters regarding any questions or issues with emergency services, even if it's not directly related to Green Valley or Morgan. We keep in contact with all of the

neighboring departments through various meetings, so if there is an issue affecting one department, it could affect us as well!

HAPPY 2019 - STAY WARM and STAY SAFE!

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

Kaye Rundquist 715-853-4012 or 920-822-8140, Helen Montie 920-855-2286, Kermit & Esther Morris 745-6540

To anyone that has read one of the Green Valley books: I recently saw a fun piece on **U-tube** about the **Advance Rumely tractor** that was mentioned in the Green Valley books. It showed a very interesting demonstration of one of these tractors. You can check it out on **U-tube** under “**rare tractors 2014**”. Or check into **celebratethepast.org**. Very interesting to see what these tractors were like. If you recall, the Community of Advance’s name MIGHT have come from one of these tractors.

EARLY CHURCHES IN THE TOWN

By the early 1800’s, **J. J. Hof Land Company** helped the settlers; sometimes by donating land and lumber to build churches & schools. Ethnic groups settled in a variety of areas: Polish in one region, Germans, Swedes, Norwegians & Dane in other regions. They formed churches where they settled.

Some of the churches we know of were:

Bethel Lutheran aka Green Valley Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation

Green Valley Evnageliske Lutherske Meniged –aka Bethel West

Pilgrim Congregational Church of Green Valley

St. Johannas Lutheran Church of Green Valley, aka St. John's Church – aka the German Church – aka Faith United

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Green Valley

Methodist Church of Advance

The **Current churches** remaining in the Town of Green Valley are **Bethel Lutheran Church** and **St John’s Lutheran**.

A few remaining copies of the second history book are available for purchase from Helen Montie. You can call her for a copy.

*****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. CAN YOU HELP?

*****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.

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.

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](tel:920-619-6846); Treasurer - Peggy Peotter, [920-619-6847](tel:920-619-6847); Secretary - Lisa Bergner, [715-851-2288](tel:715-851-2288);

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

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**** For the 2/19/19 election only, Pulaski School District residents in the Town of Green Valley will vote at the Angelica Town Hall located at N3285 County Road C; read more info under Clerks News.****
