

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter

September 2018

## **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

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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

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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:**

- The **General Election** will be held **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**.
- All **voters must be registered** before they can vote. If you haven't registered previously, please do so **BEFORE** the November 6<sup>th</sup> election to save time on that busy voting day!
- **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 (April 2, 2019). 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 (February 19, 2019).  
Contact the town clerk for the necessary forms required when circulating nomination papers.
- 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:**

- Roadwork for the year is coming along; we should be paving two miles of road yet this fall: Church Rd from Cty Hwy BB to Green Valley Rd and Wahl Rd from Olson Rd to just south of the bridge.
- We will also have a crew in the township crack filling roads yet this fall; this should occur in

September.

- We are reviewing the ATV ordinance to bring it into compliance with both the county ordinance and the state statutes. This process will take time since there is research to be done and then compiling the ordinance.
- I urge everyone who drives to slow down and remain aware of your surroundings as we go into the fall harvest season. The grass is higher and animals are constantly moving; there seems to be an abundance of turkeys this year, and of course we always have the whitetail to remain aware of.
- We've had some issues by the playset in Green Valley. Please do not drive on the lawn around the play equipment/ball field, do not dig holes or take the swings down. These issues can be dangerous, are disrespectful and are expensive to keep fixing. Help keep our community clean and neat.

**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.

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:**

**Sept 26      Oct 3, 17 & 31      Nov 14 & 28      Dec 12 & 27      Jan. 2019: 9 & 23**

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

## **Fall yard care - Autumn leaves sparkle in the sunlight.**

That swish and crunch of autumn leaves underfoot is the sound of opportunity. Mulching leaves and composting yard materials allow residents to protect the state's air quality and public health, reduce costs for local governments and households and relieve communities and the environment of the hazards of burning.

Using leaves for mulch and compost can also enrich the health of lawns and gardens, save money on fertilizer and save municipalities money on yard waste collection. Try one of the following easy methods to manage leaves, branches, grass clippings and other yard trimmings.

### Home composting

If you would rather compost your leaves, there are many easy structures you can build to start a compost pile. Be sure to maintain a mix of "browns" (fallen leaves, dead plants, coffee grounds and small branches) and "greens" (grass clippings, green plants and food scraps). Finished compost can be sprinkled into lawn soil or used in a garden to provide organic material and nutrients. Ultimately, this builds soil organic content and reduces the need for fertilizers.

### Mulching leaves in place

Mulching leaves returns nutrients to the soil. Leaves are rich in carbon, phosphorus and potassium – all essential nutrients needed by plants, including turf grasses. Mow leaves along with the grass during fall and leave the finely chopped material on your lawn. Another option is to rake up the leaf pieces and use them as winter ground cover for gardens and around trees and shrubs. This will help insulate plants and protect them from winter freeze damage.

### Keep leaves handy for next season

Dry leaves keep well in plastic bags. Many people keep a few bags of leaves from the fall to add "browns" to their compost piles throughout the year. You can also use your stored leaves for mulch. In the spring, spread them on your garden and around trees and shrubs to save on the cost of buying new mulch.

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

**“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.”**

Today's home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice. The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere,” which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire. NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980. “These numbers show that while we've made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there's still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today's home fires grow and spread.” Carli also notes that although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That over-confidence contributes to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice.

This year's "Look. Listen. Learn." campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

- *Look* for places fire could start.
  - *Listen* for the sound of the smoke alarm.
  - *Learn* 2 ways out of every room.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out to get to your meeting place.
  - Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
  - **Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building. Stay at your meeting place.**

The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company Inc. will be visiting Fairview Elementary School on October 10 to teach kids about fire safety, with emphasis on this year's fire prevention theme. Please talk to your children about what they learned from the firefighters. Identify places in your home where fires could start, test your smoke alarms so that everyone knows what they sound like, and review your fire escape plans with everyone in the home! Also, if you do not have any children at Fairview and would like some fire prevention materials (even if you don't have children living with you), we would be more than happy to get that information to you. Fire prevention is for the big kids (ie-adults) as much as it is for school-age children! We'd also be very pleased to help you plan your home escape plan and practice it with your family – just contact any one of our firefighters. To learn more about this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." and home escape planning, visit [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).

"Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries!" -- Daylight Saving Time will end on November 4 this year, and this is a great time to make sure all of your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working condition.

The new firehouse in Pulcifer is in the final stretch of being completed! Just a few minor items on the checklist to go and we'll be ready to move apparatus over there very, very soon! We'll be moving a truck from the Green Valley firehouse over to Pulcifer that is a pumper/tender, which means it has a pump, hoses, and equipment for fighting fires, as well as a large capacity tank (approx. 3,000 gal) for hauling water.

The 2018 Firefighters Picnic that was held on August 11 was our most successful picnic yet! A huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped us! A special thank you to everyone that donated money or items to help make our picnic a success! Thank you to everyone that came to the firehouse on that day to support us – we hope you enjoyed the afternoon and evening with us! Again, if you have any suggestions or ideas that would help make our picnic bigger, better, or more enjoyable for you and your family, please let us know!

- ✓ Watch out for children, school busses, harvest equipment, Santa Claus, snowmobiles, and most of all....DEER!!!

Until next time, Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year – and

**STAY SAFE!**

*Fire Chief Leonard Wahl (920) 373-3308*

*Assistant Fire Chief Joel Nischke (715) 584-2095*

## **HISTORY COMMITTEE:**

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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY - TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY! 145 YEARS old this year**

### **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AN AREA OF YOUR TOWN - The Community of Advance**

As with Green Valley, there are many theories as to how Advance came to its name. One theory is that Advance was a kind of stop and rest spot, a go-between to larger cities and so Advance meant to go on.

However it seems more the more likely explanation comes from a local business. In 1892 a company named the Advance Thresher Co. of Battle Creek is said to have opened a business location here. Another theory is that one of the original settlers or a relative, owned one of these giant threshing machines. So, this being a farming community, this name was sent in to the Post Office, and the name stuck. While none of these theories is proven as fact, they are all believable.

In 1873, the area was all woods, only trails, no railroads yet. One trail led to the Pensaukee River. Various owners built log homes in and around this area.

Through the Homestead Act, James Campbell Dickson (Dixon) was granted 80 acres of land in what was to become the community of Advance. 19th President Rutherford Hayes signed his grant. The houses were 'slanting' log cabins. [The logs were rolled so they were high on one side and came down on the other.] Roofs were made of hollow basswood logs. This land was so rough it could not be plowed.

As various residents moved to the area, loggers & farmers did a variety of jobs to earn a living. Logging bees were common in the community – a farmer would take his team to a certain farm and help clear the land. They could clear about 6 acres in one day. People would carry provisions on their back or on wagons. Since there was no bridge on the South Pensaukee River, you had to swim to cross the river. If they had a team, they would sit on the oxen's back and the oxen would carry them across the river safely. It is said one night the rain and thunderstorms were so bad that, on their way home from logging, the men knew the oxen would find their way home; so one man held the oxen's tail and the other held on to him. The oxen did get the men home safely.

The wildlife in the area at that time consisted of bear, deer, panthers, porcupines, wolves, wildcats, partridges, wild turkeys and grey squirrels. The nearest railway station was in Green Bay or Shawano. Years later there was one in Mosling.

In the summer and autumn, the Indians would come from the reservation and beg for food – but it is said they never established a community in this area. The settlers would allow the Indians to hunt on their land and kill about "five or six deer and then go to a different area". The Indians would bring baskets & berries to sell to the settlers or to exchange for flour, butter & sugar.

**\*\*\*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.

\*There seem to be a few remaining history books – the second one only. You can call Helen Montie to get your 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.

## **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);

- In the next (2) months the Sanitary District will be doing our yearly Sump Pump inspections along with Clean-Out inspections to those properties that have a clean-out line on their property. Any additional water in the sewer pipes could increase our flow to the Krakow Sanitary District and increase our rates. Sump pumps are to be discharged into the yard and not the sewer.
- Also, remember there are only (3) “P’s” that go in the toilet! Thank you.

## **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.

