

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

## News Letter

September 2019

### **TOWN OFFICIALS**

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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:**

- **2020 Election Schedule:**

- Spring Primary Election – Tuesday, February 18

- Spring General Election – Tuesday, April 7

- Fall Partisan Primary – Tuesday, August 11

- Fall General Election – Tuesday, November 3

- 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:**

- Welcome to Fall 2019.
- Busch Road is being rebuilt within the current Right Of Way; they are finishing working the ditches and installing new culverts. There will be approximately 6'' of 1 ¼'' stone laid on top that will be blacktopped in mid October. Please continue to avoid this road while the work is getting completed for everyone's safety.
  - School will be back in session soon so be on the lookout for the kids and buses picking up and dropping off students.
  - The Fall harvest will also be moving along so be aware of that machinery; it may be parked or moving slowly or may be turning! Also if you're the farmer or operator that drops mud and manure on the roads please clean the mud and manure off the road each day as well.

- Budget Formulation Meeting will be in early November, date to be determined. Notices will posted at the Fire Stations and Community Center, and then the budget will be approved in mid November
- The trucks are/have been serviced and inspected.
- Enjoy the Fall!

**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, Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351, Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647, Alice Schneider 715-851-1277.

- Please remember you must apply for a field access permit application and/or driveway permit application prior to receiving the permit. You will not be issued a field access and or driveway permit until the Plan Commission secretary has the application and fee payment and your site has been viewed by a member of the Town Board of Supervisors and or the Plan Commission Chairman. You will not be issued a permit the day you request one.

- Shawano County updated their ATV/UTV ordinance and the Town of Green Valley also amended our ATV/UTV ordinance. Summary of changes: does NOT include County and State roads; ATV/UTV routes will be open for operation 24 hours per day/365 days of the year; speed limit shall NOT exceed 35 mph except within 200 feet of a driveway, a residence or of a pedestrian when the speed shall NOT exceed 10 mph; off road auxiliary lighting is not allowed; operators shall have a valid driver’s license on their person at all times while operating on a Town road; persons 16 & under must pass an approved safety course and have proof on their person. **It is the responsibility of the users to know the ordinance regulations.**

**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.

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

**Recycling monofilament fishing line**

When monofilament fishing line is disposed of improperly, it can cause serious problems for wildlife, people, boat propellers and the environment. The DNR is coordinating a pilot project to collect this fishing line and recycle it into new products such as tackle boxes and fish habitat structures.

**Fishing line causes problems when left in the water or put in the trash**

Monofilament fishing line is the line anglers most commonly use: single-strand, high density nylon. If left in the water or on shore, it can harm wildlife that become tangled in it or ingest it. Line in the water can also endanger swimmers and divers and become tangled in boat propellers. It can last up to 600 years in fresh water, meaning it poses a threat for a long time.

Fishing line can remain a problem even if put in the trash, because birds can take it from an open bin and become entangled or it can entangle wildlife at landfills.

The good news is that, if collected, the line can be melted down into plastic pellets, which are then recycled into products such as tackle boxes, spools for fishing line, toys and fish habitat structures.

### **Recycle fishing line at DNR Service Centers**

The DNR is operating a pilot program to collect monofilament fishing line at its service centers as well as in outdoor bins hosted by local organizations. The Berkley Conservation Institute provides postage-paid indoor collection boxes at no charge. Outdoor bins are relatively simple and inexpensive to construct using PVC pipe.

Anglers can bring their monofilament fishing line to the following DNR Service Centers for recycling: Ashland, Eau Claire, Fitchburg, Green Bay, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Rhinelander, Spooner, Waukesha, Wausau.

### **Start your own collection program**

Interested in building your own bin at your favorite fishing spot? Building your own monofilament recycling bin is easy! Below you will find the details on materials needed to construct and label the bin. Note: Permission is needed from the property manager before placing the bin on any public property. The estimated cost to construct a simple outdoor collection bin is approximately \$12. Here are the materials you will need.

- Two feet of 6-inch PVC pipe
- One 6-inch PVC elbow
- One 6-inch PVC female threaded adapter
- One 6-inch PVC threaded male plug
- Adhesive
- Stickers to label the bin
- Materials to secure the bin to a kiosk or post near boat landing



Glue the elbow to one end of the pipe and the adapter to the other. Drill two holes in the plug (this is for drainage in case water gets into the recycling container) and attach (hand tight). Secure the bin to a kiosk or post near a boat landing, then attach stickers and signage.

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

### **Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!**

The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association - the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years - to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600 fire injuries. On average, seven people died in a fire in a home per day during 2012 to 2016.

"These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "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. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out."

Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go. No matter where you are, look for available exits. Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one drill at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out of the home and get to your meeting place. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately. 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.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org). The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company Inc. will be visiting Fairview Elementary School on October 9 to teach kids about fire safety and making a home escape plan. If anyone would like free fire prevention materials for their family, please feel free to contact any firefighter and we'll be glad to get that information to you. Fire prevention is for the big kids (i.e.-adults) as much as it is for school-age children! We'd be very happy to help you plan your home escape plan and practice it with your family – just contact any one of our firefighters!

“Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries!” -- Daylight Saving Time will end on November 3 this year, and this is a great time to make sure all your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working condition. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding their alarms, feel free to contact any firefighter.

Our annual picnic that was held in August was again a huge success! We would like to say thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed the day with us. We hope you were able to meet some of your friends and family, and hope you had a chance to meet our new firefighters. A special thank you to every person and business that donated money, items, and/or time to our fire company. We certainly appreciate all of you!

## HAPPY 75<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY, SMOKEY!!

Story of Smokey (taken from <https://smokeybear.com/en/smokeys-history/story-of-smokey>)

### **The Orphan Cub**

One spring day in 1950, in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico, an operator in one of the fire towers spotted smoke and called the location in to the nearest ranger station. The first crew discovered a major wildfire sweeping along the ground between the trees, driven by a strong wind. Word spread rapidly, and more crews reported to help. Forest rangers, local crews from New Mexico and Texas, and the New Mexico State Game Department set out to gain control of the raging wildfire.

As the crew battled to contain the blaze, they received a report of a lone bear cub seen wandering near the fire line. They hoped that the mother bear would return for him. Soon, about 30 of the firefighters were caught directly in the path of the fire storm. They survived by lying face down on a rockslide for over an hour as the fire burned past them.

Nearby, the little cub had not fared as well. He took refuge in a tree that became completely charred, escaping with his life but also badly burned paws and hind legs. The crew removed the cub from the tree, and a rancher among the crew agreed to take him home. A New Mexico Department of Game and Fish ranger heard about the cub when he returned to the fire camp. He drove to the rancher's home to help get the cub on a plane to Santa Fe, where his burns were treated and bandaged.

### **Rescued!**

News about the little bear spread swiftly throughout New Mexico. Soon, the United Press and Associated Press broadcast his story nationwide, and many people wrote and called, asking about the cub's recovery. The state game warden wrote to the chief of the Forest Service, offering to present the cub to the agency as long as the cub would be dedicated to a conservation and wildfire prevention publicity program. The cub was soon on his way to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., becoming the living symbol of Smokey Bear.

Smokey received numerous gifts of honey and so many letters he had to have his own zip code. He remained at the zoo until his death in 1976, when he was returned to his home to be buried at the Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan, New Mexico, where he continues to be a wildfire prevention legend.



In 1952, Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins wrote the popular anthem that would launch a continuous debate about Smokey's name. To maintain the rhythm of the song, they added "the" between "Smokey" and "Bear." Due to the song's popularity, Smokey Bear has been called "Smokey the Bear" by many adoring fans, but, in actuality, his name never changed. He's still Smokey Bear.

A few short housekeeping items for the upcoming months:

- We just want to give a reminder to keep your driveways clear of vegetation, snow, and ice throughout the coming months. Some of our trucks are quite large and if we are unable to navigate the driveway to your property, it could cost precious time. Please help us ahead of time and keep your driveways clear!
- Watch out for children, school busses, harvest equipment, snowmobiles, and of course the wildlife!!!

Until next time, stay safe!

*September 11, 2001 – A day we will never forget*

## **HISTORY COMMITTEE:**

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

With **Fire Safety Month** coming up, the following information is from the **OLD** Fire Department minute books:

### **Fire Department History**

The Green Valley Fire Department (GVFD) began in 1929 in community of Green Valley. Everyone was involved & equipment was whatever people could grab. No fire alarms, so fires were detected by smelling or seeing smoke. Word was passed & everyone would show up to help. The buildings were so close together; fire could spread & wipe out the entire village. April 22, 1929, a Fire Department was organized & Officers elected. First decision was to protect the people of Green Valley **only**. [*There were no automobiles, fire trucks, or fire wagon for the department to pull in responding to a fire, so they couldn't travel fast*] This was a volunteer department with residents serving as fire fighters.

The "Fire Department" owned nothing! Using fund-raising events, they were able to buy ladders & fire buckets. May, 1929, work began to make a **fire alarm device**. [Not sure what they came up with] Ladders were stored along Main St. between the bank & the hardware store. Round bottom pails were used in the early years. [*One of the original round-bottom pails was on display at the Fire Station in Green Valley*] The 1<sup>st</sup> truck was bought in 1936 or 1937.

**Fire Zone** was established so that they could tax the property owners within the zone to raise funds. The first **Fire Zone** was the community of Green Valley. Late 1940's saw **Fire Zone** area expanded to bring in more of the Town. The final third of the Town was added in 1950. In 1952 the Town of Morgan was annexed into the GVFD territory & the name changed to the Green Valley-Morgan Fire Department.

The first actual Fire House, owned by the Fire Department, was built in 1949. Federal funds were available, **IF** the station was made into a "Watch Station" for aircraft (*this was during the time of the Cold War with Russia*). A meeting was held & a federal representative came and told how to get federal dollars to build it & to help prevent a Russian invasion. Question was asked 'why are we doing all this'? The answer was: 'if an invasion comes, we would know about it and could stop it'. Public response was: "*Invasion, Hell, they can't afford to live here*".

By 1952 the Fire Hall was to become an Observation Post for the ground corps (*temporary post headquarters IF the Air Force agreed to install telephone*).

While there is much more information on early efforts of our Fire Department, space limits what I can share here.

**\*\*\*Please note:** Your Town needs someone 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 request.

### **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);

- 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.