

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter  
January 2020

## **TOWN OFFICIALS**

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Members: Marlene Schuda 715-745-6351, Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647,

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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:**

- **Upcoming Elections:** Tuesday, February 18 & Tuesday, April 7
- Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 21, 2020 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.**
- 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:**

- Hopefully you were able to enjoy a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with family and friends!
- We have had a couple tastes of winter regarding snow that have offered me personal challenges to get the plows out in a timely cost-effective time frame. This has proved to remind me that mother nature is in charge and does not play by mankind's rules.
- Speaking of rules, when plowing snow across the roads and leaving piles on the road and in the right of ways where the town and county plows have to plow it back farther than where you leave it is a

violation of Wisconsin Statue 346.94(5). Additionally it is a misdemeanor per section 86.022 which carries a \$50.00 per offense penalty. Let's not go there! These banks freeze and damage equipment and make plowing difficult. Please help everyone by not leaving piles where the town needs to move them. It also delays plowing.

- Also, Shawano County has a **Health & Junk Ordinance**; I would encourage the “collectors” in the town to look at this and plan to comply sooner than later. I receive many calls from people asking what we do to get this or that cleaned up. Your help to do this voluntarily is GREATLY appreciated!
- There will be a spring election April 7<sup>th</sup>, and I will be on the ballot for County Board Supervisor for District 10 which covers all of the Town of Green Valley and the Town of Washington from the Town of Green Valley to Hwy 117 and County R. Bob Krause has decided not to seek re-election and we thank him for 14 years of service on the County Board.
- In closing note, 2020 is a census year! It will be available for reply via the internet or paper. It's advertised as being 9 questions that should take less than 5 minutes to answer. So, the best advice if you would rather not get phone calls from the census bureau or have someone stop by to ask those questions, choose 1 of the first 2 options. If you're interested in being a census worker apply at 2020.Gov.
- Happy New Year - Enjoy winter!

**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.

## **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.
- 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 2020 garbage & recycling pickup schedule to reference for the year.\***

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

### **Do a little, save a lot!**

The average adult breathes about 20,000 times each day. Both children and the elderly face a greater risk of being affected by air pollution, as do people with heart, respiratory or other ailments. Daily use of electricity and fuel contributes to air pollution. That means the choices people make every day can directly affect air quality and health.

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The outside temperatures are dropping, but energy bills do not have to skyrocket. Each year the average family spends \$1,165 on energy bills. By making a few energy-saving home improvements or eco-friendly, everyday decisions, the average American can stay warm, reduce emissions and save money all at the same time this winter.

#### **In the yard**

- Use a shovel instead of a snow blower. Snow blowers use gasoline and/or electricity, both of which add pollutants into the air.
- Use LED Holiday lights to decorate the yard. These lights last 10 times as long and use 93 percent less energy as standard incandescent mini-lights.
- Consider planting shrubs or evergreen trees to serve as a windbreak. Keeping the wind from blowing through the house will save energy and keep the heat in the home.

#### **In the home**

- During the heating season, keep the shades on all south facing windows open during the day to allow sunlight to enter the home, and closed at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
- Keep the fireplace damper closed when not in use. Have a fireplace, but don't use it? Use a chimney pillow. A fireplace acts like a straw in a house, sucking out the heat and replacing it with cold air and sometimes smoky smells. Chimney pillows provide insulation to fireplaces, keeps the heat in and the cold drafts out.
- Minimize the use of space heaters and gas fireplaces. They are more inefficient and expensive to operate than furnaces when trying to heat the majority of a home.
- Conserve energy by turning off lights when leaving a room and turning off computers and televisions when not in use. Also, unplug gadgets, phone chargers, coffee pots and other electronics. They draw electricity even when turned off.
- Have the furnace inspected and serviced annually. Replace the furnace filter regularly. A dirty filter slows down air flow and makes the system work harder. A clean filter keeps dirt from building up and can save costly repairs.
- The lower the home thermostat is set, the more money is saved. According to the Department of Energy, for every degree the thermostat is lowered, the heating bill will lower by 1 – 3%.
- Check the water heater's thermostat. If it is set above 120 degrees, the water could cause third degree burns in less than ten minutes. Turn down the thermostat for safety and to save energy.
- Seal holes and cracks in the basement with expandable foam or silicon caulking. Insulate hot water pipes and heating ducts in the basement.

#### **Travel and the daily commute**

- Idling can consume as much as a gallon of gas per hour and is not an effective way to warm up your vehicle. The best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it. Waiting to pick up a student from school? Turn off the engine to save fuel and reduce fumes in the school yard.
- When driving, anticipate stops and slow down gradually. It takes 20 percent less gas to accelerate from 5 miles per hour than from a full stop.
- Slow down when driving and use cruise control to minimize fuel use.
- Remove unneeded items from the trunk! The weight of that extra cargo makes engines work harder, burns more gas, and releases more emissions.

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

### **We're checking off our list of items....**

At the firehouse, we have had quite a check list of things. To start off, our firefighters are getting brand new fire gear. Some members have already been issued brand new gear in 2019. But we have 11 more firefighters receiving new turnout gear soon! And in 2021, the remainder of our firefighters will receive new gear. As of 2019, the majority of the gear was outdated, so we are working to get everyone up to date with NFPA requirements. This also ensures our men and women are staying as safe as possible while doing their jobs on the fire scene.

Another thing that we've been working on is our breathing apparatus. We've been applying for grants to get more units and update the units that we have. So far, we have not received any grant money, but we are still updating the breathing units that we currently have to be compliant with NFPA, and again, to keep our firefighters safe.

Another thing on our checklist that we just had training on is a cutting attachment for our Jaws of Life unit. This tool makes vehicle extrication more efficient than just using the spreaders that we currently have. The cutting tool is mainly used for cutting through metals and hard plastics that are found in vehicles and farm machinery.

The last BIG thing on our list is a brand new fire truck! Now that we have the new and larger firehouse in Pulcifer, we are able to move equipment around to better service the areas we cover. So we are purchasing another pumper/tender which will be very similar to the big trucks we already have in the firehouses in Green Valley and Morgan. With the addition of this new truck, we will have at least 3,000 gallons of water being housed in each firehouse. We are purchasing this new truck from Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, WI. Please feel free to contact Chief Leonard Wahl, Assistant Chief Joel Nischke, or any other firefighter if there are any questions or concerns on our latest addition. Currently we are still in the development phase, but we anticipate taking delivery sometime during 2020.

So with all of these equipment updates, how can you help?? Of course, we always accept donations. But you can really help us by making your residence/farm/business easily accessible to us. It is strongly recommended that tree limbs and taller vegetation be cleared to have a clearance of at least 20 feet wide and 10 feet tall on and around driveways so that we can quickly respond to your call for help. The extra clearance will benefit the ambulance services as well. Please also remove as much snow and ice as possible throughout the winter season to keep your place accessible.

And some reminders to survive this winter season, which appears to be getting an early start this year:

- 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.
- 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 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.

- 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!
- And again, 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!

Please feel free to contact any of our firefighters regarding any issues with the fire service, even if it's not directly related to Green Valley or Morgan. We keep in contact with all of the neighboring departments through the MABAS system, so if there is an issue affecting one department, it could affect us as well! And fire is not prejudiced – it burns the same here as it does in New York City! We're all in this together... **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

Hoping everyone had a very **Happy Christmas**. In the last newsletter, I talked about the *Green Valley-Morgan Volunteer Fire Department*. Since you will be getting this newsletter shortly after Christmas, I thought you might like to see some of the Fire Department's past Christmas Santa celebrations.



Santa's 'helper' Ollie Burst – 1991  
Exiting fire truck inside decorated  
Fire Station for Santa's visit with the kids



Santa - 1993  
riding in Fire Truck to announce his arrival



Joshua, Tyler & Samuel  
Heimerl with ELF Patty  
Konkle -  
2002

### **VISITS WITH SANTA**

In the past, the Green Valley-Morgan Fire Department hosted an annual visit from Santa Claus, usually in December at the Fire Station in Green Valley. Santa came on a Green Valley–Morgan Fire truck and rode through the community of Green Valley announcing his arrival and inviting all the kids to come and see him. Cookies and juice were provided by the Fire Department and Santa gave each kid that he talked to some type of memento, sometimes a pencil, sometimes a color book or activity book. *[Some area businesses used to help pay for the supplies & advertising for this]*

**\*\*\*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);

- 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:**

President: Patrick Derpinghaus, 920-899-8027, [patrick.derpinghaus@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.derpinghaus@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Romuald Brzezinski, 920-899-3607

Secretary: Ronald Smurawa, 920-655-4631, [krakowsanitary@yahoo.com](mailto:krakowsanitary@yahoo.com)

Plant Operator: Dale Wagner, 920-899-3381 contact for emergency issues only

Bookkeeper: Jean Banker, 715-851-3403, [jbanker05@icloud.com](mailto:jbanker05@icloud.com)) contact for billing questions

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

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