

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

News Letter

May 2020

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:

- Thank you very much to the election workers, the National Guard members and voters for your patience and understanding with the April 7th election!
- **Upcoming Elections:** Tuesday, August 11 & Tuesday, November 3
- The Town of Green Valley **Annual Meeting** was called to order Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7pm & immediately adjourned, due to the current public health emergency, till **Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7pm** (a later date within 30 days after the date of the originally scheduled meeting) as allowed under Wis. Stat. 60.11(4)). We will evaluate and follow the state's safe health practices again on May 19th.
- **Open Book will be held Monday, June 8 from 12-2 pm via the phone.** You can schedule an Open Book appointment on Accurate Appraisal's website or call their office. The roll book will be on Accurate Appraisal's website for viewing. If you have any questions concerning your taxable real or personal property valuation, schedule an Open Book session with one of the Accurate Appraisal, LLC appraisers.
- **Board of Review will be held Wednesday, June 24 from 4-6 pm** either virtually or in person depending on what the social distancing regulations are at that time. Please attend an Open Book session and speak to an assessor before you object to the assessment.
- 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

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- Thank You to Bob Krause for 14 years as our county board supervisor.
- Spring planting activity is getting underway so as we mention every year, be mindful of the machinery and the space they need to operate, and they are not as nibble as a car. With the big equipment brings more mud and debris on the roads. If it rains with that on the road, traction will be reduced so slow down in these areas. Operations that leave these messes, please get them cleaned up as soon as possible.
- The annual road tour was completed 4-25; we left from the Pulcifer fire station in individual vehicles to maintain "social distancing". We toured as needed, with many stops to analyze points of interest as needed to get our road plans ready for the summer season.
- The ATV/UTV club from Cecil has shown an interest in opening the County roads in the town of Green Valley. If you're interested in this, contact that club.
- Hopefully if you voted in person or were a poll worker for the April 7th election, you felt as safe as we could make it! We expect to set the town hall up in the same arrangement for future elections.
- Monday April 20th at 1 pm was the orientation for the new county board members with our first board meeting 4-21-2020. I will do my best to represent District 10 for the next 2 years. Thank You for your support!
- Spring is a great time to get the yard cleaned up and get rid of "treasures and unused items" before the grass needs to be cut.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK:

- Second half of the 2019 property taxes are due to the SHAWANO COUNTY TREASURER **on or before July 31st**. Please visit the Shawano County website for more information - <http://www.co.shawano.wi.us/departments/?department=75a158d7ca20>

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.

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

Composting in Wisconsin

Compost is an environmentally friendly way to create healthy soil for Wisconsin's landscape. Compost made from yard materials and other organics, like food scraps, can replenish soil with microorganisms and nutrients.

Wisconsin law prohibits landfill disposal of yard materials (also called "yard waste"), including leaves, grass clippings, brush and pieces of wood (branches, sticks, etc.) under 6 inches in diameter. Composting is an easy, inexpensive alternative to landfills that puts these resources to use instead of simply throwing them away.

What is compost?

Compost is a soil-like material rich in stabilized carbon produced from the breakdown of organic materials. It is considered a "soil amendment" rather than a fertilizer because it usually contains smaller amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium than mineral-based commercial fertilizer products.

Benefits of applying compost include:

restoring or enhancing the ability of sandy soil to hold moisture and clay soils to drain;
repairing or preventing damage caused by erosion; and
aiding plant growth – e.g., in residential gardens, public landscapes or after construction and mining projects are completed.

Wisconsin's composting landscape

Today, more than 200 state-licensed composting facilities manage some 200,000 tons of yard materials each year, and hundreds of thousands more tons of yard materials are managed through home composting and mulching in place.

Wisconsin also generates an additional 500,000 tons of other compostable materials – including food scraps – each year that could be composted and made into useful products. DNR staff are working with nonprofits, local governments and businesses to help them build and expand composting operations in Wisconsin.

How to compost at home

Home composting bins are purchasable in many shapes and sizes. By composting yard materials and certain food scraps at home, residents can make their own compost for garden and landscape projects while reducing costs for off-site composting or disposal. Composting is also a preferred alternative to burning yard materials, and many communities ban burning.

Home composters can make compost in bins or in a heap, though bins are generally a better way to manage the materials. There are a number of home composting containers available commercially, and it is also fairly simple to create your own.

There are no current state regulations on small-scale, home composting operations of fewer than 50 cubic yards, but all composting should be done in a nuisance-free and environmentally sound manner. This includes minimizing odors, not attracting excessive numbers of pests and not placing compost piles in wetlands or other sensitive areas.

What to compost

Along with yard materials, certain food scraps can also be easily composted at home. Be sure to follow recommendations on what types of food scraps can be composted at home in order to prevent odors and avoid attracting animals and other pests.

What to compost

- Yard materials
- Vegetable and fruit scraps
- Coffee grounds and filters

What not to compost

- Meat or fish scraps, bones and packaging
- Dairy products (milk, cheese, egg yolks, etc.)
- Fats and oils or foods containing fats and oils

- Tea bags
- Nut shells
- Eggshells
- Clean, unwaxed paper, such as newspaper and cardboard
- Animal manure (not pet waste)
- Pet waste
- Diseased or insect-ridden plants
- Highly invasive plants like garlic mustard, unless completely dry and without flowers or seeds
- Plastics labeled as "compostable" or "biodegradable" (these items should go to a composting facility)

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Is this the new normal?

The first question to answer is ‘what was the old normal’? Or simply, just what is normal? Whatever we consider normal to be, I think we can all agree that some things will never be the same as the way we remember them to be. It seems like the COVID-19 virus has turned the whole earth upside down. Due to the pandemic, many of us firefighters haven’t been spending much time at any of our firehouses in the past few weeks, or at least not together in our usual fire family ways. Like everyone else, we have been social distancing as well. However, we are still having our monthly business meetings virtually, using the Zoom app. It’s been a little bit of a challenge and quite interesting at times, but at least we are keeping up with what needs to happen to keep the fire company operating.

Our response to the coronavirus is quite similar to what you have been hearing and seeing with most health and EMS organizations. Our response to a fire call remains much the same as it has in the past, but with our fire personnel being further apart from each other whenever possible. When we are called to respond to a vehicle accident or to assist the ambulance service on a medical call, we may appear to be ‘standing back’ more than before. Even though we do have COVID-19 personal protective equipment, the ambulance services are better suited for patient contact, so we will be taking their direction on those types of calls and being more mindful of our distances amongst each other.

Our new fire truck that is now currently in the final planning stages has been progressing a little slower than what was originally planned. We have kept in contact with our rep at Pierce and are handling things at their pace. Please contact any of our firefighters with questions you may have, and we will try to get an answer for you.

Have you driven past the Morgan firehouse and noticed something new? We now have a Smokey Bear fire danger sign! All the materials that went into constructing the sign have been paid for with a grant through the DNR. Some of our own firefighters have taken the initiative to get the sign and construct it. A few of our firefighters will also be changing the sign as needed to correspond with the current fire danger level for the Town of Morgan (Oconto County), under the direction of WI DNR. **All burning permits have been suspended until further notice**, regardless of the level of fire danger. (The suspension is in response to the coronavirus.) Burning permits are not required in the Town of Green Valley as they are in the Town of Morgan, but Green Valley residents should use the Wisconsin DNR restrictions as a guideline when doing any outside burning. In either township, we urge you to check the fire danger map at the following web site: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.html>. The DNR updates this map daily at 11:00 a.m. You can also call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) for daily restrictions. Again, you can also check our Smokey Bear sign in Morgan! Also, a quick reminder to be safe with fireworks and campfires throughout the summer season. Whenever we come out of this quarantine, people will finally be gathering and hopefully enjoying the outdoors. So please keep an

eye on the kiddos around all fires – especially since they have been cooped up and are now ‘ready to run’!

As of this writing, we are still cautiously planning to have our **Annual Firefighters’ Picnic on August 8, 2020** at the Green Valley firehouse. Of course, this is subject to change as we go forward with COVID-19. We are having posters printed and tickets for the gun raffle are for sale! Please watch for posters around the area and keep up to date on the picnic status on our Facebook page!

Please be safe on the roads! Farm equipment is traveling on all the roads again and at all times of the day and night. Some of those machines are quite large and travel at a slower speed, so we ask that you share the roadways with them. Also remember that some of the vehicles could be carrying hazardous products and/or large amounts of fuel. Please be courteous as they do their jobs to get the food to our dinner tables! We are fortunate to live in this area where food shortages don’t seem to be an issue, so let’s do our part to help the producers keep it that way!

Celebrate June Dairy Month – eat cheese, have some ice cream, drink milk, and thank a farmer!

Be COVID-19 smart – keep your distance, wash your hands, and stay HEALTHY!

BE CAREFUL and STAY SAFE...at home!

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

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

Pulcifer Stagecoach robbery update:

I have discovered some follow-up on the person that robbed the stagecoach outside of Pulcifer in the late 1800’s – this robbery was mentioned in our published Green Valley History books.

Republic Michigan: Aug. 31: **Revmond Holzhey**, the lone highwayman who has terrorized northern Wisconsin for 5 months past, robbing trains, waylaying stage coaches, and holding up pedestrians, is in custody. He was captured here this morning by City Marshall ... and Justice of the Peace ...and will be taken to...to answer for the killing of ...Holzhey confesses to all the train and stage coach robberies. “

“Sunday September 1, 1889 from the **Fort Worth Daily Gazette:**

“He proves to be a well known German boy who has a record of daring desperado.”

“Dime Novel literature led him into his lawless life, which is spotted with robberies of every grade.”

“July 7, 1912: **New York Tribune:** Convict who terrorized ... neighboring states quarter century ago has utilized his energies for several years in endeavoring to make better men of his fellows in Marquette prison. Holzhey may soon be released.”

These news articles are very lengthy but the print is very small and hard to read. [have had to use my magnifying glass to translate the tiny printing] As I continue to study these articles, I will share what I learn on this. A book was written about the escapades of Mr. Holzhey and I hope to find a copy for the History Committee.

No one still living in this area would have been around during the “Black Bart” era, but, perhaps your family history has some mention of his escapades. If, in studying your own family history from the area, your ancestors left any information about this man, we hope you are willing to share what you learn with us. Thank you.

*****Please note:** Your Town needs person or persons to takeover the 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);

- Just a reminder that all sump pumps are to be discharged into the yard and not in the sewer.
- The May 20th meeting will be cancelled due to the Covid-19 Crisis and order by Governor to work safer at home. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our President. Thank You.

KRAKOW SANITARY DISTRICT:

President: Patrick Derpinghaus, 920-899-8027, patrick.derpinghaus@gmail.com

Treasurer: Romuald Brzezinski, 920-899-3607

Secretary: Ronald Smurawa, 920-655-4631, krakowsanitary@yahoo.com

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

Bookkeeper: Jean Banker, 715-851-3403, 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.

Stay Well & Happy Spring!
