

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter
September 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 again to the election workers and voters for your patience and understanding with the August 11th election; all went well. We're all gearing up for the November 3rd election!
- If you need to register to vote or you wish to apply for an absentee ballot, you can do so on the WI Elections Commissions website <https://elections.wi.gov/>.
- A copy of your photo ID is needed the first time you vote absentee.
- If you are not able to apply online or have questions, please contact the Clerk.
- 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:

- Hopefully this finds you well and healthy despite the pandemic.
- On May 19th the Annual Town Meeting was held after being rescheduled from April. This is the electorates chance to meet and make suggestions to the town board and set salaries for the next term of officers. With COVID 19 being a major concern for everyone only the current board was in attendance. Since there were no other citizens present the current salaries will remain for the board that is elected in April 2021.

- In mid-August Shawano County Highway Department blacktopped and shouldered Busch Road and a part of Holy Hill Road.
- We have replaced some culverts and have a couple more on the agenda. These are replaced due to failure where there are holes in the pipe and the dirt around them gets washed away and develops holes in the road.
- Ditch/shoulder cutting will be getting done in the next week or 2.
- As a reminder, when tearing down a house it is the owner's responsibility to contact the assessor to adjust the value of the property. Thru research, this is the most cost-effective way to get the value adjusted. Feel free to contact me if you have a question on this.
- Hopefully if you voted in person or were a poll worker you felt as safe as we could make it! We expect to set the town hall up in the same arrangement for future elections. In addition, the town has rented a "tabulator" which counts the paper and absentee ballots which helps the poll workers after the election to get the votes counted efficiently and accurately.
- Harvest will begin soon so keep that in mind when setting out on the roads.

District 10 Shawano County Board

- The County board meetings are on the 4th Wednesday at 3 pm typically in the board room at the courthouse.
- At the county work is underway on department budgets. In June all departments were asked to try and save 2.5% from their current budgets due to the expected reduction in revenue from sales tax. We will see what those cuts will bring to the budget for the upcoming year.

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.)

HOME REMODELING FOR RESIDENTS

Adding a new deck? Slapping on a new coat of paint? Finally, fixing the roof? When improving your home, you can reduce, reuse and recycle, saving money and protecting the environment as well.

MAKE A PLAN

Before you begin a house project, consult the DNR's step-by-step checklist for evaluating hazards, keeping your home and family safe and providing recycling and waste disposal options. Although the checklist is geared toward commercial and industrial projects, it still provides helpful information for homeowners.

CONSERVE PAINTS AND STAINS

Find uses for leftover paint. Leftover oil-based paints are considered household hazardous waste. The easiest way to avoid wasting paint is by purchasing only as much as you need for the job. If you have leftover paint, find a use for it in other projects or share it with a neighbor. Paint and stain outdoors with dark colors that will not need excessive cleaning or re-coating over the years.

DISPOSE OF LEFTOVER MATERIALS SAFELY

Check product labels to see if you are using hazardous materials and be sure to store them safely, reuse them when able and dispose of them properly. Water-based and latex paints are generally non-toxic but should be air-dried (or mixed with an absorbent like kitty litter) until solid before being placed in the trash. Solvent-based or oil-based paints are toxic and flammable and can contaminate drinking water if disposed of improperly. They should be treated as hazardous waste.

RECYCLE ASPHALT SHINGLES

If you are re-roofing a house, you may be able to recycle your asphalt shingles. Check with your roofing contractor to see if they will recycle shingles. Recycled shingles can be used in road repairs and kept out of landfills.

REUSE OR DONATE MATERIALS AND FIXTURES

When possible, preserve doors, wood, light and bathroom fixtures, cabinets and other items in good condition that can be reused. Organizations like Habitat ReStore accept these items for reuse in-home and other building projects. Other businesses accept scrap wood, metal, carpeting and other products for recycling.

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™

The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years — to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

The most important step you should take before making a meal is to "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" A cooking fire can grow quickly. We have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented.

We would like to share safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire:

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking fire prevention, visit www.fpw.org.

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2020. The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company always visits Fairview Elementary School to promote and teach fire prevention to all the students and staff during that week. This year, we're not sure what the schedule will be, or if we will even be able to visit the school. But whatever the situation is at that time, our goal is to get fire prevention information to all the students! 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 meeting place 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 1** 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.

THANK YOU!!! The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company, Inc. wants to sincerely thank everyone that has given us a donation this year! We certainly missed having our picnic this year and we are looking forward to having our picnic again next year on **August 14, 2021**. Because of all the generous donations we already received, we are able to purchase 2 SCBA units. We are still accepting donations and they can be mailed to Green Valley – Morgan Fire Co, Inc. N5746 Oak Avenue, Green Valley, WI 54127. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Also on order is a brand-new fire truck! We have contracted with Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. to build another pumper/tender truck very similar to the big trucks we have in Green Valley and Morgan. The initial start of this truck began almost a full year ago with Pierce – then COVID-19 came and put a hold on things for a while. But we are back at it now, and as of this writing, the plans are just about to move from the engineers to the builders! We are anticipating taking delivery in March 2021. This new truck will be kept in the Morgan firehouse, and the truck that is currently in Morgan will be moved over to the Pulcifer firehouse. This will give us a firetruck with at least 3,000 gallons of water and a 1,250 pump in each firehouse! This has been our overall plan for many, many years for Green Valley, Morgan, and Pulcifer, and we finally achieved that goal! It is definitely something for the whole community to be proud of!

Until next time, Happy Halloween, ***Happy Thanksgiving***, *Merry Christmas*, and Happy New Year!
 Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!!

September 11, 2001 – A day we will never forget

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

SCHOOLS:

Prior to statehood, schools were in session for 3 months a year - about 100 days. Later, school was in two terms, one started in September & the next started the first Monday in April. Eventually, terms began August 1 & run through the middle of December; the second term from February 1 until 9 months of school had been taught. By the 1920's, the nine-month school year would begin before Labor Day & run 180 school days (9 months). By 2004 school year, term began after Labor Day or September 1st, as determined by each district.

1873 saw the first school meeting for the Town, shortly after the Town of Green Valley was incorporated. Schools needed a clerk, treasurer & director (Town Board members filled these jobs).

By 1890, the Town had taken steps to have a school library on site at the schools. A traveling Bookmobile served the purpose.

By 1893, 150 were enrolled in the town schools.

By 1899, number was 144 in public schools and 2 in 'private school'. (Not sure what they meant by a 'private school')

By 1918, we had **nine (9)** school districts serving the Town. Some had buildings located in another Town; these must be included as some Town kids went to school there. (Back then, a child could **walk** about 1-1/2 miles one way to school, so schools were placed about three miles apart. Schools were very important, & even when weather was bad, the kids still went to school.

The School Districts in the Town were:

#1 = Pulcifer

#2 = County Line

#3 = Pleasant Valley aka Mudtown

#4 = Advance

#5 = Grandview aka Pipgrass School, aka Valentine School, aka Streblov School

#6 = Green Valley in the community of Green Valley

Other Districts referenced in the old Town of Green Valley Board minutes and old school district maps were:

Joint District #5 with Hartland

Joint District #6 with Angelica

Joint District #9 with Morgan

Today, no schools remain in the Town. All our students must be bused to outlying districts.

*****Please note:** We still need person or persons for History preservation. Contact Kaye Rundquist or Janalee Jenerou if you can help.

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.

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.

Be Kind & Keep Calm!
