

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter

January 2021

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:

- **Upcoming Elections:** Tuesday, February 16 & Tuesday, April 6
- Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 20, 2021 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

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

- Happy New Year Everyone! 2020 taught us many things and made us do things in much more restrictive ways than we were used to prior to March 2020. Having to social distance and mask up for meetings, the barriers of plastic to keep voters and election workers safe, hand sanitizers and all the other things we need to do to protect ourselves and others.
- So for the beginning of 2021 things to consider in the town:

1. When we are clearing our driveways and lots, pushing the snow across the road means it needs to leave the roadway totally clear. When working in the road right of way you are in a very dangerous area! And leaving any snow/debris on the roadway is a violation of state law.
2. Spring will bring Posted Roads so plan ahead to move commodities before those limits are posted!! Town of Green Valley roads are posted to coincide with Shawano Counties postings.
3. I was invited and attended a public information meeting at Bonduel Schools in November. The scope of the meeting was to explain information they have gathered to inform the Bonduel voters of a referendum on the spring election ballot and the questionnaire that was available. I have not received any additional information since that meeting.
4. I have turned in nomination papers to run for another term as your Town Chairman and look forward to serving you 2 more years. The other board members will also be on the ballot and are great people to work with.
5. The last 2 years I have received many calls from members of the community frustrated with other people's desire to collect and display stuff/crap that should be taken to the landfill. While I has a right to have these things, the others also have a right to not have to see or look at that! There are ways to have things forcibly cleaned up; this takes time and money and will still cost you in the end for the cleanup. Please do the right thing and clean things up on your own! The garbage carts hold a lot of material and are emptied every other week!
6. Please give your fire numbers a quick look over, are the bolts tight? Is the sign still there? These are a HUGE help to police, fire and ems when you're having 1 of your worst days!
 - Make the best of winter! Spring will be here soon. Stay Healthy

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK:

- Tax payments are due by January 31st, 2021. As a reminder, there will be no in person collections this year. Please mail tax payments per the insert received with your tax bill. Please send a S.A.S.E if you would like a receipt.
- Receipts and tax bill copies can be accessed online via <https://www.co.shawano.wi.us/>.
- All dogs residing in the Town of Green Valley must be licensed. Proof of vaccination along with the fee is required for a dog license. Please mail to the Treasurer at N7211 River Heights Ln, Cecil, WI 54111. \$3 if spayed or neutered, \$8 if not. Your dog is counting on you to be a responsible pet owner. Thank you. Traci Nygaard, Treasurer 715-851-1453

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 2021 garbage & recycling pickup schedule to reference for the year.***

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

WHAT TO RECYCLE IN WISCONSIN

In Wisconsin, you cannot put many recyclable or compostable items in the trash. Wisconsin's recycling law bans the landfilling or incineration of these materials to conserve valuable resources and landfill space. These disposal bans apply everywhere in Wisconsin, including in homes, businesses, schools, institutions and at special events.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS BANNED FROM DISPOSAL IN WISCONSIN

Paper, cardboard and containers

- Aluminum containers
- Bi-metal containers (i.e. containers made from a combination of steel and aluminum)
- Corrugated cardboard or other containerboard
- Glass containers
- Magazines and other materials printed on similar paper
- Newspapers and other materials printed on newsprint
- Office paper
- Plastic containers #1 and #2 - milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles, soda and water bottles, etc.
- Steel containers (tin cans)

Additional materials

- [Electronics](#)
- [Lead acid batteries](#)
- Major appliances
- [Used oil filters](#)
- [Waste oil](#), except when incinerated with energy recovery
- [Waste tires](#) (except when incinerated with energy recovery)
- Yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden debris and brush under 6 inches in diameter

Wisconsin's recycling law also bans the following materials from disposal, but the DNR allows them to be landfilled or incinerated because there are not yet adequate recycling markets.

- Foam polystyrene packaging (for serving food or beverages), loose particles intended for packing (e.g. packing peanuts), or rigid foam shaped to hold and cushion a packaged item.
- Plastic containers #3 through #7. Many communities now accept some of these types of plastics, so check with your local recycling program or recycling hauler to find out if you can include them in your recycling.

WHAT NOT TO PUT IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN OR CART

The following items cause significant problems at recycling facilities and should not be placed curbside in a bin or cart: loose plastic bags, film or wrap; batteries; cords, hoses, light strings, ropes, wires; needles/sharps; propane cylinders; textiles. Many of these items can be recycled at drop-off locations.

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Welcome 2021

It's finally 2021 and now we can officially say good riddance to 2020. Who would have ever predicted a year ago that we would be in the situation we have today with all the issues caused by a tiny virus - COVID-19. Our sympathies to those who have lost loved ones this past year. The virus by itself is quite the deal, but not being able to go to work and school every weekday? Not being able to attend your place of worship? Not being able to purchase an appliance for months? Most financial transactions being done online (and those without a computer or internet were left in the dust)? And especially not being able to visit family and friends? Even years ago when the daily necessities were not as readily available as they are today and you had to wait for a few things, at least you could still go visit family! Sure, you maybe only went to Green Bay once a year, and that was a trip that was planned way ahead of time, but you could always go to a relative's house or the neighbors to play a round or two of sheephead or smear and have a couple drinks before heading home again! So...welcome again to 2021. May it be more like "the good old days" for all of us.

The one thing 2020 has taught all of us is to be ready for anything, no matter how bizarre it might seem. 2020 is kind of like the fire service. Just when you think you have it all figured out, you get a curve ball! We would like to assure you that we are always ready for that curve ball. There are plans to continue to provide fire protection even if every Green Valley – Morgan firefighter were to have COVID at the same time. If a tornado went through one township and a huge jumbo jet crashed in the other township at the same time, we have a plan for that. Is it likely to happen? No, but...we just had 2020! We have a plan for the *what ifs!*

So did anything good happen in 2020? YES! Even though we chose not to have the traditional annual firefighters' picnic in August, we were still able to raise enough funds to purchase 4 new breathing apparatus without using any money from the budgeted expenses! A sincere thank you to everyone that was able to donate to our fire company. We really do appreciate it! We are also still anticipating the delivery of our new pumper/tender in 2021 from Pierce. It has already been one year since we started that project, but of course COVID came along and here we are, but now we're moving forward again! Hopefully by the next newsletter, we'll be able to share the news of a brand new firetruck being delivered. As of now, we are planning to have our picnic again in August, so mark your calendars and get ready! We have a few new guys on our roster for you to meet – and a new truck to show you!

Winter is here once again and we'd like to remind you of a few things. Yes, they might seem repetitive, but they are very important to keep yourself and your loved ones safe during these colder months.

- 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.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Check the batteries periodically to insure they are working properly. Also, install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning to occupants.
- 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 of 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.
- Please check on elderly or disabled relatives, neighbors, and friends that have a difficult time keeping their homes safe during the winter months. Also, they might be quite pleased to have someone help clear away snow or do a few errands for them during inclement weather!

- 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!

Daylight Saving Time will be on March 14 this year. Remember to “Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries”! Another common scene in the springtime is the burning of dead vegetation after the snow is melted. Please be careful when burning outside and always tend to the fire! If you plan on burning, please give the Sheriff’s Department a call to let them know you are going to be burning. In the town of Green Valley, call the Shawano County Sheriff’s Department at 715-526-3111, or in the Town of Morgan, call the Oconto County Sheriff’s Department at 920-834-6900. Also, a reminder that in the Town of Morgan, a burning permit is required if there is no snow cover. Contact the DNR to obtain burning permits. Check our new Smokey Bear sign at the Morgan firehouse for current fire conditions! ***Happy 2021 – Stay Safe!***

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

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

Did you know a Hollywood Movie was filmed in and around the area of the community of Green Valley? From our 1st history book on the Town: ***Town of Green Valley A Look Back***. During the winter of 1929, ***Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer*** from Hollywood filmed scenes near Green Valley for their production ***Thunder*** starring Lon Chaney. In the movie a replica of the bridge was blown up.

Thunder was the story of hardships in the early railroading years in Wisconsin. Cast included *Lon Chaney, Phyllis Haver, James Murray, George Duryea, Frances Morris, Wally Albright, Jr.* This movie was shot as a silent film with a music and effects track added for the final release. The movie was released 07/08/1929. [Since the train was to look like it had come through a severe snow storm, the Hollywood producers brought in snow to put all over the train]

Later, watching the picture in theaters, it must have been a thrill for area residents to recognize the area and the railway depot at Green Valley, and, perhaps, to spot familiar faces onscreen.

This film is officially **“lost”**, although a few fragments turned up in the late 1990’s resulting in about 5 minutes of surviving footage. *(Information from the “History of Gillett 1856 – 1976” by the Gillett Public Library Board and from the Lon Chaney/MGM website, and Ron Chaney (great grandson). Per an e-mail received from Ron Chaney, the great grandson of Lon Chaney, his great grandfather “got a big thrill out of driving the locomotive and apparently almost crashed it into the depot.”

*Further information on this film can be found doing a web search for: Lon Chaney movie Thunder, including the brief scene that was ‘saved’. It is interesting to realize that, once upon a time, the community was given national and international coverage, even if only in a Hollywood movie.

*****Please note:** Sorry to admit, but as I am getting older I can no longer be Chairperson of your History Committee. Your Town needs someone to takeover History preservation for your Town. The Town’s history is very interesting and should continue to be preserved, or it could be lost to future residents. I am willing to help, as I can, who ever takes over, if they wish. 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.

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.

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