

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter  
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***Regular Town Board meetings are held the second Wednesday  
of each month at 7PM at the Community Center.***

## **NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK:**

- We've been informed that all current voting machines will no longer be supported statewide, so we're required to purchase a new voting machine. The County is contributing \$1,500 to each municipality toward the purchase. The County Clerk was told the new machines will be delivered in October.
- 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:**

- Well folks hopefully you had a Great Summer!
- Roadwork for the year is wrapping up and the county will be around again to cut the ditches soon. Busch Road got the final layer of blacktop. River Bend Road was ground and re-laid. They also replaced a couple of culverts and did some ditching on River Bend. This work is what could be done within budget.
- Another reminder is that the fall farm work will be getting underway soon so there will be more traffic in some areas. Some of these implements consume most of the roadway in places so be aware of them please!
- It was a busy spring and summer for business' and there were a few new homes built. When planning for future projects please see the folks at Planning and Zoning in the basement of the courthouse so you

have the permits in hand when you start. If a meeting is needed the earlier that meeting is scheduled the better for everyone. Driveway permits are the only permit that starts at the town level.

- Another reminder: when cutting grass, it's like pushing snow into the roadway. It's illegal and unsafe don't do it PLEASE!
- Garbage and Recycling: This service has caused a lot of concerns that I have addressed to Harter's. We, the users, also need to do our part by not grossly overfilling the containers or packing the material in and setting the carts 4 feet apart as level as possible. They are picking up some of this by 5am so it's probably best to put the cans out the night before garbage day.
- I have received numerous complaints about JUNK and it was addressed in the last newsletter. It has come to the board from several individuals and businesses to address this. Shawano County has a Health and Junk Ordinance that outlines what is not acceptable. There will be letters sent soon to tenants and owners to address these situations.

**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; NOT in bags in your 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 LIGHT BULBS**

Many types of light bulbs contain metals such as mercury. Examples include:

- tube- and compact-style fluorescent bulbs, including compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs);
- mercury vapor bulbs – i.e., high-intensity lamps with blue-white, originally used as farmyard lights;
- metal halide bulbs – i.e., newer, more efficient high-intensity lights; and
- high and low-pressure sodium vapor bulbs – i.e., yellow lights used for outdoor security lighting.

Because these bulbs contain metals and toxic chemicals, they should be properly disposed of to avoid contaminating the environment or harming human health.

## COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS (CFLS)

Compact fluorescent lamps are used extensively in homes and businesses, and, besides being recyclable, have many environmental benefits. Certified by the EPA's Energy Star Program, CFLs use up to 75 percent less energy than a standard incandescent bulb, can last up to 10 times longer and save \$30 or more in electricity costs over the life of the bulb. The EPA estimates that standard coal-fired power plants emit 5.5 milligrams (mg) of mercury to power an incandescent bulb over its lifetime, in comparison with 1.2 mg of mercury to power a CFL over the same period of time. Using CFLs also results in reductions of other air emissions from power plants, including carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Mercury, lead and other heavy metals all have the potential to be hazardous wastes. If bulbs are broken, burned or landfilled, metals and other toxic substances can be released into the environment. This risk makes it important to dispose of CFLs and other light bulbs properly. Despite claims by manufacturers that "green" lamps can be safely landfilled, CFLs contain trace amounts of mercury and should be properly recycled. While the amount of mercury in each bulb is small, mercury pollutes the air and water when it ends up in landfills or incinerators.

## TOO VALUABLE TO WASTE

Metals such as mercury and lead in light bulbs are valuable and can be recovered for reuse. However, recycling rates for CFLs and other light bulbs are low. According to a November 2004 report by the Association of Lighting and Mercury Recyclers, an estimated 70.8 percent of the mercury-containing lamps used by business and 98 percent of the lamps used in homes are NOT being recycled. As CFL use increases, it becomes even more important to make sure those lights do not end up in landfills or incinerators.

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Because of the mercury or other toxic substances in many light bulbs, businesses and institutions are responsible for properly storing and recycling used bulbs that are considered hazardous waste. This would include tube-style fluorescents and CFLs. Wisconsin has no legal requirements for disposing of bulbs that come strictly from households. However, the DNR encourages households to recycle bulbs when possible. Residents should check with their local county recycling program to see if there are local restrictions for light bulb disposal.

## PREFERRED HANDLING OPTION: RECYCLE!

In most communities, there are several options for recycling used bulbs, including tube-style fluorescents and CFLs. The DNR recommends that even "green" fluorescent bulbs be recycled because they often do contain measurable amounts of mercury.

For CFLs, in particular, there are several recycling options. First, try to buy your bulbs at a store that will take them back for recycling. A growing number of retailers, including several large national chains, are providing this service, which makes it very easy to recycle old bulbs when you go in for replacements. If this is not an option, look into a Clean Sweep program in your area.

## FIND A RECYCLER IN YOUR AREA

- Focus on Energy has information on where to recycle CFLs.

- Contact your local recycling program to see if they provide for collection.
- Many county websites may also contain information on recycling.

### SAFE HANDLING

To safely handle your waste lamps and bulbs, place them in the box they were purchased in or the special cartons provided by a recycler. For CFLs, make sure used bulbs are placed in sturdy cartons and store them in a safe place to avoid breakage.

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

### **“Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”**

Fire Prevention Week 2021 is being held from October 3-9<sup>th</sup>, which always includes October 8<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Peshtigo Fire. This year’s campaign, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe. “What do the sounds mean? Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family. Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

#### Smoke Alarms

- ✓ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- ✓ For the best protection, choose interconnected smoke alarms. When one sounds, they all sound.
- ✓ Test alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- ✓ Replace smoke alarms if they are over 10 years old.

#### Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- ✓ Install CO alarms outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home. This includes the basement and attic.
- ✓ Do not place alarms near fireplaces or fuel-burning appliances.
- ✓ Replace CO alarms between 5-10 years or as stated in the manufacturer’s instructions.

Do you know someone with sensory or physical disabilities? There are special alarms and devices to ensure everyone can be alerted in case of fire or high CO levels.

- When the smoke alarm sounds, strobe lights flash to alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing of a possible fire when they are awake.
- When they are asleep, a pillow or bed shaker should be used to wake and alert them to fire conditions so they can escape. This device is activated by the sound of a standard smoke alarm. People who are deaf may find that the shaker paired with a high-intensity strobe light is helpful to wake them.
- Smoke and CO alarms can be installed that use a low frequency sound. These will work better to wake a sleeping person who has mild to severe hearing loss.
- These special devices and alarms can also signal when the battery is low.

Research the different products and select the ones that fit the needs of the people in your home. These can be easily installed without a professional. Products can be found in home improvement stores, online, and on manufacturer websites. Pick devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory, which is often disclosed on the product’s packaging.

“Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries!” -- Daylight Saving Time will end on November 6 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 smoke and CO alarms, please feel free to contact any firefighter.

Our annual picnic was again a huge success! It was great to have a picnic again and get together with the people that support us and say, “Thank you!” to all of you! For those that were able to come out and be with us, we certainly had a beautiful day! We hope you were able to meet some of your friends and family, and hope you had a chance to meet our firefighters. We were finally able to show all of you our brand-new fire truck from Pierce Manufacturing! It was parked near the 1952 Ford firetruck, also bought brand new in that same year by the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Department. We feel it’s a very special thing that the same fire company has 2 firetrucks, both purchased brand new, from the same manufacturer, 68 years apart! 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 and we can’t say “Thank You” enough!

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!

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

Some of us remember exactly where we were and what we were doing throughout the events of that whole day and week. Others of us can only learn from what is printed, recorded, or from stories shared with us. Please join us in remembering all who lost their lives on that horrific day 20 years ago. We especially remember the 343 firefighters that paid the ultimate sacrifice that day in New York City. We also remember the military service members, past and present, who fought and continue to fight for our freedoms today. May their sacrifices always be respected, honored, and remembered every day of the year. Stay safe...

### **HISTORY COMMITTEE:**

Kaye Rundquist 715-853-4012 or 920-822-8140, Helen Montie 920-855-2286

### **PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING THE HISTORY PRESERVATION OF THE TOWN**

Considering the severe health issues facing our nation this past year or so, perhaps you would like to know how the Town handled the Spanish Flu in the early 1900’s.

This is an example of a Quarantine Sign from 1910-1924 regarding the Spanish Flu epidemic:

**INFLUENZA**

**All persons are notified of the presence of this disease and on account of its communicable character are warned against visiting or coming in contact with those sick with it. All persons sick with this disease are prohibited from leaving the premises or coming in contact in any way with the general public. All persons are forbidden to remove, obscure or mutilate this card or to interfere in any way with these restrictions, under penalty or a fine or imprisonment as provided in Section 4608 of the statutes.**

*Above sign wording from the Wisconsin History website*

These signs were usually attached to a front door of a residence and were a red or similar background color to ensure the public would see it.

Many peddlers profited by selling “*special concoctions*” that would cure anything.

I will try to remember to cover more of other past health issues thru the Town in the next newsletter.

## **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: Daniel Cota, 920-899-3652

Treasurer: Tom Gwidt, 920-899-3890

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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***Back to school time - be extra cautious around busses & school zones!***

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