

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter

January 2022

TOWN OFFICIALS

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Green Valley Sanitary District President: Corey Bristol 920-619-6846

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:

- The only contest on the February 15, 2022 Spring Primary election is Pulaski School District. Therefore, we're consolidating polling locations just for this election. **Any Town of Green Valley residents that reside in the Pulaski School District will vote at the Town of Angelica polling place located at N3285 Cty Rd C, Pulaski. This location change is ONLY in effect for the February 15, 2022 election.**
- Our new voting machine will be used at the April 5, 2022 spring election.
- Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7PM** to attend the Town of Green Valley **Annual Meeting** held at the Community Center in Advance.
- We will be performing a **market revaluation** of all Town of Green Valley properties in 2022. The last revaluation was performed 9 years ago in 2013. Since then market values have changed and assessed values no longer reflect the current market. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue requires municipalities to perform periodic revaluations to remain compliant with state statutes. Accurate Appraisal's assessors will be reviewing recent sales within the town to help them determine new fair market assessed values for 2022. All property owners will have access to their property information, a roll book of all new values, and a chance to speak with an assessor throughout this process. A notice of new value will be mailed to every property owner in early summer.
- 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.

- 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 you all had a Great Christmas! I don't have much for you this time.
- A reminder to NOT plow snow into the road right of ways.
- If you have trouble with garbage and recycle pick up, phone the number on the cart.
- Most likely early March, load limits will go into effect like other years so plan and move the heavys in before or wait until in April!
- Later this year we will be reworking South Townline Rd from Hintz Rd to Green Valley Rd. An application for LRIP funding was made, and we will receive \$45,000.00 from that application. However, there are many rules and stipulations that go with it, so we will be doing much more paperwork to get those reimbursements.
- Recently we have received several calls of "dogs running at large;" please be sure this isn't your dog!
- Have a Safe and Healthy 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; 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.

*** Keep the enclosed 2022 garbage & recycling pickup schedule to reference for the year.***

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

Waste Reduction: It's Habit-Forming! Okay, so you're making smart shopping decisions and asking key questions before, during and after your shopping trips. Now, how about some other ideas for making waste reduction a daily event? All you need to do is ... think it through!

- Reuse products whenever possible – like shopping bags, resealable sandwich bags, reusable plastic containers, refillable pens, both sides of paper.
- Choose well-made products that are easy to repair and have long warranties.
- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs – it means using fewer bulbs and achieving greater energy savings. In fact, they'll pay for themselves in no time!
- Share magazines and newspapers with a friend, nursing home, hospital or library.
- Look for concentrated products – their smaller size means less packaging.
- Choose economy-sized packages, but only if you can use the product up. If you can't use it all, share the excess or purchase smaller sizes.
- Rent or share rarely used items, like floor polishers or party supplies. Try reusable plasticware for picnics and tailgate parties!
- Try setting up a neighborhood lawn equipment program, to share less-used tools and machinery.
- Reuse children's toys by donating to a day care center, thrift shop or charity.
- Give old clothing a second life by donating to local clothing drives or thrift shop. Shop at secondhand stores.

So, think it through!

- Before shopping, make a shopping list and ask:
What do I need to do the job? Do I already have a product that will do the job? How much do I really need? When & where will I use it? What will be left when I'm done with it?
- While shopping, reflect upon your real needs:
Will this product last a long time? Which package makes the least waste? What does the label say? Does the product serve my needs? What size do I really need?
- Take care of the product and/or its packaging properly:
Share or donate any leftovers. Repair it. Reuse or refill it if possible.
- After use:
Recycle the packaging. Dispose of it safely – but only as a final option!

Reducing trash is so easy, you may already be doing it. Just remember to think it through!

GREEN VALLEY-MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

REFLECTIONS FROM THE FIREHOUSE

As we begin another new year, we all tend to reflect a little bit on the past year: The things that we did or did not do, places we went or wished we could/would have gone to, and the friends and family we spent time with or wish we could spend more time with. And boy, what a year it was in many ways.

From the firehouse, we're looking back a little further and wanted to share with you where we came from and what we're looking at in the future. So, to get started, we'd like to share with you our beginning (this information and more can be found in the following books, "Town of Green Valley, A Look Back", "Township of Green Valley, A Glimpse Into Our Past", and "Morgan, The Next Generation", all written by local townspeople with input from many area residents.)

The Green Valley Fire Department held it's first meeting on April 22, 1929, at the Green Valley Bank. It was organized to serve the community of Green Valley and the original handwritten meeting notes read as follows:

“On April 22, 1929, Mr. Norman Berner organized a meeting of the people of the area of Green Valley for the purpose of forming the Green Valley Fire Department. The following were present: Harry Leib, Emil Seivert, Venus Stark, John Kuehl, Louie Specht, Ed Dittman, Marvin Lemke, Rueben Stark, Rueben Schmidt, Bill Hemple, Clem Lotto, Robert Kanzenback, William Moser, Ben Dittman, E.E. Olson, Frank Meyer. They raised money by giving dances at Green Valley Dance Hall and card parties to buy equipment”

In the 1940's, the coverage area was expanded to County Road C and State Highway 32. By the 1950's, the entire township was being protected by the Green Valley Fire Department. In 1952, the Town of Morgan joined together with the Town of Green Valley for fire protection, and the new name became the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Department. Also in 1952, the fire department purchased its first firetruck, a brand new 1952 Pierce pumper truck. (Side note: We still have this fire truck and you may have seen in the 4th of July parades!) On December 12, 1996, the fire department became incorporated as a 501C3 Non-Profit Corporation in the State of Wisconsin, changing the name once again to the current name of Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company, Incorporated. In short summary, this means that the fire company is a private organization that contracts its services. It is not owned by any one or two people, nor any one or two townships. It is a company with a Board of Directors that makes decisions and oversees the operations of the business, like how a governmental township is organized. The Board of Directors meet once each month to take care of general business, like approving bills for payment, approving the purchasing of parts and equipment and any repairs or maintenance that needs to be done, discussing fund raisers and upcoming events, and making sure all of the firefighters have the equipment and training needed to complete any task they might be assigned to. The Board of Directors consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 representatives for the Town of Green Valley (west of Hwy 32), 3 representatives for the Town of Morgan (east of Hwy 32), and one director at large. All our director positions have a requirement to be a rostered firefighter.

So, in 1929, the fire department held dances to raise money to purchase equipment. In 2022, 93 years later, we will have a dance (**annual firefighters' picnic on August 13, 2022**) to raise money to purchase equipment. And to think back on how much has changed, and how much really hasn't changed! With the proceeds from our 2021 picnic, we did not purchase another 1952 Pierce firetruck, but we used some of the money to purchase air cylinders for our breathing apparatus that is on our new 2020 Pierce engine/tender. The new cylinders are replacing old air cylinders that are expired. If you attended our picnic last year, you may have noticed that we had our 2020 Pierce engine/tender parked right along side of our 1952 Pierce engine, both purchased brand new at the time! In Green Valley and Morgan, we are very proud of our heritage and the 'blood, sweat, and tears' that it took to get what we have, and we continue to work hard to improve our organization every day. With the remaining proceeds from last years picnic, we are planning to purchase more SCBAs (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) to replace units that will be going out of service due to the age of equipment, per NFPA Standards. We received a donation from Nextera Energies for \$7,189.00 to purchase one complete SCBA, which includes the complete harness and the air bottle. It has been placed in service already and replaced an older unit that was expired. We will be purchasing more SCBA units in the near future as our current units expire. In October, we were awarded a grant through the Wisconsin DNR to purchase wildland firefighting gear, a leaf blower/mister, and a backpack pump. All the wildland equipment has been ordered and/or received and will be placed in service before the spring fire season.

If you are interested in joining our fire company and willing to get some great training and gain a new ‘fire family’, contact any of our firefighters for information on what it’s all about. We’d be more than happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. (Oh yeah – we have a lot of fun times together! Ask any experienced firefighter, and they’ll share at least one hilarious story or memory!) Help protect the community you live in!

And just a few reminders for our snowy season:

- Check your chimneys and vents to make sure they are clear of any blockages
- Keep 3 feet of space between and heating units and any furnishings
- Drive with caution – be cautious of snowmobiles and snow plow trucks
- Try to keep your driveways clear of deep snow and ice, if possible.
- Check on your neighbors and the elderly and offer to help them during the colder months

Daylight Saving Time begins on March 13, 2022 – remember to check the batteries in your smoke alarms!

We wish all of you a prosperous and healthy 2022 – STAY SAFE!

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

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

The History Room at the Town Community Center contains items from residents about the past. This room is open by prior arrangement, during elections or tax time. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

*****Please note:** If you like history & want this to continue, a person or persons are needed 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.

KRAKOW SANITARY DISTRICT:

President: Daniel Cota, 920-899-3652

Treasurer: Tom Gwidt, 920-899-3890

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.

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.

**** Keep the enclosed 2022 Harters garbage & recycling pickup schedule to reference pickup dates for the year.****
