

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

Newsletter  
November 2022

## **TOWN OFFICIALS**

Chair: Terry Tipton 715-853-1555

Clerk: Janalee Jenerou 715-745-2699 e-mail: Clerk@tn.greenvalley.wi.gov

Supervisors: Gary Uelmen 715-745-2982, Brandon Nygaard 715-851-5365

Treasurer: Traci Nygaard 715-851-1453

Town Website: <http://townofgreenvalley.com>

Animal Control: Gary Uelmen 715-745-2982

Plan Commission: Chair: Bob Krause 715-853-6969, Secretary: Carol Nygaard 715-745-6056

Members: Wanda Nischke 715-584-2647, Alice Schneider 715-851-1277

Building Inspector Coordinator: Tom Smith Inspections, LLC 920-655-1735

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Harter's Fox Valley Disposal: 715-253-2619 or 888-804-8556

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:**

- All election results can be found on the Shawano County website: <https://www.co.shawano.wi.us>
- **Election of Town Officials** – Anyone who is interested in being a candidate for Chair, Supervisor, Treasurer or Clerk can circulate nomination papers between December 1 and the first Tuesday in January prior to the election which will be held the first Tuesday in April (April 4, 2023). If the number of persons submitting nomination papers to the town clerk on the first Tuesday in January are more than twice the number to be elected for that office, a nonpartisan primary election will be held (February 21, 2023). Contact the town clerk for the necessary forms required when circulating nomination papers.
- 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 Clerk@tn.greenvalley.wi.gov

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

- Hoping you had a great summer and fall; winter is knocking on the door.
- Reminder: Do NOT plow snow into the roadway, PLEASE!
- For roadwork this summer, a section of Wahl Road was pulverized and relaid. Several trouble spot culverts (8 road cuts) got replaced and repaved. And approximately 1 mile of South Townline Road was rebuilt. There were ditches cleaned and graded to drain, culverts replaced and set to the proper elevation. Northeast Asphalt was awarded the pavement contract and shoulders. The "binder coat" of blacktop was laid and shouldered, the wear surface will be done in spring when we are sure there are no soft spots.

- Town Board meets monthly, typically the second Wednesday of each month. The town meetings are posted per statute at 3 places: the fire station by Pulcifer, the mailboxes in Green Valley and at the Community Center in Advance (and also on our Town website). Planning Commission meets the first Monday of the month as needed. The Town newsletter is currently sent 3 times a year to the address of the parcel owners or email if it has been provided to the clerk.
- If you notice a new neighbor feel free to pass along the newsletter or encourage them to contact the clerk or a board member for town information.
- **2024 will be the 150 year Anniversary of the Town Of Green Valley. A committee of volunteers is working to organize some festivities in conjunction with the fireman's picnic August 12<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendars it could be a Blast!**
- Have a Safe Hunt

## **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.)

### **FALL YARD CARE**

That swish and crunch of autumn leaves underfoot is the sound of opportunity. Mulching leaves and composting yard materials allow residents to protect the state's air quality and public health, reduce costs for local governments and households and relieve communities and the environment of the hazards of burning. A growing number of communities have local rules in place that further restrict or completely prohibit burning yard materials.

Using leaves for mulch and compost can also enrich the health of lawns and gardens, save money on fertilizer and save municipalities money on yard waste collection. Try one of the following easy methods to manage leaves, branches, grass clippings and other yard trimmings.

### **HOME COMPOSTING**

If you would rather compost your leaves, there are many easy structures you can build to start a compost pile. Be sure to maintain a mix of "browns" (fallen leaves, dead plants, coffee grounds and small branches) and "greens" (grass clippings, green plants and food scraps). Finished compost can be sprinkled into lawn soil or used in a garden to provide organic material and nutrients. Ultimately, this builds soil organic content and reduces the need for fertilizers.

### **MULCHING LEAVES IN PLACE**

Leaves are rich in carbon, phosphorus and potassium – all essential nutrients needed by plants, including turf grasses. Mow leaves along with the grass during fall and leave the finely chopped

material on your lawn. Another option is to rake up the leaf pieces and use them as winter ground cover for gardens and around trees and shrubs. This will help insulate plants and protect them from winter freeze damage.

#### **KEEP LEAVES HANDY FOR NEXT SEASON**

Dry leaves keep well in plastic bags. Many people keep a few bags of leaves from the fall to add "browns" to their compost piles throughout the year. You can also use your stored leaves for mulch. In the spring, spread them on your garden and around trees and shrubs to save on the cost of buying new mulch.

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

#### **"Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™"**

The GreenValley-Morgan Fire Company, Inc. teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW), October 9-15, 2022. This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

"Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

We are encouraging all residents to embrace the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme. It's important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different. Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!

We want to share these key home fire escape planning tips:

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org) and [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org). The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company Inc. visited Fairview Elementary School this year to teach kids about fire safety and making a home escape plan. 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 practice it with your family – just contact any one of our firefighters!

“Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries!” -- **Daylight Saving Time ended 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 their alarms, feel free to contact any firefighter.

Our annual picnic that was held in August set new records and was again a huge success! We would like to say thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed the day with us, even though the weather wasn't the greatest for being outside. We are already planning for next year's event and any suggestions for improvement are welcome. 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!

Until next time, happy harvesting and stay safe!

## **HISTORY COMMITTEE:**

Kaye Rundquist 715-853-4012

### **CEMETERIES IN THE TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY**

The Town of Green Valley has a total of 6 cemeteries within its boundaries. Probably not surprising since years ago the rules and regulations for cemeteries in Wisconsin were not as stringent as they are today.

Years ago, you could bury a loved one on your own property – this explains why from time to time remains were unwittingly unearthed in fields decades after the initial burial – after the property had been sold or passed on to descendants.

**DICKSON CEMETERY:** In 1885, land for the Dickson Cemetery was set aside by one of the large landowners. The elder James Campbell Discson, head of the family, died that year. [the family name is shown in the old records spelled as Dixon, Dickson, and Discson – not sure why the many variations.] This cemetery is located southwest of Advance due west of 35.

**BETHEL EAST CEMETERY:** This cemetery is located east of Pulcifer.

**BETHEL WEST CEMETERY:** This cemetery is located southeast of Pulcifer across from Bethel Church – off highway BB.

**ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY:** This cemetery is located just west of County Hwy BB at the intersection of Larsen & Naumann Roads.

**ST JOHN'S UNITED CEMETERY:** This is located off highway 22 above where the church stands in Pulcifer. The church moved to the Shawano area and is now called Faith United.

**UNION MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY:** In the 1850's, the Union Cemetery, (AKA Memorial Park Cemetery), was founded - *before the organization of the Town of Green Valley*. Designated as a cemetery from the beginning & shown as a piece of land broken out of neighboring property. This

cemetery **was** cared for by the people of the Advance Methodist Church, which was located across the road. [The church disbanded in 1977]. The Cemetery remains & is cared for by the Town of Green Valley. This cemetery is located on County Hwy C south of Advance.

[Per laws of the State of Wisconsin, abandoned cemeteries become the responsibility of the municipality.] [information from The Town of Green Valley books - #1 & #2]

**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, 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.
- Work has resumed on our Comprehensive Plan revisions.

### **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.

### **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.

Wishing you & yours a Happy Thanksgiving & Blessed Christmas.

***\* Keep the enclosed 2023 Harters garbage & recycling pickup schedule to reference pickup dates for next year.\****