

# TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY

## Newsletter

### March 2023

#### **TOWN OFFICIALS**

Chair: Terry Tipton 715-853-1555

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

Assessor: Accurate Appraisal, LLC 920-749-8098

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:**

- Results from our Town's February 21<sup>st</sup> primary election for Justice of the Supreme Court: Janet Protasiewicz 26, Daniel Kelly 62, Everett Mitchell 1, Jennifer Dorow 42
- Remember to **vote** at the **April 4, 2023** spring election!
- **Annual Meeting** will be held **April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM** at the Community Center in Advance.
- **Open Book** will be held **June 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm** at the Community Center. 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. You can also schedule a phone appointment.
- **Board of Review** will be held **June 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm** at the Community Center.
- 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
- This will be my last term as Clerk; Thank You for your support over the past almost 20 years! If a Town resident is interested in the Clerk position, please let me or a Board member know. Training will be provided.

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

- A reminder load limits will be going on in early March, please plan ahead!
- The town had several low hanging trees removed from the right of ways recently and we will continue this as needed. Please be observant of your private driveways and consider removing these

there as well. Fire trucks and ambulances have antennas and lighting that get damaged by overhanging things.

- Also it seems “sign collectors” have a fondness for our Town road signs. Most every road sign has been removed south of Church Road to South Townline Road from Highway 32 to BB/Hintz Rd via a sawzall! The Sheriff’s Department would be happy to hear from you if you have information on this.

**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.

## **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.)

## **PROPER HANDLING OF USED BATTERIES**

Batteries used in many household and office products, as well as motor vehicle batteries, contain a variety of heavy metals and other materials that can be harmful to human health and the environment if not handled properly. Many of these materials can be recovered and reused by specialized recyclers.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES**

Note that there are different requirements for batteries from households and batteries from businesses and other non-households. Many batteries, including lead-acid batteries, are regulated as universal (hazardous) waste when not generated by households.

## **BATTERIES USED IN HOMES, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS**

Dry cell batteries are batteries used in many products – including portable electronics, power tools, watches, calculators, hand-held vacuum cleaners, lawn care equipment, flashlights, toys and hearing aids. They come in a variety of sizes and shapes and include both rechargeable and non-rechargeable battery types. They include alkaline, alkaline rechargeable, lithium, lithium-ion, metal hydride, mercuric oxide, nickel-cadmium, silver oxide and zinc-air batteries. They include AAA, AA, C, D, 9V, button, coin and other sizes, and may also be incorporated in products (such as cellphones and laptops).

You can reduce waste by buying rechargeable batteries when possible. When rechargeable batteries come to the end of their lifespan, they can be recycled.

Alkaline batteries may be put in the trash, but some battery retailers or other recycling locations may accept alkalines for a fee.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY IMPACTS OF DRY CELL BATTERIES

The materials in many types of dry cell batteries – including mercury, lithium, cadmium, lead and acids – have the potential to be hazardous wastes. If these batteries are burned or landfilled, the heavy metals in them can be released into the environment.

Many batteries, particularly rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in many electronics, present a significant risk of fire if they are mishandled or damaged. For that reason, it is important to handle used batteries properly.

#### SAFE MANAGEMENT OF USED BATTERIES FROM HOUSEHOLDS

Wisconsin has no legal requirements for the disposal of household-generated dry-cell batteries or for household-generated hazardous wastes. While households are not required to recycle batteries, putting non-alkaline batteries in the trash or curbside recycling carts/bins can pose a risk to garbage collectors, recycling facilities, solid waste transfer stations and landfills because of the potential for the batteries to catch on fire, especially if damaged by equipment.

Wisconsin has banned many types of consumer electronics from landfill or incinerator disposal. These electronics can be recycled through the E-Cycle Wisconsin program.

If storing batteries for recycling, you can reduce fire risk by taping ends of batteries with clear packing tape or putting each battery in an individual plastic bag, and storing them in a non-metal leakproof container with a lid (such as a plastic bucket).

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR MANAGING BATTERIES FROM NON-HOUSEHOLDS

Batteries generated by businesses, schools, institutions, governments and other non-households are subject to hazardous waste requirements, which allow for certain wastes to be managed under universal waste requirements. Alkaline batteries may be put in the trash, but others must be recycled or managed as universal waste.

#### FIND BATTERY RECYCLING LOCATIONS

Do NOT place batteries or electronics in curbside recycling carts or bins, because they may cause a fire if damaged by equipment in recycling trucks or facilities.

To find a drop-off location in your area for rechargeable or other batteries:

- Visit [Call2Recycle \[exit DNR\]](#) or call 1-877-2-RECYCLE; many retailers participate in this non-profit program to recycle rechargeable batteries and have collection boxes in their stores.
- For electronics that contain batteries, [find an electronics collection site or mail-back program registered with E-Cycle Wisconsin.](#)
- Contact your [local recycling program](#) to see if they offer collection.
- Visit the [Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory.](#)

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

Waiting for spring...

Wisconsin winters seem to have a way of taking their time transitioning into the warmer temperatures of spring – or at least it seems that way when it gets to early March. Snowmobilers have hopefully had some time to enjoy the trail system, ice fisherman hopefully caught what they were hoping to get, and other winter sports enthusiasts hopefully got to enjoy the fresh air of winter with family and friends. But again, most of us are looking forward to more daylight and warmer temperatures, allowing us to plant the fields and gardens and enjoy some other outdoor activities. As you travel around the area, please be safe on the roads! Farm equipment will be traveling on all the roads again soon and at all times of the day and night. Some of those machines are quite large and travel at a slower speed, so we ask that you share the roadways with them. Please be courteous as they do their jobs. And let's not forget those larger brown animals that like to jump out into the roadways along with all their smaller friends. Watch for these critters at all times of the year, day and night!

As always, when the weather warms up, we have a number of wildland fires in the area. Here is our list of reminders:

- ✓ Check the local fire danger conditions per the DNR. DNR burning permits are required for the Town of Morgan (check the regulations on their web site or call them for more info), but not for the Town of Green Valley. There is no fee for obtaining a burning permit and they are good for the whole year! The DNR has made it possible to obtain burning permits through their website at no charge, and you can print it at home immediately! You can also call them and have them mail a burning permit to your residence. We urge everyone to check the fire danger map at the following web site <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp>. The DNR updates this map daily at 11:00 a.m. You can also call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) for daily restrictions or refer to the signs posted by any DNR Ranger station.
- ✓ Use common sense and plan ahead. Tend to your fire at all times.
- ✓ Please use common courtesy with fireworks and campfires during your summer celebrations so that everyone can enjoy the nice summer evenings.
- ✓ Check the nearby weather forecast. The weather may be perfect at the time you plan to burn, but it can change within a matter of minutes. If the wind picks up right after you burn, a few smoldering embers could be all it takes to start a wildland fire.
- ✓ Please remember to always make sure your fire is completely out before leaving the area.

Also, the Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company asks that you **contact the Sheriff's Department to report that you are going to have a 'controlled burn'**; just give them the location and time you plan to burn. (Do not call 911, **use the non-emergency line: Shawano County 715-526-3111**, Oconto County 920-834-6900.) If you do see a fire, please stop and check to see if someone is tending to the fire and/or if it is contained. We have had calls in the past that have been reported by cell phone users driving by and they result in a fire that is being tended to.

Spring thunderstorms and the severe weather events of summer are just around the corner! The Towns of Green Valley and Morgan do not have audible warning sirens, so we recommend the NOAA weather radios or your local media sources for severe weather alerts in Shawano/Oconto County. The local news channels also have apps that are free to download on your cell phone so you can receive severe weather alerts on the go. You can also download a free app on your phone and sign up for

weather alerts for your area. Shawano County is active in a program called Nixle. Text your zip code to 888777 to receive alerts directly to your phone. They also encourage downloading the Everbridge/Nixle app to your smart phone to receive alerts directly through the app, which also includes rebroadcasts of the National Weather Service alerts that are issued. If severe weather occurs in our area, please be careful. Night time events are especially dangerous! There may be wires down, trees across roadways, injuries to some people, and fires that are uncontrolled. The fire company and emergency services will be working around the area to keep you safe from any of these dangers. You may also see utility companies around the area trying to get us up and running again. Give these folks the courtesy, time, and space to do their jobs and remedy the situation in the most efficient way. Remember that we may not be the only people affected by the storm damage, and some other areas may have more damage than us.

The annual Green Valley – Morgan Firefighters Picnic will be held on **August 12, 2023 from noon to 11:00 p.m.** This year we are also celebrating the **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Green Valley!** Yes, we are trying to replicate the Green Valley Homecoming again, for those of you who have fond memories of that event! We are working together with people from the Town of Green Valley to plan this event, but recommendations are always welcome, especially from those who fondly remember those good ole' days of the homecomings. There will be a parade and 3 separate bands performing throughout the day, but sorry, no barbecue chicken this time. Watch for more information in the coming newsletter and visit their website at [townofgreenvalley.com](http://townofgreenvalley.com). We have tickets for sale (\$10 each) for the gun raffle again, with even more prizes than previous years! The drawing is held at 9 p.m. and you do not need to be present to win. You can purchase a ticket(s) from any firefighter or you can visit the various businesses in Green Valley and Morgan and surrounding communities. All of the final details of the event are still being worked out, but please plan to come and celebrate with us! There is no charge for admission, so please come to Green Valley to support your local fire company and celebrate the Town of Green Valley! Until next time, stay safe and enjoy the Wisconsin weather!

## **HISTORY COMMITTEE:**

Jean Froelich 715-851-2675

Hello Green Valley,

I want to take this time to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Jean Froelich, and I am attempting to become more familiar with the great history of Green Valley as its new historian. I have big shoes to fill, and I would like everyone's help with this task. If you are unaware, Green Valley will be 150 years old this year, which is quite a momentous occasion. On March 17, 1873, the Town of Green Valley was separated from the Town of Washington, and the first road was laid out in June 1873. So much has happened since then, and I am sure there will be many more. As you go through family photos and other family items, if you want to donate any to the Green Valley Historical Society, we can build a new and exciting future together by building and expanding our history. Some suggested ideas include: 1) have you started or ended a business since 2003? 2) have you recently moved into the area and want to help with the celebration or other community events? Just let me know; 3) if you have antique items that you would like to donate, then you can make arrangements with me to either drop them at the community center or I can pick them up. Be assured that your donations will be handled with the utmost care. This is a fascinating job, and I look forward to sharing more history with you in upcoming newsletters.

Thank you, Jean Froelich,

[jmfcaw@gmail.com](mailto:jmfcaw@gmail.com)

715-851-2675

## **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);

- Spring will be here before you know it, just a reminder that all sump pumps are to be discharged into the yard and not in the sewer.
- Also, the late fee has been increased to 20% per quarter for any unpaid account balances. Any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Green Valley Sanitary District Board.