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## **A Message From Town Chairman Dan Hanson**

It's been one year since we started our building project and let me say it's been a trying experience. I would compare a town building project to making bologna sausage; if you know what goes in it, it will turn your stomach and you won't want anything to do with it. Thanks to the Building Committee and our construction management team we will get the recipe right and have a building that will fit the taste for everyone for years to come.

In the spring of 2014 a final building design was agreed upon and the process for bids was let in June of this year. Due to circumstances beyond our control (i.e. an unusually busy commercial construction season, rise of cost of construction, and being a prevailing wage project) not all areas of the building were bid on; therefore we rejected all bids received. After receiving the first round of bids, we determined the building also needed some revisions. Since June, the Town Board and Building Committee continued to meet with our construction management firm Royal Construction, made revisions to the building plan and prepared the revised plan to be bid on this fall when we anticipate a much more favorable building environment. The plans are currently out for bid and bids are due by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. We plan on executing the contracts before the end of the year and construction will start around April 1, 2015, weather permitting. Construction of the new cold storage building behind the current Town Shop was completed this fall. This building replaces the old town shop, which was being used for cold storage, that was removed to make room for the new construction.

In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the Town of Pleasant Valley don't hesitate to contact me or the other board members.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Dan Hanson, Town Chairman

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## **Snow Removal, Safety and Town Right-of-Way**

'Tis the season of snow removal. WI Stat. 346.95(5) states that no person may place or cause to be placed upon any highway any substance that is or may be injurious to any vehicle. This includes piles of snow. Please do not place any snow from your driveway anywhere within the road right of way. For safety reasons, our plow drivers will issue warnings followed by citations if this is a problem on your property.

Even though it is really fun for children, please do not let children build tunnels or play on the snow plow piles left in the town right-of-ways. Our plow crews can be out anytime of the day or night clearing roads, widening roadways or cleaning cul-de-sacs. At times, the plow drivers have limited visibility and may not see your children. Children playing in or near the snowbanks can be seriously injured or killed.

Garbage cans continue to be a problem on our road right of ways. If it is your garbage day, make sure your garbage can and recycling bin are located on your property, off of the road right-of-way, which is typically 33 ft. from the center line. Placing your bins across the road from your driveway poses a hazard for traffic and makes the plowing efforts more difficult.



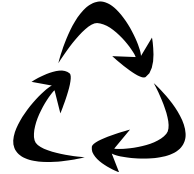
Thank you for you cooperation with these matter.

For your own safety,  
please stay at least 200ft  
behind any plow truck.  
They cannot  
always see you.

### Recycling Fee Changes

For quite a few years, Eau Claire County has placed a special charge on property tax bills to cover recycling stations and curbside recycling fees to the private haulers. This past year the amount was \$22.00. Beginning this year, the special charge will be \$12.00 on your tax bill, and IF you have curbside pick-up from a private hauler, the hauler will place an additional \$15 per year fee on your garbage service bill. As a resident of Eau Claire County you can always use any of the recycling stations located throughout Eau Claire County.

The Recycling Station in Cleghorn is located in the Town Shop parking lot. Eau Claire County staffs the site the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 8am to noon for your convenience. Other locations and hours are listed on the Eau Claire County website.



### Fireworks Permits

Wisconsin Statute §167.10 requires individuals to obtain a user's permit to discharge fireworks within any municipality. The applicant is required to obtain a permit at least two days before an event and then provide a copy of the permit to Township Fire Department and the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department. According to State Statutes the maximum forfeiture for discharging fireworks without a permit is \$1000. The Town has the discretion to deny permits depending upon drought conditions, population density, neighbor complaints, etc. The Town of Pleasant Valley issues user permits for \$25/day.

Permits can be obtained through Chairman Dan Hanson at 715-878-4847.

### 10th Annual Pleasant Valley 4-H Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

**Saturday, Dec 13th 10am-1pm at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, Cleghorn**

BUY COOKIES -COME EARLY FOR BEST SELECTION!  
SHOP A VARIETY OF VENDORS!  
COME AND SEE SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS!  
GRAB HOT SOUP AND A SANDWICH FOR LUNCH! DOORS CLOSE AT 1PM.  
Facebook: Pleasant Valley 4-H Cleghorn, Wi or Phone: 715.533.2679



### Dog Licenses Required Annually



WI Statute 174.05 states the owner of any dog five months of age or older shall annually on or before the first day of January apply for a license from the Town Treasurer.

If you licensed your dog in 2014, in early December you should have received a yellow postcard with your dog's information printed on it reminding you to license your dog in 2015. Current rabies information from your vet must be included with your application. If you did not receive a postcard, but own a dog, you can print an application at [www.townofpleasantvalley.com](http://www.townofpleasantvalley.com) under forms and permits or contact the town office at (715)878-4645. Fines and court costs for keeping an unlicensed dog can approach \$275. Make sure your dog is licensed!

### Township Fire Dept

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers for their service to our community. Remember to always get a burning permit. (715)834-6868. Regulations can be viewed at [www.townshipfire.org](http://www.townshipfire.org)



## Property Tax Collections

By now you should have received your 2014 tax bill.  
The first payment is due by January 31st.

### Public Tax Collection Dates

Friday, December 26, 4-6pm  
Saturday, December 27, 9-11am  
Friday, January 23, 4-6pm  
Saturday, January 24, 9-11am

#### Mail 1st payments to:

Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer  
W165 Woodridge Dr  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

A receipt will be mailed back to you.

Public collections are located at the Town Hall, S10414 Cty HH/I in Cleghorn.  
Checks, cashier checks and money orders are preferred. Cash is not recommended. Exact amounts only.  
Checks payable to: **Town of Pleasant Valley** Credit cards are not accepted.

## Town Hall/Pavilion/Ball Field Rental

The Town Hall, Pavilion (with or without the kitchen) and the Ball field are available to rent for private parties, anniversaries, graduations, family reunions, softball tournaments etc. The Ball field has lights for evening games. Visit our website at [www.townofpleasantvalley.com](http://www.townofpleasantvalley.com) or contact Jen Meyer at (715)878-4645 to learn more about renting one of these facilities.

Rental fees are as follows:

Current Town Hall - \$75.  
Availability may be limited

Pavilion - \$75  
Pavilion and Kitchen - \$150

Ball Field Tournament-  
Weekend \$400

## Fire Number Signs Visible

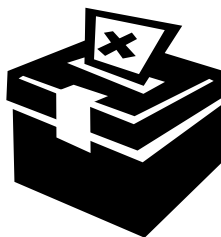
For your own safety, please make sure your fire number signs are always visible to the roadway. Emergency personnel rely on these signs to expedite emergency services to you and your property.

With heavy snowfall, it is easy for signs to become buried.

## 2015 Election Dates

February 17th - Spring Primary  
April 7th- Spring Election

Elections are held at the Town Hall/Fire Station in Cleghorn from 7am - 8pm.  
Address: S10414 Cty HH/I



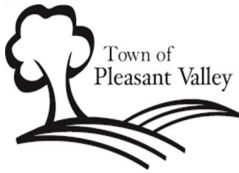
During construction, elections may need to be moved to the Town Shop.

## Town of Pleasant Valley Voter Turn Out

The residents of the Town of Pleasant Valley are committed to making sure their voice is heard. Our typical voter turnout is commonly above the predicted turnout.

During the November 4 General Election we achieved 79.9% turnout! 133 absentee ballots were issued and returned plus 1669 residents voted in person on Election Day.

Thank you to our dedicated election inspectors who attend training sessions and work diligently to make sure Election Day in the Town of Pleasant Valley runs as smoothly as possible.



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## RESIDENT

### **Town Officials**

Dan Hanson, Chairman (715)878-4847  
Dan Green, Supervisor (715)878-4476  
Doug Nelson, Supervisor (715)878-4918

Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer (715)878-4645  
Dale Welke, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer (715)878-4169

Town Shop (715)878-9461

Town Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall.

**12th Annual**  
**Sarah Nelson**  
**Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale**

**Sunday, February 15th**  
**8 am- 1pm**

**All proceeds donated to**  
**Relay for Life**

Hosted by the 4H Older Youth Council

### **[www.townofpleasantvalley.com](http://www.townofpleasantvalley.com)**

Visit our website and you will find all valuable information including: calendars, meeting agendas and minutes, facts, notices, forms and permits, frequently asked questions, budget information and more.

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If you are interested, you can also subscribe to our email list through the website. We will plan on using this list in the future for infrequent notifications.