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Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

Grant Awards

INTERNET SERVICE—The Town of Pleasant Valley is excited to share the Town was recently awarded two grants from the Public Service Commission in partnership with Charter Spectrum and Tri-County Communications (TCC). With these two grants, financial commitments from the two internet providers, financial commitment from the County Broadband Committee utilizing County ARPA money reserved for broadband and the Town's commitment of approximately \$160,000 of ARPA funds, the entire Town will have access to broadband. These funds will cover service "to-the-door" of unserved and underserved properties in the Town. The areas to be serviced by TCC should see installation in the spring/summer 2023. Charter has not yet committed to a timeframe, but we anticipate it should be within a couple of years.

LRIP—LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS—Even though this news was shared in the last newsletter, it is worth repeating! We are excited to announce we were the recipient of a 50/50 grant for Cedar Rd between Balsam and Lowes Creek Roads. The award is \$385,000 which is approximately one-half the cost of the project. Due to additional engineering and bid requirements of the grant, the project is scheduled for 2023.

BIL—As shared in the last newsletter, we have applied for three separate grants for road funding through the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law grant opportunity. As of printing, awards have not yet been announced.

Plan Commission—Community Survey Participation Requested Available until September 15th

The Town of Pleasant Valley Plan Commission along with the Town Board is working on updating the Town Comprehensive Plan. The Committee meets monthly with representatives from the Eau Claire County Planning and Development Department. Part of the update includes a community survey to help gauge resident opinion regarding various aspects of growth within the Town. Your participation will help guide the Plan Commission in updating the Comprehensive Plan. The goal is to ensure that the Plan reflects the needs, desires and values of the community. The survey can be accessed online at the below link or hard copies are available from the Town Clerk. Please stop in, call or email Jen at 715-878-4645 or office@pleasantvalleywi.gov if you would like a copy mailed to you. If you complete the paper copy, you can return it by mail or place it in the drop box located by the main entrance to the town hall. Please participate no later than September 15, 2022 for anyone who has not already taken the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8KQVZSK>

Keeping Your Well and Septic Healthy



Have you tested your well for bacteria and/or nitrates?

Why test? Last year at our lab, 1 in 8 drinking water samples from Eau Claire County private wells contained bacteria that can make people sick! You can't always tell that your water is contaminated by looking at it.

Your well should be tested annually (approximately every 15 months), if you have pump work done, experience flooding around your well, or notice a change in color, odor, or taste if your well is:

- located near areas where fertilizers are handled or manufactured
- near an animal feed lot or manure-storage area
- ¼ mile or less away from a soybean, vegetable or corn field
- used by pregnant women and infants, your well should be tested annually

High levels of nitrate in well water present many health concerns and can also indicate the presence of other contaminants, such as bacteria and pesticides. Drinking large amounts of water with nitrates is particularly threatening to pregnant women and infants (for example, when mixed in formula). Wells used by pregnant women and infants should be tested during pregnancy or at the birth of your baby. Private well testing for families with newborns living in Eau Claire County is free through the Health Department.

Do Your Part, Be Septic Smart

Routine maintenance and inspection are required for all septic systems in Eau Claire County. This helps to ensure they are operating correctly and can identify or prevent failures. We send reminders to homeowners when a routine inspection is due. Most systems require service every three years (some unique systems may require service up to every 3 months). Make sure to submit a septic tank maintenance report to the Health Department, if you have your tank pumped before you receive a notice. The pumping reports must be returned to the Health Department.

DO:

- Flush toilet paper only
- Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances
- If you have a private well, have it tested regularly to ensure a failing septic system isn't contaminating your water
- Have your system professionally inspected and pumped per requirements

DON'T:

- Park vehicles or plant trees on your drainfield
- Pour grease, fats, harmful chemicals down your drain
- Flush feminine hygiene products, diapers, hair, wipes, medicine, or trash



For more information about wells, septic systems or other services offered by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, visit: www.echealthdepartment.org or call 715-839-4718.

2022 Fall Election—Frequently Asked Questions



Am I registered to Vote? Visit myvote.wi.gov to verify your registration or contact your municipal clerk.

How do I register to vote? In Wisconsin, you can register in the clerk's office any time throughout the year excluding the three days prior to an election, register by mail any time except the 20 days prior to an election, register on Election Day as well as on myvote.wi.gov if your drivers license matches your current address. Other than the online option, you will need to provide a valid proof of residence to complete your registration. Examples of proof of residence are, but not limited to: drivers license, utility bill, bank statement, vehicle registration. The document must contain your name and address. Registration forms are available on myvote.wi.gov and on the town webpage.

How do I request an absentee ballot? Absentee voting can be accomplished in two different ways. The first method is to receive an absentee ballot by mail. Requests are accepted by mail, email or thru myvote.wi.gov if you are registered. Forms are available on our webpage. As soon as ballots are available, the clerk will mail a ballot to anyone who has a valid request on file thru 5pm the Thursday prior to an election. In-person absentee voting will be held the two weeks leading up to an election and end at 5pm the Friday before an election. Check the Town website for available hours and options. All regular absentee requests are required to provide a valid form of photo ID.

A note about third party absentee requests: Over the last number of years, an increased number of third party groups have been providing voters with a postage paid postcard or document to be mailed to their clerk requesting an absentee ballot. In Wisconsin, you are required to provide a valid photo ID with your request unless your photo ID is already on file in the clerk's office. If you choose to use these methods, you will need to include a copy of your photo ID if needed and mail the documents to the clerk.

Election Equipment Security: Many voters inquire about the security of the current election equipment. Whether you vote on the touch screen or on a paper ballot, neither piece of equipment is connected to the internet, thus eliminating any chance of interference. Both pieces of equipment are tested for accuracy two times prior to each election and randomly audited post-elections. The touch screen creates a paper ballot for you to verify, so with either method there is always a paper trail should we need to verify any results.

Photo ID Make sure to bring your photo ID on Election Day. Drivers Licenses and passports are the most commonly used. More information is at bringit.wi.gov or contact your municipal clerk.

Contact the Clerk: Please reach out to Clerk/Treasurer Jen Meyer with any questions: 715-878-4645 or office@pleasantvalleywi.gov. Additional information can be found at pleasantvalleywi.gov, myvote.wi.gov, or the WI Elections Commission at elections.wi.gov

Exceptions to every rule: Indefinitely confined, military and permanently overseas voters have a few other guidelines and exceptions. Please reach out with any questions if you are one of these voters.

* The above information is a summary, please visit the listed webpages or contact your municipal clerk for complete information.***

Election Day is November 8, 2022
Polls are open from 7am—8pm

CLEGHORN HARVEST FEST

September 9, 10 & 11, 2022
Cleghorn, Wisconsin
Come Join the Fun!



Community Champion



Fireworks



Saturday Night!



Community Promoter



Friday, September 9

5:00 p.m. Kitchen / Snack Shack Open
6:30 p.m. Men's Wood Bat Softball Tournament
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Live Music - Paul Peterson Acoustic Performance
7:00 p.m. Dart Tournament - 6:30 Registration on Site
7:00 p.m. Bingo (Community Center)
8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Live Music - Rebel Queens (Classic Rock Band)
7:00 p.m. Silent Auction Begins!

Saturday, September 10

9:00 a.m. Softball Tournament
9:00 a.m. Harvest Fest Hustle (8:00 a.m. Registration)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Crafters & Farmers Market
10:00 a.m. Kitchen / Snack Shack / Museum Open
12:00 p.m. Grand Parade & Ol' Timers Parade
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mike Fiore - Juggler
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Kids Games
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Face Painting by Gndy Solberg
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Inflatables provided by Space Walk
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sweets & Treats (Community Center)
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Live Music - North of Dixie
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull by Kinsdchi Pedal Pulls
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Live Music - Paul Peterson Acoustic Performance
8:00 p.m. - Midnight Live Music - Rebel Queens (Classic Rock Band)
9:00 p.m. Fireworks (Weather Permitting)

Sunday, September 11

7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Pleasant Valley Firemen's Breakfast (Community Center)
10:00 a.m. Kitchen / Snack Shack / Museum Open
9:00 a.m. Softball Tournament
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Car, Truck, Motorcycle & Tractor Show
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Live Music - The Thundermen
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Inflatables by Space Walk
2:00 p.m. Silent Auction Ends!

All events are subject to change.

Live Music



Community Supporter

Auto Value - Eau Claire
Briggs Tent & Party Rental
Charter Bank
Citizens Community Federal (CCF)
Cleghorn Keg
C&M Home Builders
Eau Claire Energy Cooperative
Edward Jones - Craig Fladten
Family Farms
Kwik Trip
Myren's Trucking
PAC Basic
Paca Paca LLC
Park Ridge
Pleasant Valley Contractors
PQS - Precision Quality Systems
Rassbach Communications

Community Friend

Ahem Mechanical
Birch Street AutoCare of EC
Cedar Crest Ice Cream
Donivan's Vending
Frandsen Bank & Trust
Jaquish Farms
Lincoln Contractors
Martien Transportation
Menards
Monkey Business
Norske Nook
Olympic Flame Eau Claire
Overworks Pizza
Precision Auto Body & Sales
Robbe's Family Market
Seguin's Valley View Acre
Tiny Treasures LLC

Tasty Food All Weekend!

Charcoal Chicken, Brats, Hot Dogs, Burgers and the Snack Shack



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www.cleghornharvestfest.com

WILL A FIRE TRUCK FIT DOWN YOUR DRIVEWAY?

In the event of a wildfire in your area, firefighters may need to reach your home. If firefighters cannot safely access your home, they will find an alternative way to get to you that may take longer – and when fighting fire, every second counts.

Help Firefighters Reach You

To enable firefighters and other emergency vehicles to locate and reach your home quickly it's important to establish a safe route with adequate driveway access.

Here are a few steps to prepare your driveway for emergency access that could make all the difference in reducing damage to your property during a wildfire or other emergency event.

Step 1: Position your address sign to be visible from the road from either direction.



Step 2: Make your home visible from the road so firefighters can tell if it's safe to enter.

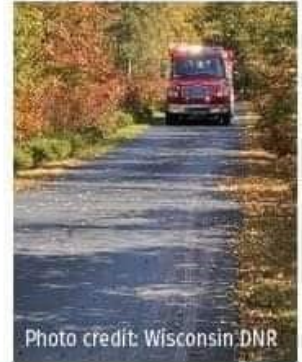
Step 3: Clear trees, branches or brush from your driveway so it is at least 12 feet wide and that there is at least 13.5 feet of clearance to allow fire trucks access.



Step 5: Check that your driveway is free of gates, fence posts or other obstructions that could restrict access.

Step 6: Create a space at the end of your driveway with adequate room for an emergency vehicle to turn around once it reaches your home.

Step 4: Be sure your driveway's surface is firmly packed and is able to support the weight of emergency vehicles even in the spring when the ground is soft.



Ensure driveway has adequate height and width

CLEARANCE

from vegetation for large emergency vehicles



Based on standards set by the National Fire Protection Association. Talk to your local fire chief, town chair or village administrator to learn about local driveway ordinances or requirements.

13.5 feet minimum*

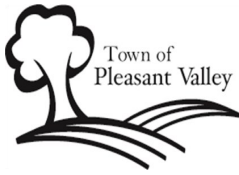
12 feet minimum*



BURNING PERMITS ONLINE ONLY

Burning permits are required in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

Please visit www.townshipfire.org for more information and to apply for a permit



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Burning Permits and regulations:
www.townshipfire.org

Town Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. Agendas are on our webpage and posted at the Town Hall.

Pleasantvalleywi.gov

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.

Subscribe to our email list

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.

Hadleyville Cemetery

Plots in the Hadleyville Cemetery are available to purchase for \$500 each. Prior or current residency of Pleasant Valley is a requirement. Please call Jen at 715-878-4645 for more information.

Facility Rental

Interested in renting the pavilion or community center? Contact Jen at 715-878-4645 or our webpage for more information.