

Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

December 2023

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Elections 2024—Everything You Need To Know

Electronic Poll Books—New to Pleasant Valley

Beginning in 2024, the Town of Pleasant Valley will be utilizing electronic poll books, called Badger Books. This will streamline the voting process, increase election efficiencies and eliminate the possibility of most human errors in the check-in and registration processes. The entire poll book will be electronically available at each station, allowing a voter to check-in at any station that is available or go to the shortest line. New voter registration will also be conducted at these stations. The machines communicate with each other, assign sequential voter numbers and backup to the server every couple of minutes. **The most important information to know is Badger Books are NEVER connected to the internet.**

The voting process will be a little different going forward. You will still communicate with an Election Inspector, state your name and address and show an acceptable form of Photo ID to receive your ballot. Instead of signing a paper poll book, you will sign a screen the same as you do in a retail setting. Before you sign, you will view a screen confirming your name and address are correct. After the check-in process, you will still receive the same paper ballot you always have received and after voting you will still run your voted ballot thru the same tabulating machine located by the exit.

The Badger Book is only an electronic version of the paper poll book and as such, performs only those functions. It is used to check in voters, process Election Day Registrations (EDRs) per [Wis. Stat. 6.79\(2\)\(c\)](#), and record absentee participation. After Election Day, a data file generated from the Badger Book is used to upload election participation and Election Day Registration information into WisVote* so voters may see their participation more quickly in MyVote**.

*WisVote is the statewide voter registration database only available to authorized users. Multi-factor authentication is required to login.

**MyVote is the statewide website for voters to view their participation, register to vote, request an absentee ballot, find their polling place, and find their clerk contact and hours. myvote.wi.gov

Badger Book
Open House
February 13th
1-4pm
Stop in the Town
Hall and see
how they work!

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. Secondly, 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. Photo ID is required for either option.



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 and prints a paper ballot for you to verify and insert into the tabulator when you are finished. Should we need to conduct a recount, all of the ballots are on paper and can be verified.

The newly implemented Badger Books (electronic poll books) are also never connected to the internet. Encrypted registered voter data is downloaded from WisVote onto the clerk's computer then transferred via flash drive to the Badgerbook server machine. Post election, the voter participation data is downloaded to the same flash drive and then uploaded from the clerk's computer to the WISVOTE system.

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 www.pleasantvalleywi.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.

CAUTION!—Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Requests from Third Party Vendors—CAUTION!

Voter registration drives and absentee ballot requests from special interest groups will increase this year.

Although some of the mailings will appear to be originating from the Town of Pleasant Valley, the Town is not affiliated with any of the organizations. While most organizations are legitimate, this is also an area of opportunity for identity theft. Be aware that voter registration requires personal information such as your date of birth and driver's license number. Always read the fine print and be aware some of the mailings do not provide you with all the information you need to properly register to vote or request an absentee ballot. Voter registrations require Proof of Residency and absentee requests require Photo ID. The safest means to register to vote or to request an absentee ballot include the following:

- Online at myvote.wi.gov
- Contact your Municipal Clerk for the proper forms to be emailed or mailed to you. (office@pleasantvalleywi.gov or 715-878-4645)
- In-person at your Municipal Clerk's Office: Check website or call 715-878-4645 for hours.
- In-person at your assigned polling location on Election Day 7am-8pm
- Additional information is on our website.

The above information is a summary, please visit the listed webpages or contact your municipal clerk for complete information. Election laws are subject to changes by our state government at any time throughout the year

2024 Election Dates

February 20—spring
primary (if needed)

April 2—Spring Election and
Presidential Preference

August 13—Fall Primary

November 5—Fall Election

2023 Tax Bills - Payable in 2024

- Tax bills will be mailed in early December.
- First payment must be postmarked by January 31 and received by February 7 (USPS delivery only).
- To avoid late mail delivery, a locked drop box is located at the Town Hall for your convenience. Due Date: Jan 31.
- First payment is payable to: Town of Pleasant Valley, S10414 Cty Rd HHI, Eleva, WI 54738
- Make sure to include the payment stub from the tax bill so the correct property is credited.
- One check can be written for multiple properties.
- Receipts will **ONLY** be mailed to you if you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

Use this link <https://ascent.co.eau-claire.wi.us/LandRecords> to:

- View and print your tax bill online after the mill rates are submitted in early December.
- Check to see if your personal or escrow payment has been received and print a receipt for your records.
- Print your receipt for tax purposes
- Hint: When using the property search feature—Only use the fields with the municipality name and your last name.

Public Tax Collections

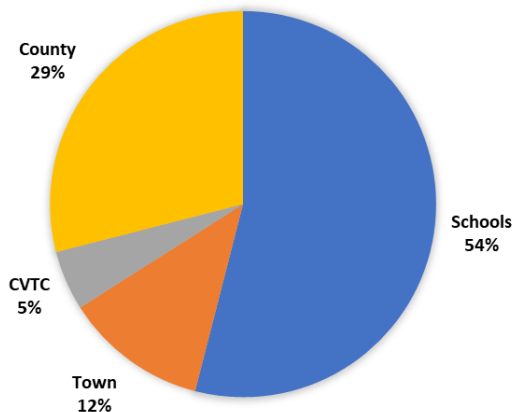
December 27th 9am-4pm
January 30th 9am-4pm
at the Town Hall in Cleghorn.

A receipt will be printed for you upon request during these public collection times.

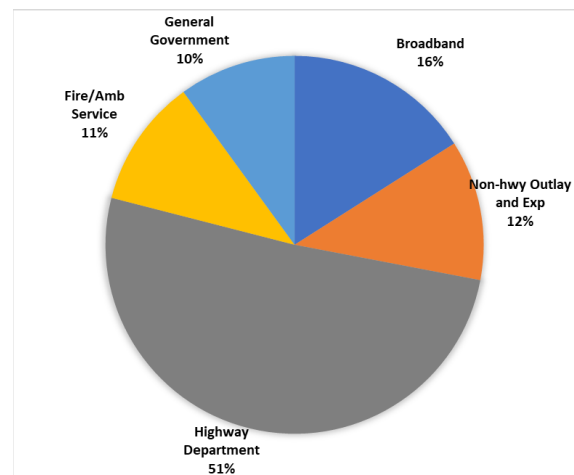
*dates subject to cancellation

How are Property Taxes Distributed ?

2024 Taxing Districts



2024 Town Budget



Online Tax Payments

We now have the option for you to pay your property taxes online with a credit card. Either scan the QR code or visit www.pleasantvalleywi.gov and click on "Access Digital Services". You will be asked for your name, address, parcel number(s), bill number(s) and payment amount. Note: you will be charged a 2.9% + \$.30 fee for this service.



Cleghorn Lions Club Generosity Continues

The Town of Pleasant Valley is home to the Cleghorn Lions Club. The Lions Club has been extremely generous to our community since they formally organized. A portion of their annual Harvest Fest proceeds are donated directly to the Cleghorn Park. The Park is completely maintained and funded by donations and rental fees. Recently, the Cleghorn Lions Club donated \$10,000 to the Pleasant Valley Fire Station for an upgraded drone. Thank you Lions Club for all that you do!



Community Center—Disaster Shelter

The Community Center in Cleghorn is designated as a shelter in Eau Claire County should there be residents displaced by a wide-spread disaster. At the time the Community Center was constructed in 2015, key electrical components were added to accommodate a generator in the future. At this time, the Town is working with the Lions Club and Pleasant Valley Fire Fighters to acquire the funds necessary to add a generator to serve the building. With the addition of a generator, the Community Center will have running water, functioning septic system, full kitchen usage, heat, and air conditioning during a power outage. The fire department would continue to be able to fill trucks as needed as well as have full operation of the garage doors should they need to exit for an emergency.

The cost of the generator, installation, concrete pad and LP line extension are all part of the estimated \$75,000 cost. The Town has two 1000 gallon LP tanks which are always full and these tanks would be the fuel source supplied to the generator. If you or a business would like to donate to this project, please reach out to Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer at 715-878-4645 or office@pleasantvalleywi.gov or John Norby, Battalion Chief of Station #4.

Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day—November 27th

Annually, Governor Evers declares the last Monday in November Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day. This is early in the snowplow season and we really should be appreciating them all winter long! Our crew takes great pride in their jobs, monitors current and future weather conditions and does their very best to keep our roads safe for travel. With 70 miles of road to maintain—it is a delicate balance of salt, sand, timing and experience.

Thank you Wyatt, Jeff, John and Darrell!

How can you help them out? Do not plow your snow across the roadway, do not park your vehicles in the road way and make sure your garbage cans are in your own driveway well off the traveled portion of the road. Staying off of the roads during a snow or ice event assists them in completing the process as efficiently as possible.



VISIBLE FIRE NUMBER SIGNS

For your own safety, please make sure your fire number signs are located near your driveway and are always visible to the roadway. Emergency personnel rely on these signs to expedite emergency services to you and your property. If you have relocated your sign away from the driveway, you are potentially lengthening the response time to an emergency. With heavy snowfall, it is easy for signs to become buried. If your fire number sign has aged and become difficult to read, you can order a new sign for \$50. Please contact Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer at 715-878-4645 or office@pleasantvalleywi.gov

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 2023, in early December you will receive a large white postcard with your dog's information printed on it reminding you to license your dog in 2024. 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.pleasantvalleywi.gov under forms and permits or contact the town office at (715)878-4645.



ONLINE OPTION—NEW THIS YEAR!

You can now apply for dog licenses online.
www.pleasantvalleywi.gov and click on "Access Digital Services"

Fines and court costs for keeping an unlicensed dog can approach \$275.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

BADGER BOOK OPEN HOUSE

Interested in seeing how the new
Badger Books work?
Stop by the Town Hall on

**Tuesday, February 13
1-4pm**

*All events are held in
the Pleasant Valley
Community Center
and/or Park
S10414 Cty Rd HHI*

19th Annual Pleasant Valley

4-H Cookie Walk Walk and Craft Sale

Cookies by the pound!
Local vendors!
**Saturday, December 9
10 a.m. to noon**

Pleasant Valley Firefighters Annual Easter Egg Hunt

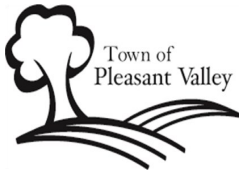
Saturday, March 30 at 10am
Drawing for Kids Bikes!
Candy Filled Eggs!

Cleghorn Lions Club Bingo

Cash Prizes!
7 pm on the following Tuesdays:
**January 23
February 27
March 26
April 23**
Doors open at 6:30pm

Harvest Fest

Harvest Fest is always the
first weekend after Labor Day.
2024 dates:
Sept 6th, 7th and 8th



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Town Officials and Meetings

Dan Hanson, Chairman (715)577-7362
Dan Green, Supervisor (715)577-9951
Doug Nelson, Supervisor (715)579-1012
Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer (715)878-4645
or office@pleasantvalleywi.gov
Town Shop (715)878-9461

Town Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Town Hall and are open to the public.

Burning Permits and regulations: www.townshipfire.org

Fire Department meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:30pm in the fire station.

2024 Annual Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, April 16 at
7:00 pm in the Town Hall.
Town residents are invited to attend.
All meetings are open to the public.

Facility Rentals

The Community Center and the Park Pavilion/Kitchen are available to rent. Rental rates are reduced for town residents. Please visit our webpage at pleasantvalleywi.gov or contact Jen Meyer at 715-878-4645 or office@pleasantvalleywi.gov for more information regarding availability and rental rules and regulations.

www.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. Online fireworks permits, dog licenses and tax payments can be accessed thru : "Access Digital Services "