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Town Hall Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 12:30 PM Recycle Center Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays – 1:00 PM to 6:30 PM & Saturdays – 8:00 AM to 12:30

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday **November 6th** is General Election Day! All residents of the Town of Troy vote at the Troy Town Hall (Troy Government Center) located at 654 Glover Road. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

You can double-check your registration status by going to the Government Accountability Board (Elections Division) Website at https://vpa.wi.gov. Click on "Look up your voter registration and polling place location", and then enter your full name and birthday.

If you find that you are not registered you can download the form "GAB-131" from the Government Accountability Board website (http://gab.wi.gov). Mail it to the clerk's office with proof of residence. Any mail in registrations must be postmarked no later than October 17, 2012. You can also register in-person at the clerk's office prior to Election Day and of course at the polls. If you register on Election Day expect a significant delay.

At this point in time you do not need to provide a photo ID to cast a ballot. You should stay posted on this issue. The Government Accountability Board website has the status of this issue posted on their website.

The Town Hall will be open for in-person absentee voting for the following additional hours: Saturday, October 27^{th} from 9 AM - 11:30 AM

Thursday, November 1st from 1 PM – 6 PM Friday November 2nd from 1 PM – 5 PM

There is no absentee voting on the Monday prior to any election. For more information on absentee voting, see page 4.

For additional information on the General Election contact the town clerk at 715-425-2665 or visit the county's website —http://www.co.saint-croix.wi.us/

Budget Hearing And Special Town Meeting

There will be a public hearing on the 2013 proposed budget on: **Thursday, November 15th**, **2012 at 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall. A special town meeting to approve the tax levy will follow the public hearing.

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Meet Jennifer Clark Troy's New Clerk/Treasurer



We are proud to introduce you to Jennifer Clark. Jennifer comes to Troy after a successful search that considered over 50 candidates. When visiting our town hall, if you have a chance to meet her, we are confident that you will agree that she is the "cream of the crop" and a very competent and friendly presence in our Troy office.

Jennifer and her husband live in Roberts, Wisconsin; they have three children, ages 5, 9 and 10. Although she and her husband grew up in Southwest Wisconsin, they have lived in our area for 12 years.

Jennifer states that she "enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, boating, fishing and hunting ... any activity that she can share with her family". She describes herself as being passionate about her hobby of dog showing. The family raises and shows Welsh Springer Spaniels, something Jennifer did with her own parents and is now sharing with her 10-year-old daughter.

Welcome, Jennifer! We're happy to have you on Troy's team.

Zoning Changes On The Horizon

It appears that Troy will have the opportunity to transition out of county zoning and do its own zoning in late 2013 or early 2014. If enacted, this would give the town and elected town officials more control over how commercial property is developed in the future and give the town management of special use permits for residential property.

Over the last five years the town has been preparing itself for this transition. Extensive work was done over a three-year period in developing a draft comprehensive zoning ordinance. We expect to be finishing this work in 2013 and resident input is encouraged.

We have also been working collaboratively with county officials to determine when and how this transition could occur. Recent actions taken by the county, with a farmland preservation plan and its comprehensive plan, have created the legal conditions that allow us to assume zoning authority. We look forward to working with the county and residents to make this a smooth transition.

A Note from the Town Road Crew

With winter fast approaching, now is the time to make sure your mailbox and post are installed in the proper location and are of approved materials. Other than your mailbox, there are to be no other obstructions in the Town Right-Of-Way. Trees, landscape boulders, fences, posts, signs, and other obstruction can cause damage to Troy plow equipment and may even cause personal injury.

There is to be no private property snow plowed on to Troy roads. Your cooperation will help make the roads safer for everyone. Safety note: when you see our road crew doing work, give them a break and slow down to give them room to do their work safely. If you have any questions call the town shop for information at 715-425-6694 or Dave Hense at 715-386-6250.

Please note the November Town Board meeting has been changed to **Tuesday**, **November 13**th.

Parks and Recreation Report-

Bike Trail Construction Underway on North Glover Road

North Glover Road (south of Coulee Trail, and north of Omaha Road) is currently being reconstructed. The road improvement project includes 4 ft. paved and striped lanes along each side of the road. The Town Board approved the enhancement last fall as recommended by the Park Board. When done, this will complete the bike and pedestrian trail along the entire length of South and North Glover Roads. The Park Board approved use of a special fund under its budget to help finance the majority of the costs of the extended road shoulders and other related improvements at the park entrance.

Once complete the improved non-motorized access to Glover Park should increase the use of the park, and provide greater safety for bikers and pedestrians. Glover Park is a popular destination on the route connecting Hudson, River Falls, and other surrounding communities. The facility offers a public "rest stop," with drinking water, restrooms and other park amenities.

The entrance into Glover Park will take on a new look with the addition of large, decorative boulders from the Huppert-Kjos farm to replace the worn fence, and a new, sturdy gate will replace the original gate. The boundary stones will serve the same purpose as the fence, providing security during closed hours and prohibiting snowmobiles during the winter season. Ornamental herbaceous and flowering plants originally installed through a St. Croix Valley Master Gardener grant in 2006 are planted and maintained annually by volunteers.

This is the official publication of the Town of Troy. Comments about this newsletter or suggestions may be directed to your elected Town Officials:

Town Board:

Ray Knapp (Chair) – 715-381-0154 Jan Cuccia – 715-425-1457 Sue Warren – 715-426-5212 Jason Kjos – 715-426-5095 Dave Hense – 715-386-6250

New Parking Restrictions Now In Effect

In July, the Town Board, after several months of committee work and input from the Plan Commission, took action to prohibit long term parking in the town by amending Chapter 156 of the Town Code.

The action addresses resident complaints and maintains public safety. Specifically, the following prohibition is in effect:

"The parking or storage of vehicles, equipment, or materials on town roads for more than 72 consecutive hours is prohibited.

- The temporary moving of vehicles, equipment, or materials a limited distance to defeat the intent of this prohibition.
- Parking is prohibited within four feet of a driveway or within 15 feet of a crosswalk or where prohibited by sign."

Your cooperation in complying with the new rules will be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer to Become a Friend of the Parks!

If you or an organization is interested in a volunteer project, please contact Jill Berke, Park Board Chair (715-425-8289) for additional information. The Park Board has developed a suggested "Project List" and also encourages other project ideas.

Just a safety reminder-

If you have moved, or removed your red fire number, the fire department or medical emergency crews may not find you promptly! It is your responsibility to be sure your fire number sign is free of obstructions and is in the proper location. If you need a replacement fire number contact the town shop at 715-425-6694.

Voting By Absentee Ballot

Any qualified elector may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U. S. citizen who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and who has resided in the Town of Troy for at least 28 days prior to the election. You must be registered to vote before you can receive an absentee ballot.

To Obtain An Absentee Ballot You Must Make Your Request In Writing

You may:

- Download the application for an absentee ballot (GAB-121) from the Government Accountability Board website (http://gab.wi.gov) and mail it to the clerk, OR
- You may request an absentee ballot by letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the Town of Troy, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature, OR
- You may request an absentee ballot by email. If you share an email with someone else and you would both like absentee ballots there must be one email per request. The request must include your address in Troy, and where you want the ballot mailed to, OR
- You can also personally go to the Clerk's office during regular office hours, complete a written application, and vote an absentee ballot after October 21, 2012.



Former Clerk/Treasurer Sharon Provos Honored-The Town will miss Sharon. She served as Troy's Clerk/Treasurer for over 9 years. Under her direction the office dealt caringly with the daily needs of residents, managed flawless elections and supported the requirements of the Town Board and Plan Commission. Her personal financial skills brought much needed structure to the management and analysis of Town finances. We also celebrate with Sharon as she tackles new challenges as the Finance Director for the City of Little Canada in Minnesota.

Forwarding Service Requested