



## TOWN of TROY

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### Dan Pearson Elected New Town Chair

As you may already know, since this past April, we have had a new elected official filling the position of the Troy Town Chairperson, Dan Pearson. The Spring Election resulted in Dan Pearson being elected to the Town Chairperson position. Former Chair Ray Knapp chose not to run for another term and Dave Hense, who also ran for the chair position, remains a Town Board Supervisor. Also re-elected for two-year terms in the Spring Election were Town Board Supervisors Jan Cuccia and Sue Warren.

For those of you who don't know Dan, he has lived and farmed in Troy most of his life. With his wife Terri, they operate a 4<sup>th</sup> generation organic dairy farm, the Pure Sun Farm, located on County Road MM. They have three grown, married children and five grandchildren. Dan graduated from UW: River Falls and taught high school for one year prior to returning to the farm.

Dan was actively involved in Troy township government prior to his current position by serving as a Supervisor on the Troy board for twelve years. During his past service on the board, Dan was involved in the towns' creation of a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program as part of a new subdivision ordinance. Troy's TDR program has been and remains important for the permanent preservation of productive farmland in Troy for future generations.

Dan stated, "Troy has a good team of elected officials and volunteers, as well as employees working together in Troy to make it a good place to live and work. I want to help guide the town as it continues to grow and I hope to meet more of you in the future."

### Budget Hearing

#### And Special Town Meeting

There will be a public hearing on the **2014 proposed budget** on: **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall. A special town meeting to approve the tax levy will follow the public hearing.

### Park Board Opening

The Park Board, a seven-member board, is seeking a new member to fill an opening. The board meets monthly and is responsible for budgeting, maintaining daily operations and projects in the town's three parks, and makes recommendations to the Town Board. If interested, please contact Chair Jill Berke at [jillberke@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:jillberke@baldwin-telecom.net) or call 715-425-8289.

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## RECYCLING NEWS

The recycling center has a new bin onsite. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> bin in line. That bin is for newspaper and magazines only. The 2<sup>nd</sup> bin in line is for cardboard, brown grocery bags and beer/pop boxes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> bin is for No.'s 1 and 2 plastic, cans, bottles and beer containers. PLEASE – no trash bags in these bins. All bags used to transport recyclables should be emptied and placed in the waste container. We appreciate your efforts to keep things in order! And don't forget that you can purchase a punch card for \$75.00. That's a good deal as a bag of trash costs you \$2.00 to dispose of but it's only 1 punch on your card – that's a 25% savings! - Bob, Lil, Scott and Wally

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RIVERWAY PROPERTY OWNERS

As a riverway resident you must satisfy town, county and state requirements when you do work on your home, disturb vegetation or grade land. This is in addition to the normal building permit process that applies to all Troy properties. The laws governing riverway property are strict and the penalties for non-compliance can be substantial. Therefore, it is important to clearly understand the regulations before undertaking changes to your property.

If you are planning to start any projects this next spring and summer you should download Chapter 171: Lower St. Croix Riverway Zoning Ordinance and the application forms from the Town's web site. The ordinance will describe the standards that must be met for each type of project.

Because the issues surrounding the St. Croix Scenic Riverway are very complex, the length of time it takes to get a project approved can be substantial. All applications must start with a concept review. Concept applications must be submitted by the first of the month, one month prior to being heard by the Plan Commission. Once the concept review is completed, a final application must be made and submitted approximately a month and a half prior to being heard by the Plan Commission. Exact dates and the fees for each application are on the application forms. Contact the Town for more information.

## Zoning Authority Update

As you are aware from reading past editions of our Newsletter, the town has been preparing for some time now for the possibility of becoming our own zoning authority, taking over this responsibility from St. Croix County. The time to make this change is fast approaching as St. Croix County's adoption of a new Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance, expected to occur this October, triggers the one year period in which a town can take steps to 'opt out' and become its own zoning authority. Even then, the county would continue to administer some countywide ordinances such as animal waste, sanitary, nonmetallic mining, shoreland, floodplain, and the riverway.

Extensive work has already been done in developing a draft Troy comprehensive zoning ordinance and we are continuing work to bring this to a conclusion. Five town committees have been established and are meeting to make this plan a reality. They are the Steering, Commercial Issues, Farmland Preservation, Administrative & Financial, and Ordinance Drafting Committees. All volunteers serving on these committees are thanked for their efforts!

In September, the Town Board took action to reject and opt out of St. Croix County's state certified farmland preservation program or a town version of a state certified farmland preservation plan. It did so only after considerable discussion and unanimous recommendations from both the Town's Farmland Preservation Committee and the Town's Plan Commission. The Town Board noted that Troy already has a Farmland Preservation Program in its Transfer Of Developments Rights (TDR) program, a program that permanently protects farmland.

Troy zoning, if enacted, would give the town more local control over land use issues including future commercial development and special use permits for residential property. Along with local control comes enforcement responsibilities and the costs associated with it. Please contact one of your elected officials to share your thoughts on this important issue.

## Parks and Recreation Report-

### Prairie Restored on Eagle Trail at Glover Park

Eagle Scout Philippe Thao coordinated the restoration of a native prairie bordering Eagle Trail, located across from the North Field parking lot. Overgrown brush and trees were removed to restore the original prairie's vegetative and flowering plant life. He also built a sturdy replacement bench on Eagle Trail and marked the native prairie for easy identification.

### In Other Park News...

The season for Pemble's Access closes at the end of September (weekends) and the dock will be removed for storage at the Cove Boat Ramp in the fall. Glover Park remains an active park year-round, 8 AM to ½ hour past sunset, with restrooms open through the winter months. Park and facility use is available with deposit and reservations are coordinated through the Town Clerk's office.

At the September Town Board meeting, Jody Duntley was appointed to the Park Board. One vacancy remains and outgoing members Park Board members, Greg Small and Eric Starr are thanked for taking an active role with park projects and serving on the board.

If you observe or have knowledge of a suspicious activity or violation, contact the Dispatch Center, St. Croix Co. Sheriff's Dept. at 715-386-4701, or speak with an on-duty town Park Ranger.

"Friends of Glover Park" seeks volunteers and organizations to help with park activities, including garden maintenance, clearing buckthorn, and keeping a watchful eye on the park property during open hours. If interested, please *contact Park Board Chair Jill Berke at 425-8289.*

*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:**

Dan Pearson (Chair) – 715-425-9488  
Jan Cuccia – 715-425-1457  
Sue Warren – 715-426-5212  
Jason Kjos – 715-426-5095  
Dave Hense – 715-386-6250

## A Note from the Town Road Crew

As winter approaches, now is the time to make sure mailboxes and their posts are installed in the proper location and 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 snow plowed on to our Troy roads. **Please keep your plowed snow on your property.** Your co-operation 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 there are any questions, call the town shop for information at 715-425-6694 or Dave Hense at 715-386-6250.

### Federal Disaster Declaration-

On August 8, 2013, Governor Scott Walker announced a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) major disaster declaration for St. Croix County as well as seven other Wisconsin counties. This declaration allows the Town of Troy to apply for assistance to recover some of the costs associated with the clean up of storm damage incurred during the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The town staff and board are working with FEMA officials to see if the Town of Troy qualifies for assistance.

### 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.*

## THE TOWN HAS A NEW WEB SITE!

Check out the town's new website. The address is still [www.townoftroy.org](http://www.townoftroy.org), but we think it's much better organized. You'll find easy access to information on Town Board, Plan Commission and Park Board meetings and minutes and the town's recreational opportunities. Additionally, the FAQ's have been greatly expanded, the Town Code and the Comprehensive Plan are easier to find, as are any of the forms you might need to use when applying to the town for any permits. We've also incorporated a lot of links to other web sites of interest. Along with our new website, we are also trying to think of more effective ways to be able to communicate with our residents. One way of doing this is to send out emails for important notices, (ie burning bans) once issued. If you are interested in this service, please provide your email address and name through the "contact us" form on our website. We would also welcome any feedback you would like to provide concerning the website. We hope you like the changes we've made!

## LOTTERY CREDIT

There are some people who do not have a Lottery Credit on their tax bill, particularly newer residents. If you were a resident in your home on January 1, 2013, you are eligible for the Lottery Credit. (It must be your primary residence.) It is necessary to sign a claim form for the credit. This can be done at the St. Croix County Treasurers Office, or can also be done by mail. Contact the County Treasurer's office (386-4645) for more information.

## Former Town Chair Ray Knapp Honored



The Town formally recognized at the Annual meeting in April, former Town Chair Ray Knapp for his many years of service with the town. Ray was the Town Chair from 2005 - 2013 and served as a Town Board Supervisor prior to that from 2001 – 2005. His commemorative plaque reads *"For his twelve years of service as an elected Town of Troy official. Ray has used his leadership and visionary skills to lead the town in its development of many key ordinances. He contributed greatly to the towns subdivision and Transfer of Development Rights program; he lead the effort that resulted in installation of fiver optic broadband internet services throughout the entire town, and he leaves the town well on its way to establishing its own zoning authority."*

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