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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 PM

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday **November 4th** 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.

***The photo ID requirement established as part of 2011 Act 23 will be in effect for the November 4th, 2014 General Election. Remember to bring acceptable photo ID to the polling place. You should also bring along proof of residence, in case you need to register at the polls.

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, visit bringit.wi.gov. For other information on the Government Accountability Board, visit http://gab.wi.gov or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or TTY 1-800-947-3529.

You can double-check your registration status by going to My Vote Wisconsin at http://myvote.wi.gov/. Once you choose the type of voter you are you will be able to check your registration status, voter history, fill forms out, and much more.

If you need to fill out a new registration form either because you are a first time voter, are new to town, or have changed your name, fill out the form "GAB-131" and mail it to the Clerk's office. You <u>must_include proof</u> of residence with your registration form. If your application is not postmarked by October 15, 2014, you will need to register in person at the Clerk's office or on the day of the election. If you register on Election Day expect a significant delay.

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

Budget Hearing And Special Town Meeting

There will be a public hearing on the 2015 proposed budget on **Thursday**, **November 20th**, **2014 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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Voting By Absentee Ballot Its Easy and Saves You Time On Election Day!

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.

***PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME YOU ARE REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. If you are making a request by mail, a copy of your photo ID must be provided at the time the request is made. If voting absentee in person, photo ID must be presented.

To Obtain An Absentee Ballot You May:

- Download the application for an absentee ballot (GAB-121) from the town's website (http://townoftroy.org) 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. Email your request to towntroy@baldwin-telecom.net, OR
- You can personally go to the Clerk's office during regular office hours (9:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, and vote an absentee ballot after October 20, 2014.

The Town Hall will be open for in person absentee voting the following additional hours:

Wednesday, Oct. 29th, from 1:00 AM until 5:00 PM; Thursday, Oct. 30th, from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM; Friday, Oct. 31st, from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM and again from 1:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

There is no absentee voting on the Monday prior to any election.

Troy Adopts Zoning Authority

Effective October 1st, 2014, Troy began to administer it's own zoning ordinance and became its own zoning authority. This came only after many years of hard work by the town to get out from county zoning. Our goal was to adopt our own zoning code and that goal has now been met with the transfer of zoning authority from the county to the town on October 1st.

The process for Troy to become its own zoning authority began in 2008 with a committee of citizens working to adapt most of St Croix County's code to fit us. The work has continued to date and in just the past few months the town has made revisions to it's Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Ordinance, Road Ordinance as well as adopted new ordinances including Regulation of Adult Entertainment and our newly adopted Zoning Code Ordinance. Please note, all these documents can be found on our town website.

Many people helped to make this a reality from past and current elected Board Members to appointed Planning Commission Members, Town employees, interested citizens and more. All are thanked for their efforts that cumulated in the transfer of zoning authority on October 1st.

Recycling Center News

Things seem to be going well at the recycle center. There are some concerns that have been brought forward by the centers attendants; one is not slowing down when entering the center and parking where they are blocking others. Please be courteous to others. Several people have been dumpster diving, this is NOT allowed, and they have been asked to stop. There was one incident last year where someone dumped hot coals from a BBQ or fireplace into the dumpster, the contents of the dumpster started smoldering and the River Falls fire department had to be called at a cost of \$800.00 to the town (paid by you the taxpayers); so please, handle ashes with caution. Also, no hazardous waste is allowed.

For Recycle Center rules, and fees, please go to the Town of Troy web site. The centers hours are noted on page one of this newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parks and Recreation Report-

Cove Boat Ramp OPEN!

The Cove Boat Ramp repairs were completed in mid-August after the high water level receded, and a local excavator installed new replacement concrete panels.

Improvements Made To Other Park Facilities-

The season for *Pemble's Access* closed Sept. 28, and is open weekends ONLY in September. The roadway to the beach access was paved in August.

Glover Park remains active year-round, 8 AM to ½ hour past sunset, with restrooms open through the winter months. Significant improvements have been made to update the park restrooms, large stones now border the park entrance, and an alternative "electric feature" has been installed this fall to activate the water fountain. The pavilion is available for rent for a small fee and can be reserved through the Town Clerk's office (715-425-2665). A security deposit is required.

Park Board Opening-

The Park Board is seeking a new member to fill a vacant position on the 7-member board. The board reports to the Town Board, and is responsible for maintaining routine operations, recommending park policy, budgeting, and planning future projects in the town's parks. If interested, please contact Chair Jill Berke at jillberke@baldwin-telecom.net or call 715-425-8289.

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.

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 – 715-426-5215 Jason Kjos – 715-426-5095 Dave Hense – 715-386-6250

A Note from the Town Road Crew

After a hard winter and a late spring, we are finally getting caught up. As of the time this goes to press we have finished up with our crack filling, AMZing and seal coating projects. The black topping projects on Glenmont, Plainview and Gilbert are completed.

For this upcoming 2014-2015 winter, now is the time to make sure your mailbox and its post are installed in the proper location and made 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 obstructions can cause damage to Troy plow equipment and may even cause personal injury. Also, there is to be no private property snow plowed on to Troy roads. Your co-operation in these matters will help make our town 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.

"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 715-425-8289.

Check out the Town's Website

If you haven't already looked over our new website please do so! It's filled with all sorts of useful information on recycling, who to call for building permits, frequently asked questions, and voting information just to name a few. You can also get in touch with the town through the "Contact Us" tab on the Home Page. So check out townoftroy.org today!

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, 2014, 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 Government Center, or can also be done by mail. Contact the County Treasurer's office (715-386-4645) for more information.

Property Tax Statements

Property tax statements are prepared by St. Croix County and provided to the Town Clerk for sorting and mailing. They are generally mailed out in late December. Tax and property information is also available on the County website (www.co.saint-croix.wi.us). Click the Land Information button to enter this site. If you do not receive your property tax statement by the end of the year please feel free to call the Town office.

Fire Number 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.



Charlie Macdonell Recognized for Exemplary Service to the Town. Charlie has shared his talents with the town in many ways, including: serving on the Town's Park Board from 2004-2014; being the Coordinator of the Comprehensive Zoning Code Committee 2007-2013; being instrumental oversight of the Cove Boat Launch; being the liaison of the Baseball Leagues at Glover Park and instrumental in obtaining the 2nd ball field at the park. The Town recognized Charlie for his many contributions to the town at the August Town Board meeting with the presentation of a plague to be posted at Glover Park near the ball fields. Park Chair Jill Berke (shown right) presented the plaque. Also shown is Supervisor Jan Cuccia (shown left).

Forwarding Service Requested