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# **Spring Election**

Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 is 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.

During the election you will be voting on school board members, town board members, judicial officers and a constitutional amendment.

Candidates for Town Board are:

Chairperson- Dan Pearson (unopposed)
Supervisor #1- Sue Warren (unopposed)
Supervisor #3- Jan Cuccia (unopposed)

Election information can be found at https://myvote.wi.gov/, which provides complete voter information including online registration form, sample ballots, where to vote, and much more for all voter types (regular, overseas, and military voters).

#### Absentee information:

The first day for in person absentee voting is March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Clerk's office.

Voters may request an absentee ballot online at https://myvote.wi.gov/ or email at towntroy@baldwin-telecom.net

# Additional hours for absentee voting:

April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

# Troy Annual Meeting Tuesday April 21<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

Troy's Annual Meeting will be held at the Town Hall, 654 Glover Road, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday April 21<sup>th</sup>.

Town officials will make short presentations about the town budget, our 2015 road construction projects, our town parks, and other related town activities.

This is your meeting and opportunity to express town concerns, present issues and help shape Troy's future.

Coffee, juice and cookies will be provided. Please make an effort to attend, share your thoughts and hear what others are thinking.

The United Fund – Town of Troy, Inc. Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 PM at the Troy Town Hall. The United Fund was established for the purpose of supporting local agencies and charitable organizations. For more information call Phyllis Albert at 651-303-8640 or Gene Tschumperlin at 715-386-3983.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SPRING ELECTION OR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, CONTACT THE TOWN HALL AT 715-425-2665

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# **2015 Road Construction Projects**

In 2015 the Town of Troy will be working with Saint Croix County to mill and overlay two stretches of our town roads, a .78-mile portion of South Cove Road and a 1.1-mile portion of Glenmont Road (County Road F to Glen Lane).

The roadwork is expected to start in mid-July, weather permitting, and continue through mid-August. The town will put up more specific dates and updates on our Troy website as we get a better time line on the work. St. Croix County employees and our Troy road crew will be working together on these projects.

In addition to the road projects noted above, the town will also be doing crack filling and seal coating on other town roads.

If you have specific questions about these road projects, please direct your questions to Dave Hense, Supervisor #2 and remember,

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PLEASE... SLOW DOWN IN WORK ZONES.

#### **Fire Call Costs**

Did you know that a portion of the cost to dispatch emergency personnel, such as the fire department, is passed on to the homeowner or business requiring assistance? This is in addition to the general costs the town incurs and that all town taxpayers pay, for providing emergency services in our town.

The base fire call charge to the home or business owner is \$800, although it may be higher if supplies such as water, foam, fire retardant, etc. are required. It is very rare in the case of an automated fire or CO alarm that emergency personnel are <u>not</u> dispatched. Once dispatched, the home or business owner is required to pay the fire call charge whether the call has been cancelled or not.

Additionally, the fire department is dispatched to many accidents because of the possibility of a fire occurring. They are also dispatched if extraction equipment may be needed. These types of calls also generate a bill for a fire call.

Make sure your insurance is adequate for fire run charges.

# **Scholarships Available**

The Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA), Scott Construction, Inc., and Rural Mutual Insurance Company will again be awarding a total of seven \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Wisconsin seniors. All applicants must complete and will be judged on an essay contest. The 2015 scholarship essay question is: "Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?"

All applicants must be graduating from a Wisconsin high school in 2015 and plan to attend a Wisconsin based public or private college or Wisconsin Vocational Technical Institute in the fall of 2015. The scholarship essay must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2015. For an entry form or for more information, go to the WTA's website: www.wisctowns.com.

#### **New Members Join Plan Commission**

Two vacancies on the town's Plan Commission have recently been filled. We welcome back Ray Knapp filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Joe Duerre, and Joe Radlinger filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Marlo Schmidt. Thanks are extended to Joe and Marlo for their services to the town.

# **New Board of Appeals Appointment**

We welcome to the town's Board of Appeals Jennie Boeder who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Pat Delaney. Thanks are extended to Pat for his services to the town.

# Feral Cat Update

In the past the Animal Humane Society did not accept feral cats. That policy has now changed. If a feral cat that is successfully living in the wild is brought to the humane society, it will be spayed or neutered, have its ears clipped, and returned to the area in which it was found. If you see a cat whose ears have been clipped do not call the animal control officer, as she will not remove the animal from the area.

#### A Note from the Town Road Crew

At a recent road crew safety meeting it was noted that there are still safety concerns that need the cooperation of our residents and those using our roads to be addressed.

One is with snow being pushed into the road right of way. This practice is unsafe and unlawful. Wisconsin State Statutes reads: "Pushing snow or other materials onto or across highways from private driveways can cause accidents and injury and is prohibited by Wisconsin ss86.01, ss86.07, ss346.94(5) and/or 346.95. Doing so may create potential safety concerns for the traveling public and may impede the snow and ice removal process. Furthermore, snow shall not be stored in any manner, which will obstruct or limit vehicular or pedestrian vision, movement or access".

Another concern is refuse containers, including garbage and recycle containers. Refuse containers are not to be placed on the shoulder of the road. They are best placed in the driveway to which they serve, off the shoulder line of the road. This will help with snow plowing the road to full width and make the road safer for all. The only thing that is allowed in the road right of way is your mailbox. Please keep this in mind when doing yard clean up this spring and in placing temporary yard signs. If you have any questions check before you do anything you're not sure of.

Lastly and most importantly, some drivers are not slowing down for the road crew even though the truck lights are flashing. Please slow down and let your road crews do their job safely, so everyone can have a safe day. Thank you for your cooperation.

# **Important Notice to Dog Owners**

State Statutes state that all dogs over five months of age must be licensed in the community in which they live. In Troy, you may have up to two (2) dogs if you live on a lot that is less than 3 acres in size. If you live on a lot that is greater than 3 acres you may have up to four (4) dogs over six (6) months of age. Any more than that requires a commercial kennel license.

## **Parks and Recreation**

# **Cove Boat Ramp**

Located at 306A Cove Road.

Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM to 9:30 PM daily.

*Fees:* Residents of Troy, \$5.00 Daily Fee; \$35.00 Annual Fee\*.

Non Town of Troy residents: \$7.50 Daily Fee; \$70.00 Annual Fee\*.

Annual stickers for use of Cove Boat Ramp can be purchased at the Troy Town Hall and the Town Recycling Center during regular business hours or by mail.

#### **Glover Park**

Located at 428 Glover Road.

*Hours of Operation:* 8:00 AM to 1/2 hour after sunset daily.

Activities include playground, pavilion, volleyball court, ball fields, native prairie garden, and a 2.5-mile trail system with shelters and benches. Contact the Town Clerk's office to reserve the pavilion and/or other facilities; deposit and fee required.

#### **Pemble's Access**

Located at 193 Glenmont Road. Parking is limited. No daily fee.

Hours of Operation: Memorial Day through Labor Day, Pemble's Access is open daily from 10 AM to 1/2 hour after sunset. Before Memorial Day in May, and after Labor Day in September, Pemble's Access is open Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 AM to ½ hour after sunset. Facilities include a portable restroom.

#### **Bike & Pedestrian Trails**

Troy offers extended, paved shoulders for biking and walking on North and South Glover Roads, and north of Omaha Rd. on Townsvalley Rd. More information is available in the Parks Brochure and on the Towns website.

"Friends of the Parks" seeks volunteers to help with approved park projects, and to keep a watchful eye during open hours. If interested, please contact Park Board Chair Jill Berke at 715/425-8289 or by email, jillberke@baldwintelecom.net.

Residents are also encouraged to visit the Town's website, www.townoftroy.org to view parks and recreational information.

### 4 Park Improvements At Glover Park

An electric alternative feature was added to improve access to fresh drinking water. The button to activate the water is located several steps west of the water pump on the backside of the electrical panel. It has a timer for automatic shut-off. The town crew performs water-testing procedures in the spring to assure clean and safe drinking water.

Enthusiasts of native prairie gardens will find a large, colorful interpretive marker that identifies the large collection of native plants, wildflowers and groundcovers growing in the park. The marker is located just north of the water pump. The Eagle Scout project was planned and completed by Troy resident and Boy Scout Carter Hughes. Thank you Carter for your service!

Pine trees were also thinned to keep the forest healthy and sustainable. A big thank you goes to volunteers from the Hudson National Honor Society students, Starr family for temporary collection point of timber, Park Board members, Park Rangers, and other residents who removed much of the remaining branches and other debris from the trails and created "brush piles" as natural habitat for wildlife.

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

# Town Adopts Moratorium On Our Lower St. Croix Riverway Ordinance

At its Feburary 19<sup>th</sup> town board meeting, the town after months of consideration and two public hearings adopted an ordinance that established a moratorium on the town's administration of its Lower St. Croix Riverway Zoning Ordinance.

The moratorium is initially for a two-year period of time and the effect of the moratorium is to cease Town administration of our Lower St. Croix Riverway Zoning Ordinance during the moratorium period. St. Croix County will continue to administer its Lower St. Croix Riverway Zoning Ordinance in the Town during the moratorium period, and the Town will retain responsibly for monitoring and enforcing permits and variances previously issued by the town.

The benefit to property owners in the Riverway district during the moratorium period is that they will only need to make application to and pay associated fees to St. Croix County for their Riverway projects, instead of to both the County and the Town. We hope Riverway property owners appreciate this convenience and cost savings.

## **Park Related Fee Changes:**

Effective January 2015, the Town changed to a fee (\$50) based policy for use of the Glover Park pavilion with volleyball and field use for a reserved event. A security deposit of \$50 is still required in addition to the fee. The entire deposit or a portion will be returned based on the condition of the facilities after use.

Also please note the change in the annual Troy Cove Boat Ramp fees for both resident and non-residents as noted on page two\*. Daily ramp fees remain unchanged.

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