



TOWN of TROY

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<http://www.townoftroy.org>

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

The final 2016 election will be held on **Tuesday November 8th**. The Town of Troy has one polling place, the Troy Town Hall, located at 654 Glover Road. The polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

••WISCONSIN REQUIRES A PHOTO ID TO VOTE••

What to Expect at the Polling Place

Now that people are bringing their IDs to the ballot, voting at your polling place will be a little different. Just remember to be patient; not everyone will be as prepared for these changes as you are.

State It

As always, you'll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in. They'll check your information in the poll book. Understandably, some people are uneasy about announcing their name in public, but it is the law, and it helps ensure openness in elections.

Show It

Next, it's time to show your photo ID. That way, poll workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you really are you. The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs that say Sue can relax.) Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you, even if you've colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight.

Sign It

Finally, you'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it). Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address. Now you're ready to vote.

For information on acceptable forms of Photo ID go to <http://bringit.wi.gov/> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS

See page 2 for more election information~

Budget Hearing And Special Town Meeting

There will be a public hearing on the 2017 proposed budget on **Thursday, November 17th, 2016 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

It's Easy and Saves You Time On Election Day!

In Wisconsin, you do not need a reason to vote absentee. As we are expecting over 3,000 Town of Troy residents to vote in this election, we are encouraging voters to vote absentee. For this Election we will be offering extended hours to allow more people to vote absentee. *Please remember that even if you vote absentee, you must show an acceptable form of photo identification.* The additional hours are listed below.

If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you please let us know. You can send your request by email or US mail. All you need to do is provide us with the date of the election (November 8th), your name, your address in Troy, and the address you would like the ballot mailed to. You must include a copy of a valid photo ID with your request. Please go to the town website (www.townoftroy.org), "Election" tab on the left hand side for more information, or call the office.

Absentee Voting Hours:

Starting **Monday, September 26th**: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM.

Starting **Monday, October 31st through Friday, November 4th**: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Voter Registration-

ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?

DID YOU RECENTLY TURN 18?

DO YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS?

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, a new voter registration form must be completed in order for you to vote. The registration form can be found on the town website (www.townoftroy.org). Click on the Elections tab on the left hand side of the home page. Please make sure that if and when you submit your completed registration form, you sign it and provide a "Proof of Residency (POR)" document. The second page of the registration form lists acceptable documents that can be used for POR. If you are returning your completed registration form by mail, it must be postmarked no later than October 19th for it to be accepted in order to vote on November 8th. You can register in person at the Clerk's office thru Friday, November 4th or at the polls on Election Day. If you are planning on registering on Election Day, please allow for additional time at the polls in order to process your registration.

Political and Campaign Yard Signs Are Prohibited In The Right Of Way!

If displaying a political/campaign yard sign, please use care to place it on your private property and outside of the Right Of Way, which starts typically 33" from the center of the road.

Understanding the "Unexpected Cost" of Fire Calls

The Town of Troy is served by both the Hudson and River Falls Fire Departments. Your service provider is determined by your location within the town and the cost of this service is partially offset by your property taxes. However, many homeowners have been surprised that they also receive a bill for services if they need fire department assistance.

The base fire call charge is \$800, but it may be higher if supplies such as foam, fire retardant, etc. are required. Once dispatched the home or business owner is required to pay the fire call charge whether the call has been cancelled or not. The fire departments are also dispatched to the scene of many car accidents because of the possibility of a fire occurring.

What can you do as a homeowner? First, if you are going to burn brush at your property you must get a free burn permit from the town. Before burning you must understand and follow the policies regulating this activity. Second, be proactive and check with your insurance company to understand your insurance coverage for fire run charges. Third, insure that your home security system is functioning properly and you do not get charged for a false alarm.

Parks and Recreation Report-

Glover Park needs Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed for help with the following fall Glover Park projects:

- Add mulch to the entrance garden into Glover Park. It's time for a new layer of mulch to smother weeds, and keep plants moist!
- Use hand pruners and/or weed whip to cut back overgrown unwanted plants, vines and other herbaceous materials along sides of walking trails on Oak, Wildflower, and Bluff Trails. Heavy rains have crowded out much of the trail this summer!
- Replace old and worn border in playground area on Eagle Trail side with new treated landscape border timbers; add extra sand, as needed.
- Plant shade tree next to existing bench at playground after new landscape timbers have been installed.

Please contact Jill Berke at jillberke@baldwin-telecom.net or 715/425-8289, or any other Park Board member if you wish to volunteer as a "Friend of the Parks." Some projects require the completion of a "waiver form" from the Town Clerk's office.

Little Free Library Now at Town Hall-

A "Little Free Library" that resembles a large, rustic birdhouse has been re-installed at the Town Hall by Boy Scout, William Thao. We are very pleased to invite residents and other visitors to share books with a nature theme, and take books for your reading pleasure.

The original library box was located at Glover Park, but sadly unidentified vandals destroyed it last year.

Go to www.townoftroy.org/township-parks for more information on our parks.

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
 Jason Kjos – 715-426-5095
 Ray Knapp – 715-381-0154
 Suzanne Van Mele – 715-781-6180

Troy's Comprehensive Plan and Land Conservation Efforts Threatened By Land Annexation and Rezone

On September 7th the Troy Town Board voted to legally challenge the City of River Falls' recent annexation of 291 acres in Mann Valley. The property in question is not contiguous to the city and is some of the best farmland in the Town. The Town Board is very concerned that if this action is allowed to occur that both adjoining cities may feel empowered to reach into any Troy neighborhood and arbitrarily change zoning designations and the intended use of property.

This prime farmland is now designated as an "opportunity site" on the business park portion of the City's website. As part of the annexation, five acres have already been spot zoned from agricultural to industrial. This action if left unchallenged jeopardizes Troy's ability to manage land use and threatens State of WI goals to preserve the best farmland in western WI.

The City initiated no discussion with the Town about its annexation and development plans for the area other than a single phone call to the Town Chairman, placed days before the City Council took up the proposal.

As part of Troy's Comprehensive Plan there are large tracts of property presently designated for commercial/industrial development, which lie north of the city and border highway 35. If the city needs area for industrial expansion this is where that industrial development should take place.

It is the Town Board's position that the City of River Falls has improperly (1) annexed the non-contiguous Mann Valley property and (2) rezoned a portion of the annexed area to an Industrial classification.

Questions should be directed to Ray Knapp, Supervisor #2 at 715-381-0154.

Former Supervisor 'Fritz' Anding Dies

Former Town of Troy Supervisor 'Fritz' Anding passed away July 27, 2016. Fritz farmed his entire life in the Town of Troy and served on the Town's board for fourteen years, from 1994 to 2008. Fritz also served his community as a member of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau for many years and on the St. Croix Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. His community service to the Town of Troy is deeply appreciated.

A Note from the Town Road Crew

ROAD WORK- Tower Road was our major road construction project for 2016 and nears completion as we go to print. The Town has worked collaboratively with the City of Hudson on this joint road reconstruction project. The Town will continue to work with the City of Hudson to minimize heavy truck traffic on this newly reconstructed road.

SNOW- There is to be no private property snow plowed onto Troy town 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.

FIRE NUMBER- If you have moved, or removed your red fire number, the fire department or medical emergency crews may not find you. It is your responsibility to be sure your fire number signs are free of obstructions and are in their proper locations. If you need a replacement fire number, or have a road related question, contact the town shop for information at 715-425-6694.

Help Keep Property and Mortgage Fraud out of St. Croix County!

The St. Croix County Register of Deeds has teamed up with Fidar Technologies to offer a FREE automated notification service called Property Fraud Alert. This service allows St. Croix County property owners to have their name monitored in order to track possible fraudulent activity. Property and Mortgage Fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime in the country according to the FBI. Fraudulent deeds, powers of attorney, satisfactions, etc. are recorded without the property owner's knowledge. From there, these documents are used to transfer title of property or to obtain money illegally.

By registering for Property Fraud Alert, you, as a St. Croix County property owner, will receive an e-mail or phone call alert whenever a document has been recorded under your name. If an identity thief records a fraudulent document to obtain funds or your property, you will be notified immediately and can take steps to stop it.

Protect your property ownership rights by signing up for this FREE service!

Go to www.propertyfraudalert.com

Or call 1.800.728.3858.

Questions? Contact Beth Pabst, St. Croix County Register of Deeds at 715-386-4650

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