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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

Spring Election

Tuesday April 2nd, 2013 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.

Candidates for Town Board:

Chairperson: Dan Pearson
Dave Hense

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, 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 18th at the Clerk's office.

Voters may request absentee ballot by phone 715-425-2665 or email towntroy@baldwin-telecom.net

Additional hours for absentee voting: March 28th and 29th 3:00 PM -5:00 PM.

Troy Annual Meeting Tuesday April 16th – 7:00 PM

Troy's Annual Meeting will be held at the Town Hall, 654 Glover Road, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday April 16th.

If you only attend one town function a year, this is the one to attend. It is your meeting and your opportunity to express concerns, present issues and help shape Troy's future.

Town officials will make short presentations (they will be kept brief) about the town budget, our 2013 road construction projects, our town parks, zoning authority and other related town activities. Coffee, juice and cookies will be provided.

Please make an effort to attend, share your thoughts and hear what others are thinking.

The Troy United Fund meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16th 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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2013 Major Road Construction Projects

In 2013 the Town of Troy will be working with Saint Croix County to mill and overlay both Chinnock Lane and a portion of Townsvalley Road just north of County Road MM. A schedule for these two projects will be posted on the town website when it is available. If you have specific questions about these two projects, please direct your questions to Dave Hense, who is Supervisor #2.

Cedar Corporation (Troy's consulting engineering firm) is presently working on a proposal to reconstruct and improve the intersection of Chinnock Lane and South Glover Road. This project will be completed in 2013 and is part of our long-range plan to accommodate future growth. Questions about this project can be directed to Rob Jones at Cedar Corporation (800-472-7372). This intersection is being improved because ultimately (timeframe unknown) Chinnock Lane will be extended to the east and tie into a north-south road that will be built once all access to STH 35 is closed off between Glover Road and Radio Road.

In addition. Cedar Corporation is preliminary conducting review a and developing a cost estimate for the rehabilitation of a portion of North Cove Road. Moving forward with this project in 2013 will depend on the scope of the work required and the cost estimates. The town board is anticipated to make a decision on this project in March or April.

St. Croix County has scheduled a Tire and Appliance Collection Recycling Event for Saturday, June 1st to be held at our town's Recycle Center, located at the Corner of Townsvalley Road & Chinnock Lane. Tires and appliances will be collected for a fee. For more information on the event, fees, or what is accepted, visit the county website at http://www.co.saint-croix.wi.us/

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 2013 scholarship essay question is: Should state funds be used to assist in the maintenance and construction of local roads, and if so, from what types of funding sources?

All applicants must be graduating from a Wisconsin high school in 2013 and plan to attend a Wisconsin based public or private college or Wisconsin Vocational Technical Institute in the fall of 2013. The scholarship essay must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2013. For an entry form or for more information, go to the WTA's website: www.wisctowns.com/home/scholarship-program.

The Cost of Fire Calls

Did you know that a portion of the cost to dispatch emergency personnel such as the fire department is passed on to the person/homeowner (or business) that is requiring assistance?

The base fire call charge is \$800, although it may be higher if supplies such as water, foam, fire retardant, etc., are required. It is very rare that in the case of an automated alarm such as a fire or CO detector that emergency personnel are not dispatched.

Once dispatched, the person/homeowner (or business) is responsible to pay for the fire call charges, regardless of whether the call has been cancelled or not.

Feral Cats - Feral cats are cats that have lived in the wild and know no human care or contact. Due to our contract with the Animal Humane Society, the town cannot pick up feral cats. Nor can live traps be set. Domesticated cats that can be handled and safely transferred to a carrier are not affected. For more information, call our animal control officer, Kathi Pelnar, at 715-386-7789.

A Note from the Town Road Crew

Just a reminder to Town of Troy residents, that plowing or blowing snow into the town road right of way is not permitted. We have had several incidents where our plow trucks were damaged while winging back snow from the road edges. With spring coming, weight restrictions will again be posted. When St. Croix County posts weight restrictions, the Town of Troy will also post weight restrictions. The town restrictions will also be removed when the county removes theirs. If you are planning any projects that include heavy loads, plan ahead. If you are going to be doing any landscaping on your property, make sure that there are no obstacles other than the approved mailbox and post in the town road right of way. exceptions! This includes election signs.

If your red and white address/emergency sign is missing or no longer readable, call Gary Parent at the Troy Town shop 715-425-6694. Allow at least four weeks for delivery.

Town roads and safety: Summer brings people out walking and biking, so slow down and pay attention. When you see flashing lights, watch out for our road crew, slow down, drive safely and give them a brake.

Notice to Dog Owners Walking Pets at Glover Park

A recent and persistent problem of park visitors not taking measures to clean up dog waste from their pets at Glover Park necessitates this notice. Please note the following rules to guarantee that all users enjoy the park free of threat to person or pets:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- Owners must scoop up and dispose of waste left by dog(s).

There are two Pet Waste Stations with waste bags for your convenience located at the North end of the first parking lot and the East side of the playground, on the trail.

Please note that a monetary fine can be levied against individuals who violate park rules. The Town Code with regulations defining park rules is available from the Town Clerk.

We ask for your assistance in being a good neighbor and friend of the park. Thank you!

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; \$30.00 Annual Fee.

Non Town of Troy residents: \$7.50 Daily Fee; \$60.00 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.

Glover Park

Located at 428 Glover Road.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 1/2 hour after sunset daily. Hand-pumped drinking water available. Pet owners must have their pets leashed at all times and must pick up and dispose of any waste. Doggie waste stations have been installed.

Park Shelter and Ball Field Reservations: Youth teams typically reserve both the North Field and South Field April 1 – July 31, Monday – Friday afternoons/ evenings. Crowd bleachers and picnic benches available. Ball fields are available for general use at other times. Contact the Town Hall to reserve the field or pavilion (deposit required).

Trail System: Glover Park has a 2.5-mile year round trail system with shelters and benches for your enjoyment.

Playground: Activities include track ride, space net, horizontal and vertical climber swings, digger, and play platform with slide.

Prairie garden: An informal native prairie remnant, open space, and a prairie garden with benches are also present for your enjoyment.

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.

For more information on our parks, please contact Park Board Chair Jill Berke at 715-425-8289 or by email, jillberke@baldwintelecom.net.

Working Sessions On Zoning Issues Held



Shown above are some of the participants that attended a recent planning workshop on zoning. The town is making preparations to take over zoning authority from the county and is taking steps to ensure a smooth transition for our residents. Pictured are: from left to right: back, Jennifer Clark, Jason Kjos, David Wolf, Jan Cuccia, Dave Hense, Charles Macdonell; front: Ray Knapp, Wendy Sander, and Sue Warren. Also present but not pictured were: Shari Weide, Dan Pearson, and Michael Bebault.

Parks and Recreation Survey Inside-Please participate, fill out your survey today!

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 Dave Hense – 715-381-2995 Jason Kjos – 715-426-5095 Sue Warren – 715-426-5212

Bluebirds at the Town Hall, by Mary Roen

I first started a bluebird trail on our property in 1989. As bluebirds fledged, they needed more nest boxes to raise their young, so I asked neighbors if I could place nest boxes on their property. Nobody turned me down. I now have 76 nest boxes on the property of neighbors, relatives and friends throughout the area. I am always looking for new places to put nest boxes in the right habitat so when I went to the Town Hall to vote. I couldn't help but see what perfect bluebird habitat it has. I asked for and received permission to put up two pairs of nest boxes. I placed the nest boxes 15 feet apart so that bluebirds can nest in one box and other species can nest in the other box. Each species defends its nest box from others of the same species, but allows another species to use the paired box. For this reason, I place each pair of nest boxes at least 100 yards apart. I mounted the nest boxes on a conduit pole attached to rebar pounded in to the ground. I also attached a stovepipe baffle on the pole under the nest box to prevent raccoons, mice or snakes from climbing the pole and eating the eggs or nestlings. The first year I placed the nest boxes, a pair of bluebirds claimed one, laid 6 eggs and fledged 5. They then built another nest, laid 6 eggs and fledged 6. Eleven new bluebirds the first year! I am very excited about the success of the nest boxes and look forward to possibly getting two pairs of bluebirds nesting in 2013. For more information about putting up nest boxes for bluebirds, contact the North Bluebird American Society (NABS) nabluebirdsociety.org, the Bluebird Recovery Program of MN (BBRP) at bbrp.org, or contact me at mbroen@hotmail.com. Watch for the return of our bluebirds to Troy Township in mid March.

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