

VILLAGE OF
EAST TROY

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THE VILLAGE VIEW

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Village Board

1st and 3rd Monday at 6:30
Committee of the Whole
4th Monday at 6:30 (as needed)

Plan Commission

2nd Monday at 6:30

Important Numbers

Village Hall 642-6255
Building Insp. 642-6260
Library 642-6262
Municipal Court 642-6252
Park & Rec 642-6255
Police Dept. 642-6250
(non-emergency)
Public Works 642-6255

Elected Officials

Village President:

Randall Timms

Trustees:

Fred Douglass
Linda Kaplan
Fortune Renucci
Scott Seager
Dustan Stanford
Ann Zess

Judge:

Michael Cotter

Our Third Edition

Welcome to the third edition of our quarterly newsletter! If you missed our first two editions, please check out our [website](#) to read them! Watch for future editions of the newsletter to be posted on our web site. If you would like to receive notifications of the newsletter, like us on Facebook or subscribe to our general e-mail notifications from our web site. If you have ideas for future topics to be addressed, please e-mail them to voet@easttroywi.gov



Seasonal Reminders

By our next newsletter, we will likely have experienced some snow in the forecast and dealt with our share of falling leaves. Please review our reminders for dealing with these seasonal changes.

- Please remember you could be cited for blowing leaves and/or snow in the roadway from your premise. There are safety concerns with doing this as well as environmental considerations such as leaves clogging our storm inlets. [See Brush and Branch and Leaf Collection on page 6](#) for information on disposing of leaves, brush and branches.
- Please remove the snow around any fire hydrants on your premise - this helps with locating the hydrant if there is a fire.
- Keep your sidewalks free from snow. The Village requires snow to be cleared from sidewalks within 48 hours of snowfall ceasing. Most municipalities only allow 24 hours. Although we do allow more time to clear the sidewalk, we ask for your cooperation in removing the snow as soon as possible to keep the public sidewalks safe.
- Winter parking restrictions begin on November 1. As of this date you must have a permit to park on public streets overnight. Please visit or contact the Clerk's office (642-6255) regarding obtaining a permit. The cost is \$50 per season.



Important Dates:

Oct
12-16 Hydrant Flushing
31 Trick or Treat 5-7:30 p.m.

Nov
1 Overnight Parking Restrictions Begin
12 [Brush & Branch Collection](#)
26-27 Offices Closed

Dec
24-25 Offices Closed
31 Offices Closed

Jan
1 Offices Closed

Tax Bills: We do our best to get tax bills to residents as soon as possible. Even with our efforts, please be aware it is typical for bills to be received close to the middle of December.



Coming Spring of 2016—restrooms at the Mitchell Park Baseball fields for game-day use!

Department of Public Works & Utilities Projects for 2015

1. Mill Street Phase 2 is complete. The street was completely reconstructed and utilities replaced, with new water main and additional storm sewer. The sewer main is scheduled to be relined in 2016.
2. The Village approved the Mirco-Surfacing project for 2015 which included 7 miles of roadway and this project involved DPW staff making necessary repairs to sanitary manholes and storm sewer catch basins. By making these improvements we have prolonged the life of these streets an additional 10 years.
3. Park & Recreation decided to improve the concession stand near the baseball fields by adding bathrooms for people to use during game days. Look for these to be open in spring of 2016! We also constructed a parking lot for off street parking to accommodate those using the fields. Entrance to the parking lot is at the north end of West Street.
4. Lighting on the square was updated by replacing light bulbs with LED bulbs for energy efficiency and cost savings for the Village.

What's New in the Sewer Utility?



The Sewer Utility is excited that we are in the process of training and developing a local apprentice through a three-year Gateway program! Our staff at the wastewater treatment plant will be training this individual in conjunction with class time at the Gateway facility in Racine to understand the wastewater field and improve his ability to venture into this career environment. Please join us in welcoming Thomas Pluess to our staff!

New Domain and Logo!



In 2015 the Village took on a several projects to update our IT systems and our look. In conjunction with these projects we have changed our domain name. Our website address is now: easttroywi.gov We feel this more appropriately reflects who we are as a local government entity.

In addition to this change, we performed a much-needed phone system upgrade. Please listen to the menu options carefully when calling our main number (642-6255), as they have changed and some messages are still being misdirected.

Along with the new domain name the Village Board recently adopted a new logo! Special thanks to Village resident, Ben Keating, for his hard work in creating the logo for the Village. We will be slowly incorporating the use of the new logo—so look for it to be appearing soon in places other than this newsletter!

Thank you to Ben Keating for your work on the new logo!

Please Check Your Address!

Emergency Services has asked us to remind all residents to walk out to the street and check for visibility of your street address. Difficulty locating your house could delay response times!

- Are your numbers large enough to read from the street?
- Have the numbers faded or are they a color that is hard to distinguish from the background?
- Are tree branches or vegetation interfering with visibility?

Parks & Recreation Department Updates

The Movies in the Park this summer were a hit! Many families enjoyed the movies sponsored by local businesses: East Troy Shell, Gus’s Drive-In, Dynamic Awards & Apparel and the East Troy Area Foundation. We will continue offering movies next summer, so please join us on a Friday night! There is nothing like a great movie under the stars!

The Parks & Recreation Department has been working on developing an Archery Range on the property adjacent to the Village Hall. Meetings with the DNR have reinforced that this property will accommodate the needs of an archery range. We are applying for grants to help fund the project and we are hopeful this will be in operation next Spring/Summer. With this facility we will be able to offer Recreational classes for all levels of Archers.



Holiday Safety Tips

It is that time of year when many of us are preparing for the upcoming holidays and holiday traveling. As joyous and festive as the time of year may be, many of us become overwhelmed, busy, and excited and we may become a bit careless. Review these holiday safety tips with your family and friends and have a safe and enjoyable Halloween to New Year's Day holiday time.

**The Village of
East Troy Police
Department
wants you to be
safe while enjoying
the fall/winter
holidays!**

Trick-or-Treat
October 31
5:00-7:30 p.m.

**Please turn on
your porch light
if you will be
handing out
candy!**



Halloween

- Children's costumes should be bright and reflective. They should be short enough so the child does not trip over them. Eye holes in the costume should be big enough to allow good peripheral vision. The costume and accessories should be flame resistant.
- If the weather becomes cold, children should have warm clothing under their costumes.
- Children and their escorts should have a flashlight with fresh batteries.



Trick-or-Treating

- A parent or responsible adult should accompany the trick-or-treaters and it's a good idea to go in a group.
- Advise children they should never enter a stranger's home.
- Children trick-or-treating should be careful of traffic and obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Children should trick-or-treat in well-known neighborhoods and at homes where the porch light is illuminated.
- Tell your children not to eat any candy or treats until you have inspected them.
- Children should be told never to approach unfamiliar pets or animals, they may be upset by all the people and strange costumes may frighten them.

After Trick-or-Treating

- All unpackaged trick-or-treat items such as popcorn or small candies should be discarded.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards.

Holiday Safety Tips (cont.)



Thanksgiving and Christmas

- Be extra cautious about locking your doors and windows when you leave home, even for just a few minutes.
- Don't display holiday gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway. Store gifts before you go away on a holiday trip.
- Leave a radio or TV on when you leave, so your home looks occupied.
- If you take a trip during the holiday season, leave some interior lights on and have them set on an automatic timer. Have neighbors or family take in mail, newspapers and shovel your sidewalks and driveways. Have someone park a car in your driveway from time to time.
- Be wary of strangers soliciting for charitable donations. Ask them questions and if you are not satisfied with their answers do not donate. Call the police if you think something is not right.
- Mark or record the serial numbers of new gifts as soon as possible.
- Test your fire or smoke detectors.
- If you have guests advise them of your security precautions and make sure they follow them too. Avoid leaving boxes from purchases out on the curb for trash pickup.

Holiday Shopping

- Shop before dark if possible. Coordinate shopping trips with friends. Never park in an unlit area, no matter how good the spot is.
- Lock your purchases in your vehicle trunk. Keep your vehicle doors and windows locked.
- Avoid paying with cash, pay with a debit, credit card or check if possible.
- Do not overburden yourself with packages, with your hands full you are a target for purse-snatchers. Have packages delivered.
- Be careful with purses and wallets. Carry your purse under your arm. Keep your wallet in an inside jacket pocket and not your back pants pocket.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard if you become separated. They should never leave that store or attempt to find you by going into the parking lot.

Holiday Parties

- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for guests.
- Serve something to eat before serving alcoholic beverages.
- Have alternative transportation or lodging arrangements for guests. Never let guests drink and drive.

Village offices will be closed:

November 26 & 27

December 24 & 25

December 31 & January 1





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Web: www.easttroywi.gov

Chief of Police: Alan Boyes
Clerk-Treasurer: Eileen Suhm
Director of Public Works: Mike Miller

April Election—Already?

The Village Board consists of 7 members, 1 Village President and 6 Trustees. In odd numbered years three trustees and the Village President are elected and even numbered years the other three trustees are elected.

The process of getting on the ballot begins on December 1, when nomination papers can be circulated for signatures. To be on the ballot all paperwork and signatures must be submitted to the Village Clerk by Tuesday, January 5.

It is hard to believe, but the process is right around the corner! If you desire further information, please contact the clerk's office at 642-6255.

Electronic Recycling Event

Our last edition indicated an electronic recycling event was being planned for fall of 2015. Unfortunately, our waste hauler has discontinued offering this free service. The Village, however, has budgeted to host an event in 2016. Hold on to those electronics and look for a date in Fall of 2016!

Got Leaves? Brush and Branch and Leaf Collection Information

Leaf Drop Off

Village Residents can dispose of leaves at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 2104 Young Street, in the marked area. Leaves cannot be left in bags. Please do not leave your empty bags at the site.

Brush and Branch Collection

The fall Brush/Branch and yard waste pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2015. All items must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. Brush and branches must be bundled and cut to less than 4' in length, less than 6" in diameter and less than 50 lbs. Leaves and garden debris must be bagged in paper yard waste bags or clear plastic bags and must not weigh more than 30 lbs. All yard waste must be free of glass, plastic, metal, stones & other non-degradable materials. Limit of 30 bags per household.