

2015 Energy Drive  
 East Troy, WI 53120  
 262-642-6255

**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. (non-emergency) 642-6250  
 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 Fourth Edition

Welcome to the fourth edition of our quarterly newsletter. While we call the newsletter a quarterly newsletter, we did skip the fourth quarter of 2015. This is our first year of newsletters and it became apparent fourth quarter is a difficult quarter for our staff to produce the newsletter. So if you were looking for the latest edition December of 2015, we apologize for the delay!

## Vote on Tuesday April 5

The spring election is right around the corner. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- If you are not registered to vote, please remember to bring your proof of residence with you to the polls. You must be a resident of the Village for 28 days prior to election day in order to vote in the Village. We cannot register a voter without proof of residency
- Remember to bring your Photo ID to vote. See Wisconsin's [Bring it to the Ballot](#) site for more information.
- When in the polling place it is important to remember you must state your name and address out loud, provide Photo ID and sign the poll book to receive a ballot. Please thank our election inspectors and remember they are helping to ensure the integrity of the process and make sure we are in compliance with all election laws.

Future Election dates for 2016:

August 9, 2016 Partisan Primary

November 4, 2016 General Election (Presidential)



**Important Dates:**

**April**

1	Overnight Parking Restrictions End
5	Spring Election
7	Water/Sewer Bills Due
9	<a href="#">Town Compost Site Opens</a>
11-15	Hydrant Flushing
19	Elected Officials Take Office

**May**

	<a href="#">Reevaluation Inspections Begin</a>
5	<a href="#">Brush &amp; Branch Collection</a>
30	Offices Closed

**June**

24	<a href="#">Movies in the Park</a>
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See our full event calendar - including fun happenings on the square at [easttroywi.gov](http://easttroywi.gov)



## Department of Public Works & Utilities

### Projects for 2016

- The Water Utility is painting the water tower on Young St.
- Austin Street from Church to Mill St will be repaved
- DPW is looking into sidewalk programs by means of extending sidewalks to place of businesses and improving school routes.
- Looking to install Archery Range with grant funding.

## Water Rate Increase

### Suggestions to Reduce Your Usage

The public hearing on the water rate increase took place on March 30 at 10:00 a.m. Please see the attached notice for more information on the public hearing and rate increases.

After the public hearing if the increase is approved it is expected to take effect in the middle of April. Below are 6 ways to conserve water. You can also Google "100 ways to save water" and find many different ways that will help you reduce the amount of water you and your family use.

1. If your toilet was installed before 1992, purchasing a WaterSense® labeled toilet can reduce the amount of water used for each flush
2. Install water-saving aerators on all of your faucets
3. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 4 gallons a minute. That's up to 200 gallons a week for a family of four
4. Toilet leaks can be silent! Be sure to test your toilet for leaks at least once a year
5. Turn off the water while washing your hair and save up to 150 gallons a month
6. Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain

# Property Reevaluation in 2016

As you may be aware, the Village of East Troy will be undergoing a reevaluation in 2016. We contract with Associated Appraisal for assessment services. This means during the month of May or June you will be visited by a representative from Associated Appraisal for an interior and exterior inspection of your property.

A reevaluation is necessary for several reasons. Contrary to popular belief, the primary purpose for a reevaluation to ensure a fair and equitable assessment of your property. It does not raise the revenue the Village or any other taxing entities receive. For more information please see the [letter from our Village Administrator](#) posted on our website regarding what to expect.

You can also visit the [Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Guide for Property Owners](#) for more information on the assessment process.

## Parks & Recreation Department

**Summer is quickly approaching and we are working on getting all the summer programming finished!**

There will be new yoga classes, adult exercise programs, financial workshops and some fun new pre-school classes.

Swimming lessons will again be offered at the beach and this summer and we are happy to report an indoor session will be offered at The Quality Inn.

Through our new partnership with Liturgical Publications watch for the fresh new look to our summer guide.

It is our hope that these new program offerings and a new guide will help boost enrollment. Please let us help you make this summer a great summer!



**We will be holding "Movies in the Park," again this summer!** Movies will be shown at Booth Lake Memorial Park, **FREE!** Concessions are available to purchase.

Our line-up for this summer is:

June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sponge Bob, Sponge out of Water
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	The Good Dinosaur
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Inside Out



*The Village of  
East Troy Police  
Department  
asks you to plan  
your landscaping  
with safety in mind*

# Think of Safety When Landscaping

Delighting in the warmer weather of the past few days, many of us are thinking of spring and landscaping projects. While landscaping and plant growth can contribute to the aesthetics of a private residence, multi-residential units, private business or government buildings, if not carefully controlled and thoughtfully designed, they can also provide hiding places for persons with criminal intent. The Village of East Troy Police Department would like to impart a few tips regarding landscaping and crime prevention.

## Ground Cover Plants

- **Location**

As an alternative to shrubbery or other dense plant growth, ground cover plants, perennial and/or annuals, should be used for landscaping within six (6) feet of the edge of walkways, parking lots and building entryways or other areas requiring visual surveillance.

- **Height**

The height of ground cover plants should not exceed two (2) feet at maturity. Plants with thin stalk over two (2) feet high that still allow for good visual surveillance may be used in the these areas.

## Shrubs

- **Location**

In addition to ground covers and appropriately pruned trees, shrubs may be used between six (6) and twelve (12) feet from the edge of walkways, parking lots and building entryways.

- **Height**

The height of landscape shrubbery should not exceed three (3) feet at maturity.

## Barrier Plants

- **Location**

Barrier plants have thorns or needles and often a dense structure. They can be used below and near windows to discourage access. They can also be used adjacent to fences or building walls. Among such popularly-used barrier plants are Pyracantha, Agrave, Barbery, Natal Plum, Yucca, Hedgehog or Porcupine Holly. Even if placed below windows, these plants should be trimmed below the height of the windowsills.

- **Height**

Since the purpose of barrier plants is to discourage pedestrian access, it may be acceptable for them to exceed three (3) feet in height in some applications.

## Thank Safety When Landscaping (cont.)

### Trees

- **Location**

Trees should be located or trimmed so as not to serve as a climbing aid to upper levels of homes or buildings or as a climbing aid over fencing or perimeter barriers. Trees should also not be placed where their foliage obscures roadway, walkway or parking lot security lighting. If trees are located in these areas, they should be thinned and trimmed on a regular basis.

- **Height**

Trees should be pruned so that their lowest foliage is no less than seven (7) feet from the ground surface.

### Landscaping Rock

Landscape rock can be used as an effective alternative to ground cover or shrubs. Small landscape rock can be used under windows or near entryways to create noise when stepped on.

## Got Yard Waste?

With warm weather many of us will soon be tackling outdoor chores. You may be wondering where to go with all that yard waste. Here are two options:

### Compost Site

The Town of East Troy Compost Site is available to Village residents for a fee. They will accept leaves, grass and garden debris. Stickers can be purchased from the Village Hall for \$1.50/sticker. Each 30 gallon bag of materials taken to the site must have a sticker affixed. The site is located off of County Hwy L, 1.3 miles north of State Hwy 20.

Dates: 4/6/16, 4/16/16 and then every other Saturday

Hours: 9:00 a.m.—2 p.m.

Dates of operation can be viewed at <http://www.townofeasttroy.com/calendar>

### Brush and Branch Collection

The spring Brush/Branch and yard waste pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016. 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. Please, no full trees. 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.





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Administrator: Eileen Suhm  
Chief of Police: Alan Boyes  
Director of Public Works: Mike Miller

## Walworth County Health

### **Let Your Voice Be Heard!**

Walworth County leaders are working to improve the health of our community, but they need your help! Tell them what you need to be healthier, what impacts your health and what we need as a County!

Take the Survey at

English - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/walcochip>

Spanish - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/walcochipsp>

## Employment Opportunities

As of April 1, the Village has three job opportunities posted on our website! These include:

- Full-Time Utility Billing/General Clerical
- Part-Time Clerk of Courts
- Seasonal Parks Maintenance

## Noxious Weeds and Grass Maintenance Reminder

The Village has an ordinance pertaining to the length of noxious weeds and grasses. All owners of land within the Village must destroy all weeds, grasses or other noxious vegetation exceeding 8" in height on their property in such a manner as shall effectually prevent them from maturing to the bloom or flowering stage, bearing seed or spreading to adjoining property as required by Wisconsin State Statute 66.0407(1).



Noxious weeds include: Canada Thistle, Musk Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Field Bindweed (Creeping Jenny), Ragweed, Burdock, Marijuana or Wild Hemp, Goats Beard, Quack or Quitch Grass, Wild Mustard.

If a property owner does not comply with these requirements, the minimum charge for the Village of East Troy to control the weeds is \$150 per site, plus \$150 for every hour or portion of an hour after the first hour.