

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

**Village Board**

1st and 3rd Monday at 6:30

**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:**

Matt Johnson

**Trustees:**

- Bryan Harding
- Jim Holm
- Mary Hubbard Nugent
- Daniel Moody
- Scott Seager
- Joe Wisniewski

**Judge:**

Michael Cotter

## OUR FORTY-FIRST EDITION



Welcome to the Forty-first edition of the Village View newsletter! May the holiday season end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. Here's wishing you a Happy Holidays!

## TAXES

Real estate tax bills have been mailed out and are due by January 31, 2026. Taxpayers have the choice of paying the amount in full or in 2 payment installments. Should you choose to pay in installments, only the 1st installment may be paid to the Village of East Troy by January 31st. The 2nd installment is due by July 31, 2026, and needs to be mailed or delivered directly to the *Walworth County Treasurer*.

The Village of East Troy offers an online tax payment service through Transcendent Tech & MSB. With the online payment system, residents have the capability to search for their tax parcel on the [Walworth County](http://Walworth County website) website and select to pay taxes. If multiple parcels with the same mailing address are found, you can add them to the shopping cart and pay for them at the same time. When you are ready to pay it will take you to our MSB payment provider, where you will enter your payment information to complete the transaction. Residents will have the option to pay by eCheck for a \$1.50 fee or by credit card (fee based on percentage of payment due). Please be advised that eCheck does typically take a couple days to process. Payment instructions can be found on our website, [eastroywi.gov](http://eastroywi.gov).



## Important Dates:

**December**

- 6-31 East Troy Lights
- 13 ETACC Community Showcase & Santa Tours
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Mailed
- 24 Offices Closed
- 25 Offices Closed
- 31 Offices Closed

**January**

- 1 Offices Closed
- 6 Utility Bills Due
- 31 1st Installment of Taxes Due

**February**

- 17 Spring Primary Election (if needed)

See our full event calendar at: [eastroywi.gov](http://eastroywi.gov)

# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

*Submitted by Vickie Muszynski, Parks & Recreation Director*

Hello Village Families and Friends!

We're gearing up for an exciting Winter–Spring season filled with new programs, returning favorites, and a big project you'll be seeing unfold soon. Whether you're looking to stay active, learn something new, or get the kids involved in a fun program, the Recreation Department has something for everyone! Here are just a few of our programs! Check the village website for a more detailed listing of classes [www.eastroywi.gov/programs](http://www.eastroywi.gov/programs)

## **Programs for Kids**

### **Tumbling**

Our popular tumbling classes are back! Perfect for little movers and shakers to build balance, confidence, and coordination in a fun, upbeat environment.

### **T-Ball**

Batter up! T-Ball returns this spring for our youngest athletes. It's a great way for kids to learn teamwork, basic skills, and—most importantly—have fun.

### **Youth Soccer**

Get ready to kick into the season! Our youth soccer program teaches fundamentals while encouraging good sportsmanship and lots of high-energy play.

### **Safe Sitter**

Designed for older kids who are ready for responsibility, this course teaches safety skills, child-care basics, and how to stay calm in an emergency. A great confidence booster!

## **Programs for Adults**

### **Line Dancing**

Step, turn, and shuffle your way into the season! No experience is needed, just bring your energy and be ready to have fun.

### **Boot Camp**

A full-body workout that keeps you motivated and moving. Join us to build strength, boost stamina, and start the new year feeling strong.

### **Yoga**

Find your calm and stretch into the season. Our yoga classes are perfect for all experience levels, offering a mix of relaxation and strength-building.

## **Coming Soon: Honey Creek Nature Area Trail System**

We're thrilled to share that planning is underway for a brand-new **trail system at the Honey Creek Nature Area!**

The Village is the recipient of a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant from the DNR. This grant will support 50% of the project costs. The project will create a beautiful, accessible space for walking, exploring nature, and enjoying the outdoors. With connected pathways and scenic views, it will be a wonderful addition to our community area—and something residents of all ages can enjoy for years to come. Stay tuned for updates as this exciting project moves forward!

## **Join Us This Season!**

Programs fill quickly, so be sure to register early and secure your spot. We can't wait to see you this winter and spring as we learn, play, move, and explore together.

If you need help signing up or have questions about any program, we're here for you—just give the Recreation Department a call 262-642-6255 ext. 1469. **Here's to a fun and active season ahead!**

## **A Special Thank You**

We would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you to Francine Pease** for her incredibly generous donation to our skate park in honor of Sue and Gary Budzien. Her support has made a tremendous impact—not once, but multiple times—and without her kindness and commitment, the skate park would not have been possible. Our community is truly fortunate to have her continued generosity.

## SPRING ELECTION FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEES

The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village Trustee	Bryan Harding
Village Trustee	Jim Holm
Village Trustee	Scott Seager

### OFFICE TERMS

Village Trustee terms are two-year terms, unless otherwise stated. The term for these offices begins on April 21, 2026.

### FOR CANDIDATES

The first day to circulate nomination papers for the 2026 Spring Election is Monday, December 1, 2025, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the office of the Village Clerk. Forms required to run for office are available at the Clerk’s office or our website, [eastroywi.gov/elections](http://eastroywi.gov/elections).

### PRIMARY ELECTION

If a Spring Primary is necessary, the Spring Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The Spring General Election will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

## ELECTION HELP

The Village is in need of Election Inspectors for the upcoming year! Training is provided for those interested in helping. You would need to be available on scheduled Election Days. The Village utilizes split 7 hour shifts from 6:30am-1:30pm and 1:15pm-close of election. Please contact Dannett at 262-684-5478 for more information.



## KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR



In an emergency, every second counts!

In case of a fire, firefighters need to be able to get to hydrants quickly to protect people and property.

- \*Remove any snow and ice from the hydrant
- \*Clear a wide enough perimeter to walk around it (about 3 feet)
- \*Clear a path from the hydrant to the street

### Avoid the “Second Shovel” after Snowplows



## SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Sidewalks need to be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within 48 hours from the time snow ceases to accumulate. Do not deposit any snow or ice onto any public streets, alley, sidewalk, or public lands. Failure to remove snow and/or ice will result in the Village removing snow and/or ice and the cost will be charged to and paid for by the property owner. [Ordinance 423-10 \(c\)](#).

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging Wisconsinites to make a plan now to properly dispose of their Christmas trees after their celebrations wrap up.

The DNR recommends chipping or composting yard waste because that organic waste takes up a lot of landfill space, has value for gardening and landscaping and creates harmful greenhouse gases when it breaks down in landfills.

John's Disposal is offering tree pickup this year. Remember all lights and decorations must to be removed prior to disposal! Residents may call 262-473-4700 to schedule a bulk pick up for their tree. These trees will be considered contaminated and be sent to the landfill with garbage.

## CHLORIDE (SALT) REDUCTION

Residential softening is one of the most significant sources of chlorides entering the wastewater treatment plant. The Village of East Troy treats approximately 360,000 gallons of wastewater per day before it is discharged to Honey Creek. Wastewater treatment plants are designed to remove solids and organics commonly found in wastewater, but it CANNOT remove chlorides. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has set limits on the discharge of chlorides from the Village's wastewater treatment plant. Chlorides are dissolved solids in the water that pass through a wastewater treatment plant. Treating for chlorides would require exotic treatment technologies that are extremely cost prohibitive; therefore, the only feasible way to reduce chlorides discharged from the treatment plant is to reduce the amount of chlorides sent down the sewer.

### What needs to be done:

- Homeowners should review their softener settings. Older softeners regenerate on a schedule set by a timer. More efficient softeners (Demand-Initiated Regeneration or DIR) have flow meters or hardness sensors and regenerate only after the proper amount of water use, so they don't waste salt.
- Use settings for a reasonable level of softening, not the maximum, and have the controls calibrated periodically (21 grains of hardness for the Village of East Troy).

### Rebate offer:

The Village of East Troy would like to extend a \$100 rebate, paid directly to you, for the first 10 residents to purchase and install a new, "on demand" water softener. This program will be on a "first-come-first served" basis and will **require submittal** of the plumbing permit and inspection from the Village of East Troy and the paid receipt of installation. For further information contact Jason Equitz, Director of Public Works at 262-684-5475.

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

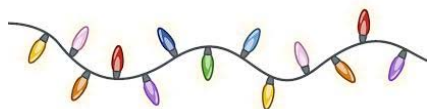


Thank you Tom for 10 years of hard work and dedication!



## 2026 DOG LICENSE

Dog licenses are now available to purchase at the Village Hall during normal business hours. The fees are \$13.00 Neutered or Spayed Dog; \$32.00 Non-Altered Dog. A late fee of \$5.00 will be collected for dog owners who fail to obtain a license prior to April 1, or by the time the dog is 5 months old. You must provide a current rabies certificate which includes the date, vaccine manufacturer and serial number to obtain a license.



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Administrator:	Eileen Suhm
Chief of Police:	Jeremy Swendrowski
Director of Public Works:	Jason Equitz

