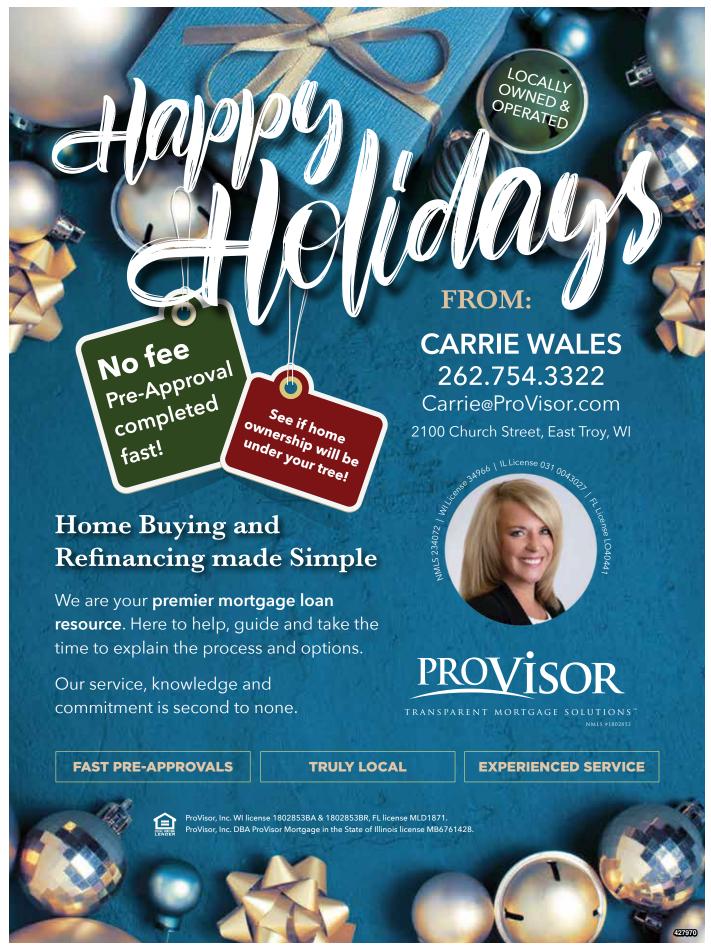
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Merry Christmas

from the Times







East Troy kicks off holiday season

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and their entourage will kick off the holiday season in East Troy Saturday, Dec. 3, via the East Troy Electric Railroad's Santa Train, which leaves the Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago at 5:06 p.m. and arrives at Division Street in East Troy at 6:25 p.m., with brief stops at crossings along the way.

In anticipation of Santa's arrival, festivities will begin at East Troy Village Square Park at 5:30 p.m., including:

- East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce beverage tent featuring East Troy Brewery beer and more;
- Winter activities, including a s'mores station and a DIY Photo Station;
- Performances by East Troy High School Cheer and Dance Team along with Titan Cheer and Factory Stars Cheer and Infinity Dance at 6 p.m.;

- Christmas carol sing-along led by East Troy High School Choir members;
- Santa arrives at East Troy Village Square Park via East Troy Fire Department truck to light the Bob Barutha Memorial Christmas Tree at about 6:30 p.m. followed by debut of East Troy Lights;
- Santa's Workshop inside Ivan's Backstage, 2093 Division St., featuring Dicken's Christmas Carolers;
- Movie and refreshments at East Troy Historical Society, 2106 Church St.; and
- Following the tree lighting, see Santa from the bandstand at East Troy Village Square Park.

Santa Parade Train

The East Troy Electric Railroad's Santa Parade Train will make its annual journey into downtown East Troy Saturday, Dec. 3. The annual East
Troy Electric
Railroad Santa
Parade Train brings
Santa and Mrs.
Claus to East Troy
the first Saturday in
December for the
lighting of the Bob
Barutha Memorial
Christmas Tree and
Santa on the Square
celebration.

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2022 Christmas Carol Songbook

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Presented by the East Troy Electric Railroad in conjunction with the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce and Mukwonago Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Center, the beautifully lit four-car train will travel down the century-old interurban trolley line between Mukwonago and East Troy.

The original East Troy Christmas Parade train, started by the East Troy Jaycees and the railroad in 1972, was a historic reproduction of the Schuster's Christmas Parade in Milwaukee. The Schuster's Department store chain sponsored the parade, established in 1928, to kick off the Christmas shopping season. It disappeared in 1955 with the demise of the Milwaukee Electric Lines interurban and streetcar system.

Spectators can catch a glimpse of Santa

along County Road ES. The train will slow briefly at the following crossings*:

- 5:06 p.m., train departs from the Elegant Farmer;
- 5:25 p.m., N. Army Lake Road Army Lake Camp;
 - 5:42 p.m., Army Lake Camp;
 - 5:56 p.m., St. Peter's Road;
 - 6:13 p.m., Byrnes Street;
 - 6:25 p.m., Division Street; and
- 6:30 p.m., Santa arrives at East Troy Village Square Park via an East Troy Fire Department truck to light the Bob Barutha Memorial Christmas Tree and debut of East Troy Lights.

*The railroad will have flaggers and crowd control at all the road crossings.

East Troy Lights

Take a trip to downtown East Troy

to see East Troy Lights – a spectacular holiday light show.

The interactive and imaginative light display experience will kick off Saturday, Dec. 3, when Santa comes to East Troy via the 114-year-old East Troy Electric Railroad Santa Parade Train to light the annual Bob Barutha Memorial Christmas Tree.

Lights will continue with timed shows on the hour at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. through Dec. 31. Walk through the lights or see the show from your car by tuning into 90.9 FM.

Watch as the entire downtown East Troy Square sparkles in the night in sync with your favorite holiday songs. Or, take control of the lights yourself and create your own holiday magic!

Find out more at easttroylights.com.



Christmas Train tickets now available

Reservations are needed for the popular trains to Santa's Workshop

Tickets for the 2022 run of Christmas Trains from East Troy to Santa's Workshop at the Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago are now available, but they are selling fast, East Troy Railroad President Ryan Jonas said.

"If families want to come, they should make their plans and make their reservations soon," Jonas said.

The best way to make reservations is online at the railroad's website at easttroyrr.org/christmas-train.

Christmas Trains at the East Troy Railroad Museum run Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 25 through Dec. 18.

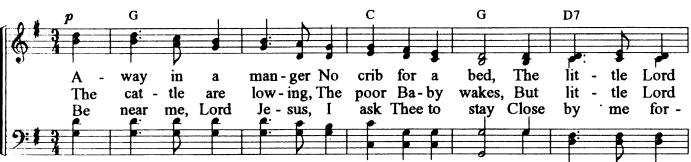
The fun, family-friendly rides take passengers from the East Troy Depot at 2002 Church St. in East Troy to Santa's Workshop at the Elegant Farmer and back. The rides are slightly less than two hours per round-trip and include a visit with Santa, where families and children can have their photos taken.

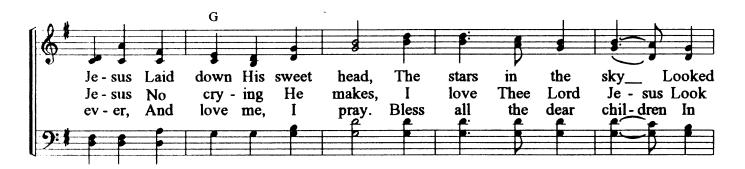
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Happy Christmas Train riders visit with Anna the Elf. The East Troy Railroad's annual Christmas Trains return this holiday season.









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"Santa's Workshop will be better than ever and all children will receive a small gift that is fitting for the occasion," Jonas said. "Our historic railroad cars are heated and restrooms and free parking are available at the East Troy Depot."

Tickets can be purchased online anytime. The cost is \$23 for adults, \$20 for children (ages 3 to 14) and \$8.50 for infants and toddlers. Everyone needs a ticket to board and reservations are required.

Trains will depart at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 26 and 27, and Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18.

Note that the Friday and Saturday evening trains have already sold out and there is no 3 p.m. train on Dec. 3.

About the railroad

The East Troy Railroad Museum operates regular 14-mile round trip excursions from its historic East Troy

Depot and Museum to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago, with a stop at the popular Elegant Farmer store and deli.

The non-profit railroad is operated and managed by more than 130 volunteers dedicated to engaging visitors in the heritage of electric interurban railways and trolley systems through restoration, preservation and operation of historic equipment.

For more information, visit www. easttroyrr.org or call 262-642-3263.





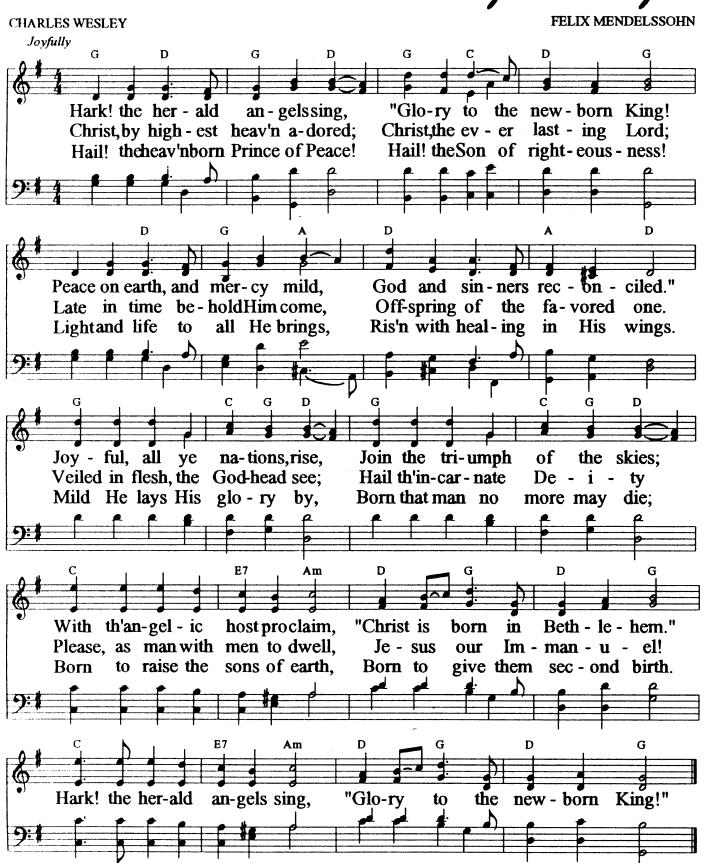
Santa is coming to town

Santa rides the Santa Parade Train from the Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago to the East Troy Railroad Depot each year to kick off the holiday season in both communities.

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing









Lighting up the square

The East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce hosts East Troy Lights – an interactive holiday light attraction – on the East Troy Village Square. The entire downtown sparkles in the night in sync with favorite holiday songs. Lights have daily shows on the hour through Dec. 31. The light display experience kicks off Dec. 3, in conjunction with the East Troy Electric Railroad Santa Parade Train and East Troy's annual Bob Barutha Memorial Christmas Tree lighting marking the official start of the holiday season in East Troy. Find out details at easttroylights.com.





Christmas greetings

The Mukwonago Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Midnight Magic is celebrated with family-friendly activities, marketplace/craft fair, horse-drawn carriage rides, parade and more. The event runs the same day as East Troy's Santa on the Square and Santa Parade Train.

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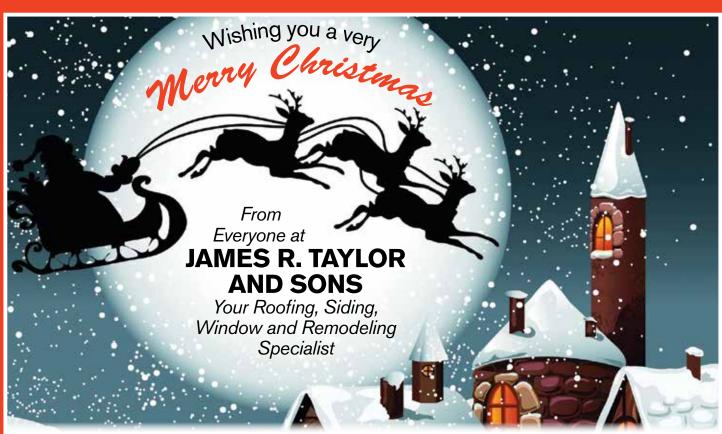
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