

# Trolley Times

The Official 2023 Visitors Guide of  
the East Troy Railroad Museum



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Climb on board the East Troy Electric Railroad to visit a time when life was a little simpler. Our historic interurban railroad cars and trolleys take a scenic 14-mile round trip through beautiful Southeastern Wisconsin.

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Delight your taste buds at Lauber's Ice Cream Parlor across the tracks from the depot, enjoy coffee, pastries and a sandwich at 2894 On Main, or partake of a delicious meal at East Troy House or at East Troy Brewery – all on the square in East Troy.

You may purchase your tickets in advance on our website, but walk-up tickets are usually available, too. You may board our trains at the depot in East Troy or at the depot behind the Elegant Farmer. If you board the train at the Elegant Farmer, where a ticket agent may not be on duty, simply purchase a ticket in the East Troy Depot for your return trip.

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### EAST TROY RAILROAD MUSEUM 2023 SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAYS • JUNE 2 TO SEPT. 1

**Eastbound, departs East Troy Depot**  
10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

**Westbound, departs Indianhead Park, Mukwonago**  
10:40 a.m., 12:40 p.m.,  
2:40 p.m. (not a round-trip)

**Westbound, departs Elegant Farmer Depot**  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. (not a round-trip)



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#### SATURDAYS • APRIL 15 TO SEPT. 2

**Eastbound, departs East Troy Depot**  
10 a.m., 11 a.m.,  
Noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.

**Westbound, departs Indianhead Park, Mukwonago**  
10:40 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 1:40 p.m.,  
(2:40 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. are not round-trips)

**Westbound, departs Elegant Farmer Depot**  
11 a.m., Noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m.,  
(3 p.m. and 4 p.m. are not round-trips)

#### SUNDAYS • APRIL 16 TO SEPT. 3

**Eastbound, departs East Troy Depot**  
10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

**Westbound, departs Indianhead Park, Mukwonago**  
10:40 a.m., 12:40 p.m.,  
2:40 p.m. (not a round-trip)

**Westbound, departs Elegant Farmer Depot**  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. (not a round-trip)

### FARES

Adults \$15.00 • Seniors (65+) \$12.50 Children (3-14) \$9.50 (all fares are plus tax) Children 2 and under ride for free. We recommend purchasing tickets online in advance for specific departures. All train schedules can be found online at [easttroyrr.org/schedule.html](http://easttroyrr.org/schedule.html).

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**Above:** Volunteers Chris Orłowski, Steve Rudolph and Todd Schmidt await passengers reboarding at the Elegant Farmer platform. **Left:** Happy children await the arrival of a train at the Elegant Farmer station, led by Chicago Elevated Car 4420.

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## EAST TROY RAILROAD

# Welcome from our new president

Welcome to the East Troy Electric Railroad! We hope that you enjoy your time here. Sit back and relax as we take you on a journey back in time.

This year is the railroad's 116th year of continuous operation.

The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company (TMER&L) completed the interurban railroad from Milwaukee to East Troy in 1907. TMER&L is now known as We Energies. In 1939 the Village of East Troy purchased the railroad line from East Troy to Mukwonago. Today it is the last segment of Wisconsin's once vast electric interurban railway network.

Now that you're here, we hope you plan to enjoy one of our popular Dinner Trains, offering you a choice of first-class dining experiences with fantastic three or four course meals, a family-oriented Picnic Train, or our new Sunday Brunch Trains!

The popular Burger Train will depart May 20. Or check out our new "Mother's Day" Train, which is sure to impress mom. The Beer Tasting Train returns on Sept. 16. Remember, you can charter your own train too – with or

without food.

Our regular season ends on Sept. 3 and we are again offering our "Harvest Fest" Trains on Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 22. Please see our website for details and schedules – and purchase your tickets in advance if possible.

Then, join Santa and his friends for a magical journey filled with cookies and hot chocolate on our Christmas Trains! Our heated trolleys will take you on a journey to the Elegant Farmer where guests can visit Santa's Workshop! (Nov. 24, 25 and 26, and Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17).

Harvest Fest and Christmas Train tickets will be posted for sale later in the year.

Remember that this museum would not function without its wonderful team of volunteers. Our dedicated volunteers will do their best to give you a memorable experience. Interested in joining the group? Please ask a volunteer about opportunities. No matter what talent you might be able to bring to the table, we welcome your help!

Because we are an electric railroad, we ask that you do not touch anything under our cars. Safety is the most important thing, so please inform any of our volunteers if you see an unsafe situation.

Finally, if you are thinking about visiting us more than once, consider becoming a member. The benefits include unlimited free rides for a year, a 10% discount in the gift shop, a quarterly member newsletter, and access to member-only events! There are several membership levels, including a new "Couples Membership." Stop by the depot counter for more information!

I am honored to have been named president of the East Troy Railroad Museum and am thankful for the strong leadership and many outstanding volunteers who have come before me. I would also like to extend my thanks to each of you for helping us preserve this wonderful piece of history.

~ Ward Komorowski

East Troy Railroad President



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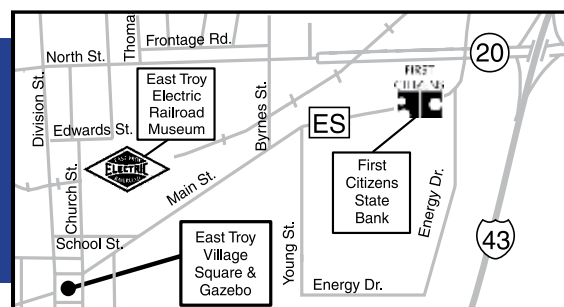
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# INTRODUCING Ward Komorowski

The Board of Directors of the East Troy Railroad Museum elected Ward Komorowski as president of the museum, effective Jan. 1, 2023. Komorowski has been a volunteer at the railroad and museum for the past two years. He joined the Board of Directors in 2022.

Komorowski retired after a 39-year career with Johnson Controls, where he was most recently VP Enterprise Property Group and Security. In that role he was responsible for several hundred Johnson Controls facilities in more than 65 countries.

Ryan Jonas, who has been president of the museum for ten years, was elected chairman of the board, replacing Patrick Doran, who will remain on the board.

“Ward brings a level of experience and leadership that will serve the organization well, along with a love for trains and railroading,” said Jonas. “I look forward to working together with him and with the rest of our amazing volunteers in my new role.”

In addition to his Johnson Controls career, Komorowski has been an adjunct professor at the Milwaukee School of Engineering for 21 years, where he also serves on the board of regents. He received

his Bachelor of Science in architectural engineering from MSOE and is a registered professional engineer in Wisconsin.

Komorowski was named “Green For Profit Business Leader of the Year” by the *Milwaukee Business Journal* in 2009.

He received the “Faculty of the Year Award” from MSOE in 2008, and he was named “Facility Executive of the Year” by *Today's Facility Manager* magazine in 2005.

In addition to serving on the Board of Regents at MSOE, Komorowski serves on the Board of Directors of Discovery World Museum, has been president, secretary, treasurer and board member of the Association for Facilities Engineers and is active in the International Facilities Management Association. He and his wife live in Muskego, WI.

“I have been so excited to volunteer at the East Troy Railroad Museum and I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this great organization as president,” Komorowski said. “I want to thank Ryan for his commitment and leadership over the last ten years and look forward to his wise counsel in the years to come.”



Ward Komorowski

## Restoration of historic North Shore Car 228 is nearly done

It has been another busy year of restoration for volunteers at the East Troy Railroad Museum. The main focus has been North Shore Merchandise Dispatch Car 228. Merchandise Dispatch cars were used to deliver fast, less than full carload freight to customers along the North Shore Line between Chicago and Milwaukee.

The service was very popular in that it offered overnight service 50 years before FedEx was created. Scott Patrick, Jay Equitz and Eric Zabelny are leading this project for the museum.

Car 228 is 50 feet in length, 8-feet, 8-inches wide, 12-feet, 4-inches high and weighs 39 tons. The car is of wood and steel construction with Baldwin trucks and just two Westinghouse motors and controls. The car was sold to a private group in Ohio after the North Shore shut down, along with North Shore combine 250.

Both were later purchased by four members of The Wisconsin Electric Railway Historical Society. The cars were shipped to East Troy on flat cars with 228 arriving in January of 1974. Car 250 was later sold to the Illinois Railway Museum, but Car 228 remained in East Troy and became the property of the East Troy Railroad Museum in 1988.

Restoration efforts on Car 228 began in the early 1990s. The Elliott R Donnelley Family Trust provided some initial funding for the car but efforts were slow because the car is not a revenue (passenger) vehicle and not as important to museum operations. In 2022, with additional funding from Alice and Stephen Rudolph and Eric Zabelny, the museum was able to put Car 228 at the top of its restoration list and volunteers began in earnest to complete the car's restoration with hopes of operating it in 2023.

One positive attribute of this project is that the car was -- and is -- basically complete. While the car did travel to two other museums before being moved to East Troy, it left the North Shore Line in a complete state and has remained relatively intact.



**above:** Car 228 in the East Troy Railroad maintenance facility in late 2022. **right:** Car 228 is pictured here in 1954.

The car hasn't operated since arriving in East Troy, so the electrical components were all very dirty and have been getting a lot of attention. Eric Zabelny spent many hours cleaning and diagnosing the electrical components and the compressor was cleaned and tested as ready for operation.

Since the car was stored outside until the mid-1990s, all of the siding had to be replaced. Both ends of the roof were rotted and had to be rebuilt. Recently, Scott Patrick removed the metal threshold under a freight door and discovered a lot of rotten wood. He removed the old wood and rebuilt the area with treated lumber before putting new thresholds in.

New canvas will be

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**CNS&M 228 at Highwood, IL  
18 Sep 1954  
by Don Ross**



# 2023 Lineup of Events

## Railfan Day

June 24

On Railfan Day we take all of our equipment out of the barn and put it on display. You can ride a different rail car on each trip of the day. Once again, we are offering fun family activities like face painting, miniature train rides, and operating model railroads.

## Chicago Day

July 15

Celebrate Chicago's railway history with a revival of the Chicago, South Shore & South Bend Railroad of 90 years ago. We have six operating South Shore cars, originally built in the late 1920s, plus three Chicago Elevated Cars built in 1924. National Park Rangers from Indiana Dunes National Park will be on hand to explain the history of the South Shore Line.

## Milwaukee Day

Aug. 5

Celebrate Milwaukee's electric railroading history with a chance to see and ride on an historic Milwaukee Streetcar or a newly-restored Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Silverliner car. Work cars from The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company (TMER&L) will be on display too, along with historic tickets and timetables.

## Beer Tasting Train

Sept. 16

Join us for a fun and educational beer tasting train! Enjoy five different beers while traveling the route of the East Troy Electric Railroad. The train is a joint event with Black Point Estate on Geneva Lake. A historian and beer aficionado from Black Point serves as our host, and Toothpicks, our wonderful caterer, provides the hors d'oeuvres.

This 2-1/2 hour event starts and finishes at the East Troy Depot. Book your seats online under our Dinner Train heading at: [easttroyrr.org](http://easttroyrr.org).

## Harvest Fest Trains

Sept. 9 through Oct. 22

Our regular season ends on Sept. 3 this year and we will then offer round-trip rides to the Elegant Farmer, where you can enjoy apple picking, a corn maze, and hay rides.

We suggest that you visit our website to see the schedule and purchase your tickets online in advance. Trains may not travel to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago during this time. You may still buy tickets on a walk-up basis, subject to availability.

## Halloween Trains

Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27

Bring your kids or grandkids in costume and take a train from the Depot in East Troy to Town Hall Park, where kids can go "Trick-or-Treating," play games, and enjoy the playground equipment before our trip back to East Troy, where kids will be able to pick out a pumpkin to take home.

## Christmas Parade Train

Dec. 2

The parade train brings Santa on his sleigh from Indianhead Park to East Troy for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Village Square. The train, which carries on a tradition started by Milwaukee Schuster's Department Stores, is lit up like a fireworks show and plays Christmas music while Santa stops to greet kids and their parents at every railroad crossing.

## Christmas Trains

Nov. 24, 25 and 26

Dec. 1, 2, 3; 8, 9, 10; 15, 16 and 17

Our magical ride will take you a half hour from our East Troy Depot, 2002 Church St., East Troy, to Santa's workshop located at the Elegant Farmer. Here children can visit Santa and get a photo taken with the jolly elf himself! Santa's workshop wouldn't be complete without some hot chocolate and cookies! Children receive a special gift on the return to East Troy.



Passengers enjoy a ride on Car 846, our historic Milwaukee Streetcar.

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# Sunday Brunch Trains back in 2023

Our popular Sunday Brunch Trains are back this year, with a fancier menu and all the fun you are used to on the East Troy Railroad. Your three-course meal starts with a breakfast charcuterie board, followed by a crustless cheese and spinach quiche, finishing with a braided maple and pecan Danish. Coffee and/or juice are included.

Enjoy a two-hour round trip on our beautiful dining cars with views of the Kettle Moraine countryside outside your picture windows. Trains depart at 10:30 a.m. on June 11, Aug. 20, Sept 17 and Oct 15.

Please visit the East Troy Railroad Museum website for more information and to book your reservations. The dress code is casual and restrooms are on board.

### The Picnic Train is still available

A kid friendly Family Picnic Train will also run in 2023 on Aug 19. Check-in/boarding will be at 4:30 p.m. with a 5 p.m. departure, returning at 6:30 p.m. The Picnic Train includes a stop at Byrnes Park, so kids can enjoy the playground equipment while the train crew is preparing for the return trip and dessert!

The cost for the Picnic Trains is \$49 per person, including all-beef hot dogs with assorted toppings, served with kettle crunch potato chips, pickles and fresh fruit. Dessert is chocolate brownies. The cost includes bottomless soda and gratuity. Sales tax is not included. Restrooms are available on board.

You may also wish to consider our other family-friendly dining events, including the Burger Train and the "That's Amore" pasta train.



Try one of our Sunday Brunch Trains in 2023!

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Our dining cars are among the cars that can be booked for charters.

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# Charter your own train!

The East Troy Railroad Museum offers private charters designed to meet your specific needs, from business lunches to anniversary parties.

Chartered trips may make stopovers with advanced planning. There are two parks along our route, plus the Elegant Farmer. You can customize your event by providing live entertainment, bringing your own special food,

adding displays, giving business presentations, or just riding the rails. You can also choose from several luncheon or dinner menus developed specifically for our Charter Services.

For special occasions, table arrangements may be reconfigured to accommodate musicians, wedding cakes, displays, or anything else you want. Just give us a call to work out the details.

The railroad operates charters from mid-May through October and they may be arranged for any day of the week. Charters can be from 30 minutes to two hours in length and can be extended for an additional charge. Docents aboard each train will also share the history of the railroad.

For more information or to make reservations, email [charters@easttroyrr.org](mailto:charters@easttroyrr.org) or call 262-345-2089.



# Why not join our volunteer family?

For people who volunteer at the East Troy Railroad Museum, it feels like you become part of a second family. Only this family runs a railroad. And we need every member of the family to do his or her part to make it a smooth-running operation. It is challenging, it is fun, it is educational, and you know your work is appreciated.

Some volunteers can only give a couple of days a month and others may put in 150 days a year. Some want to work in areas where they bring experience and are comfortable with the tasks. Others want to be challenged by learning new skills and look forward to doing something completely different than what they do in their “day jobs.”

The variety of tasks needed to operate a railroad and museum gives people plenty of options. So let us know what interests you. From selling merchandise in the gift shop to being a motorman (or woman) on our trains, there are many different kinds of people using many different kinds of skills here.

What we all have in common, though, is a desire to see things happen. This is the motivation that brings us out to the line and keeps us coming back regularly. We all know that whatever our contributions, they are needed to keep this historic line alive and growing.

Some of us will be singled out for recognition in the volunteer events throughout the year, but any of us would quickly tell you that we don't do it for the cheers of our peers. We get all the gratification we need by simply



Mary Ann Jacobsen volunteers behind the ticket counter in the East Troy Railroad Depot, waiting to greet visitors.

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accomplishing something we believe to be important and worthwhile.

We invite you to stop on out and visit the museum to talk with one or more of the volunteers about what it's like to work here. Some interesting, involving, and rewarding tasks await you. Or, call us at 262-642-3263 and ask about getting involved.



**top:** East Troy Railroad volunteers enjoy lunch at the volunteer center before continuing with their tasks. **above:** Evan Richards (right) and Rich Burger (left) prepare to depart with North Car 761..

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## BECOME A MEMBER

More than 300 people support the East Troy Electric Railroad through membership each year.

Would you consider joining them?

You would be supporting the museum, helping to assure that it can continue to show future generations what rail travel was like in the early 20th century. You would be providing funds to help us maintain our existing fleet of cars and pursue new acquisitions in the future. You would help to assure that this last remaining portion of Wisconsin's once vast interurban system continues to showcase historic electric railroad cars that ran on interurban systems in Wisconsin, Illinois or Minnesota.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

We added a new “Couples Membership” level last year, which has the same benefits as the individual membership for two people.

Also, at the Family Membership level and higher, you are automatically a member of the National Association of Reciprocal Museums. This means you can go to more than 1,100 museums, zoos and botanical gardens for free or at a significantly reduced rate.

You just need to show your East Troy Railroad Museum membership card when you visit a NARM location. Visit [narmassociation.org](http://narmassociation.org) to see all the member museums and attractions.

- One-Year Individual Membership is \$50;
- One-Year Couples Membership is \$75;
- One-Year Family of Four Membership is \$120;
- One-Year Conductor's Club Membership is \$250; and a
- One-Year Motorman's Club Membership is \$2,500.

All memberships include free rides for the member or member family for one year, plus reduced fares for special events (dinner trains, beer tasting and picnic trains not included). You also receive 10% off your gift shop purchases. Conductor's Club and Motorman's Club members receive general admission passes for friends and special members-only train events.

If you would like to join, please ask for a membership form in the East Troy Depot. Or visit our website to purchase a membership online at [easttroyrr.org/membership](http://easttroyrr.org/membership).

## Supporting the East Troy Railroad Museum

Your generous contributions are critical for achieving our vision to “make memories that last a lifetime.” Contributions are a significant part of our revenue and are necessary for operations, restoration and preservation efforts.

If you are a donor, we thank you for your support. If you aren't a donor yet, we invite you to support our mission.

**Memberships** – We have multiple levels of memberships available, including individual, couples, family, Conductor's Club and Motorman's Club. Most of the memberships include admission at museums in The North American Reciprocal Museum network.

**Donations** – We are glad for any donations we receive. These typically include cash, credit card, in-kind, property, and securities. We have several levels of recognition for your contributions. Donations are available for one-time giving or scheduled giving.

**Matching Gifts** – Many employers have matching gift programs for current employees and retirees. We are happy to work with you to access these benefits.

**Sponsorship** – If you have a particular passion or interest, there are many sponsorship opportunities. Sponsorships are available for particular programs, restoration efforts, exhibits or museum grounds.

**Endowment** – Through our partnership with the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, you can participate in our Endowment Program. This allows you to give a general or directed donation that will sustain the Museum in perpetuity through interest earnings. Sponsoring an endowment offers unique recognition levels for you.

**Legacy Giving** – Through our partnership with the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, you can participate in our Legacy Giving Program. This allows you set aside a gift in your will that will be allocated to general or directed funds. Pre-planned bequests offer opportunities for unique and lasting recognition.

For more information about giving to the East Troy Railroad Museum, please contact us at [fundcomm@easttroyrr.org](mailto:fundcomm@easttroyrr.org) or call us at 262-642-3263.

## Volunteer of the Year — Kurt Smith

The East Troy Railroad Museum would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of its many volunteers.

Each year at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, one devoted volunteer is recognized with our “Volunteer of the Year” award. This recognition is given to one truly outstanding and inspiring volunteer who has taken a leadership role to preserve and enhance the museum while encouraging others to do the same.

The 2022 award went to Kurt Smith, who volunteers in many ways, including cutting the grass, helping his wife set up Santa's Workshop for our Christmas Trains, and working in the maintenance facility regularly – especially in the wood shop.

Smith says he learned about the East Troy Railroad when he and his wife bought a home in East Troy.

“We saw the trains running and we took a ride with some friends,” he recalled. “Then I went to an open house when the maintenance facility was new and I saw the wood shop. I thought I would enjoy being able to work there as a volunteer.

Now he has been volunteering for almost five years and really enjoys working with the other volunteers.

“I have flexible hours and I don't have to put in for vacation,” Smith said. “It's just a fantastic thing to volunteer for the railroad and there are so many things you can do.”

In his “day job” before retirement, Smith was a full-time farmer for 10 years and a part-time farmer for 20 years. He was also a sales representative and consultant for a water conditioning company.

He and his wife, Julie, have three children and six grandchildren and will celebrate 47 years of marriage this June.



Jim Feyerherm (from left), Kurt Smith, Ward Komorowski and Ryan Jonas at the award presentation during the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

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## 2023 CAR ROSTER

No.	Railway Company/City	Type	Built (rebuilt)	Builder	Seats	Received	Restored
6	Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad	Steel Interurban	1926	Pullman Car Co.	54	2010	
9	Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad	Steel Interurban	1926	Pullman Car Co.	54	1990	1993, 2015
13	Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad	Steel Interurban	1926 (1940s)	Pullman Car Co.	80	1998	2015
17	Milwaukee Street Railway	Horse Car	1880s	Unknown		2003	
21	East Troy Electric Railroad	Single-truck Open Car	1975	ETER	45	1975	1985
23	Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad	Steel Interurban	1927	Pullman Car Co.	80	2010	
24	Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad * Restored as Diner No. 24 – The Beverly Shores	Steel Interurban Interurban Diner	1927 (1940s)	Pullman Car Co. ETER	80 50	1992 1992	1995* 1995
25	Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad * Restored as Diner No. 25 - The Ravenswood	Steel Interurban Interurban Diner	1927 (1940s)	Pullman Car Co. ETER	80 50	1983 1983	1991* 1991
26	Sheboygan Light Power & Railway	Wooden Interurban	1908	Cincinnati Car Co.	44	1988	2005
30	Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad	Steel Interurban	1929	Standard Steel Car Co.	48	1983	1986
33	Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad	Steel Interurban	1929	Pullman Car Co.	48	2010	2016
56	Mississippi Valley Public Service (LaCrosse City Railway)	Double Truck Streetcar	1916	St. Louis Car Co.	46	2022	
107	Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad	Combine	1927	Pullman Car Co.		2010	Est. 2024
162	Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee	Steel Interurban	1915	JG Brill Co.	56	2022	
228	Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad	Merchandise Car	1922	Cincinnati Car Co.	N/A	1988	2023
761	Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad	Steel Interurban	1930	Standard Steel Car Co.	52	2001	2021
846	Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co. Streetcar	Double-truck Streetcar	1920	St. Louis Car Co.	48	2002	1986
978	Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co. Streetcar	Double-truck Streetcar	1929	St. Louis Car Co.	48	2002	
1583	Twin City Rapid Transit Company	Double-truck Streetcar	1913 (1921)(1948)	TCRT	48	1981	1985
1738	Former Milwaukee Road now ETER	Terminal Caboose	1956			1985	1985
4420	Chicago Elevated (CTA)	Rapid Transit Car	1924	Cincinnati Car Co.	52	1982	1985
4439	Chicago Elevated (CTA)	Rapid Transit Car	1924	Cincinnati Car Co.	52	2020	2022
4453	Chicago Elevated (CTA)	Rapid Transit Car	1924	Cincinnati Car Co.	52	1995	1999
D23	The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co.	Line Car	1907 (1929)	TMER&L	N/A	1989	1989, 2018
L6	The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co.	Utility Crane Car	1911 (1929)	St. Louis Car Co.	N/A	1988	1989
L8	The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co.	50-ton Steeplecab Loco.	1935	TMER&L	N/A	1989	1990
L9	The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Transport Co. Converted to East Troy Railroad Locomotive L9	50-ton Steeplecab Loco.	1944	TMER&T ETER	N/A	1988 1988	1990
13332	Soo Line (former Duluth South Shore & Atlantic)	Flat Car (Hobo Car)	1924	Pullman	N/A	1985	2002



# East Troy Railroad 2023 Dinner Trains

## KENTUCKY DERBY TRAIN

May 6

Pimento cheese spread with petite toasts, southern sweet potato and spinach salad, Kentucky Hot Brown Sliders, Shrimp and Smoked Grits

## MOTHER'S DAY TRAIN

May 13

Burrata, Arugula and Compressed Cantaloupe Salad, Grilled Bernaise Salmon, Chocolate Éclair Trifle

## BURGER TRAIN

May 20

½ Pound Angus Burger with Trimmings

## GOURMET MAC-N-CHEESE

June 3

Cavatappi Noodles with Three-cheese blend with Pulled Pork, Bacon, Broccoli, and Jalapeño Toppings

## FATHER'S DAY

June 17

Wisconsin Cheese Board, Wedge Salad, Bavarian Pork Chop braised with sauerkraut and pineapple bourbon chutney, mashed potatoes and sautéed seasonal vegetables

## STARS AND STRIPES

July 15

Wisconsin Cheese Board, Artisan Salad, Bacon Wrapped Filet, accompanied by Twice-Baked Mashed Potatoes and sautéed seasonal vegetables

## THAT'S AMORE

July 22

Italian Garden Salad, Italian Meatballs in House-made Marinara Sauce, Pasta Bundles, sautéed farm-fresh vegetables

## SURF-N-TURF

Aug. 5

Wisconsin Cheese Board, 6-ounce filet topped with skewered Garlic and Lime Shrimp, Truffle Oil Potatoes, sautéed farm-fresh vegetables

## FAMILY PICNIC TRAIN

Aug. 19

All Beef Hot Dogs with assorted toppings, with Kettle Crunch Potato Chips, pickles and fresh fruit

## SOUTHERN DELIGHT

Aug. 26

Southern Shrimp Dip with Alabama Crackers, Slaw Salad, Baby Back Pork Ribs with Bourbon BBQ sauce, Creamy Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes, Summer Kernelled Corn

## FALL HARVEST

Sept. 23

Wisconsin Cheese Board, Chopped Kale Salad, Beef Bourguignon, Roasted Garlic and Chipotle Smashed Potatoes, roasted farm-fresh vegetables

## OKTOBERFEST

Sept. 30

German Beer Cheese Spread and Pretzels, Cucumber and Radicchio Salad, Sauerbraten, Brussels Sprouts, German Dill Mashed Potatoes, Soft Pretzel Roll

## AUTUMN GLOW

Oct. 7

Wisconsin Cheeseboard, Mixed Green Salad, Whisky Glazed Brisket, Cheddar Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Fall Vegetable Mélange

## SWEETEST DAY

Oct. 14

Wisconsin Cheese Board, Autumn Walnut Salad, Filet Mignon with Bourbon Glaze, Red Skin Potato Mashers, roasted seasonal vegetables

## SURF-N-TURF

Oct. 21

Wisconsin Cheese Board, 6-oz Filet topped with Skewered Lime and Garlic Shrimp, Truffle Oil Potatoes, sautéed farm-fresh vegetables

## ADULT HALLOWEEN

Oct. 28

Caudron Dip, Spooky Salad, Cider Marinated Short Ribs, Smoked Cheddar Scalloped Potatoes, seasonal vegetables



# Fine dining on the East Troy Railroad

Since 1992, the East Troy Railroad Museum has been proud to offer elegant Dinner Train experiences to our guests from around the world.

Our Dinner Trains take passengers on a two-hour journey over our picturesque line. Salads and appetizers are preset on tables as our guests board the train. Soon a delicious entrée is delivered to the tables, to be enjoyed while beautiful scenery passes by the picture windows.

The Dinner Train travels past the Elegant Farmer stop and pauses along the shore of Lower Phantom Lake. Here, passengers hear a brief talk about the history of the line, the cars they are riding in and, of course, the famous legend of Lower Phantom Lake! Sunsets across the lake are beautiful when viewed from this spot.

When you come, we hope you'll share your experience on social media. There should be a number of what we used to call "Kodak Moments," both inside and outside the cars.

It is not uncommon to see swans on the lake along with other birds. After visiting the lake, our train pulls across Highway ES and into Indianhead Park in Mukwonago. Here, guests are offered the chance to get off the train to stretch their legs, get some pictures and enjoy the park. After about 15 minutes, we re-board the train and head back to East Troy while enjoying dessert and coffee - or after dinner drinks. After all, we are in Wisconsin, so bar service is available!

A common question we have received in the past is; "Can we

bring our young child on the Dinner Train?"

Our Dinner Trains are really designed for adults, but we have designed our Picnic Trains to be perfect for families with young children. See Page 4 to find out more about the Picnic Trains.

### Reserve a spot

Prepaid reservations are

required at least one day prior to event. Tickets can be purchased at the railroad's website or by calling 262-642-3263.

Options for special dietary needs can be found on the main "Dinner Trains" page of our website.

Dinner Train tickets include the meal and gratuity. Bar service is also available. Onboard restrooms

are provided.

The dress code is business casual and high heels are not recommended. Seating is limited and reservations are non-refundable. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

For more information, please visit the Dinner Train page of our website at [easttroyrr.org/dinner-trains.html](http://easttroyrr.org/dinner-trains.html).



**above:** In addition to fantastic food, beautiful scenery and sunsets are part of the trip. **top:** Guests enjoy an elegant meal in the East Troy Railroad Museum's Dining Cars. Special dining trains are scheduled throughout the season and are also available on a charter basis. For more information, visit [easttroyrr.org](http://easttroyrr.org).



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**right:** Car 228, which is being restored at the East Troy Railroad Museum, is one of just five North Shore Line Merchandise Dispatch cars that remain. See related story on Page 3. **above:** In 2021, East Troy Railroad Museum volunteers completed the restoration of North Shore Car 761, shown here on its maiden trip.

JENNY MCCARTHY PHOTO Trolley Times



SCOTT PATRICK PHOTO Trolley Times

# Early North Shore Line history and the origin of 'Merchandise Despatch' cars

By Scott Patrick  
EAST TROY RAILROAD

The North Shore Line began life as the Bluff City Electric in the mid-1890s. By the end of the decade, it had become the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric.

Freight business, including interchange with other railroads, was always a consideration for interurbans and the C&ME was no exception, since it had mainline connections with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern, Milwaukee Road, Soo Line, and Chicago and North Western.

The C&ME in 1902 operated an express service from Evanston to Waukegan with small baggage compartments in their cars. In 1905, freight and express revenues made up nearly 40% of gross revenues. However, freight service on the line was restricted because some of the suburbs the line ran through (on the Shore Line Route) would not permit conventional freight trains with freight cars pulled by locomotives through their city limits.

Utilities magnate Samuel Insull took over the C&ME in 1916 and renamed it the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad, commonly known as the North Shore Line. Insull wanted to develop the interurban's "less than carload" or LCL business as well as its interchange freight services.

## North Shore Freight and Merchandise 'Despatch' Service

The North Shore Line inaugurated fast Merchandise Despatch (British spelling) freight

service in 1917. To get around freight hauling restrictions, early Merchandise Despatch cars, or MD cars, were simply old passenger coaches with all of the seats removed. The North Shore took ownership of seven Jewett-built combines in 1917 to aid in the handling of luggage and LCL items on passenger trains. The LCL service became highly profitable and was very convenient during the time before paved super-highways.

To expedite LCL business, the North Shore opened a freight house in 1919 on the north side of Chicago at Montrose Avenue between the L and ramp down to the Milwaukee Road (just south of the Wilson/Uptown station). This location was seven miles north of the Loop and not the most convenient for shippers.

To increase business, the North Shore also opened seven other freight houses around downtown Chicago. Customers could drop off their shipments and North Shore trucks would take them to Montrose for transfer to MD cars. The North Shore also operated eight suburban freight houses between Chicago and Milwaukee where MD trains would stop to pick up and drop off LCL freight.

In 1920 the company ordered its first of a series of specially designed MD cars. The cars were built by the Cincinnati Car Company. The first 12 cars were of composite wood and steel construction. Each of these cars could carry 20 tons of freight and were powered by two 140 horsepower motors (similar to those on passenger cars). The controls and air brakes were identical to those on

North Shore passenger cars.

By 1924, a total of 37 MD cars had been ordered, some of which had four motors. The later cars had one center freight door per side, whereas early cars had two freight doors at either end of each side. Five refrigerated MD cars were delivered from the Cincinnati Car Company in 1926. These cars were powered by the 600 volt DC trolley system. However, they did not have traction motors, only control cabs.

Thanks to these North Shore innovations, freight and merchandise traffic increased faster than passenger traffic. Revenues went from \$60,000 in 1916 to \$470,000 in 1920 and in 1923 total freight and express revenues exceeded \$1 million for the first time in company history. The biggest reason for this success was the North Shore's fast reliable service. LCL shipments on steam railroads could take up to a week between Chicago and Milwaukee. The North Shore charged higher prices compared to steam railroads, but guaranteed overnight delivery, making their service very popular.

After completion of the Skokie Valley Route in 1926, the increase in freight traffic was incredible. The Skokie Valley Route eliminated the freight restrictions and slow running through the Shore Line suburbs and opened up the North Shore Line to many new suburban customers.

Also in 1926, the North Shore began its "Ferry-Truck" service, the first of its kind anywhere. North Shore semi-trailers were loaded on special flat cars at the Montrose Freight Terminal in Chicago (this ramp was on the south side of

Montrose by the Milwaukee Road interchange yard). Trailers were backed up over a loading ramp onto flat cars. Usually these trains were powered by two four-motor MD cars on the front and a single MD car acting as caboose and helper on the back. Trailers were unloaded at Harrison Street in Milwaukee (which had three ramps). After 1930, a ramp was also built across from the freight house in Racine.

Flat cars 1500-1503 were built in 1926 and had a capacity of 2 semi-trailers. Cars 1504-1513 were built in 1927 and had a capacity of 3 semi-trailers. These special flat cars, ordered from Standard Steel Car Company, had locking devices which secured the semi-trailers. These cars are similar to the cars used today for piggyback rail transport. The North Shore's service also included pick-up and drop off of the trailers directly to each clients' business. By 1927, the piggyback trains, along with regular merchandise dispatch trains, accounted for seven daily trips in each direction. Trains would head to and from the Montrose Freight House via the L to Howard and then over the Skokie Valley Route to Milwaukee.

## Milwaukee Electric, Milwaukee Northern and North Shore Express Service

The North Shore was not alone in offering merchandise express services. In 1915, The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company introduced express and freight service to their system, first to

East Troy and Burlington, then to Watertown. For a time, one could even see North Shore MD cars traveling west on the TMER&L to Pabst Farms on the Waukesha - Watertown line.

The Milwaukee Northern, originally a separate company from TMER&L, had established express freight service soon after the line was completed from Milwaukee north to Sheboygan in 1908. Sheboygan Light, Power & Railway Company operated interurban service west of Sheboygan to Kohler, Plymouth and Elkhart Lake. The railroad shared a terminal with the Milwaukee Northern in Sheboygan and special LCL rates were created for shipments between points along the line through to Chicago. Some of these trains were dubbed "Bathtub Specials" since they hauled Kohler plumbing parts from Kohler to Chicago.

## The end of North Shore Express Service

The Great Depression hurt every aspect of the North Shore's business but traffic improved with the coming of World War Two. In 1941, the North Shore Line hauled over 2 million tons of carload and LCL freight. That same year the Ferry Truck business grew so much the North Shore had to convert 15 gondolas to flat cars to carry highway trailers. But management knew this increased traffic wouldn't last. Federal contracts for construction projects at Great Lakes and Fort Sheridan would not last. And even with the war, more and more shippers

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Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in East Troy aboard the East Troy Electric Railroad Santa Train to kickoff the holiday season. After traveling from Mukwonago on the Santa Train, the Clauses greet children in the downtown square in East Troy before the Bob Barutha Memorial Christmas Tree is lit for the season.

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# SANTA TRAIN opens holiday season in style

The East Troy Electric Railroad's Santa Train departs on the first Saturday in December.

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

Spectators can catch a glimpse of Santa along Highway ES. The train will stop briefly at the following crossings:

- 5:05 p.m., train departs at The Elegant Farmer;
- 5:25 p.m., Army Lake Road - Army Lake Camp;
- 5:56 p.m., St. Peter's Road;
- 6:13 p.m., Byrnes Street;

- 6:25 p.m., Division Street;
- 6:30 p.m., Santa arrives on Village Square via East Troy Fire Department truck.

For more information, visit [www.easttroyrr.org](http://www.easttroyrr.org).

## Santa on the Square

In anticipation of Santa's arrival, festivities on the East Troy Village Square begin around 6 p.m. with concessions and a Christmas carol sing-along. The East Troy Lioness Club offers refreshments in the warmth of the Lions Lodge beginning at 5 p.m.

The East Troy Holiday Marketplace, featuring vendors offering a variety of holiday gift items and entertainment inside Ivan's Backstage on the square, is also part of the holiday happenings.

Photos of children with Santa and Mrs. Claus are available following the tree lighting, with the proceeds to benefit the East Troy Food Pantry.

For more information, visit [www.easttroy.org](http://www.easttroy.org).

## Midnight Magic

Midnight Magic, sponsored by the Mukwonago Area Chamber of Commerce also takes place the same day as the Santa Train. The community-wide event runs from 10 a.m. until midnight.

The event also offers pictures with Santa, other holidays-themed attractions and events, a marketplace/craft fair with more than 100 vendors, carriage rides, Christmas Parade, live nativity scene and fireworks.

For more information, visit [www.mukwonagochamber.org](http://www.mukwonagochamber.org).





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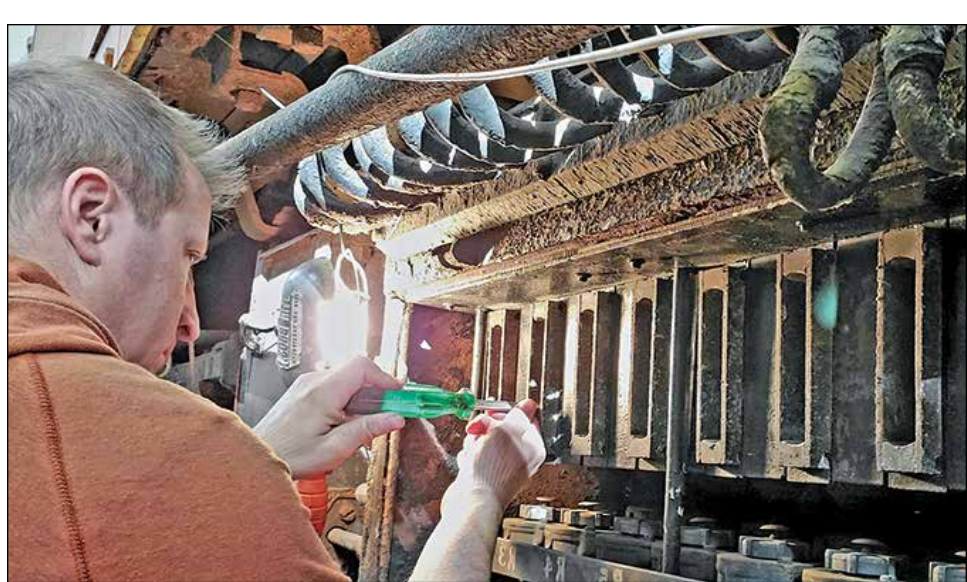
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Eric Zabelny inspects the interlocks and relays on Car 228.

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### NORTH SHORE CAR 228 • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

installed on the roof when everything is complete. New trolley boards have been cut and new roof mats for the ends will be made as well. Both freight doors were rebuilt, and new cab doors – which were made 20 years ago – were located and hung.

In 2023, volunteers will continue cleaning and testing all mechanical and electrical components. They will continue replacing rotted floor boards and start pulling new wires from controls to components. They will also place and treat new canvas for the roof.

It's too early for the museum to set an exact completion date, but the car should be done later in 2023. This is all possible thanks to the dedicated efforts of the many volunteers working on this project, the board of directors who approved the project, and the many members of the railfan community who have also shown their support.

A special thank you goes to the Heritage Rail Alliance and Alan Zelazo, who donated new whistles for the car, and are helping to find a few other parts for us.

### HISTORY • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

were turning away from rail in favor of highway motor carriers.

At the end of World War II, the North Shore's fleet of MD cars was nearly a quarter century old and in need of replacement. With improved highways and long-haul trucks, the amount of revenue they generated did not justify the expenditure. The North Shore Line got out of the LCL business in 1947 and also ended its Ferry Truck service.

Conventional interchange freight service as well as limited express package hauling, done in the Jewett combine cars on certain passenger trains, continued until abandonment in 1963.

At the end of MD service, the cars met

various fates. Some were retained for work service, as tool cars, sleet cutters, snow plows, yard switchers, or for moving supplies back and forth. Car 228 became a sleet cutter, which scrapes ice from the overhead trolley wire.

Of the 37 MD cars and five refrigerator cars originally built, nine were initially saved after the North Shore Line was abandoned in 1963. Today only five survive: 228 at the East Troy Railroad Museum, three at the Illinois Railway Museum, and one at the Iowa Traction Railroad.

Scott Patrick would like to thank David Sadowski and Stephen Rudolph for their help writing this article, as well as CERA Bulletins 106, 107, 111 and 112.

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# East Troy dedicated restored car 4439 in 2022

During Chicago Day, on Aug. 13, 2022, the East Troy Railroad Museum dedicated newly restored Car 4439, which joins two existing former Chicago Elevated cars in East Troy.

Car 4439 served as the first train of the day on Chicago Day and is now a regular member of the East Troy operating fleet. When the car returned after its first run, cake and punch were served in the Depot.

The East Troy Railroad Museum acquired CTA Car 4439 in 2020 and immediately began to restore the car for a return to operating status. The restoration was completed in record time.

Car 4439 was built by the Cincinnati Car Company in 1924 and was retired by the CTA in 1973 after nearly 50 years of service. Eric Zabelny and Paul Averdung led the restoration project, with help from a host of volunteers, including Pete Frorath, Patrick Shepherd, John Larson, Karen Larson, Miles Larson, Kurt Smith, Dustin Robinson, Dale Hansen and Scott Patrick.

Steve Rudolph – one of our volunteers and a member of our Board of Directors – provided the following history for the 4000-series Chicago Elevated Cars.

The 4000s were Chicago's first steel body elevated cars. The first series of these cars, numbered 4001 through 4250, were built by the Cincinnati

Car Company between 1914 and 1915 and resembled designs appearing at the time in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia.

Car 4439, built by the Cincinnati Car Company in 1924, was part of an order of 205 more advanced second-generation models.

When new, car 4439 had a salmon-colored roof and green body, with burnt orange paint through the window area. Throughout the 1940s and into the early 1950s, the car was painted orange and brown. Finally, from around 1952 until retirement, it was painted cream and green. Car 4439 has been restored in the cream and green color scheme.

Until the early 1950s, the 4000-series cars were used almost exclusively on the North-South/State Street Subway line (today's north side Red Line, State Street Subway, and south side Green Line). Car 4439 ran on this line until at least late 1952.

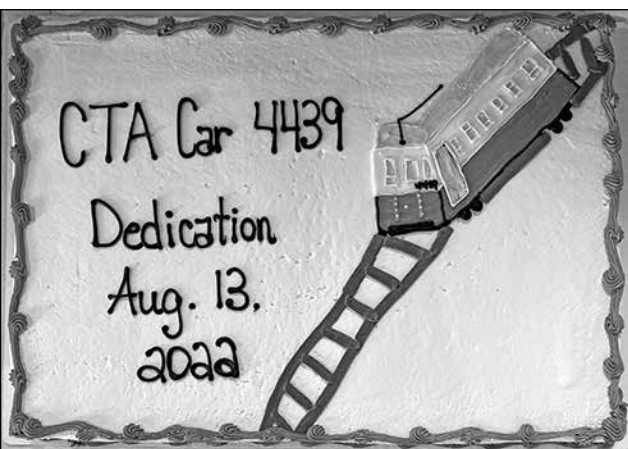
Starting on Sept. 30, 1957, the Evanston Express was equipped entirely with 4000-series cars, including car 4439. The car was moved to the Lake Street line for a short time in the early 1960s, but returned to Evanston for good by Nov. 25, 1962.

The car is 48 feet long, has seats for 52 passengers, and weighs 76,800 pounds. Three other museums owned the car after it was retired by the CTA in 1973.



**top:** The operating crews are ready for the day on Chicago Day last year. **above:** Steve Rudolph cuts the dedication ribbon held by other members of the East Troy Railroad Museum Board of Directors.

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Piggly Wiggly provided a nice cake for the Chicago Day celebration and car dedication.

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## East Troy Depot gets new windows

Just after last year's Christmas Trains finished running, 30 new windows were installed in the East Troy Depot. The windows appear historically correct and they are much more energy efficient than the old, single-pane drafty windows that had been in the building since 1911.

Our new president, Ward Komorowski, supervised the installation of the windows and worked with a team of volunteers to frame out the interiors of the new windows, which gives the depot a much nicer, more finished appearance.

The new windows were funded partially by a grant from the We Energies Foundation, and partially from railroad operating income.

With the new windows, the next step will be a heating and air-conditioning system for the depot. If you would like to donate toward that project, please contact Ward Komorowski by calling 262-642-3263 and leaving a message.

The East Troy Railroad Depot is sporting new windows for the 2023 season.

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# Welcome to

# East Troy!

By Vanessa Lenz  
EAST TROY CHAMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**T**he East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to East Troy. We are so glad that you're here. We know you'll enjoy your visit to the East Troy Electric Railroad, Wisconsin's last original electric railroad line.

After your ride, we hope you'll get out and about to discover all of the great places to go and things to do in the area.

In the past five years, we've witnessed East Troy transform into one of the coolest places in Southeastern Wisconsin.

You'll feel it when you walk along the streets of our downtown historic Village Square, with a history that is well-preserved and now ripe with a little bit of everything: a mean brewing scene, diverse event line up and a foodie haven that put cities five times its size to shame (think Neapolitan woodfire pizzeria, farm-to-fork café and award-winning BBQ all within walking distance).

East Troy is also home to the most desirable attractions around, including the famous Alpine Valley Music Theatre, Alpine Valley Resort (voted No. 1 family resort), SkyDive Milwaukee (at East Troy Airport) and more.

If you're more of a nature lover, East Troy will capture your heart with its striking waterfronts and flourishing green space. Ten local lakes and three state natural areas are all located within two miles of downtown.

This list features tips on how to make the most of your trip: what to see, what to do and insider secrets.

For to-the-minute updates, check out [easttroy.org](http://easttroy.org) and individual business websites. Feel free to email any questions to: [vanessa@easttroy.org](mailto:vanessa@easttroy.org).

## MUST-SEE AND DO EAST TROY

### Snap a Photo at East Troy Village Square Park

If you've ever wanted to feel the proverbial heartbeat of East Troy, check out our most notable landmark, East Troy Village Square Park, which has a long history as the backdrop for community events like East Troy Lights, Brewfest and East Troy's Memorial Day Weekend Corn and Brat Roast.

The bandstand in the park's center, provides the perfect selfie opportunity and between the people buzzing in and out of the surrounding businesses and cars making their way around the heart of East Troy, there's



**above:** Redd Tanis Ramlow (left) and Javier McCormack share a pizza at Grassway Organics Pizza on the Farm, a welcoming lure to bring people closer to the source of their food. **top:** The East Troy Cycling Classic, day 2 of the Tour of America's Dairyland, will return to East Troy Friday, June 16. The action-packed criterium style race course on the East Troy Village Square and surrounding streets allows spectators to see cyclists whiz past every three minutes.

rarely a dull moment.

And if there isn't a crowd, you can always sit back and relax near the picturesque bandstand in the park's center that is an integral part the village.

### Raise your glass at East Troy Brewery

A must-stop for foodies and beer lovers alike, East Troy's first brewery touts house-made beers, along with a locally sourced menu with tasty options for the whole family.

From its small batch, locally-made cheese curds to its Friday Fish Fry to its White Truffle Pear Pizza, East Troy Brewery uses fresh ingredients to make everything from scratch, each day.

The locally-owned brewery, which opened in a remodeled historic bank building dating back to 1892, features exclusive taps, an outdoor patio, fireplace lounge, open kitchen, indoor seating and Taproom on the southwest corner of the East Troy Village Square, 2905 Main St. For more information, visit [etbrew.com](http://etbrew.com).

### Connect with local history

The East Troy Area Historical Society's Kubicki Museum and Heritage Center, 2106 Church St., on the village square provides a showcase of local history, including changing exhibits, artifacts, books, maps, documents, photographs and other materials.

To make an appointment, call 262-642-2642 or visit [easttroyhistory.org](http://easttroyhistory.org).

### Sample authentic sushi

The much-buzzed-about restaurant, Chinuk Sushi & Grill, & el Pedro Taco, is located at 2919 Main St., situated directly west of East Troy Brewery on the Village Square.

The food menu brings big taste, offering two completely unique dining options in one location.

In addition to a full sushi bar, offerings include pork, fish, shrimp, steak, and chicken street tacos for those who prefer a lighter fare.

Those who want to further elevate their dining experience, can dive into Chinuk's bar, featuring a robust selection of sakes and

wines as well as specialty cocktails. For more information, visit [chinuksushi.com](http://chinuksushi.com).

### Grab the perfect cup

East Troy's café 2894 On Main, located on the northwest corner of the East Troy Village Square, was designed to be an easily accessible community hub, featuring Tesla charging stations, community chalk message boards and outdoor patio.

The beautifully renovated historic site from 1856, features a farm-to-fork menu and uses locally roasted beans with local, organic milk.

For more information, visit [2894onMain.com](http://2894onMain.com).

### Get sauced on the square

With locally sourced, seasonally inspired pizzas, Sauced is a definite must-try when visiting the East Troy Village Square.

At the 100 percent wood-fired Neapolitan style pizzeria, you'll find favorites like a Margherita with fresh mozzarella, the crowd-pleasing Prosciutto Verde and Carne, as well



a variety of house-made, organic gelato. The fan favorite restaurant is located at 2886 Main St. and features an awesome beer selection and outdoor seating. Visit getsauced.pizza for more information.

### Step back in time

Step back in time with a summertime trip to J. Lauber's Ice Cream Parlor, 2010 Church St., East Troy, for a malt, sundae or split.

Visitors can choose from a four-page menu of traditional treats, ranging from fountain soda to 20 flavors of malts or selections from an old-fashioned candy counter.

For more information, call 262-642-3679.

### Visit Wisconsin's oldest operating inn and tavern

Refresh at East Troy House Historic Inn and Tavern, 2093 Division St. The oldest running inn and tavern in Wisconsin has been operating on the East Troy Village Square since 1842.

Its menu features its famous Friday Fish Fry, soups, specialty salads, sandwiches, seafood, pasta, steaks and more.

For more information, call 262-642-7100.

### Fill up on award-winning BBQ

Take your pick of pulled pork, sliced brisket, pulled chicken, ribs or smoked sausages at LD's BBQ, located in a 2,900-square-foot East Troy restaurant, 2511 Main St.

The award-winning eatery is inspired by roadside stands and mobile trailers popular in states like South Carolina and New Mexico.

For more information, visit ldsbbq.com.

### Drink mead, save bees

The Hive Taproom, W2463 County Road ES, is Wisconsin's only taproom serving their own session mead, brewed on site and made with their own honey.

Different from traditional mead, The Hive's 14 taps of session mead are brewed like a beer, are naturally gluten-free and finish like a beer/cider: dry, carbonated and served cold.

With a focus on locally-sourced ingredients from raw, local honey to Wisconsin hops to Door County cherries, the Hive's session mead is a true taste of Wisconsin.

Stop in or visit the Hive's website for a



East Troy's First Fridays transforms the heart of downtown into an exciting fusion of all the community has to offer – a one-of-a-kind, free, outdoor event featuring live music, various food, market and artisan vendors and activities for all ages. The series returns on the First Friday of the month, from 5 to 8 p.m., May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4 and Sept. 1 at East Troy Village Square Park.

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calendar of weekly trivia, live music, plus other special events throughout the year.

For more information, visit thehivetaproom.com.

### Try the Best Apple Pie in America

Nothing beats a slice of apple pie and The Elegant Farmer, 1545 Main St. Mukwonago, has been known for its signature Apple Pie Baked in a Paper Bag for decades, baking over a quarter of a million pies each year.

The Elegant Farmer's trademarked treat has been called "the best pie in America" by top publications "Gourmet Magazine," "The Wall Street Journal," "Food Network" and "Milwaukee Magazine."

The attraction also serves up homemade, fresh-picked and delicious offerings in its Farm Kitchen Bakery, Deli & Market.

For more information, visit elegantfarmer.com.

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InkLink Books, known for hosting bestselling authors at its Read & Feed book dinners and virtual events, captures the nostalgia of the best independent bookstores

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by filling its shelves with books from hyper-curated lists. Open Tues.-Sat. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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### Square Roots/ 2894 on Main

2894onmain.com | 2894 Main St.  
East Troy | 262-642-9600

Located inside the café, 2894 on Main, Square Roots has created a local hub for community-produced goods, featuring a unique selection of groceries and gifts. Open Sat. & Sun from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon-Fri from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Square Side Resale & Consignment Boutique

2874 Main St., East Troy | 262-215-3736

Square Side Boutique specializes in women and children's fashion and proves that you don't have to sacrifice style for sustainable and low-cost alternatives to shopping new.

The shop recently unveiled a complete renovation with a new contemporary look and layout with open sightlines and lounge areas. Open Tues.-Wed. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thurs.-Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Strumpet and Tart

2920 Main St., East Troy | 262-745-2904

Strumpet and Tart offers a curated selection of goods that will give you design inspiration for any room of your home, including items sourced directly from Turkey while researching artisans.

Whether you're in the market for a statement-making sofa or hoping to splurge on a regal mirror or warm up the most minimalist of rooms with an authentic Turkish rug, Strumpet and Tart has you covered. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wed.-Sun.

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## SQUARE



## Where to Eat



📍 **2894 on Main**  
2894 Main St.  
2894onMain.com | (262) 642-9600  
Farm-to-fork café with coffee sourced from Stone Creek Coffee



📍 **Chinuk Sushi & Grill, & el Pedro Taco**  
2919 Main St.  
chinuksushi.com | (262) 441-4085  
Two restaurant options in one convenient location



📍 **East Troy Brewery**  
2905 Main St.  
etbrew.com | (262) 642-2670  
A must-stop for foodies and beer lovers alike



📍 **East Troy House Historic Inn & Tavern**  
2093 Division St. | (262) 642-7100  
Wisconsin's Oldest operating Inn & Tavern Since 1842



📍 **Sauced Pizzeria**  
2886 Main St.  
getsauced.pizza  
Locally sourced, seasonally inspired pizzas cooked in a 100% wood fired oven

## Where to Shop



📍 **Home on the Square**  
2888 Main St.  
homeonthesquare.shop | (262) 642-5400  
Unique blend of high quality domestic and international products



📍 **InkLink Books**  
2890 Main St  
inklinkbooks.com | (262) 642-9607  
Captures the curation and nostalgia of the best independent bookstores



📍 **The Global Glass**  
2884 Main St.  
theglobalglass.com | (262) 684-5420  
Full-service retail store featuring beer, wine and spirits.



📍 **Square Side Resale & Consignment Boutique**  
2874 Main St.  
(262) 215-3736  
Consignment boutique specializing in women and children's fashion



📍 **Square Roots/ 2894 on Main**  
2894 Main St.  
(262) 642-9600 | 2894onmain.com  
Selection of local groceries and gifts



📍 **Strumpet & Tart**  
2920 Main St  
Homegoods from New to Vintage, Odd to Fun!



📍 **Zinn's on the Square**  
2087 Division St.  
(414) 861-9466  
Eclectic mix of artisan goods and antiques

## Where to Grab Drinks



📍 **Al Smith's Saloon**  
2878 Main St.  
(262) 642-4446



📍 **Sammy's Place**  
2079 Division St.  
(262) 642-5523





Strumpet and Tart on the square features a rotating selection of new, vintage and vintage-inspired home décor and furniture.

SARAH MANKE Trolley Times

**The Carpenter's Daughter**  
2893 Main St., Unit A, East Troy  
262-745-6788

The East Troy Village Square welcomed its newest addition at the beginning of 2023 and owner Kim Price says her faith-based brick and mortar is an ideal fit for the area. The store will feature home, gifts, apparel and seasonal items as well as custom crafts and monthly wine and craft night for ladies. Everything is faith based and inventory is updated frequently. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon., Wed. and Fri., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thurs., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat.

**Treasure A-Z Antiques and Appraisals**  
3066 Main St., Suite 102  
East Troy | 262-893-8222

This new shop features eclectic antique finds to enhance your life. Owner Cheri Riehle, a Certified Appraisers Guild of America antique appraiser, collects, buys and sells antiques, specializing in unique and hard to find items with a flair for architectural, industrial and repurposed pieces. You can spend all day shopping AZ's overflowing selection. Open Thurs., Fri. and Sat. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Zinn's on the Square**  
2087 Division St., East Troy | 262-441-0280

Zinn's features a distinctive and unconventional home and lifestyle marketplace. The shop puts the focus on area makers and local small handmade businesses with products from around 30 local artisans. Open Tues.-Wed. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thurs.-Fri. from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat.-Sun

**FOOD & ESSENTIALS**

**East Troy Pharmacy**  
3284 Main St., East Troy | 262-642-3510

**Frank's Piggly Wiggly**  
3238 W. Main St., East Troy | 262-642-5524

**Grassway Organics**  
grasswayorganics.com | W2716 Friemoth Road, East Troy | (920) 894-4201

**Hometown Sausage Kitchen**  
Hometownsausageskitchen.com | W1184 County Road L, East Troy | 262-642-3264

**Kwik Trip**  
1180 County Road ES  
East Troy | 262-642-1409

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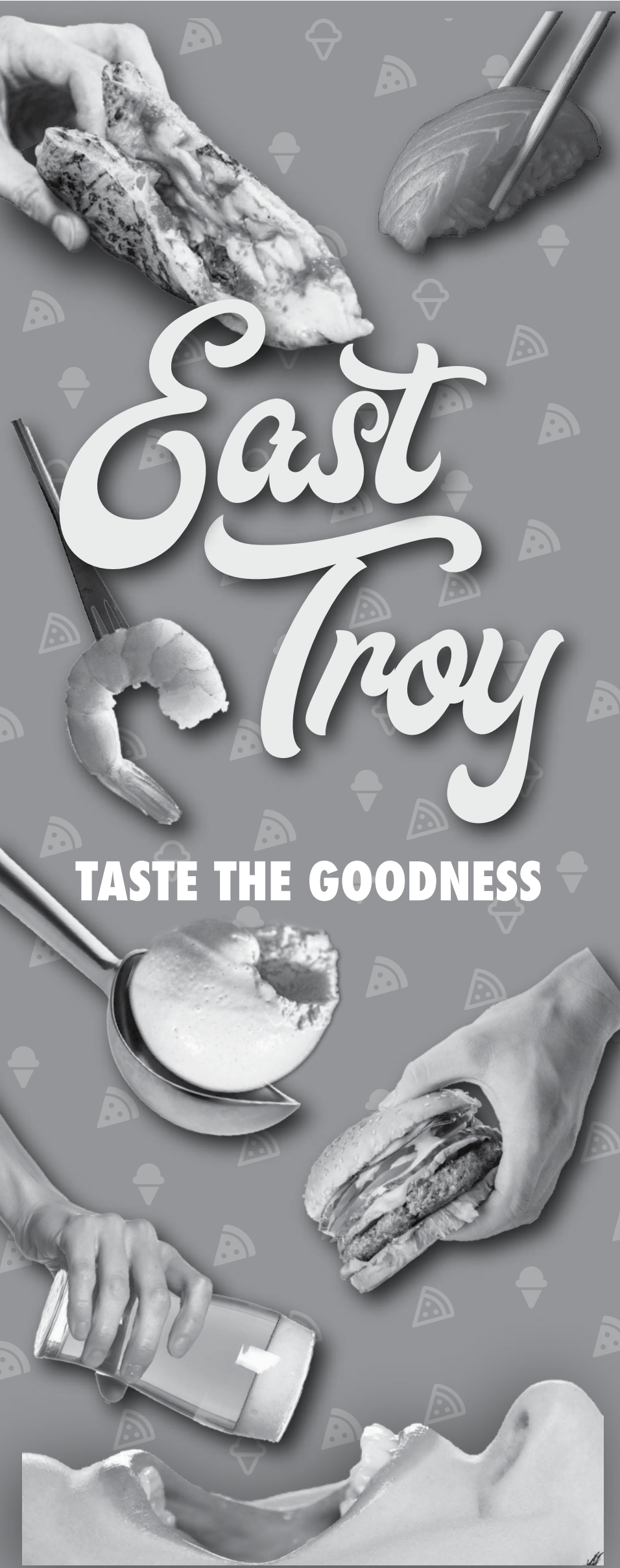
**Martin's Hardware-Rental & Pet**  
3288 Main St., East Troy

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shop.west20.com | W4812 Highway 20  
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JAMIE ROHRER Trolley Times



**TASTE THE GOODNESS**

*East Troy Chamber of Commerce*  
2023 Calendar

*March*

**EAST TROY CHAMBER ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 23 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Brewery

*May*

**EAST TROY FIRST FRIDAY TGIFF!**  
FRIDAY, MAY 5 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square Park

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 46th ANNUAL CORN & BRAT ROAST AND COMMUNITY-WIDE RUMMAGE**  
FRIDAY, MAY 26 - MONDAY, MAY 29  
East Troy Village Square Park

**EAST TROY BREWFEST**  
SUNDAY, MAY 28 | 3 - 6 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square Park

*June*

**EAST TROY FIRST FRIDAY LET'S PLAY**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square Park

**EAST TROY CYCLING CLASSIC**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 16 | 12 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square Park

*July*

**EAST TROY FIRST FRIDAY WET N WILD(ISH)**  
FRIDAY, JULY 7 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square Park

*August*

**EAST TROY FIRST FRIDAY ART ON THE SQUARE**  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square Park

*September*

**EAST TROY FIRST FRIDAY HOMETOWN HARVEST FEST**  
FRIDAY, September 1 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square Park

**EAST TROY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**  
SATURDAY, SEPT 9 - SUNDAY, SEPT 10  
East Troy Village Square Park

*December*

**EAST TROY LIGHTS**  
DECEMBER 2 - 31 | Shows @ 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., & 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square Park

**SANTA ON THE SQUARE & SANTA PARADE TRAIN**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 6 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square Park

**EAST TROY WINTER WINE WALK**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square

**EAST TROY COMMUNITY NIGHT/SANTA TOURS**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
East Troy Village Square

**EAST TROY NEW YEAR'S EVE BALLDROP**, PRESENTED BY ALLAN ICS  
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