

Trolley Times

The Official 2024 Visitors Guide of
the East Troy Railroad Museum



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MAKE MEMORIES THAT LAST A *Lifetime*

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.

Meander through the museum in our depot, where kids can be trolley motormen, discover the joy of model railroads, and learn about electricity. The gift shop features a unique selection of railroad souvenirs for all ages.

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. Train schedules, ticket prices, and equipment are subject to change without notice.

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The amenities

- Parking is free at the museum.
- Smoke-free trains run rain or shine.
- Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted.
- Public washrooms are available.

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EAST TROY RAILROAD MUSEUM 2024 SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS • JUNE 7 TO AUG. 30

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

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



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SATURDAYS • APRIL 13 TO OCT. 26

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

**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 • MAY 5 TO OCT. 27

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

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

All trains go to Indianhead
Park between Apr 13 and
Sep 1. During Harvest Fest
all trains stop at the Elegant Farmer.

FARES

Adults \$17.00 • Seniors (65+) \$14.50
Children (3-14) \$11.00 (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.

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Above: CTA
cars 4453,
4439 and 4420
are staged in
the East Troy
Yard for their
centennial
photo.

PHOTO BY
JEE MICHEEL
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Left: Happy
children await
the arrival of
a train at the
Elegant Farmer
station, led
by Chicago
Elevated Car
4420.

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TOM FLEMING
Trolley Times



EAST TROY RAILROAD

Chicago Transit Authority - 4000's Centennial

In the East Troy Electric Railroad's rich history, many significant milestones have been met. This year provides no exception, as the East Troy Electric Railroad celebrates the one-hundredth birthday of the Chicago Transit Authority 4000-series rapid transit cars.

This achievement demonstrates both the incredible build quality, as well as our ability to preserve and maintain the railcars in such beautiful condition.

Cars 4420, 4439, and 4453 were built in 1924 by the Cincinnati Car Company. Ordered on December 13, 1923, they were built for the Chicago Rapid Transit Company (CRT), a privately owned operation serving the Chicago area. The CRT became the Chicago Transit

Authority (CTA) on October 1, 1947.

The 4000-series cars had a tremendous length of service, with the first variants entering service in 1914. With the final passenger run of the 4000-series cars being in November of 1973, the final 4000-series cars, which had been converted to work cars, were taken out of service in July of 1977. That's a solid 63 years of 4000-series cars!

The East Troy Electric Railroad received its first 4000-series car, 4420, in 1982. The car was restored in 1985 and has been in service at our railroad since. The next car, the 4453, was restored in 1999 following its arrival in 1995.

The final car, the 4439, was acquired in 2020 and was restored in 2022. The

4439 was the only car to have been restored into the late scheme featuring green and cream coloration. The other two received the orange and green with a salmon roof.

With all three of these cars in beautiful mechanical condition, you can see all of them throughout the year in regular service on certain weekends. However, to commemorate this accomplishment, stay tuned closely for more information regarding a special event involving the 4420, 4439, and 4453 as we celebrate their centennial!

~ Jee Micheel

East Troy Railroad Volunteer

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Keeping the line clear and maintained

It takes a lot of time and effort to maintain all of the components of our train line.

In the springtime we burn off long grass and brush to control overgrowth of brush.

We have to maintain all 330 telephone poles that hold up our trolley overhead line and 7.5 miles of track.

With the team of many diverse skilled volunteers under the direction of our newly hired full-time mechanic, Joe McCarthy, we have successfully been able to do most of the necessary tasks without having to hire outside

services.

We have had many gracious donations of telephone poles, specialized equipment for us to use and a willingness from many volunteers to keep the line open.

Each week we drive the line with the track car (Speeder) or we use a specially outfitted pick up truck to inspect the track and overhead line.

All of this effort keeps our trains operating safely and efficiently.



INTRODUCING

Sue Budzien

The gift shop and museum is run by volunteer Sue Budzien. She rode on a Business after Five event back in 2015. The event was sponsored by the Village of East Troy Chamber of Commerce. There was a talk about volunteering on the train and Sue signed up.

Since that time Sue has been an integral part of this Museum with all that she does. She started in the Depot and then was asked to be a server on our Dinner Trains. She now also is a bartender, server and Car Host.

She helps stage the dinner trains along with helping with all the logistics in having them a first class event. In 2021 she was asked if she would take over as Gift Shop Manager which she did.

She has transformed the Museum and Gift shop area to be the best that it can be. She has brought in more unique merchandise, decorated, painted, staged artifacts along with doing all the purchasing and record keeping of all the inventory.

She is a delight to volunteer with as she has many new volunteers that work with her.

Sue was awarded Volunteer of the year in 2021.

Today she is retired from her career at Travelers Insurance Company in their subrogation department. She is usually at the Depot (Gift Shop/Museum) most days we are operating.

Stop in and meet this dedicated volunteer and hear her story first hand.



2024 Lineup of Events

Railfan Day

June 22

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 a scavenger hunt, miniature train rides, and operating model railroads.

Chicago Day

July 13

Celebrate Chicago’s railway history with a centennial celebration of our three CTA cars. We also will have our Chicago, South Shore & South Bend railroad six operating South Shore cars, originally built in the late 1920s. National Park Rangers from Indiana Dunes National Park will be on hand to explain the history of the South Shore Line.

Milwaukee Day

Aug. 3

Celebrate Milwaukee’s electric railroading history with a chance to see and ride on a 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

Aug 31

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.

Harvest Fest Trains

Sept. 7 through Oct. 27

Our regular season ends on Sept. 7 this year and we will then offer round-trip rides to the Elegant Farmer, where you can enjoy apple picking, a corn maze, and hayrides.

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

Trick or Treat trains

Oct. 4, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 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.

Christmas Parade Train

Dec. 7

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. 29 and 30

Dec. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21

Our magical ride will take you on a half hour trip 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 trip to East Troy.



Passengers enjoy a ride on Car 846, our historic Milwaukee Streetcar.
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Volunteers at the East Troy Railroad Museum spent many hours restoring Car 33, which was put back into service several years ago.
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Sunday Brunch Train Sept. 8

Our Sunday Brunch Train will run on Sept 8, 2024. 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.

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

The Picnic Train will be at Indian Head Park via a train ride

A kid friendly Family Picnic Train will run on Sunday, July 7, 2024.

This year we will take Train Cars #9 and #13 all the way to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago for a true picnic in the park with a box lunch.

Reservations are available through our website at www.easttroyrr.org.

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

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 can be reconfigured to accommodate musicians, wedding cakes, displays, or anything else you desire. 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 or call 262-684-9148.

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 give 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 at 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.



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

TOM FLEMING PHOTO *Trolley Times*

We get all the gratification we need by simply 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.



above: There are a variety of tasks with the East Troy Railroad that rely on volunteers, such as this crew, shown on the Speeder. **top:** East Troy Railroad volunteers enjoy lunch at the volunteer center before continuing with their tasks. **at right:** Evan Richards (right) and Rich Burger (left) prepare to depart with North Car 761.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS *Trolley Times*



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.

By being a member, 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 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 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.

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. Sponsorship 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 to 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 or call us at 262-642-3263.

Volunteer of the Year — Brian Gliatto

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 2023 award went to Brian Gliatto, who volunteers in many behind-the-scenes tasks. He is often at the Museum working with anything outside including pole replacement, tie replacement, and anything to do with woodworking as he is a high class woodworker. If there are projects that need heavy lifting Brian will be there.

Brian rode on a lunch charter a few years ago and responded after the Conductor encouraged him to fill out a volunteer application.

He spent his working years as a professional truck driver hauling large loads of concrete pipes and then retired from Biddle Trucking after 10 years of hauling steel. He is married to his lovely wife, Karen, who also joined as a volunteer, and lives in a peaceful country home near Big Bend.

Brian also credits his organic healthy eating for keeping him healthy and young.



Jim Feyerherm (from left), Brian Gliatto, Ryan Jonas, and Ward Komorowski at the award presentation during the 2023 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

TOM FLEMING PHOTO *Trolley Times*

2024 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	2024
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 2024 Dinner Trains

KENTUCKY DERBY TRAIN

May 4

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 11

Burrata, arugula and compressed cantaloupe salad, grilled bernaïse salmon, chocolate eclair trifle

BURGER TRAIN

May 18

½ pound angus burger with trimmings, potato chips, crisp dill pickles, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookie

SURF & TURF

June 1

Wisconsin cheese board, 6 oz. filet topped with skewered garlic & lime shrimp, truffle oil potatoes, local farm fresh assorted sautéed vegetables, dinner rolls and tiramisu cupcakes

FATHER'S DAY

June 15

Wisconsin cheese board, wedge salad, bavarian pork chop braised with sauerkraut and pineapple bourbon chutney, mashed potatoes and sautéed seasonal vegetables, apple turnover

STARS AND STRIPES

July 13

Wisconsin cheese board, artisan salad, bacon wrapped filet, accompanied by twice-baked mashed potatoes and sautéed seasonal vegetables

SURF & TURF

July 27

Wisconsin cheese board, 6 oz. filet topped with skewered garlic & lime shrimp, truffle oil potatoes, local farm fresh assorted sautéed vegetables, dinner rolls and tiramisu cupcakes

WINE & CHEESE

Aug. 10

Fine wines and cheeses are currently being sampled. Details and tickets will be available soon.

SOUTHERN DELIGHT

Aug. 17

Southern shrimp dip with Alabama crackers, slaw salad, baby back pork ribs with bourbon BBQ sauce, creamy buttermilk mashed potatoes, summer kernal confetti corn, jalapeno corn bread, peach cobbler cheesecake

BEER TASTING

Aug. 31

Heavy hors d'oeuvres while tasting a variety of beers brewed today, including weiss biers, lagers, ales and steam beers. The tasting will be led by an expert from Black Point Estate.

FALL HARVEST

Sept. 14

Wisconsin cheese board, chopped kale salad, beef bourguignon, roasted garlic and chipotle smashed potatoes, roasted farm-fresh vegetables, dinner rolls and apple spice cake

AUTUMN GLOW

Sept. 21

Wisconsin cheeseboard, mixed green salad, whiskey glazed brisket, cheddar mashed potatoes, sautéed fall vegetable mélange, dinner rolls and apple cider crumb cake

OKTOBERFEST

Oct. 5

German beer cheese spread and pretzels, cucumber and radicchio salad, sauerbraten, German dill mashed potatoes, carrots and leeks, German chocolate cake

EPICURIAN EXPRESS

Oct. 12

Chef's charcuterie board, crispy prosciutto and grilled pear salad, lobster newburg brochette, filet mignon, dauphinoise potatoes, asparagus mélange, herb bundle garnish, triple chocolate brownie trifle

GOURMET LUNCH

Oct. 12

House salad, roasted beef tips with mushroom gravy, garlic smashers, seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls and chocolate cake with fresh fruit garnish

SWEETEST DAY

Oct. 19

Wisconsin cheese board, autumn walnut salad, filet mignon with bourbon glaze, red skin potato mashers, roasted seasonal vegetables, soft rolls and flourless chocolate cake

ADULT HALLOWEEN

Oct. 26

Caudron dip, spooky salad, cider marinated short ribs, smoked cheddar mashed potatoes, seasonal fall vegetable, sesame squash rolls, pumpkin spice latte cake

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 seven days prior to the 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.



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.

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Trick-or-Treat Trains

By Jim Feyerherm
EAST TROY RAILROAD
Bring your children to our Trick-or-Treat trains in October. We are offering reserved trains on Fridays and Sundays in October.
Trains leave East Troy and travel

to Town Hall Park in East Troy where there will be fun activities, playground equipment and trick or treating.
Every child receives a pumpkin after returning to East Troy.
Reservations can be done at our website by visiting www.easttroyrr.org.



Maintenance Facility has proven to help our cars

By Jim Feyerherm
EAST TROY RAILROAD
In 2016 the East Troy Electric Railroad opened our maintenance facility. In this building the tracks come in with a pit so maintenance can be performed under the cars along with inspections.
Each car is brought to this facility annually for an inspection and repairs such as brake shoe changes, brake adjustments, oiling, greasing, cleaning and most of all inspecting

the undercarriage of the car where most of the important components of the train car are.
Almost all our cars are 100 years old or older so it is very important to check for all sorts of items under these cars to keep them operating. This facility always has a car undergoing some sort of maintenance year round.
We also have a dedicated area to work on motors, and air compressors. There is a welding area and wood shop also.



Concert Express to Phantom Junction Sound Stage

By Jim Feyerherm
EAST TROY RAILROAD
We are now offering a fun way to go to the Phantom Junction SoundStage in Mukwonago.

Board a trolley at East Troy and it will take you right to the sound stage in Indian Head Park.
Enjoy the concert and then take a trolley ride back. The events that are scheduled for 2024 are

May 23 – Mukwonago High School Band; June 27 – Dirty Boogie; and Aug. 2 – Cherry Pie.
The trolley will depart 30 minutes before the concert starts. Visit the Phantom

Junction Soundstage website at www.phantomjunctionstage.com.
Tickets will cost \$20 and are available the day of the event at the East Troy Depot.





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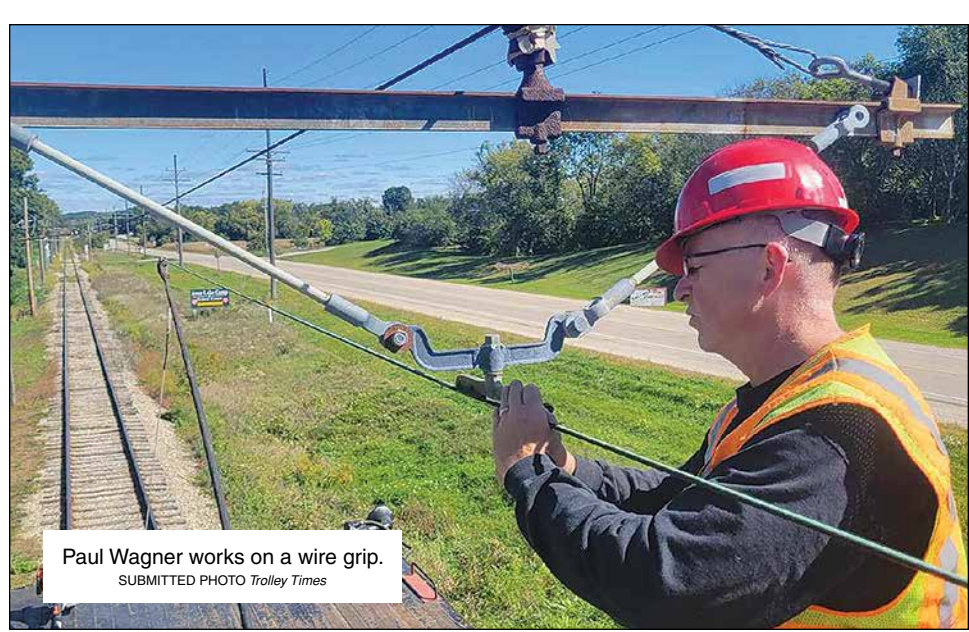
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Paul Wagner works on a wire grip.
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D23 used for overhead trolley wire maintenance

This trolley line wouldn't be a trolley line without the overhead 600-volt dc trolley wire.

The trolley wire is a very tough copper wire with a special groove in it to allow the wire hangers to grab it at the top but smooth at the bottom so the trolley poles that are on each car can glide right along.

The trolley line is where the 600-volt DC electricity is for all the cars to get their power from. The cable is supported by a series of support arms on each pole. There is a pole every hundred feet along the line.

This railroad has been in operation since 1907 and

there are many areas where the wire is original. It takes a lot of work to maintain this wire back then and now.

To make the necessary repairs and maintenance we have our line car D23. It is original to the TMER&L. In its day it spent most of its time in Milwaukee servicing the many power plants. We were able to get it and now we use it to do all our overhead maintenance.

It's a very unique car because it has a platform on top of the car that can be raised and lowered along with a control stand that allows the car to be operated from the roof.

The platform is completely

isolated (electrically) from the car which means it can be up and used when there is power on the line. We do not use it for that however when it was in use by the TMER&L the lineman did this regularly.

We have a few volunteers that have special training with how to operate D23 along with how to maintain the overhead trolley wire with all its special components and how it all goes together.

It is quite the art to keep the line in good condition. We like to have routine days when we bring out D23 and a crew to check and maintain all of the parts that go into keeping this all working.

Restoration of historic North Shore Car 228

It has been a busy couple of years 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 Zebelny 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 therefore, not as important to museum operations.

In 2022 – with additional funding from Alice and Stephen Rudolph and Eric Zebelny – 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.

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.

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.

Scott Patrick removed the metal thresholds under the freight door and discovered a lot of rotten wood. He



Car 228 is shown in the East Troy Railroad maintenance facility late in 2022.

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removed the old wood and rebuilt the area with treated lumber before putting new thresholds in.

New canvas will be 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 continued cleaning and testing all mechanical and electrical components. They continued to work on

replacing rotted floor boards and started pulling new wires from controls to components. Finally, volunteers spent time placing and treating new canvas to the roof.

This has all been possible thanks to the dedicated efforts of the many volunteers working on this project, the board of directors

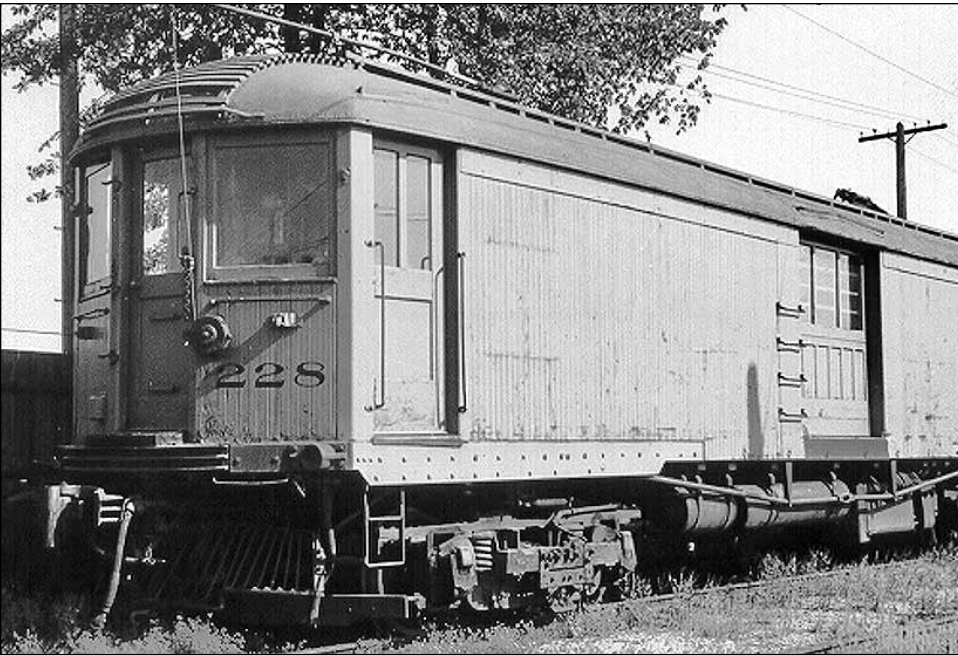
who approved the project, and the many members of the railfan community who have also shown their support.

A special thank you goes to the Heritage Rail Alliance and the Shore Line Trolley Museum, which donated new whistles for the car, and are helping to find a few other parts for us.



Eric Zabelny works on cleaning and replacing the interlocks and relays on Car 228.

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Car 228 is pictured in this photo from 1954.

DON ROSS Trolley Times

East Troy Depot Has Heat and AC

As the continuing plan with improvements in our Depot We Energies Foundation and our operating income we now have heat and air conditioning inside our Depot. Just in time for the winter season JR Brennen successfully installed a HVAC system.

It is so wonderful for our guests and volunteers to have a very comfortable environment to view our museum, shop in our gift shop and wait for a train.

If you would like to donate toward this project, please contact Ward Komorowski by calling 262-642-3263 and leaving a message.





Welcome to

East Troy!

By Vanessa Lenz
EAST TROY CHAMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 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 several years, we've witnessed East Troy transform into one of the coolest places in southeast-ern 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 every-thing: 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 and individual business websites. Feel free to email any questions to: vanessa@easttroy.org.



above: East Troy Brewery offers a laid-back, family-friendly space to unwind from the daily hustle. Enjoy a seasonally-evolving menu paired with house-brewed beers by the fireplace lounge, the taproom, indoor dining area or outdoors on the patio. Visit etbrew.com for details.

top: East Troy Village Square Park will host a full slate of events in 2024 such as East Troy Lights, Brewfest and East Troy's Memorial Day Weekend Corn and Brat Roast. Find out a full schedule at 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 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 Hill Valley Dairy 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.

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.

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](#).

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 an 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](#).

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 as 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 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



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 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6 at East Troy Village Square Park.

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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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[theglobalglass.com](#)
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262-684-5420

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Square Roots/ 2894 on Main

[2894onmain.com](#)
2894 Main St. • East Troy
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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 Boutique

2874 Main St. • East Troy
262-215-3736

Square Side Boutique specializes in women and children's fashion.

The shop recently unveiled a complete renovation with a new contemporary look and layout with open sightlines and lounge areas. Open Tues. & Fri. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wed. & Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Strumpet and Tart

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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.-Thurs. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fri. from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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East Troy Brewfest: May 26

Memorial Day Observance: May 27

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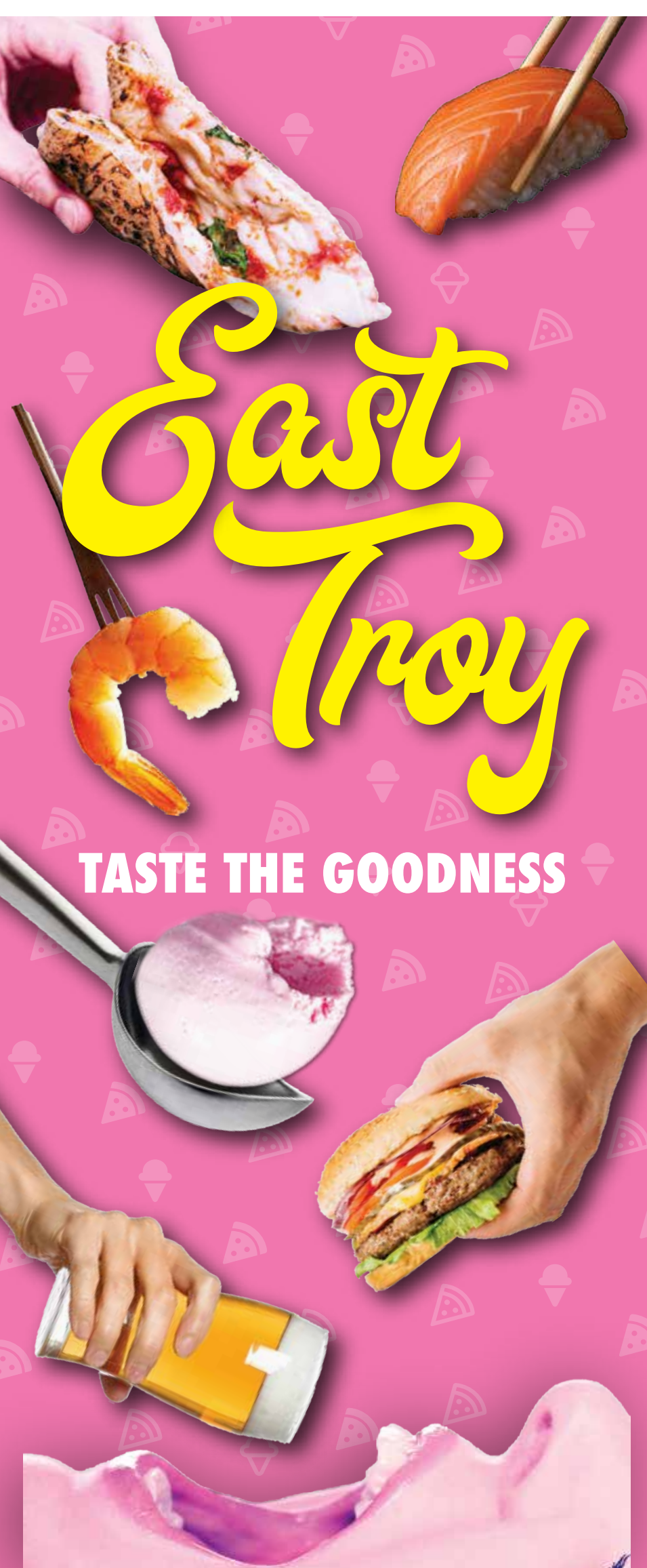
East Troy Lights Live!: Dec. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28

The Candy Cane Adventure: Dec. 8-31

East Troy Community Night & Santa Tours: Dec. 21

East Troy NYE Ball Drop, presented by Allan ICS: Dec. 31



A vibrant pink background collage featuring various food items: a hand holding a pizza slice, a piece of salmon nigiri with chopsticks, a shrimp on a fork, a scoop of pink ice cream, a hand holding a burger, and a hand pouring beer into a glass. The text "East Troy" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font in the center.

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