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East Troy Electric Railroad Announces 2021 Schedules

Bunny Trains Kick Off the New Year on March 27th

EAST TROY, WI – The East Troy Electric Railroad is optimistic that 2021 will be the year that things start to return to normal, and our schedule for the year will look normal to regular visitors. Safety precautions will be followed to start the year, assuring the safety of our visitors and our volunteers. Bunny Trains will get things rolling featuring our Dinner Train cars with pinpoint ionization systems in place to filter and clean the air. We will be seating groups in a socially distant way, plus masks are required to board and ride our trains. The first day of the regular operating season is Saturday, April 24th.

On Saturdays, starting April 24th, trains will depart from East Troy at:

10:00am, 11:00am, Noon, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, and 3:00pm

On Sundays, starting April 25th, trains will depart from East Troy at:

10:00am, Noon and 2:00pm

Friday trains start running on May 28th using the Sunday schedule.

All trains will continue to stop at the famous Elegant Farmer store and deli. However because of our safety protocols, all passengers will need to purchase tickets for a round-trip starting and ending at the East Troy Depot and we will not be boarding new passengers at the Elegant Farmer. *Please purchase all tickets in advance via our website at easttroyrr.org.*

Dinner Trains Return, Plus NEW Sunday Brunch Trains

The popular dinner trains will return, initially with socially distant seating, and this year we are offering four Sunday Brunch Trains too. Dinner trains offer elegant three or four-course meals with beautiful table settings on linen tablecloths. Menus and pricing vary, so check our website for details. Sunday Brunch Trains feature tasty breakfast casseroles, pastries and a fruit cup, plus juice or coffee. They are \$45 per person and will run on June 20th, July 18th, September 12th and October 10th. Please visit the East Troy Railroad Museum website for more information and to book your reservations. *Reservations are required for all dining events.*

Special Events for 2021

As noted above, Bunny Trains kick off our special events on March 27th. New for 2021, the railroad is running trains from East Troy to a “Concerts in the Park” series at Indianhead Park in Mukwonago on June 11th, July 9th, August 7th and September 11th.

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Other special events planned for 2021 include:

Railfest/Railfan Day - June 19th - Each train will run with a different set of railroad cars. Many of our historic cars will be on display and there will be face painting and popcorn in the East Troy Depot.

Chicago and Military Day - August 14th - Our historic South Shore and Chicago Elevated cars will be featured and we hope to have interpretive staff and rangers from the National Park Service with us.

Beer Tasting Train - September 4th - This joint dining event with the Black Point Estate in Lake Geneva features beer tasting, beer history, beer trivia and amazing hors d'oeuvres while you ride.

Harvest Fest Trains - September 10 to October 24th - Take a train to Harvest Fest at the Elegant Farmer! Tickets must be purchased in advance for these popular trains.

Christmas Trains - November 26th through December 19th. We plan to run our popular round trips to Santa's Workshop at the Elegant Farmer once again.

For more information, visit www.easttroyrr.org or call 262.642.3263.

About the East Troy Railroad Museum:

The East Troy Railroad Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to engaging visitors in the heritage of electric interurban railways and trolley systems through restoration, preservation and operation of historic equipment. We maintain and operate our historic railroad cars on track completed by The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company (TMER&L) in 1907.

East Troy Depot: 2002 Church Street, East Troy, WI 53120

Pull-out Quote from Ryan Jonas:

“We are eager to get rolling in 2021 and I am hopeful that we will be able to return to normal operations as the year progresses,” said Ryan Jonas, President of the East Troy Railroad Museum. “Initially we will be observing all the safety measures that let us operate safely last year, including face masks, socially distant seating, and online ticketing prior to your visit.”

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