# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

## SCHEDULE 14A (Rule 14a-101) INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

File	d by the Registrant   d by a Party other than the Registrant   ck the appropriate box:
	Preliminary Proxy Statement  Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))  Definitive Proxy Statement  Definitive Additional Materials  Soliciting Material Under §240.14a-12
	THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY  (Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)  (Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)
Payı ☑	ment of Filing Fee (Check all boxes that apply):  No fee required.
	Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.
	Fee computed on table in exhibit required by Item 25(b) per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(1) and 0-11.



#### THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY

2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders Vote by May 15, 2023 11:59 PM EDT. For shares held in the 401K Plan, vote by May 11, 2023 11:59 PM EDT.



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ATTENTION: HEATHER I. MICCOZO 1500 N. MANTUA ST. KENT, DH 44240

## You're invested in THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the shareholder meeting to be held on May 16, 2023.

### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice, Proxy Statement, Annual Report and Form 10-K online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 2, 2023. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future shareholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



For complete information and to vote, visit www.ProxyVote.com

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#### Smartphone users

Point your camera here and vote without entering a control number





#### Vote in Person or Virtually at the Meeting\*

May 16, 2023 5:00 PM EDT

#### In Person Meeting Location:

The Davey Tree Expert Company, Corporate Headquarters, Davey Institute Building 1500 North Mantua Street, Kent, Ohio 44240

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#### Virtually At:

www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/DVTX2023

<sup>\*</sup>Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. You will need the control number to access the meeting online.

# Vote at www.ProxyVote.com

## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming shareholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Vot	ing Items	Board Recommends
1.	To elect the three nominees named below as Directors, to serve until the Company's 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.	
1a.	Nominees: Patrick M. Covey	For
1b.	Thomas A. Haught	<b>⊘</b> For
1c.	Charles D. Stapleton	For
2.	To approve, on an advisory, nonbinding basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, as described in the Proxy Statement.	For
3.	To approve, on an advisory, nonbinding basis, the frequency of the shareholder vote to approve on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers.	<b>O</b> Years
4.	To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.	For
	Prefer to receive an email instead? While voting on www.ProxyVote.com, be sure to click "Delivery Setting"	ıgs".