

Weekly News

Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to:<u>http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php</u>

Burn Ban

From the Village President:

The village passed an ordinance a couple of years ago that prohibited the burning of leaves, garbage, refuse, and yard waste but it did allow for the use of bonfires and firepits providing they were used for roasting hotdogs, making s'mores, etc. or just watching the flames or glowing embers while you relax. My recent request to the board was intended to support the Tazewell County open fire ban.

However, after reading numerous comments concerning my decision, some positive, some negative, it is apparent to me that it may not have been one of my better decisions. After reading the comments (and I am sure that more than one log was burned in protest), I have decided to fall back to the ordinance as written and passed a couple of years ago. There will be no burning of leaves (village provides a disposal location in the fall), other yard waste (village provides a location for disposal at sewer treatment plant), garbage/refuse, building materials, etc.

Small open fires in pits or fire rings will be allowed. Please enjoy your s'mores, hot dogs, etc. When doing so, please be thoughtful of your neighbors.

As always, the village board meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month (unless it is a holiday, then on Tuesday). All meetings are open to the public and I encourage you to attend. There will be times that we go into a closed session, but by law that is only for discussion and no action (vote) can be taken in a closed session.

Tremont Library

We miss seeing you Tremont! Library services are still available even when the building is closed. Stay updated and learn about our online resources by visiting our new resource page, At Home with Tremont Library: <u>http://tremontlibrary.com/at-home-with-tremont-district-library/</u>



Did you know ...?

Early Tremont residents enjoyed traveling entertainers, such as the menageries, the Chautauqua shows, and traveling vaudeville, minstrel and play performances. The following is an example of one particularly memorable group:

The Dubinsky Brothers Amusement Company presented the play, "The Price She Paid," at the Columbia Opera House on Saturday evening, Dec. 13, 1913. It was one of the best companies that ever visited Tremont and gave one of the best plays ever presented here. They played to the largest box receipts of any company that has ever been in the Opera House. While prices of admission were higher than normal, it was well worth the price asked, as it is not often that such an excellent company visits a town the size of Tremont. They play only the larger towns and Mr. Trout (owner of the opera house) was compelled to put up a heavy guarantee to get them here."

An interesting side note is, the talented and innovative Dubinsky brothers later would move from a life of traveling tent shows in the Midwest to owning 40 theatres throughout Missouri and Kansas. And the next generation of Dubinskys built their company into AMC entertainment, the largest movie chain in the United States and the world.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society

COVID-19 Local Resource Requests

UICOMP Accepting Handmade Masks: The University of Illinois College of Medicine is accepting donations of handmade masks. Details at <u>this link</u>

Community Foundation of Central Illinois: Requesting monetary donations for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. Details at <u>this link</u>

UnityPoint Health: UnityPoint is seeking personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies. They are also in search of medical personnel to help them prepare in the event there is an influx of sick patients. Details at <u>this link</u>

OSF Healthcare: OSF seeking personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other supplies. Details at <u>this link</u>

Heartland Health Services: Seeking personal protective equipment, medical supplies, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes unopened. Details at <u>this link</u>

Ameren Illinois Response to COVID-19

In response to the economic hardships that residential and business customers may experience due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ameren Illinois is suspending non-pay disconnections and forgiving late payment fees through at least May 1, 2020.

In addition to these measures, there are many payment options available to reduce this burden. For more information, go to: <u>https://www.tremontil.com/Tremont-news/2020/AmerenIllinoisReliefFlyer.pdf</u>

* This section will continue to provide suggestions for 'at-home' activities.

Monday

Learn origami. Make cranes for your loved ones.

Tuesday

Stretch. Work on your flexibility.

Wednesday

Take time to reflect: What have you accomplished in the last year? What goals are you setting for yourself in the next year?

Thursday

Write letters to family and friends.

Friday

Go through your camera roll, pick your favorite pics from the past year and make a photo book or order framed versions online.

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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