



Weekly News

Village Minutes

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Tremont Comprehensive Plan

Public Comments Accepted for the Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan for Tremont is available for review on the Village's website at tremontil.gov and at the Village Hall and Library. You can also click the button below. Public comments will be accepted through December 15 and placed in the document. The Village Board of Trustees is scheduled to act on the Comprehensive Plan on December 19.

While the Village Board commissioned the plan through a partnership with the Tri-County Planning Commission, all community groups and taxing bodies can benefit from the data collected. A comprehensive plan is a critical component as the inevitable changes over time occur in every community. Evaluating current strengths and weaknesses can assist leaders and community groups as they grapple with their collective visions for the future.

Written commentary on the plan can be submitted via email to: villageoftremont@comcast.net. No names will be associated with the submissions, but they will be part of the public record.

[COMPREHENSIVE PLAN](#)

Did you know...?



Near the Corner of South Sampson and Walnut

In the museum archives is an old article, which mentions the first known occupant of the area near the northeast corner of South Sampson and Walnut Streets. “The City Hotel, which is located in (the north part of) the new brick building on Sampson Street, charges \$1.50 per day. Myrtle Devore, now living in Delavan, worked part-time in the kitchen of the City Hotel and at that time was paid \$.25 a week.”

A few years later, it became “The New City Hotel,” apparently under new management. Meals were \$0.25 and \$0.35. It is possible, but not definite, that it became the Lyons Hotel briefly. However, the hotel days were over when it became McQueen’s Furniture, a store that sold wallpaper and paint, as well. Imhoff and Kohler later opened a general store in the building.

The building at 134 South Sampson Street later became Sharp’s Store. Frank and Lester Sharp started Sharp Bros. Grocery. John Sanders took over Sharp Bros. in 1945. Many still remember Sharps, a grocery and dry goods store in business from approximately 1923–1964.

The south part of the building was the Tremont Bank, which opened in 1879. The second floor was used as a dance hall and later, apartments. A dentist, Dr. Blumenschein, was located above the bank in later years.

The building was torn down in 1965 to make way for The First National Bank of Tremont building. Later, a drive through was added on the south end, right on the corner.

Information is from archived articles and notes. If you have more information on this building, please contact Lori at 309-840-0094.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society
By: Lori Fuoss

Tremont Library

Tremont Library Open

Tremont District Library is BACK OPEN after our refresh. Come check out our new look!

We have a fun-filled week of programming every day this week.

Lego Afternoons (Ages 6+)

Monday, November 14th

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Work together to build amazing creations! Try out new sets, stop motion videos, and other challenges. No registration required.

Hogwarts' Half-Bloods (YA Book Club)

Tuesday, November 15th
6:30-8:00pm

Ages 12-19 are invited to join us to discuss a monthly book (or two) pick and enjoy a drink from Eli's. Copies of each month's book are available at the library for anyone interested! If you'd like to keep up to date with Hogwarts' Half-Bloods, email Lizzi at lizzi@tremontlibrary.com to be added to our Remind group.

Baby & Me

Wednesdays, 10:30am

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

Story Hour

Thursday, November 17th
10:30 am - 11:15 am

Rescheduled from last week, we're holding Story Hour this week!

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Hydro Dipping (Ages 12-19)

Thursday, Nov. 10th, 6-8pm

Hydro Dipping, or Water Transfer Printing, is a method of art that uses water and paint to transfer complex patterns on to a variety of objects. For this Teen Night, we'll be providing mugs and a few other items for dipping. Ages 12-19, no registration required. Add your name to our "Interested List" at the library to be able to do 2 projects!

Preschool Putt-Putt

Friday, Nov 18th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Come and enjoy our picture book themed Putt Putt course, designed specifically for preschoolers! Feed the Very Hungry Caterpillar and help Pete the Cat find all his missing buttons. No registration required, drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm to enjoy our course. First come, first serve, wait times depend on participation numbers.

Have an older sibling tagging along? We'll have fun activities in the Children's Area just for them!

Minecraft Days

Saturday, Nov 19th
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

We started our library Minecraft Realm back in November 2021 and it was a huge hit! Kids ages 7+ are invited to come help it grow! Bring your own device and connect to our library Realm. First-time participants and their parents will need to sign a Code of Conduct before joining.

Tackle Swap

Big City Fishing Gear will host a tackle swap at Tremont High School, in the cafetorium, on November 19th from 10AM-2PM. All proceeds of the table fee's go directly to the Tremont High School Fishing Club.

Tremont Schools

Tremont Schools Receive ISBE Summative Designations

Sean Berry, Superintendent

The Illinois State Board of Education recently released the annual summative designations for all schools in the state and Tremont schools fared quite well this year. The designations are based on a scoring system that involves a variety of indicators, including student proficiency and growth on state testing. The scoring system goes beyond test scores, however, and includes indicators such as graduation rate (for high schools), attendance factors, and other measures. More indicators will be added to the formula in future years as ISBE attempts to create a scoring system that incorporates a wider variety of performance measures.

There are four levels of designations: Exemplary (highest), Commendable, Targeted Support, and Comprehensive Support (lowest). Schools that earn an **Exemplary** designation are 1) scoring in the top 10% of schools in the state based on the various indicators that are included in the scoring formula; 2) demonstrating adequate performance of various sub-groups of students, and 3) graduating students at a rate above the minimum threshold set by the state (high schools only). Schools that earn a **Commendable** designation are scoring well on the various indicators and have no underperforming sub-groups, but are outside the top 10% in the state overall. Schools receiving the **Targeted** Support designation have underperforming student sub-groups that require targeted intervention and schools receiving the **Comprehensive** Support designation are performing in the bottom 5% of schools in the state overall. Schools receiving designations in the lowest two levels must engage in a more rigorous school improvement process.

This system began in 2018, although no designations were assigned last year so schools would not be scored based on the 2020-21 pandemic school year. Prior to this year, all three schools in the district had received the commendable designation each year. This year, Tremont Grade School and Tremont Middle School again received **Commendable** designations while Tremont High School received an **Exemplary** designation.

We are very proud of our students and staff for their efforts, especially considering the uniqueness of the last couple of school years. Those efforts, along with strong family and community support, are what make Tremont School District a very special place.

THE NIGHT THE STARS FELL – Save the date!

ARE YOU FASCINATED BY THE NIGHT SKY?

Come to hear professional speaker Bill Kemp speak about the most intense meteor shower in recorded human history. On November 13, 1833, Central Illinois was a frontier with few residents. This was two years before Tremont was founded. Meteor showers were mysterious and misunderstood. What did early settlers make of the spectacular – and for some - spectacularly terrifying event?

Bill Kemp, of the McLean County Museum of History will entertain and inform, using lavish illustrations. Bill promises a program sure to fascinate even those folks with little interest in – or knowledge of – astronomy. Don't miss this program, brought to you by the Tremont Historical Society. Admission. Refreshments are free!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – tomorrow – Tuesday, November 15, 7PM at the Tremont Community Center.

(Information taken from the McLean County Museum of History Website.)



Community Calendar

Monday

MS Girls Basketball @ Washington Central - 4:30PM

MS Boys Basketball HOME vs Beverly Manor Elementary - 5:30PM

Tuesday

MS Girls Basketball HOME vs Peoria Heights - 5:30PM

The Night the Stars Fell Program - 7:00PM
Community Center

Thursday

MS Girls Basketball HOME vs Morton Jr High School - 5:30PM

MS Boys Basketball HOME vs Germantown - 5:30PM

HS Girls JV Basketball @ Leroy High School - 5:30PM

HS Girls V Basketball @ Princeville High School - 6:00PM

Saturday

Tackle Swap - 10:00AM-2:00PM
Tremont High School Cafetorium

MS 7th Grade Girls Basketball Regional vs Metamora Grade School - 11:30AM
El Paso-Gridley Jr High School

HS Girls Basketball @ Wethersfield - 3:00PM



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,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

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