



Weekly News

Village Minutes

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

Trick-or-Treating

Trick-or-treating will be Saturday, October 31, from 5:00-8:00PM. Individuals who wish to participate should follow Illinois Department of Health guidelines.

Trunk or Treat



PTO Turk Gear Fundraiser

T-shirts, hoodies, glitter options, water bottles and even masks. There are items for all ages.

[Click here](#) to view our options.

Tremont School District

Staff Spotlight: Mr. Prather

My name is Benjamin (Benny) Prather and I am a recent graduate from Illinois State University (Roll Birds!). This will be my first year of teaching at Tremont High School, but not my first time walking the halls because I am a 2016 THS graduate. I will be teaching a range of classes during my time here. I recently got married over the summer to someone who is also a teacher. We both graduated from Tremont and now both teach special education. In my free time, I enjoy watching sports, spending time with my family, and just being around friends. This year, I will be helping with the THS football team.

After graduation from THS in 2016, I went to Illinois College where I played one year of college football and originally was a math education major. After a year at Illinois College, I felt I was better suited to go into special education. I wanted to make an impact and work with students that would challenge me to be a better teacher as well as make connections with students that may not have many. I then transferred to ISU where I majored in special education LBS1 and never looked back. In my major I student taught at a range of schools; Hammitt, Peoria Central, and Farmington Elementary. After these experiences, I felt I made that right decision and grew eager to find a place that I would fit in and make an impact. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to come back to THS and work with an amazing staff and group of students.

The course work that I have completed at Illinois State has provided opportunities to meet teachers and observe classrooms to prepare me to become an educator. This year may look a little different for all of us here at THS with the new guidelines, but that does not stop what the students will learn. I have loved working with my students, getting to know each of them and teaching them the content to help them succeed in future classes. I am planning to teach and help your students grow as students and as humans to better them for their future endeavors. While at THS, I will be working with the students one-to-one, small groups, and with the large group. I will be planning lessons for the students and teaching them many new skills.

I am also a Golden Apple scholar which has set me up for success during my time in school. During the summers, I worked in Chicago at some amazing schools working with a range of students. My goal for my first year is to build strong relationships with my students and staff. I eventually want to go back and get my Master's degree in special education to further my knowledge and better assist my students. My plan is to do everything I can for my students to push them to their full potential and let them know they have the power to succeed.



Village of Tremont Zoning Board

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will conduct a Variance Hearing at 7:00 PM., Thursday, October 29, 2020 at the Village of Tremont Community Center.

The purpose of this hearing is whether to grant:

The construction of a fence to be 15 foot past the front of the dwelling facing Tazewell St. which is 15 foot more than allowed and to allow the same fence to be 22 feet past the front of the house facing Sampson

St which is 22 feet more than allowed on a corner lot in an R-1a Zoning district.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PIN # 12-12-18-309-018
Commonly Known as: 101 E. Tazewell St. Tremont IL. 61568

PETITIONER is Adam Craven

All parties having an interest in this above matter are to attend said meeting, on the time and date at the location so specified above, to voice their concerns.

Respectfully,
Glen Gulette
Code Enforcement Officer
Village of Tremont

Did you know...?

The Old School Bell On the corner of S. James and E. Walnut Streets Part II

The Rest of the Story

Last week, we told the story of the school bell mounted on the corner of the Tremont Grade School property. It originally came from the Bell School which, prior to 1864, stood near the current Tremont Baptist Church on Walnut Street. In 1892, the bell then was hung in the bell tower of the new high (and grade) school building built where the playground stands at today's grade school. That school was demolished in 1967, and the bell was no longer needed. It was later mounted on a pedestal, where it is today. But, there is more to the story of the bell:

Very few communities could afford to have a quality bell like that, and the town took much pride in it. But, after nearly 110 years of use, calling children to school in the morning, to noon hours, and to dismissals each day, the bell was no longer needed. The old school was torn down and the new (current) one was built without a bell tower.

The bell was hauled to an alley in town, and slowly the 1,200 pound bell began sinking into the ground, soon to be forgotten. Except. Three couples decided to rescue the bell and give it a place of honor to remember the part it had played in our town's history.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woerner, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Oyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cooper spearheaded a fundraising effort. They were joined by Tremont businesses and organizations and the Alumni Association. Plans for a brick pedestal were drawn up and approved. The old bell was mounted on a float for the 1976 Turkey Festival to bring attention to the efforts to save the bell. A dedication ceremony was held on October 29, 1977.

"1892", the date engraved on the pedestal, refers to the date the bell was hung when the old Tremont High School was new. Many know of the bell on the corner, but over the years, even some who were aware of the significance of it have forgotten. Others might think it is a just nice touch to the grade school grounds. It's good to recall the bell's history and how it came to be where it is.

And now you know "...the rest of the story!"

A scrapbook entitled "School Bell Book," is located at the Tremont Museum.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Tremont District Library

Take Home Crafts (Adults/Teens)

October, November 2, December 7

October Kits are still available! Kits include art supplies; some common household items may be needed.

October - Marker "Watercolor" Bookmarks

November 2 - Photo Transfer Canvas

December 7 - Elegant Fleece Christmas Tree

To register, call us at 925-5432 or e-mail tremontlibrary.circulation@gmail.com

Make It Mondays (Kids)

November 2, December 7

Use materials from home or register for a Maker Kit and follow a video tutorial to create a S.T.E.A.M. inspired project! Registration required. Supplies are limited, register in advance to pick up a Maker-Kit.

November- Ages 5-7: Filtered Flowers & Germination, Ages 8+: Grass Heads

December- Ages 5-7: Flashlights, Ages 8+: Copper Lighting

Register for Maker Kits in advance by calling the library at 925-5432 or register up to a week after each video is posted.

Fine Art Fridays (Kids)

November 27

Use materials from home or register for an Art Box and follow video tutorials to learn about famous artists and learn art styles. Supplies are limited, register in advance to pick up an Art Box.

Find all of our children's programming, including Early Literacy Tips for kids from Miss Lizzi at:

<http://tremontlibrary.com/virtualprogrammingkids/>

Tremont First National Bank Announcement

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN TREMONT AND THE VILLAGE OF NEW HOLLAND ANNOUNCE DOWNTOWN RE-VITALIZATION PROJECT

The First National Bank in Tremont and the Village of New Holland are jointly announcing a large project for the Village of New Holland's downtown, consisting of a newly constructed bank building located on Route 10, relocating the current Village offices, Community Center and Historical Society and the donation of a building in between the current bank building and the new bank location.

The First National Bank in Tremont is donating their current bank building to the Village of New Holland, along with a \$20,000 grant they received from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, to help pay for remodeling costs of the project. The current bank building will be the new home for the Village offices, New Holland Community Center and the New Holland Historical Society. The First National Bank in Tremont expects to start construction on their new bank branch, located on the corner of Route 10 and Lincoln St, in March 2021 and move into the new facility by year end.

"The New Holland Banking Center's customer base is a loyal and valuable part of The First National Bank in Tremont. We knew our current location could not sufficiently support the needs of our community without a drive-through service. We were land-locked with nowhere to build one in our current location, but I certainly didn't want to move out of the business district and leave behind another empty downtown building. When we heard of the Village's need for a building, we knew we wanted to give back to the community through the gift of our historical building. Being awarded the \$20,000 grant from The Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago was the icing on the cake. This is a win/win for both the bank and the entire New Holland community as we partner together in revitalizing the downtown business district. This is what community banking is all about." June Kidd, President/CEO of The First National Bank in Tremont.

The Village of New Holland (along with Sheridan Township) are in negotiations to sell the current Community Center to Sugar Creek Wind Farm/Algonquin Power. The former hardware store, located next to the current bank building, is being donated to the Village of New Holland by the New Holland Development Foundation for further downtown revitalization.

"Small town living at its best in New Holland, Illinois! Myself, along with the most supportive trustees on the Village Board are taking action and RESTORING Lincoln Street in New Holland. The Historic Redevelopment of New Holland is important to many of the families in our community. There are several families with ancestors that began New Holland back in 1875. In 2025, New Holland will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary and the Village Board and I hope to make it a memorial event to remember for years to come." Annie Coers, Mayor of the Village of New Holland.



Annie Coers, Mayor
Village of New Holland

Tyler Hodge, Vice President
The First National Bank in Tremont

June A Kidd, President/CEO
The First National Bank in Tremont

Thursday

Zoning Board Variance Hearing - 7:00PM
Community Center

Friday

MS Speech Contest – 4:30PM
THS Cafetorium

Saturday

HS CC Sectionals @ Elmwood, Course: Maple Lane Country Club – 10:00AM (If Qualify from regionals on 10/24)

Trick-or-Treating - 5:00-8:00PM

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,

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

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