



## 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>

### Tremont Lion's Club

#### Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Our annual Christmas Wreath Fundraiser goes on sale Tuesday Nov. 24 at Tremont Oil and Eli's Coffee for \$25/wreath. This year, consider giving back to your local community for Christmas. All funds for this project are kept locally and given back to the Tremont Community through various projects and activities sponsored by the Tremont Lions Club. Thanks to many of you who have supported Tremont Lions in the past.

#### 2020-21 Peoria Area Dining Tour Book

Tremont Lions Club is also selling Dining Tour Books again this year for \$30. This book is loaded with great coupons that make a great gift for Christmas or any occasion. The Dining Book can be used for many of the Tri-County restaurants and establishments from now until Oct. 31, 2021. Books can be purchased at Tremont Community Bank or from any of your local Tremont Lions Club members. Contact information about the books can be secured from Lion Gary Abts at 925-3838.



### Tremont School District

#### TMS Student Council

Student council began the year with a memorial to our dear friend and classmate, Emerson Howell, who passed over the summer. Almost 500 blue shirts and sweatshirts were sold to students and families to wear on "Blue Mondays," representing Emerson's favorite color. From the apparel profits, a memorial tree was purchased and planted on school grounds for students and the community to enjoy for years to come. Plans for a commemorative bench and plaque are also underway.

We love our teachers! Due to the pandemic, however, student council was unable to honor our TMS teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week last May. Now that we are lucky enough to be back in school,

student council designed and dedicated a space within the middle school as the first middle school teacher's lounge. A refrigerator, microwave, table, chairs, and a snack and coffee bar were added to the space for our teachers to enjoy. Each day, snacks and baked goods, Starbucks's coffee, tea, and drink choices are offered for teachers to feel appreciated.

Our students have missed several of the fall activities we normally enjoy: a fall dance, dodgeball, and knock-out tournaments, and bake sales. However, to build morale, we still host Fun-Filled Fridays, where students dress up in different weekly themes to have some fun. Two winners from each grade with the winning costume or themed outfit earn a certificate for a free snack and drink from the snack cart. In addition, to encourage class spirit, StuCo has hosted several door decorating contests, where students come up with the design and create decorations for the theme. The contest brings out the creative and competitive nature of our students! High school art students judge the doors, and the winning homerooms earn a pizza party or ice cream sundae-making party!

For November, TMS student council will help spread the holiday spirit and volunteer as bell ringers for the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Look for us at Pekin Walmart and Hobby Lobby! In December, we will host our annual "Warm Winter Wishes" campaign, where we collect hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks for Crittendon Center's crisis nursery and child development center to help give warmth and clothe needy children who do not have seasonal clothing for the winter months.

We have so much to be thankful for. On behalf of all the students and staff at Tremont Middle School, we would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a joyous, healthy holiday season!





## Did you know...?

### The Fancy Light/Traffic Post

In 1917, Tremont residents were so proud to have a fancy new "traffic and ornamental pillar" downtown! In a recent article here, we printed an original *Tremont News* item mentioning the lamp's installation: "A cluster of five lights on top are useful as they are ornamental. The center light will burn all night while the corner ones will only be used of evenings." In our story, we mentioned that it stood on the corner by the Columbia Opera House (today's Perdue's Grill). Just this week, though, we came across a photo showing that the light post was actually in the center of the intersection there! In addition, the article continues, "A cluster of lights will be placed upon the flag pole." A very tall flag pole stood one block south - another photo we discovered shows the tall pole if we use a magnifying glass, though we are not sure exactly where it stood... in the intersection? Or, on a corner?

Studying these old photos is so revealing! If you have access to any, maybe in a basement, garage or attic, in an old box or a scrapbook, please consider sharing them with the Tremont Museum. We will gladly make copies and return the originals. They are invaluable to us as we try to piece together and preserve Tremont's early history!

Contact Lori at 309-840-0094.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



*Looking north towards today's Illinois Route 9. The Velde Building (now Lori Venovich Country Companies Insurance) is on the far left. The lamp post appears to be in the center of the intersection of S. Sampson and Walnut Streets. This photo was taken in 1917 or shortly after. It is blurry, but it is the best we have! And what we have is irreplaceable. Note the trees along Sampson Street.*

## **Tremont District Library**

### **Library Remains Open-- And We Ask for Your Help to Remain So**

Tremont District Library is committed, at this time, to staying open to provide our patrons with quick, efficient, and healthy service. We will be open as long as staff remains healthy, happy, and available to maintain adequate service levels. You can help by entering our libraries with a mask that covers your nose and mouth. We acknowledge that this isn't fun for anyone and that some cannot or will not wear a mask. For those that are unable to comply with this rule, we are elated to be able to provide curbside service. You are also very welcome to any of our robust collection of electronic resources, available 24/7. We WANT to remain open to serve you. Please help us!

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth
- Limit visits to 30 minutes or less
- As much as possible, limit visitors to one per household at a time (this helps us keep within our building capacity limits of 25%)

### **Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Tremont Library**

One wonderful thing we've noticed since the spring is more comments from visitors saying things like: "I've been reading more lately!" or "I never really was a big reader before, but ever since quarantine I took it up, and I've been enjoying it!"

Reading is one of those simple pleasures that we can all be thankful for. (And what a good time to have reading as a hobby!)

### **We want your Christmas Cookie Recipes!**

We would like to make a Christmas Cookie recipe booklet that features recipes from families in Tremont! Please include your Christmas recipe, and if you would, a little history or story of why the recipe is important to your family. Multiple submissions are welcome, but we will only publish one per household. Drop off your recipe at the library in person (handwritten recipes are welcomed!) or e-mail it to [tremontlibrary.circulation@gmail.com](mailto:tremontlibrary.circulation@gmail.com) by November 25th.

### **Make It Mondays (Kids)**

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.

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/>

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## No Calendar Items

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### Around Town



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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.

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Thank you,

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