



Weekly News

Pool Regulations – Village of Tremont

Regulations for residential swimming pools in the Village of Tremont are explained in chapter 151 of the village 'Zoning Code Ordinance'. To view the pool regulations, go to: https://www.tremontil.com/Tremont-news/2020/Ch151_swimmingpools.pdf

Did you know...?

During these Stay-at-Home months, many of us have found the time to work a jigsaw puzzle or two. It is a little victory when we discover the piece of the puzzle that has been elusive...the one that makes the whole picture seem to fall in place. Doing historical research is much the same. Except when it isn't. Sometimes I think I have nearly completed the scene only to discover another inconvenient puzzle piece that changes the scene I had formed.

For example, last week's article on Tremont's Catholic Church turned out to be a completed puzzle that wasn't exactly correct. I had located several articles from the early Bloomington Pantagraph, pictures, and the 1835 Tremont plat map, and determined the location and history of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Done. But, as it turns out, the pieces didn't really fit properly.

Literally the day before the article was to appear in the Winning Community's Tremont News newsletter, I stumbled across an article and an 1891 plat map of Tremont. There, very clearly, was the location of the church – not quite where I had deduced – and even more surprisingly, it was labeled "St. Joseph's Catholic Church," not St. Patrick's.

And the newly discovered article from Pekin Library's history room reads, "The church, dedicated to St. Joseph, was located at the northeast corner of James and Washington." The first mass was held Christmas morning, 1880.

"As time went on, however, the membership of the small mission church dwindled until it was closed, and it merged with St. Joseph's parish in Pekin." And those pictures I looked at? Turns out they say, "Catholic Church in Tremont."

How could those new pieces fit together with the old? Was the church meant to be called St. Joseph as noted on the plat map, and then instead called St. Patrick's? Or was it always called St. Patrick's, and the plat map was wrong? (Not likely.) Did the church become affiliated with St. Joseph in Pekin decades before it actually closed? It is a fact that the bell was given to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pekin when the Tremont church was torn down in 1930.

A couple of other plat maps simply mark the building in that location as "church." It was across from the Courthouse building, which by then was no longer Tazewell County's County Seat, and was in decline. The church was built in 1880 and the courthouse was torn down around 1893-95. So, the two buildings did share that "mount" for several years.

Still, it will take time and maybe a few new clues to rework the puzzle regarding the name of Tremont's only Catholic church.

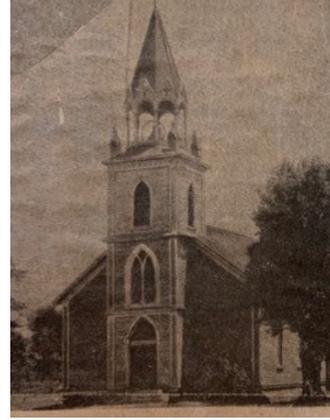
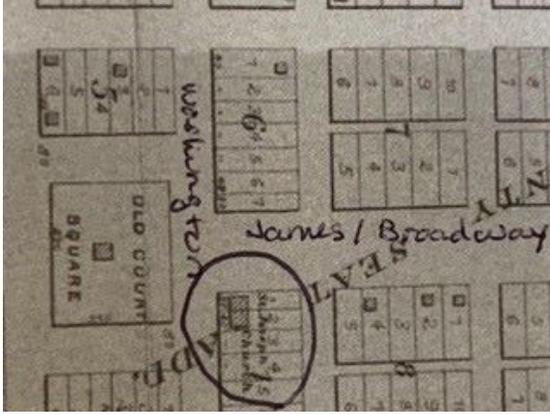


Photo 1 – portion of 1891 Tremont plat map. Photo 2 - Tremont's Catholic church

Tremont Library Activities

Tremont District Library is encouraging patrons of all ages to get creative with storytelling to celebrate this year's Summer Reading theme, "Imagine Your Story!" After the last several months, we are willing to bet you are all professionals at getting creative and exploring new ways to learn and grow. Even though things have been uncertain recently and Summer Reading may look a little different this year, we want you to know we will still be offering a Summer Reading Game and programming for all ages this summer.

Here are some things to look forward to:

100 Books this Summer (ages birth-5)

The goal is simple, read 100 books this summer and get prizes! This game goes hand in hand with our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program.

Kids' Summer Reading Game (ages 5-12)

Take part in a reading journey to track how much you read and get prizes in return!

Teen & Adult Summer Reading

Check in throughout the summer and let us know you've been reading. Most years we do prize drawings, but this year all finishers will get a prize!

Registration for all Summer Reading Games begins June 1st!

Programming

Look for video Story Hour sessions, Take-It, Make-It crafts, video art lessons, Story Walks, virtual Escape Rooms and much more from Tremont Library.

We encourage you to stay up-to-date with the library through our Facebook or on our website at www.tremontlibrary.com.

More information about how to participate in Summer Reading will be posted in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (309) 925-5432. We hope your family will join us for a fun-filled summer!

Materials Return

The library's book drop, located on the back of our building, will be open with limited hours from 9:30AM-1PM Monday-Friday until further notice. (The next step will be opening the bookdrop 24/7. We'll let you know when we've reached that phase!) Please practice safe social distancing when using our back parking lot and patio.

Books must be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned, so items will remain on your card for 3 days after returning.

Remember there are no fines at this time. There is no obligation to return your items yet. Your items are not due until June.

This is the first step to us getting ready to be able to start in-person services again (yay!) We would like to get as much of our collection back, quarantined, and ready to be checked out again before we open for curbside.

Tremont Park District

Update for the 2020 Tremont Pool Season

Tremont Area Park District is committed to providing safe, clean, family-friendly facilities and programs. We continue to follow the provisions set forth by state, federal, and local governing bodies, as well as public health organizations in relation to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

After careful consideration, TAPD has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 swim season at Tremont Public Pool. A variety of factors lead to this decision, including informed discussion with area park district leaders and the Tremont Area Park District Board of Commissioners.

The Illinois Department of Public Health is not currently allowing the operation of any public swimming pools within the state of Illinois. The Centers for Disease Control currently advises park users not to use splash pads, playgrounds, or water park features.

Based on these recommendations, along with the financial considerations resulting from attendance limitations and sanitizing procedures set forth in Gov. JB Pritzker's signed Executive Order 2020-32, we believe it is in residents' best interest for the pool to remain closed.

In order to maintain the integrity of the new pool liner, installed in 2019, we are following cleaning and preparation procedures recommended by the installation company.

We recognize the pool is a favorite summer pastime. The decision to remain closed was not an easy one. While we have specific expertise in providing safe, clean, family-friendly facilities and programs for our residents we are not experts regarding communicable diseases and must, therefore, defer to the guidance of public health experts.

Update for Obtaining a Fishing Permit for Tremont Lakes

We now have sales open for Tremont Lakes Fishing Permits via telephone and online. The instructions and options for purchasing a fishing permit are listed on our website: www.tremontpark.org.

The Lake areas are open for use following the social distancing guidelines set by the CDC as well as the rules and regulations posted. Rules and Regulations are posted at each of the lakes and can also be found on our website.

Update on Parks and Lakes

At this time residents may use our park trails and walking areas following the CDC social distance guidelines. The public restroom facilities at both City and Cullinan Park are not currently open to public use.

Unfortunately at this time, By Executive Order of the Governor, all playground equipment is closed for use.

We will continue to post updates regarding our facilities and activities on our website: www.tremontpark.org.

The Tremont Park District looks forward to opening our services as soon as the restrictions are lifted.



Village of Tremont Variance Hearing

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will conduct a Variance Hearing at 7:00 pm., Thursday, May 28, 2020 at the Tremont Community Center located at 216 S. Sampson St. Tremont, IL.

The purpose of this hearing is whether to grant:

The construction of a ground mount solar array within the Village of Tremont.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PIN # 12-12-18-407-040

Commonly Known as: 500 E. Pearl St. Tremont IL. 61568

PETITIONER is Tammy Dugger and Eagle Point Solar

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

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

Monday

Coloring books.

Tuesday

Organize your spice rack alphabetically or get crazy and do it by cuisine.

Wednesday

Attempt things with your non-dominant hand, from writing to brushing your teeth.

Thursday

Memorize the periodic table. You never know when that will come in handy.

Friday

Take a bike ride.

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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