



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>

Did you know...?

The Historic Warehouse Behind the Original Beecham's Grocery

Last week, we told the interesting history of Beecham's Grocery in Tremont, which stood just north of where Joy's Barbershop is today. A fire destroyed the grocery, taking not only Beecham's store, but their second-floor apartment, all their belongings, a warehouse behind the store, and their delivery truck and car. The Beechams were able to buy a store down the street, which has been their location since that time.

That warehouse was briefly mentioned, but it had an interesting history as well, going back to 1849...

The second church established in Tremont was the Congregational church in 1843. By 1849, the Congregationalists had built their church. Each pew was deeded to a member, and all were usually filled on Sunday mornings. But over time, many of the founding members had passed, membership dwindled, and finally the old church, which stood at the southwest corner of South Sampson and Pearl Streets, closed its doors.

Meanwhile, a Methodist church congregation formed in 1892. They began to meet in the old Congregational Church, along with some remaining members. A meeting of the trustees decided to deed the ground to the "thriving Methodist congregation with the agreement that they build a new and worthy church." Through the efforts of many, a lovely church was built and dedicated in 1904, and occupied that same prominent corner of town for 115 years.

Before the Methodist Church could be built however, the old Congregational building had to be auctioned off. It was sold and moved right next door from its original location to serve as a warehouse behind the grocery store there.

So when the disastrous fire at Beecham's store occurred in 1943, it was the end of Beecham's store at that location, and it was the end of the Congregational Church building, too. Both have become a part of Tremont's storied history.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society

Some of this information was obtained from an article in the January 27, 1905 issue of the Peoria Herald Transcript.



The building next to the Methodist church in this photo later became Beecham's first Tremont Store. The old Congregational Church was directly behind the store. At this point the museum doesn't have a photo of the Congregational Church.

Weight Loss Challenge

Wednesday, January 13th to Wednesday March 10th.

Change 4 Life, Eat Well, Move More and Live Longer.

In this 9 week program, participants will compete against one another to lose weight and body fat. Fitness coach Michelle Williams will help you start your weight loss journey by coaching you with healthy eating and fitness programs.

Program Goal: The goal of the program is to give the participant a life coach to help them become accountable for lifestyle change. The areas of expertise are nutrition, exercise, stress reduction and time management.

Prizes: A jackpot which grows with the number of people participating and weigh-in penalties. Weigh-in penalties must be paid at each weekly weigh-in. Two Free PASSES will be given to each participant which can be used to skip a weigh-in throughout the program (excluding first and the final weigh-in). If you miss a weigh-in, you will pay \$5 and if you gain at any weigh-in it is \$1 per pound with the money going into the jackpot. Account must be paid in full by March 10th to be eligible for the prizes. Winner will be determined by the percentage of weight lost. We will have a Female winner and a Male winner. They will split 50% of the jackpot. Weigh-in dates to be determined.

January 11th, 12th, and 13th reservations will need to be made for weigh-in and first consult. Masks must be worn.

Tremont Fitness is offering a \$20 per month membership for anyone that joins the weight loss program.

1st Prize: Male and Female: Each splits 50% of the jackpot

2nd Prize (One Male and Female): Gift Card for Park, Pool or Fitness Center

3rd Prize (One Male and Female): One Month Membership Tremont Fitness

Cost: \$50 Residents, \$60 Non-Residents (50% goes directly to jackpot)

Brought to you by the Tremont Area Park District and Fitness Coach Michelle Williams

Questions: Contact TAPD 309-925-3811 Email: tapdfacres@gmail.com Michelle Williams
mwcoach23@gmail.com

Registration available online at the [TAPD website](#) or in the Fitness Center.

Early Childhood Screening

Tremont School District #702 will be holding an Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, February 4, 2021. All children ages 0-5 living in District #702 are eligible.

This is not a Turk Center or Kindergarten Screening. The purpose is to screen developmental levels in motor skills, general knowledge, social skills and speech/language skills in order to assess the need for

special education services. Further evaluation may be recommended.

If you have concerns in the areas listed or would like reassurance that your child is progressing well, you can call and make an appointment with Lisa Miller. 925-3823 Ext 252.

No calendar events

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

Tremont Winning Communities | info@tremontil.com | <http://tremontil.com>