



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...?

Tremont Raceways

Once located near the Route 121 and Route 9 Intersection

Go-karting exploded as a new craze in California. Tremont soon followed. On Memorial Day weekend of 1960, area go-kart fans celebrated the opening of the new "Tremont Raceways". The karting rage had started just a year before, when the "Go-Kart" was the first brand to be produced. Soon at least 200 other companies sprang up to fill the wild demand. And Tremont was on the cutting edge of the new sport. We were the first town in Central Illinois to have a paved go-kart raceway. It was impressive, too, with stands for 900 spectators and parking for nearly 300 autos!

One article stated, "The idea came about after many kids in Tremont had received the popular go-karts as Christmas gifts". This started a few Tremont residents thinking about forming a club. Three families took the idea further, coming up with the plan for a family-oriented, permanent raceway. These families were the Harold Hasketts, the James Bensons (also owners of a kart dealership), and the Donald Larrys, who owned land just west of the Seven Acres tavern and restaurant, where the racetrack would be built.

"The track, with space for 104 karts, was approved by the U.S. Karting Association and the American Small Car Racing Council. Raceway memberships were open to families only..."

Today there is no sign of the bustling raceway, located in the area where the popular Jack's Café now stands. It lasted just two years. And nationally the craze was short-lived as well, in part due to developing technology which caused kart prices to skyrocket.

But it was no doubt fun while it lasted!

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society

If you have photos of the raceway that the museum could copy, or more information about the raceway, please contact us at lfuoss@telstar-online.net. Thank you!



Above: 1960s ad

Tremont Village Office

The Tremont Village Office is offering the option to view and/or pay your water bill online.

[Click here](#) for more information or to view/pay online.

Tremont Library

All Ages Winter Reading

Kids, adults, and teens, stop by the library and pick up a reading bingo sheet starting February 1st and lasting until the end of the month. Kids-- earn a prize for a bingo! Adults and teens-- earn a chance to win gift cards to local businesses with a bingo!

Make-It Monday (Two Ages: 5-7 or 8+)

March 1, April 5, & May 3

Use materials from home or register for a Maker Kit and follow a video to create a S.T.E.A.M. inspired project. Registration required. (If you registered in fall, this is a new session: please register again.)

In the Loop (Ages 8+)

Thursdays, Feb. 25 - May 20 -- 3-4PM

All levels of crochet! Learn how to crochet or work on your own projects in the company of other crafters. No registration, find our Zoom link on Facebook or request it by email. You supply materials, check out Miss Lizzi's Crochet Guide to help you get started!

Adult/Teen Crafts

Register for our other adult/teen crafts by calling or e-mailing the library:

- March 4th: Roll Your Own Candle
- April 1st: Confetti KnickKnack Tray
- May 6th: DIY Clipboard with Mod Podge

Research Genealogy AT HOME with your Tremont Library Card on HeritageQuest!

Access family genealogies, county and town histories, church and school histories, maps and atlases, vital records, tax lists, military records, wills, cemetery records, the complete set of US Federal Census Records from 1790 to 1930, and more.

Log in using your library barcode: <https://www.heritagequestonline.com/barcode?aid=3214>

Fine Art Friday (Age: 7+)

Dates: February 26, March 26, & April 30

Explore new mediums and new artists with this spring's Fine Art Friday series. Use materials from home or register in advance for an Art Box. If you registered in fall, this is a new session: please register again.

- February: Chalk & Oil Pastels
- March: Sculptures
- April: Mosaics

Notice of Public Hearing - Annexation Agreement

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 6:45 P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Village of Tremont Village Board at the Tremont Community Center, located at 216 S. Sampson Street in Tremont, Illinois, for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony regarding a proposed Annexation Agreement between the Village of Tremont, Illinois and GT Services of Illinois, Inc. The proposed agreement calls for the annexation of certain property commonly known as 22387 Old Route 9, Tremont IL 61568.

To view the notice of public hearing, [click here](#).

Monday

MS Volleyball home vs Germantown Hills - 4:15PM (S. Gym)

HS Girls Basketball home vs Heyworth - 5:30PM (Senior Night)

MS Boys Basketball @ MWC - 6:00PM

Tuesday

HS Boys Basketball home vs Heyworth - 5:30PM (Senior Night)

MS Volleyball @ MWC - 6:00PM

HS Boys Swimming @ U High (Horton pool ISU) - 6:15PM

Thursday

MS Volleyball home vs Kingsley - 4:15PM

Friday

HS Girls Basketball home vs Roanoke - 5:30PM

Saturday

MS Boys Basketball home vs Edison - 10:00AM (S. Gym)

HS Girls Basketball home vs EPG - 11:00AM

HS Boys Basketball home vs EPG - 4:00PM

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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