



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>

Notice of Public Hearing - Amendment to Zoning Code

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on May 27, 2021 at 7 P.M. at the Tremont Community Center, 216 S. Sampson St., Tremont, Illinois, concerning a proposed amendment to the Village's Zoning Code. Only one accessory structure shall be allowed on a residential property in Districts R-1a, R-1, R-2a and R-2. The size of the structure shall not exceed three percent (3.0%) of the property size. One additional gazebo or pergola will be allowed with the same size constraints as the accessory structure. The gazebo or pergola may have a knee wall not to exceed 36 inches in height measured from the floor. The gazebo or pergola shall not be enclosed and shall not be used for storage. By order of the Zoning Board of the Village of Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois.

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

Glen Gulette
Code Enforcement Officer

Notice of Public Hearing - Annexation Agreement

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Village of Tremont Zoning Board at the Tremont Community Center, located at 216 S. Sampson Street in Tremont, Illinois, concerning the rezoning of the following described real estate to the B-2 General Commercial District

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

Team 2481 Roboteers

Team 2481 Roboteers: 2021 Robotics Season

Team 2481 is a part of the FIRST Robotics Competition or FRC. This is a program that equips students with the resources and training they need to become future STEM leaders. Each year teams are given a new game with new goals to complete. Since FIRST consists of teams from all over the world, FIRST opted to modify the usual layout of the competition this year so that it could be completely virtual. Instead of getting a new game with new objectives, teams were given a set of objectives that were pulled from last year's game. These tasks ranged from shooting balls into a target and weaving through cones. These tasks were both programmed into the robot to complete and controlled by our drivers. Teams were then put into divisions where they competed against each other for the championship of the division.

Creating the robot starts with the design. After building prototypes, designs were completed and we began work on the building of the robot where we finalized the ball intake, wired, and programmed it to complete tasks. To compete against other teams, we submitted videos of our robot completing the tasks. In our division of thirty robots, and we won first place! With our scores, we ended our season ranked third place worldwide! Although we worked very hard as students to win these awards, none of it would have

been possible without our mentors and sponsors who encourage, support, and bring out the talents in each student.

If you are interested in being on the team next year, applications can be found at www.team2481.com and are due June 13th. We look forward to an exciting year of competitions in 2022!



Volunteers Needed For Booksale

Tremont District Library will be holding their annual book sale this year during the Turkey Festival provided we get enough volunteers. Volunteers work 2-hour shifts during the festival or can help set up/tear down. Much of the Turkey Festival is planned to be drive-through, but the County Fair tent where the Booksale is held will be open for folks to walk up. Please note that the health department is requiring facial coverings for everyone during the festival.

Working the book sale is a fun and easy way to volunteer. Sign-ups are at the Library front desk!

Did you know...?

Freedom Songs and the Underground Railroad

The lyrics were the key. The songs are known as “Freedom Songs” because they contained coded information to slaves planning to escape north to Canada and freedom. Because most slaves could not read, this coded information helped the desperate, courageous slaves navigate the difficult, highly dangerous journey. These songs are part of the rich heritage of African American folk songs. Some Freedom Songs include:

Wade in the Water:

*Wade in the water. God's gonna trouble the water.
Who are those children all dressed in red?
Must be the ones that Moses led
God's gonna trouble the water.*

The legendary Harriet Tubman is said to be “Moses” in this and other songs. If followed by slave catchers with dogs, the song instructs the fugitives to “wade in the water” to throw the bloodhounds off their scent.

Another, called a “map” song, is Follow the Drinking Gourd. The song instructs slaves to leave in the spring when the quails call, then follow the North Star in the Big Dipper. The song goes on to say if the stars are hidden, to look for moss on dead trees to indicate North:

*When the sun comes back
And the first quail calls,
Follow the Drinking Gourd...
The riverbank makes a very good road*

The dead trees will show you the way...

*The river ends between two hills
Follow the Drinking Gourd
When the great big river meets the little river....
the old man is a-waiting for to carry you to freedom
If you follow the drinking gourd.*

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot was used as a signal meaning it was time to be on alert to escape. The chariot was code for the Underground Railroad and “swing low” meant a “band of angels” (conductors) would be coming South to guide them “home” to freedom:

*Swing low, sweet Chariot
Coming for to carry me home ...*

*I looked over Jordan and what did I see
Coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
Coming to carry me home.*

Peoria's Heritage Ensemble, a group known for celebrating the culture and history of African Americans through music, will be performing these and other Freedom Songs acapella both at 3:45PM and immediately after the Underground Railroad Conductor Recognition Event. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 12** during the Turkey Festival. The celebration will be held on the lawn of the historic Jones-Menard Residence at 214 East South Street in Tremont. (The house will not be open to the public, and no restrooms will be available.) There will be some seating for those who need it, so bring a lawn chair if desired. Parking is limited; a shuttle will leave from the Middle School parking lot at 3:15PM.

This approximately hour-long event is the second in a series in Tazewell County. Our event is sponsored by the Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society, NAACP Peoria Branch, Village of Tremont, Tremont Museum & Historical Society, Tremont Turkey Festival Committee, and Tazewell County Clerk John C. Ackerman. The Tremont Historical Society is proud to host this event. We hope to see you there!

Tremont Winning Communities

In the fall of 2006 several community leaders engaged the services of Jim Dittoe, a community facilitator, for the purpose of working with Tremont to develop a road map for the future. Mr. Dittoe worked with over 100 residents to begin the process of putting a plan together. Following several weeks of meetings – in both large and small groups, the strengths, weaknesses, needs, and dreams of our community were assessed and a plan was developed.

The Plan identified six major Goal areas; Arts, Recreation & Leisure, Community Development, Economic Development, Image/Appearance, and Infrastructure & Technology. Each major Goal area was then given specific objectives (more detail can be found at Tremontil.com).

Once the plan had been developed it was decided that there needed to be some “vehicle” put in place to carry out the plan. Thus, in January 2007, a fifteen-member Board, representing most of the local organizations, was formed. This new group needed a name so, with the permission of Jim Dittoe, the group took the name of **Tremont Winning Communities**, which comes from the process Jim developed, called “Building a Winning Community”.

From its inception, the Tremont Winning Communities board has worked together to accomplish the Vision established by all of those residents who met fifteen years ago: **“The mission of Tremont Winning Communities is to improve the quality of life in Tremont, to increase the pride of current residents and to entice new people and businesses to live and work here.”**

Over the course of the next several weeks, continue to look for information in this newsletter about the accomplishments achieved by our residents as they committed to the goals outlined in 2006. Small towns and rural areas across the country are withering, but the Tremont community continues to flourish because of a caring, resilient, and visionary approach to the future. We're excited to share with you over the next few weeks where we've been and what we've identified as the next Winning Communities project. Stay tuned...!



Tremont Library

Summer Reading: Reading colors your world!

Get excited for Summer Reading! For all ages, birth-adult! Registration starts June 1.

100 Books this Summer (Ages 1-5)

Read 100 books w/ your child, June 1-August 7.

Summer Reading Game (Ages 5-12)

Complete a reading goal & earn prizes, June 1-July 17

Adult & Teen Summer Reading

Adults & teens, read 3 hours/week for a chance to win prizes! June 1-July 17

Temple Grandin -- The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism & Asperger's

Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6PM

Find the link to register at [TremontLibrary.com](https://www.tremontlibrary.com)

A live, virtual talk given by Temple Grandin, PhD, one of the most accomplished and well-known adults with autism in the world. Twelve area libraries, including your own Tremont District Library, have partnered together in order to present this big, special online event. Register today!

Story Walks

Dates/Times: New story up each week, June 1st - July 12th

Location: South East Pond

Description: Enjoy the weather and a story with our Summer Story Walks! Walk or ride around the South East Pond and follow signs displaying fun picture books.

Life-size Candyland

Dates/Times: Wednesday, June 9th, 10AM-8PM

Location: Tremont District Library

Description: Enter the world of Candyland with this life-size game! Follow the trail around the library and earn prizes! Groups limited to either immediate families or four players. All ages welcome.

Story Hour

Dates/Times: Thursdays, June 10th - July 22nd

Location: Virtual

Description: Check out our Virtual Read-Aloud Facebook group for interactive Story Hour Rooms! Rooms include video read-alouds, rhymes, activities, and craft tutorials. Craft kits available at the library. Perfect for ages 3-6.

Merchant's Day

Merchant's Day is happening once again! Join your favorite local merchants and friends on Sampson Street and Rt 9 on Thursday evening, June 10th from 4-8PM. Join us for live music, food vendors and local restaurant specials, plus lots of shopping, in addition to the first night of carnival rides at the Tremont Turkey Festival! See our Facebook event page (<https://fb.me/e/Uk8CPnf3>) for an up-to-date list of activities and vendors!

[Click here](#) to view a flyer with more information about events and participating businesses.



Monday

HS Track @ Fisher - 4:00PM

HS V Baseball home vs GCMS - 4:30PM

HS V/JV Softball @ GCMS - 4:30PM

Tuesday

HS Wrestling home vs Ridgeview/Lexington Coop - 6:00PM

Wednesday

HS JV Baseball @ Lexington - 4:30PM

Thursday

HS Track @ Eureka - 3:00PM

HS V Baseball @ Fisher - 4:30PM

HS V Softball home vs Fisher - 4:30PM

HS Wrestling @ Metamora - 5:00PM

MS Wrestling @ Lincoln - 5:00PM

Friday

HS JV Softball home vs Pekin - 4:30PM

Saturday

HS V DH Softball home vs Washington - 10:00AM

HS Wrestling @ Dunlap - 10:00AM

HS JV DH Softball home vs Washington - 2:00PM



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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