



Weekly News

Tremont Winning Communities Needs Your Help

Over the last few weeks, we have outlined some of the past projects of Tremont Winning Communities and the plans for our current initiative – partnering with the village for the beautification of Downtown. As the village continues to improve infrastructure, Tremont Winning Communities is assisting with the aesthetic components of the project. This includes enhancements to the two remaining corners at the intersection of Sampson and Walnut, along with some other landscaping and green space along Sampson St. These enhancements would be similar to the other two corners at the intersection that have already been completed through the assistance of Tremont Winning Communities.

Previous projects of Winning Communities, including the Tiber Creek project and the construction of the community center building, could not have been successful without the support of generous community donors. The success of these previous projects shows how a mobilized effort can directly impact a community in a positive way.

To complete the final two corners, the estimated cost is approximately \$60,000. Tremont Betterment Association has already approved a significant donation toward the Sampson St. Revitalization, but Winning Communities is still seeking other donations to fund the remainder of the project. Any amount would be appreciated and put to good use towards beautifying the downtown area. With your help, we can continue to make Tremont a winning community.

How can you donate to the Sampson St. Revitalization project?

Donate by Mail:

Tremont Winning Communities
PO Box 76
Tremont, IL 61568

Donate Online:

<https://tremontil.com/donate>



Can You Help?

Tremont Museum is looking for area wood turners or wood carvers who would be willing to exhibit some of their work for an event at the museum.

If you are a turner or carver, or if you know someone who is, please call Lori at 309-840-0094.



Did you know...?

The Enoch Morse Home and History 1893-Present 417 S. Locust Street

There are many homes on our tree-lined streets that have interesting stories to tell. Some of the articles in the coming weeks will attempt to tell stories we are aware of. Today's home is the Enoch Morse home on South Locust Street:

The Tremont News, Dec. 21, 1906 announced Enoch Morse's sudden death: "This community was shocked Monday morning to hear that E.G. Morse was dead...on every side one could hear only a kind word for him, as he was a friend to everyone who knew him. We do not believe that 'Uncle Enoch,' as he was familiarly called, had an enemy in the world."

In 1893, Enoch built the handsome home at 417 South Locust Street, which is still standing today. He came with his parents to Tazewell County in 1835, the same year that Tremont was founded. They settled in Elm Grove Township. While living and farming there as an adult, he served as Town Clerk for twelve years, Commissioner of Highways for seven years, and was a member of the Congregational Church, which stood where the new Methodist Church parking lot is today.

In September of 1893, he retired from the farm and built his residence in town. It is a well-built, stylish home. The three houses that stand to the north of the residence today are on lots that were once owned by Enoch Morse. A summer kitchen once stood in the back yard, though it burned down in the 1970s. There was a barn on the property, used at one point for a horse and buggy.

Enoch and his wife, Elizabeth, had seven children; one died as an infant, and their only son died while a student at Champaign. Their youngest daughter, Marietta, is probably the best remembered in Tremont. She studied music in New York, and as an adult she continued to live in the family home, never marrying. She had many piano students, was active in the Methodist Church, and was a very well-thought-of member of the community.

In the years since, several owners have had the pleasure of living in the stately home. The Rick Jameson family has lived there for the past thirty years. With the Jameson's permission, there is a tragic story to share about the old house and the Morse family involving The Morses' granddaughter, Florence.

Florence graduated from school in Tremont, and when her parents moved away, she stayed with her grandmother and Aunt Mattie, as Marietta was called. She took a teaching job in the Tremont schools.

Florence was a beautiful young primary schoolteacher. The 1907 Tremont News reported that Miss Florence Fuller was a most loveable girl with a cheerful way and charming manners. She had a large group of friends.

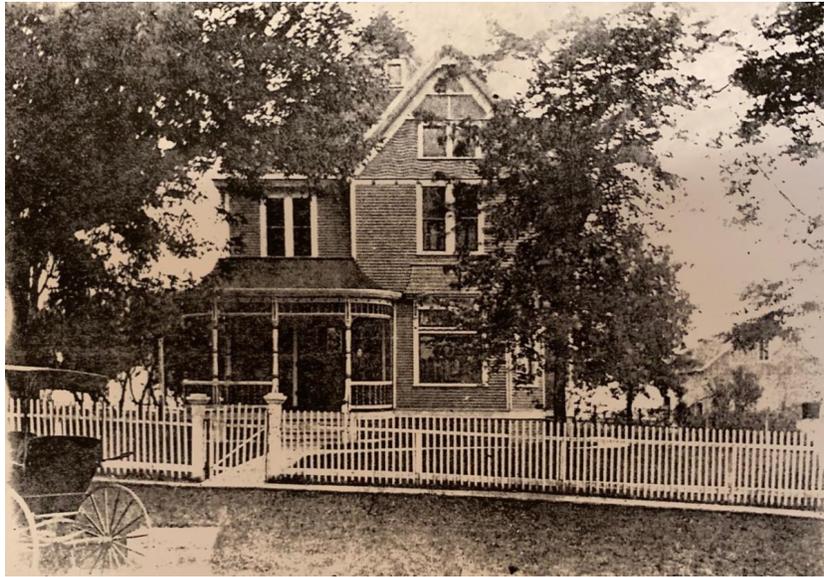
Apparently, the normally happy and popular teacher became troubled by something. The newspaper speculated it was possibly her recent ill health and that of her mother and sister. Others noticed that she seemed nervous the day before the tragedy. Several times she tried to talk to the principal of the school, but finally gave up, as he was always unavailable.

The next day, when Miss Fuller did not arrive at her classroom in the primary department, school authorities contacted her home. She was found by her aunt in her bedroom, dressed and apparently ready to go downstairs. The fatal wound through her heart was self-inflicted with a revolver. Of course, this horrific event was a deep shock to her aunt and her grandmother. And according to the News at that time, "...a deep gloom prevails in every home in the village." The newspaper at the time also stated, "It is certain that she was temporarily insane and while in this state of mind accomplished her destruction."

Several people have lived in the old home through the years, and some have reported hearing footsteps in the night, or finding jammed or locked doors which had been open. Two people very clearly saw the ghost of an old, gentle-looking woman – maybe Elizabeth, or Marietta?

The handsome historic home is one of the town's most stately, having been cared for by many owners over the years. The Sinns, the Stevensons, the Gardners, A Yordy who rented to four teachers, and the Dunlaps all lived there before the Jamesons. The house holds memories of the many people who have resided there, and the village is fortunate that one of its oldest homes is still in such grand condition.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Tremont Library

To Be Continued... (ages 7-12)

Tuesdays, June 15th – July 27th, 2-3pm

Join Miss Lizzi for a virtual read-aloud book club weekly to hear a few chapters of our book. Book to be announced in late May.

Sidewalk Chalk Obstacle Courses (all ages)

Dates/Times: June – July

Jump, spin, hopscotch, and balance! Stop by the library for a reward and get your picture on our Chalk Champions board. New courses throughout the summer, location to be announced.

Story Hour (ages 3-6)

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

Check out our Virtual Read-Aloud Facebook group for read-alouds, rhymes, activities, and craft tutorials. Craft kits available at the library.

Story Walks (all ages)

New story up each week, June 1st – July 12th

Location: South East Pond

Walk or ride around the pond & follow signs displaying fun picture books!

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

No Weekly 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

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