



Weekly News

Farmers' Market

Tremont Farmers' Market began Saturday, July 3rd. The market will set up every Saturday from 9-12 AM in the small shelter at City Park. The market NEEDS VENDORS! The market will start small and gradually build as the word and gardens "grow." Those wanting a "booth" can show up on Saturday - no need to register; it is \$5/week to set up. Those wanting to sell "cottage" goods, please contact the Tazewell County Health Dept. directly. Contact Mary Ann Vance with any questions via email at mvance@maryannvance.com.

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>



Tremont Park District

Park Progress

A letter from the Tremont Area Park Commission and Director Trina Burge:

We want to take time to provide an update on the many happenings at Tremont Area Park District and thank the community for your patience and support as we make changes to gain efficiencies and improve our parks and programming.

Sampson Street Facility

On April 24, we held a public auction, which resulted in the sale of the building at 210 Sampson Street. Louisa Jane of Tremont submitted the winning bid and closing is scheduled for July 5. Congratulations to Louisa Jane! We look forward to seeing this business continue to flourish and we appreciate her contributions to our local business community and the revitalization of Sampson Street.

210 Sampson Street was most utilized by TAPD baseball and softball programs for the batting cages during the off season and inclement weather. In order to centralize operations, the park board is working to relocate the batting cage equipment closer to our existing Fitness Center, which also houses our administrative office. Sampson Street building has also accommodated our youth theater program administrated by Nitsch Theater Arts. We appreciate the school and village for helping us with temporary space for the theater group. We hope to have more details to share about this plan in the coming months. In the meantime, we thank our community partners at Rescue 702 and Midwest Equipment for generously providing us with temporary storage space for our equipment.

Fitness Center

The [Fitness Center](#), at 22522 IL Route 9, is open and accepting new members. For additional information, please call (309) 925-3811 or visit www.tremontpark.org.

Trees

You likely have noticed the removal of damaged trees at both City and Cullinan Parks. Like many communities across the Midwest, our Ash trees are infested by Ash Bores, which cause a slow decline and brittle limbs. For this reason, and with safety as our goal, we have begun tree removal.

The Northern Fir trees that line the tennis courts at Cullinan Park are affected by a fungus and will need to be removed.

Removing trees from our parks is never an easy decision for our board and we continue to discuss plans to replace them. We are grateful to King Tree Service, our staff, and community volunteers, who have generously given their time, and equipment, to assist us with tree removal following recent storm damage. Taking care of our community requires all of us and we appreciate your willingness to assist.

Pool

After being closed last year due to Covid restrictions, we were more than a little excited to open the pool at the end of May. As we prepared for the May opening, we wondered if swimmers would be excited too or if lingering Covid concerns would keep our community away. Our hope was that Tremont Community Pool would continue to be a gathering place for residents and the [Tremont Torpedoes](#). We're thrilled to report healthy pool attendance through June and look forward to continuing to welcome you.

A special thank you to Tim Ropp, of Litwiller Plumbing, for his assistance with pool heater repair prior to opening day. Our pool heater is more than 20 years old and will be costly to replace. Thanks to Tim, heater replacement was delayed this year and we are grateful.

Thank you to the Tremont Torpedoes! Two upcoming fundraisers have been scheduled to help offset the

anticipated cost of purchasing a new heater. Please mark your calendars and come out to support TAPD, the Tremont Torpedoes, and our community pool:

- Pinky's: July 8, 5-10PM
- Morton & Pekin Monical's: July 26

Recreation

Recreation and travel baseball and softball games are winding down after a successful season. It is good to see our youth playing outdoors. We sincerely thank all the parents and volunteer coaches who generously give your time in support of young athletes on the swim team, and baseball/softball leagues. This season can't happen without you.

Tremont Triple Threat Softball tryouts are scheduled and will be held at Cullinan Park:

When:

July 22

- 10 & Under 6-7PM
- 12 & Under 7:15-8:15PM

July 25

- 10 & Under 2-3PM
- 12 & Under 3:15-4:15PM

New Board Member

TAPD welcomed Max Schneider, a realtor by trade, to our park board in May. Already Max has integrated himself, the first volunteer on the scene at City Park to help with tree clean-up following storm damage at the end of June. Thank you and welcome, Max!

TAPD Regular Monthly Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM at our Administrative Office located in the fitness center. Please contact our office should you wish to attend or address the board.

Did you know...?

Tremont's Shade-Filled City Park

Once a source of shade and beauty, several of the large trees in Tremont's City Park have either had to be cut down in the last year or so, or they were destroyed by the unusual recent winds from a storm. It is interesting to note the long history of the square of property in the center of the original town, known first as the Public Square, then the Public Park, and now the City Park.

In 1835, one of the first things the founders did in planning the town was to lay out a 680-foot-square area to be used for no other purpose than a public square. It was paid for out of the general fund.

The Woman's Club organized in 1895 to "promote civic, educational and social improvements in the community." They were the first known to have planted trees in the Public Square. Then, another group, called the Woman's Improvement Association, an outgrowth of the Woman's Club, was later started for purposes of beautifying the town.

In 1923, the Woman's Improvement Association planted trees east of the (no longer existing) bandstand, as a memorial to soldiers from the community who lost their lives in the World War. Each tree had a memorial marker, but due to vandalism, the group stopped replacing missing markers. A March 18, 1926 news article about the group states, "the beautifying and improving of Tremont's beautiful public park by placing therein rustic seats and bird houses, playground equipment consisting of swings, sand pile, sliding boards, etc. was... accomplished." In addition, it was through their efforts and Nettie Washburn's generous donation that Viola Norman's statue of "The Barefoot Boy" was placed in the park.

Since that time, a great many improvements have been made to the area. But one thing that can't be argued is that the trees provide needed shade and make the park a beautiful and welcoming area in Tremont.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Above: one of the memorial markers and an article on display at the Tremont Museum. Interestingly, the Tremont Woman's Club must have marked trees as well.

Tremont Museum Open House

TREMONT'S GOT HISTORY!

Open This Coming Sunday, July 11, 2-4 PM

Tremont Museum tells the story of Tremont with interesting displays on the railroad, early businesses, the Underground Railroad, our early history, schools, churches, our veterans, and more! The agriculture museum next door tells of our farming history from the first settlers through today's cutting edge technology.

\$5.00 Admission covers both buildings. Seniors and Children discounted, Free admission to members of the museum. We need your help to support the museum and its efforts to preserve Tremont's unique history.

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

Saturday

Farmers Market - 9:00AM-12:00PM
City Park

Sunday

Tremont Museum Open House - 2:00-4:00PM

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,

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