



## Weekly News

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### 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...?

#### A Small Town's Treasure

Tremont's Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1985 served as the impetus for a small group of residents to gather, led by Tremont resident, Janice Lee. Larry and Faye Childress, Eunice McMullen, Don Nieu Kirk and Dave and Jan Lee sought information about starting a historical society and museum. They officially organized in 1986, with Janice Lee as President. (She continued in that role for 30 years, when Rich Sauder took over as President.)

In a twist of fate, Everett Sather, owner of Casey's General Stores at the time, drove through town looking for a location for a new Casey's store. He found a piece of property on Route 9 where a small antique shop stood. Having no need for the store building, he asked Tremont's mayor at the time, Larry Childress, if he knew of any charitable organization that could use the building. At his suggestion, Sather gave the building to the Tremont Historical Society. The society would simply need to move it.

The Village Board offered village property on the corner of South Sampson and West Madison Streets for the building. The society arranged for a large basement to be dug, paid for with interest-free loans from the growing membership base. Many eventually donated the money. The building was moved to the new location. Everett Sather continued to donate \$1,000 annually to the organization for the next eight years.

Because of the growing collection of historical items, a large new addition was built onto the original building in 2004. And the museum continued to grow. In 2019, many skilled volunteers worked on the 1912 brick waterworks building, which was at the time used for odds and ends storage for the village. Their work converted it into a vibrant agricultural heritage museum in recognition of the vital role that agriculture has played and continues to play in our community.

Both buildings stand on village property, though all utilities, preservation, and display costs are the society's responsibility. Depending on the nature of maintenance and improvements, the cost is undertaken either by the village or the society.

There are no paid positions at the museum; everyone volunteers their time and talents. Revenue is obtained through memberships, admission, donations, exhibit sponsorships, and fundraising exhibits and events. The nonprofit museum does not qualify for state grants, partly because it isn't staffed full-time, but the Tremont Betterment Association has assisted at various times over the years. During the pandemic, the museum was closed for nearly a year, resulting in very little income to cover costs.

The museum organization celebrates Tremont and its history and strives to be an integral part of the community. Recently, we hosted a free Underground Railroad Conductor event for the public, featuring the renowned Peoria Heritage Ensemble. We have also sponsored Reminisce Coffees, where longtime residents are invited to share their memories and help identify old photos. In addition, speakers on a variety of local historical topics are presented in free public programs. Among other events, the society has provided a history bus tour, created a permanent Veterans area honoring many who have served from Tremont, and co-sponsored several Christmas house walks. The Winning Communities weekly online newsletter features our articles on a variety of Tremont's unique history. Education is a priority!

The museum partners with the Peoria Riverfront Museum, the Tremont District Library, the Tremont High School art classes and provides tours for teachers at both the middle and grade schools. We change many displays regularly to maintain interest for frequent visitors. Major exhibits are organized each year at the museum.

Not many small towns can boast of a museum of Tremont's quality. Representing Tremont's unique history, the museum has on display items from the 1800s Tazewell County Courthouse that once stood here, items from the Big Four Trains that passed through the town, early church and school keepsakes, treasured quilts, lovely wedding gowns belonging to Tremont brides, posters and items from our two opera houses, and local artists' work. There are attractive displays of the early library, post office, the telephone company, general stores, doctors, barbers, businesses, and much more.

As well, the Agricultural Heritage Museum is filled with tasteful displays from the settler farmers to today's cutting-edge technology. There are also displays featuring the early fire department, and early waterworks, as the building was used for those purposes in the past.

There are plans for a fundraising exhibit in September and October, with a grand opening on Sunday, September 19 from 1-4PM. "Artistry in Wood" will feature several talented local woodcarvers and woodturners, including David Lee, Gary Meister, and Robert Schurter. Please visit the museum and the special exhibits to help support the town's museum and its work...you'll be glad you did!

Currently, the museum buildings are open on the second and fourth Sundays from 2-4PM. Call Rich Sauder at 309-231-1123 for group or personal tours by donation. We are always looking for hosts. If you would like more information, call our Volunteer Scheduler, Marthajane Hillman, at 309-267-4106. We will train you and you will always be with someone else. If you would like to know more about becoming a member, call Faye Childress at 309-369-4052.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



*Then: Moving the antique store building*



*Now: Tremont Museum 2021*

## **Notice of Public Hearing**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FOR VARIANCE UNDER THE VILLAGE OF TREMONT ZONING ORDINANCE**

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on **August 26, 2021** at 7:00 PM at the Tremont Village Hall, 211 S. Sampson St., Tremont, Illinois, concerning a requested variance from the regulations of the Village's Zoning Ordinance. The variance would allow the construction of a parking area with a surface other than an asphaltic or concrete surface as required by Section 1205.8 of the Village of Tremont Zoning Ordinance on the property commonly known as 235 S. Sampson St., Tremont, Illinois (PIN 12-12-18-331-014).

By order of the Zoning Board of the Village of Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois.

## **Early Childhood Screening**

Tremont School District #702 will be holding an Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Please see the [attached flyer](#) with additional information.

To make an appointment, call Lisa Miller at 309-925-2051 Ext 1016.



## Tremont Library

### Tween Book Club

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to book club on the fourth Tuesdays of each month from 3:30-4:30PM. At each meeting we'll discuss the book we read, and then read the first chapter of the next month's book. If you like it, take home a copy and read the rest on your own. We'll have lots of copies available. Since we're just getting started, check out the detailed schedule below to see when you'd like to attend!

- **August 24th** - Discuss some of our favorite books and read the first chapter of "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate
- **September 28th** - Discuss "The One and Only Ivan" and read the first chapter of "Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo
- **October 26th** - Discuss "Because of Winn-Dixie" and read the first chapter of "Real Friends" by Shannon Hale
- **November 23rd** - Discuss "Real Friends," pick out books for Spring 2022, and read the first chapter of "How to Train Your Dragon"
- **December 14th** - This is a special one on the second Tuesday! Discuss "How to Train Your Dragon" and then enjoy a pizza party while watching the movie "How to Train Your Dragon"

### Hogwarts' Half-Bloods

Teens ages 12-19 are invited to join us at the library on the third Tuesday of each month at 7PM to discuss a monthly book pick and enjoy a drink from Eli's. Copies of each month's book are available at the library for anyone interested!

If you'd like to keep up to date with Hogwarts' Half-Bloods, email Lizzi at [lizzi@tremontlibrary.com](mailto:lizzi@tremontlibrary.com) to be added to our Remind group.

August 17th, 7PM - "The Lost Hero" and "The Son of Neptune" by Rick Riordan

### Baby & Me Group

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021 - 10 AM**

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

### Story Hour

**Next date: THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021 - 10:30 AM**

Thursdays: August 26th, September 9th, September 23rd, October 14th, October 28th, November 11th, December 9th, December 23rd

This fall, we'll be hosting Story Hour in the meeting room on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

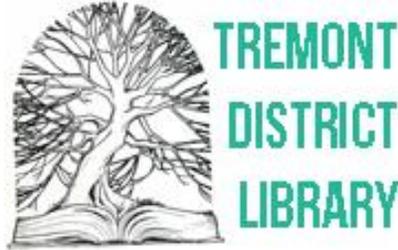
Any questions? Call 925-5432, or email Miss Lizzi at [tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com](mailto:tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com)

**Sensory Play Day**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 - 10:30 AM**

Come explore your five senses at our Sensory Play Day for littles 12mo. to 6yrs! We'll have the Bean Bin out, musical instruments, sweet and sour foods to try, and much more to interact and engage your senses. No registration required.

**World Book Encyclopedia -- Free with your Library Card**

Looking for lesson plans for homeschooling, to prevent summer slide, or both? Check out World Book's lesson plans! To access World Book, use your Tremont library card to login from home. <http://tremontlibrary.com/children-2/>



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## **Monday**

MS SB home vs Midwest Central - 4:15PM

MS BB home vs Washington Central - 4:15PM

## **Tuesday**

Golf at Illini Bluffs - 4:00PM

MS CC at Eureka - 4:00PM

MS SB home vs Edison - 4:15PM

MS BB home vs Morton - 4:15PM

VB at Midwest Central - 5:00PM

## **Wednesday**

Golf (JV) at Pekin - 4:00PM

MS SB at Olympia - 4:15PM

## **Thursday**

Golf at Greenview - 4:00PM

MS BB home vs Edison - 4:15PM

VB home vs Delavan - 5:00PM

Zoning Board Public Hearing - 7:00PM  
Tremont Village Hall

## **Friday**

MS SB at Eureka - 4:15PM

FB at Sangamon Valley - 7:00PM

## **Saturday**

Golf at Greenview - 8:00AM

VB (JV) at Peoria Heights - 8:00AM

MS CC at Mossville - 9:00AM

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

MS BB at Olympia - 10:00AM, 12:00PM

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### Around Town



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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.

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Thank you,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

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