



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>

Tremont Fall Town-wide Garage Sales

Friday & Saturday, September 24th & 25th

If you would like to participate:

Please sign up at Village Hall or email your information to tremontgaragesales@gmail.com to have your sale put on the map and pay \$2 fee that will be put towards advertising. You must sign up by September 17th to be printed on the map.

If you have further questions, contact Linda Drake.

Email: tremontgaragesales@gmail.com

Phone: (309) 202-0805

Did you know...?

The Boot Scrapper's Tale

There is a little-noticed humble boot scrapper on display at the Tremont Museum. Its former home was just outside of the Tazewell County Courthouse in Tremont. It would have been a necessity in Tremont's early years. The 8th judicial circuit-riding attorney, Abe Lincoln, no doubt scraped his own muddy boots on it before entering the courthouse during rainy weather. And the rainy days were many in early years in Tremont.

1835, the year Tremont was founded, was the year of the greatest rainfall according to recorded history. The rain started falling in the early spring and continued through early summer that year. In the History of Tremont, Illinois (1925), Tremont Resident Millie Troll reports, "In the early part of July a storm of rain, thunder and lightning occurred, which for severity has scarcely ever been equaled...the great prairies, then uncultivated and undrained, were a vast lake, and fish were plenty in almost every locality. The storms would gather with fearful rapidity. A small cloud would be seen somewhere, and in a moment, so to speak, the deluge was on. The falling of the rain was frightful, the vivid lightning and crashing thunder were a terror."

"The consequences of this rain were dreadful. The earth was filled with water and every little hollow was a stagnant pool to engender disease. After the fierce storm demon had passed, a silent pestilence arose from among the green prairie and stalked restless among the inhabitants."

Somewhat similar to the Pilgrims of Massachusetts, who started their settlement of Plymouth in terrible conditions, those early settlers of Tremont had to deal with extreme weather conditions in their first years. For example besides the extreme rain and mud of 1835, the next year, 1836, was known as the winter of the "Sudden Change," when the temperature is said to have dropped 40 degrees in just a few minutes.

"The years 1842, 1844, and 1858 are also notable as years of great rain-fall," Troll continued. "During the early history of the county, when there were no bridges, great difficulty was experienced in getting from place to place in the spring-time on account of the high waters. At such times ferrymen were allowed to

charge double fare..."

Roads and streets were dirt, so of course with the rain the mud was deep and travel on horseback, horse and wagon or buggy was nearly impossible. Walking across streets in town, women lifted their long skirts and dresses to ward off muddy hems. Sturdy iron boot scrapers, often attached to buildings or front steps, would have been especially valuable items needed to clean one's boots off before entering homes or businesses.

Once roads were paved and sidewalks were laid, the boot scrapers saw much less action, and today, many people never give that unobtrusive boot scraper in the museum a second thought.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Above: Tremont Court House Boot Scraper

Tremont Museum

Tremont Museum is hosting an "Artistry in Wood" event on September 19th to showcase wood carving and turning by local artists. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer with more information.

Tremont Library

Stories with the Tremont Police Department

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 AT 10:30 AM

Yay, another Story Hour with a Community Helper! We are so excited to be hosting Chief Siwak, from the Tremont Police Department. Join us to hear a story about what Police Officers do, ask questions, and see a Police Car up close! This program will be held on the library's back patio. Perfect for ages 3-6, siblings are always welcome! No registration required.

Remy!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 AT 12:30 PM – 3 PM

Remy the Facility Dog is a celebrity here in town and we are so excited to host him at the library after a few half-days at school! Come by to say hi, give some pets, or read him a story. He'll be here to meet and greet everyone with a smile!

There's no formal event happening, so there is no registration or age requirements. Just come say hi!

Tie Dye for Teens

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 AT 6 PM – 8 PM

Teens ages 12-19 are invited to Tie Dye with us at the library! We'll be providing one item to dye (to be announced!) and you can bring one more of your own. After we dye our projects, you can choose to take them home with instructions on how to finish the process or let us finish them and then pick them up on the following Monday.

Registration required! Visit us in person, call 925-5432, or email tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com to reserve your spot

Make-It Monday

MONDAY AT 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Make-It Mondays are back for another season, but this time we're inviting you to the library to create with us in person!

Children ages 7+ are invited to join Miss Nicole on the second Monday of each month after school to learn about and create a S.T.E.A.M. project. There is no registration, just drop in!

This Fall's projects:

- September: Pendulum Painting
- October: Hydraulics, Pneumatics, and Flying Rubberband Contraptions
- November: Solar System Models
- December: Animal Dioramas

Bored? Games!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021 AT 3 PM – 5 PM

Bored? Games! is back! Join us after school on the first Wednesday of each month for a fun-filled games day! Bring your own board, card, or table games or try one of ours. Ages 5+ welcome, under 8yrs must be accompanied by an adult.

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!

- **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 to be added to our Remind group.

Baby & Me Group

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

Thursdays: 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

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/>



Monday

Golf at Peoria Christian - 4:00PM

MS BB vs Peoria Christian - 4:15PM

VB home vs Hartem - 5:30PM

FB (JV) home vs LeRoy - 5:30PM

Tuesday

Golf at Illini Bluffs - 4:00PM

VB home vs Tri Valley - 5:00PM

Wednesday

Girls Swimming at Dunlap - 4:30PM

Thursday

MS CC home vs Princeville, CLA, MWC - 4:15PM

VB home vs Ridgeview - 5:00PM

Friday

Golf at Tri Valley - 1:00PM

FB home vs Tri Valley - 7:00PM

Saturday

VB (JV) at Lexington - 8:00AM

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

CC at Dunlap - 9:30AM

MS BB at Creve Coeur Parkview - 10:00AM

Sunday

Artistry in Wood - 1:00-4:00PM
Tremont Museum

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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