



## Weekly News

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### **Tremont Triathlon**

The Tremont Triathlon is Saturday, June 25th.

Sign up through June 17th at: <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/IL/Tremont/TremontTriathlon>

### **Did You Know...?**

#### **Tremont's Gypsies**

An article in the museum files tells of Gypsy caravans in Tremont:

"Beginning about 1917, a caravan of six to seven gypsy families would come to Tremont each summer and camp at the Tremont Park. Their arrival caused a great deal of excitement, especially among the young children, who had heard tales of gypsies stealing young children. Their stay would be for two or three weeks. This annual event lasted into the 1920s."

The Gypsy, or Romany, people originated in India and immigrated to the United States along with Hungarians, Croatians, Serbians, and others around the turn of the century. They had a nomadic lifestyle and a rich culture of their own, not easily understood by others.

The Gypsies in the U.S. generally traveled in close-knit groups of five to ten families, sometimes in colorfully painted horse-drawn wagons, or later, by car. They camped in vacant lots, usually on the outskirts of town. They had a loose interpretation of the law. They were known to be peddlers, beggars, and even thieves, though it is very unlikely they ever stole children.

While it is possible they were warmly welcomed in Tremont, it is more likely they were greeted with distrust.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society

### **Tremont Museum**

#### **Watch the parade go by!**

The Tremont Museum will be open on Turkey Festival Sunday from 2-4:00PM. Plan to come and watch the Turkey Festival parade from the museum's front lawn! Bring a chair and enjoy. Corner of S. Sampson and Madison Streets.

### **Poison Hemlock ID & Control**

**POISON HEMLOCK** can be found along roadsides, ditches, fence lines, edges of fields and other non-maintained areas in the Tremont area. It is a safety concern due to the toxic chemicals contained in all parts of the plant. Sensitive people may develop a rash after contacting the plant. The toxicity of each plant can vary, but all should be regarded as poisonous. It is very toxic if ingested and can cause problems with the central nervous system including difficulty breathing and respiratory failure in animals and humans.

[Click here](#) to learn more about ID and removal of this weed.



## **Merchants Day 2022**

Merchants Day this year will be Thursday, June 9th from 4:00-7:00PM. [Click here](#) to view a list of activities.

## **Tremont District Library**

### **Crafternoons**

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Monday, June 6th

Join us on Mondays throughout the summer to make Camp themed crafts! Ages 6+, no registration required, supplies are first come, first served!

- June 6th - Friendship and Paracord Bracelets
- June 13th - Bead Crafts
- June 20th - Shrinky Dinks
- June 27th - Buttons
- July 11th - Sand Art
- July 18th - Perler Beads

### **Baby and Me**

Wednesdays - 10:30 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.

### **Merchant's Day Scavenger Hunt**

Thursday, June 9th

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Follow clues around the library and earn Turkey Festival merch in return! All ages are welcome to participate!

### **Library Booksale**

Come find us at City Park and browse the used book sale during the Turkey Festival! (There are still spots open to volunteer to help too!)

### **Summer Reading**

Join us this summer to Read Beyond the Beaten Path!

Summer Reading is for ALL AGES — birth to adult!

Register now!

Prizes available June 6th – August 13th



## Tremont CUSD 702 Strategic Planning Survey

The Tremont CUSD 702 Board of Education is conducting a survey as part of its strategic planning process. The purpose of this survey is to gather information from the community so the Board can utilize the data to update its vision and goals. Some of the questions will be more directly aimed at parents of students, but it's important to the Board to gather as much information as possible from all stakeholders. Thank you in advance for taking time to complete this survey.

The Strategic Plan and Board of Education goals are based on six pillars -- School Climate, School Facilities, Curriculum, Strong Financial Position, Quality Staff, and Co-Curricular Activities. After an introductory section, the survey is divided into sections based on these six pillars. There are opportunities to add comments after each section of the survey and also an option to add overall comments at the end of the survey.

The survey will remain available for responses until July 17, 2022.

The survey is anonymous, but there is an option to include a name and email address for those interested in participating further in the strategic planning process, which may include follow-up meetings and further collaboration.

Strategic Planning Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/sKuBmEkM5D2oBWJc8>

## Tremont Museum - Save the Date

**Don't Forget: June 18, 10:00-11:00 AM**  
**The Underground Railroad Conductor Recognition Event**

**Where:** Tazewell County Court Administration, 342 Court Street #102, Pekin IL

Tremont's own Peter Logan will be remembered and recognized. Peter is a recently discovered conductor. He was the first formerly enslaved person to own property in Tazewell County. Then, at great risk, he helped escaped slaves pass through the Tremont area on their way to Canada and Freedom.

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### Thursday

Merchant's Day – 4:00PM-8:00PM

Turkey Festival Carnival – 5:00PM-10:00PM

### Friday

Turkey Festival

## **Saturday**

Turkey Festival

## **Sunday**

Turkey Festival

Parade – 2:00PM

Tremont Museum Open - 2:00PM-4:00PM  
Corner of S. Sampson and Madison Streets

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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,

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