



Weekly News

School Referendum Update

Annual Tremont FFA Alumni & Supporters Meeting Scheduled

The March 19th referendum for Tremont CUSD 702 will present voters with a question about whether or not they approve of an increase to the district's limiting tax rate from this year's 4.22% to 4.62% in 2025. As mentioned in previous updates, this increase coincides with a decrease in the district's bond tax rate, which means the overall tax rate will be lower even with the passage of the referendum. If approved, the increased limiting rate will generate revenue for the district for enhancing and adding programming for students and for addressing facility needs.

We often discuss tax rates, but one question that comes up quite a bit is in regard to how people's actual tax bills will be impacted. It's difficult to project future increases to property assessments, but the chart below shows projected tax savings compared to taxes paid in 2024 if property values were to remain relatively steady over the next few years.

Projected Property Tax Savings with Passage of March Referendum		
Property Value	Savings 2025 vs 2024	Savings 2026 vs 2024
\$100,000	\$23	\$47
\$200,000	\$47	\$93
\$300,000	\$70	\$140

Overall Tax Rate Projections with Referendum	
2024	4.93%
2025	4.86%
2026	4.79%

*Current Overall Tax Rate = 5.13%

As you can see in the chart, as the bond tax rate drops over a two-year period because existing building bonds will be paid off, taxpayers are projected to save on property taxes that go to the school district. Tremont already has one of the lowest school district tax rates in the area and that rate would drop further with the passage of the March referendum.

One of the particularly challenging features of this referendum is that there is no mechanism to include anything about the decreasing bond rate in the ballot language. As a result, the language used on the ballot will make it appear that the tax rate will increase. While the limiting tax rate will increase, the overall tax rate will drop because of the decreasing bond tax rate that occurs at the same time.

Future updates will address the ballot language issue in more detail, but it's worth noting that the language could be confusing to voters. The question will be presented on the ballot as a simple "Yes" or "No" question with a "Yes" vote signifying you support the referendum's passage and a "No" vote signifying you oppose the referendum's passage.

Public meetings will take place between now and March with the next meeting likely being in early-mid January. We will share information about those details once they are determined.

More information about the referendum will continue to be made available on the school district website as well -- www.tremont702.net.

You can also email questions to d702referendum@d702.org.

TAPD 5th/6th Grade Girl Volleyball Program Registration: Dec 9th-14th

Registration will be **online only** at <http://www.tremontpark.org/> and opens Dec. 9th and close Dec.14th with only 18 positions available per age group.

After 18 registrations the program will close and names will be added to a waiting list pending coach/player availability.

Practices will begin the week of December 18th (2 practices per week) dates to be determined. Competition schedule will include: Games on Monday nights at Eastside in East Peoria beginning date to be determined and two tournaments hosted in Tremont also to be determined. This will equate to 15-18 matches per team for the season. Season range: Mid January to End of February.

Who: 5th grade & 6th grade girls

Where: Tremont Middle School and Eastside East Peoria

Cost: \$82.00 per player

Questions: TAPD (tapdfacres@gmail.com), 309-925-3811

Program Coordinator: Kate Berry (Kate.berry.44.23@gmail.com)

Holiday Lights Contest - Lights on by Dec. 10th!

Holiday Lights Contest

presented by
TREMONT WINNING
COMMUNITIES

*Be Merry. Be Bright.
Make your house a delight!*

NEW THIS YEAR...CATEGORIES! CHOOSE YOUR STYLE!

CLARK GRISWALD OR MARTHA STEWART

TO PARTICIPATE, SEND US YOUR
ADDRESS & DESIRED CATEGORY VIA EMAIL OR FACEBOOK MESSENGER

LIGHTS MUST BE UP AND ON NIGHTLY

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM THE 10TH TO THE 13TH

ELIGIBLE HOMES MUST BE WITHIN THE 702 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

TREMONTWINNINGCOMMUNITIES@GMAIL.COM

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TREMONTWINNINGCOMMUNITIES

Let's spread some Christmas cheer by decking the halls! Tremont Winning Communities is excited to bring back the Holiday Lights Contest for the homes within the 702 School District. From simple to extravagant, we want to see them all! This year, we added categories: Clark Griswald or Martha Stewart, you pick!

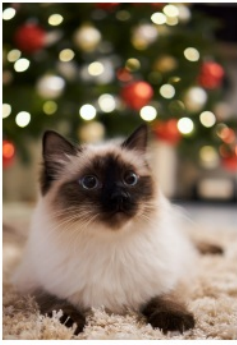
To participate in the contest, please send your name, address, desired category and a photo of your house lit up via email (tremontwinningcommunities@gmail.com) or a direct message on Facebook (www.facebook.com/tremontwinningcommunities). Entries must be in and lights be on by December 10th.

A list/map of participating homes will be available December 11th so everyone can view the light displays! Grab some hot cocoa and take a ride to check them out!

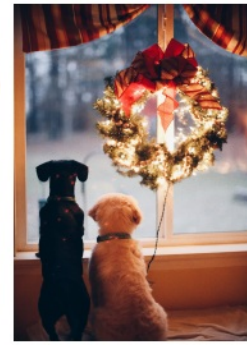
Judging will take place over the course of the evenings of December 10-13, so make sure your lights are on! The winners of each category will be announced on Facebook on December 15 and in the Tremont Weekly Newsletter on the following Monday. The winner will receive a prize from local businesses and bragging rights until next year.

Be merry. Be bright. Make your house a delight!

Santa Cause for Pause - November 27 to December 15



Santa Cause for Paws



November 27 - December 15

How Can You Help?



Donate at least \$5.00 and put your pet's name on one of our "Paw Ornaments" to decorate our tree.



All funds will be delivered the week of December 18th.

Tremont
Hopedale



New Holland
Lincoln



Did You Know...?

A Forgotten Tradition

It was a magical night. Cars, sans their headlights, crept stealthily up the lane. Carefully, people pulled over in the grass and parked, opening and closing car doors oh, so quietly. In hushed silence, each clutching some sort of bell, or pan and spoon, we made our way to surround the front of the house.

Then suddenly, on cue, pandemonium burst forth! Pans clanging wildly and noise startling, the silence was shattered. Lights flashed on and the front door swung open wide. The newlyweds had just been charivariated!

As a child, I was lucky to experience a charivari, because it was a custom that had died away a generation or more before. But some creative person had decided to resurrect the old event, creating a lasting memory for this child.

The dictionary defines a charivari (pronounced shiv-er-ee or shi-riv-er-ee) as a noisy, mock serenade performed by a group of people to celebrate a marriage... As in, "Friends gave them a joyous charivari, with much banging and bell-ringing." The practice actually used to happen on the couple's wedding night, in early days. Couples in the early 1900s were no doubt glad THAT practice had evolved!



The Tremont News at the turn of the century contains a few articles about charivaris. After the surprising, noisy serenade, it was tradition for the newlyweds to open their home and treat the revelers to some type of refreshment. For example, in December, 1913:

A.C. Schneider and bride returned Monday evening from a short wedding trip. The boys gave the newlyweds an old-fashioned charivari Tuesday evening. Gus gave the boys a handsome treat and everybody went home happy."

And, in October of 1919:

"Wm. Bolliger and bride have returned from their trip to California and the boys treated them to a charivari one night this week. Will was prepared for them and treated them royally."

A more elaborate event was planned by a group of women of the community in June of 1925:

"Mr. and Mrs. William Dietrich, who returned Thursday evening of last week from their honeymoon trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, were treated to a real old-fashioned charivari last Friday night, by a large number of ladies of this community.

"An old buggy was brought into service in which the bride and groom rode through the main street of town, and then then they were pulled to the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Snider where the ladies were treated to ice cream."

What fun, happy memories for all involved!

Charivari; a celebration lost to time.

Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss, 2023

Make Plans!

The volunteers at the Tremont Museum will be happy to take you or your group through the museum at any time. We will pull materials for you, take you on a guided tour, or let you roam at your pace. In this way, we hope to make Tremont's "gem" of a museum more convenient for you to see!

Contact Rich at 309-231-1123 or Lori at 309-840-0094 to set up a time.

Tremont Museum 501C3 Organization

The Tremont Museum is a 501C3 organization. Monetary donations are always deeply appreciated. Thank you for your support which will help in preserving Tremont's history!



Tremont District Library News

S.T.E.A.M. Lab Plus

Monday, Dec 11, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Kids ages 7 and up can join Tremont Library's very own STEAM Queen, Miss Nicole, each month after school to learn a little bit more about the building blocks of life: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. No registration required.

Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

Story Hour

Thursday, Dec 14, 10:30 - 11:00 am

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!

Tremont Area Park District

Turk Gear available at TAPD

*Various sizes in t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and hoodies
Prices range from \$10 - \$25*

JOIN TREMONT FITNESS

Cardio, weights, and classes offered. Workout hours 5 AM - 10 PM.

Rates: \$25.00 per month

-Additional member living in household: \$5.00

***All minors must have parents signature to obtain a membership. Must be 16 to work out without a parent. Ages 14/15 must work out with an adult.*

Fitness Class 10 Punch Pass: \$40.00

Tremont Community Senior Meals



Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am at the Tremont Community Center. These are for anyone 60 and up, there is no cost! If you want to join us you can stop in and sign up or call 309-674-1131 ext 231 for more information or to sign up.

If you would like to help support these meals, there are a few ways to get involved!

1. You can volunteer. Help us serve food and clean up from 10:45-12:15 in a relaxed and fun environment.
2. You can donate. Donations of disposable dinnerware (plates, cups, silverware, dessert plates, large and small take-home containers, rectangular tablecloths and napkins) can be dropped off at the [Tremont Share Closet](#) during their open hours. If you want a more detailed list of our current needs, you can see our Amazon wish list [here](#).
3. You can entertain. We like to host fun activities from 11:45-12:15 on Fridays and are always looking for creative and fun ideas to fill that time.

If you have any questions about donations or want to get involved, you can reach out to Braden at scsoulmanager@gmail.com.

Community Calendar

Monday

MS Boys Basketball HOME vs Parkview Jr High - 5:30 PM

HS Girls Basketball @ Lexington - 5:30 PM

Tuesday

HS Boys Basketball @ Lexington - 5:30 PM

Wednesday

HS Wrestling HOME vs HOI Duals: Eureka, EPG, Dee-Mack - 5:30 PM

Thursday

Boys Varsity Swimming @ Washington - 4:30PM

HS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Ridgeview - 5:30 PM

Friday

HS Wrestling @ Tolono Unity Duals - 4:30 PM

HS Boys Basketball HOME vs Olympia - 5:30 PM

Saturday

HS Wrestling @ Tolono Tournament - TBA

Boys Varsity Swimming HOME vs Bloomington Invite - 9:00 AM

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.

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