



## Weekly News

### Tremont FFA Strawberries Announcement

Tremont FFA strawberry deliveries are delayed, but expected to arrive the week of March 18th!

### TBA Disbursement Meeting - March 20, 6:00 pm

#### The Tremont Betterment Association Disbursement Meeting

Tremont Betterment Association is the managing body of the Tremont Turkey Festival. The members of the TBA board are past Turkey Festival General Chairmen. All of the profits of the Tremont Turkey Festival are funneled directly back into our community. One way this happens is at the TBA Disbursement Meeting, which is normally held the third Wednesday in March each year. Any group or individual in the Village of Tremont may submit a request for disbursement of funds. All requests will be subject to vote at the meeting.

**To Submit a Request:** If you would like to submit a request for disbursement, [download this form](#), fill it out, and submit either through mail or email (addresses listed on the form).

- The 2024 request forms must be submitted by March 15, 2024.
- The meeting will be held at 6:00 on March 20, 2024 at the Community Center.

**At the Meeting:** A representative must be present at the meeting and be prepared with the following:

- Present a 2-3 minute presentation about your request. Items to highlight would be a bit about your organization, how it helps our community, and how many Tremont residents would benefit by your request.
- Answer questions (if any) from Betterment members.
- Representative will leave the meeting after his/her presentation.

After the presentations, the Tremont Betterment Association board members will vote on how the 2023 Tremont Turkey Festival funds will be disbursed.

Disbursements will be mailed out within a week of the meeting, and a notice of all disbursements will be in a Weekly Newsletter soon after the meeting.

### Tremont Lions Club News & Notes

The Tremont Lions Club is seeking new members and continues to explore ways to attract more participants. As a result, **our next meeting will be during the lunch hour starting with an 11:45 social and 12:00-1:00 program on Tuesday, March 5 at the Tremont Community Center.**

The club seeks men and women of all ages who are interested in hearing from local leaders and assisting the club in our many projects and events that enhance our community.

Mr. Sean Berry, District #702 superintendent will discuss the upcoming referendum and answer any questions you might have on the issue. He'll also provide a snapshot of the many happenings in our local schools.

Our hope in having a few lunch meetings is to provide an additional opportunity for individuals working from home or at businesses in the community, who might otherwise shy away from nighttime engagements, to have an opportunity to participate in this vital civic organization. Please consider coming to this event and kicking the tires a bit to see what goes on in Lions Club!

We always have a meal and would like to plan accordingly (although you're always welcome to brown bag it). Meal cost is \$10 and an RSVP for planning purposes by Friday, March 1 can be submitted to: [jeffhin64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffhin64@gmail.com).

### **Tremont Turks Athletic Booster Club - March 8th, 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Join us on **Friday, March 8 from 5:00-7:00 pm** in the Tremont High School Cafetorium for a Pancake & Sausage Dinner held along with the Spring Sports "Meet the Players" night! This event will feature team introductions for the Turks spring athletes on the Baseball, Softball and Track & Field Teams. Everyone is welcome, whether you have an athlete in these sports or are just looking for a way to support the Turks!

Proceeds from this event benefit all Turks middle school and high school athletic programs.

Advance reservations are being taken to help us plan properly for food preparation. Advance reservations for adult dinner tickets are \$6, with kids ages 4-18 just \$3. Kids 3 and under are free. [Use this link](#) to reserve your tickets in advance and we will hold your tickets at the door for payment on March 8. Walk-in reservations the night of the event are \$1 per person more over advance reservation prices.

### **TAPD SUMMER REC BALL REGISTRATION: OPEN 2/14 - 3/31/24**

#### **Summer Recreation Baseball & Softball Registration**

- Little Turks T-Ball (age 4-6 / Co-ed): \$57.00 Resident -open later date in April
- 6U Modified Coach Pitch (Co-ed): \$60.00 Resident
- Boys 8 & under / Girls 8 & under: \$85.00 Resident
- Boys 10 & under / Girls 10 & under: \$100.00 Resident
- Boys 12 & under / Girls 12 & under: \$100.00 Resident

*\*\*Please note: additional \$25.00 fee charged for non-resident\*\**

\*LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CHARGED AN EXTRA FEE OF HALF THE REGISTRATION FEE

- Example: program fee \$60.00 will be charged \$90.00 registration fee

\* Register online at [www.tremontpark.org](http://www.tremontpark.org) (please note there is a 3% processing fee)

\* forms available at the TAPD office and in the vestibule for registration and payment drop off in the drop box.

\*Watch website and Facebook for T-ball registrations –sometime in April

\*Registration ends: 3/31/2024 Sign up promptly and avoid late registration fees!

### **School Referendum Update**

March 19th is drawing closer and early voting has already begun, so it's important to have

accurate information about the Tremont School District referendum. Here are some key points:

- The school district is seeking a referendum that would add 0.40% to the current limiting tax rate for the school district. This would increase the district's limiting tax rate from 4.22% to 4.62% for taxes payable in 2025.
- The limiting rate increase would coincide with a projected 0.79% decrease in the bond tax rate (compared to the current year) as the district's building bonds are paid off over a twoyear period. The current year's 0.91% bond rate is projected to be only 0.12% by 2026.
- The projected figures in the chart below illustrate the significant decrease to the bond tax rate over the next three years and the corresponding decrease to the overall tax rate.

0.40% referendum	Current Year	Taxes payable 2024*	Taxes Payable 2025*	Taxes Payable 2026*
Limiting Rate	4.22%	4.09%	4.62%	4.66%
Bond Rate	0.91%	0.84%	0.24%	0.12%
<b>Overall Rate</b>	<b>5.13%</b>	<b>4.93%</b>	<b>4.86%</b>	<b>4.78%</b>

- ***The overall tax rate will decrease even if the referendum passes because the bond rate is decreasing by more than the limiting rate would be increasing.***
- IMPORTANT NOTE -- Language on the ballot will only address the increase to the limiting rate and not the decrease to the bond rate or the overall tax rate. Therefore, the ballot language will make it appear that there will be a tax increase. As explained above, however, ***while the limiting rate will increase, the overall tax rate will decrease.***
- Despite cuts to staff and programs, years of state funding shortfalls created financial issues for the district over time, but the Board of Education was determined to reach this point before seeking a referendum to avoid increasing taxes on residents.
- Passage of the referendum would generate \$700,000 or more new dollars for the district annually and be used for maintaining and enhancing current programs, adding new programs for students, attracting and retaining staff, and upgrades to facilities, safety and security, and technology.

The school district will be hosting an in-person meeting on Tuesday March 12th at 7:00 pm at Tremont High School for anyone with any last minute questions about the referendum.

For more information about the referendum, please visit the link below.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

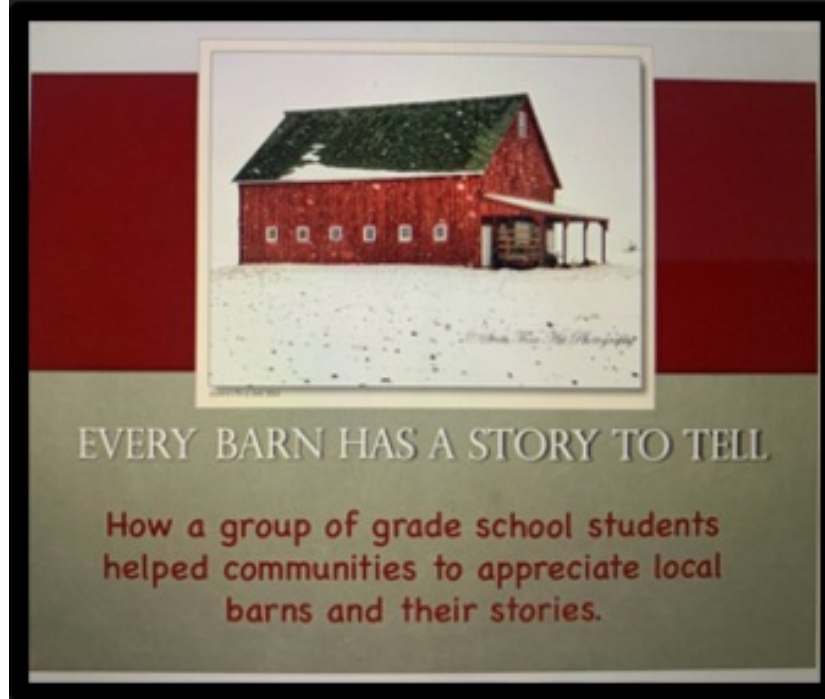
[Referendum Web Page](#)

If you are interested in early voting, the link below provides information about locations and hours: [Early Voting Information](#)

**Tremont Museum**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

Tremont Historical Society's next program by Lori Fuoss: Every Barn has a Story to Tell. It will be hosted at the Tremont Community Center, Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm.



### GRAND OPENING NEWS

**Mark your calendars!** The Grand Opening for the “Tremont Sports All-Stars,” exhibit will be Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14 from 1-4:00. After that weekend, the exhibit will be 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) from 2-4 PM through the end of June. Let out-of-town family and friends know!

Museum volunteers are hard at work organizing for the special fundraising exhibit, which promises to be fantastic!

Sponsored by The First National Bank of Tremont and Tremont Community Bank.

### Tremont District Library News

#### **STEAM Lab Plus (ages 7+)**

Monday, Mar 4 at 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 for life: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Some months will be a craft that can be taken home, others will be activities (and messes) that will stay at the library. Come see what we're up to! No registration required.

March 4th: DIY Slime: It's all in the name...come make your own slime!

April 8th: Terrariums: We'll use recycled bottles, soil, and seeds to create our own Terrariums. Watch them grow over the next few weeks at home.

May 6th: DIY Boat Challenge: Use various craft supplies to make your own boat! We'll announce our Race date at the Tiber Creek when we get closer and can predict the weather a little easier.

#### **Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)**

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 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.

### **Tween & Teen Night: DIY Skincare (ages 8-12 & 13-19)**

Friday, Mar 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Registration IS required as there are a limited number of available slots per age group. Participation is limited to ten (10) 8-12 year old and ten (10) 13-19 year olds.

Tweens and Teens are invited to a Homemade Skincare night! We'll be making lotion bars, sugar scrubs, and other products to help you feel and look your best.

We'll be using a variety of scents and products, including coconut oil, for our homemade skincare items. If you have an allergy you're aware of, please be cautious of your creations.

Adults -- Stay tuned for our adult Homemade Skincare products night!!

## **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](mailto:scsoulmanager@gmail.com).

## Community Calendar

### Monday

No Event

### Tuesday

MS Volleyball 8th Grade Regionals @ Olympia - 5:00 PM

### Wednesday

No Events

### Thursday

No Events

### Friday

MS Wrestling Regional @ State - TBA

### Saturday

MS Wrestling Regional @ State - TBA

## 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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