



Weekly News

TAPD T-BALL REGISTRATION: OPEN 4/1 - 5/8/24

Little Turks T-Ball Registration

- Little Turks T-Ball (age 4-6 / Co-ed): \$57.00 Resident, \$82.00 Non-Resident

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO COACH T-BALL THIS SEASON!!!

*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 (please note there is a 3% processing fee) or at the Park District office during staffed hours (hours listed in section below)

* forms also available above drop box located inside the entry of the main part district office located at 22522 IL Route 9 (inside the fitness center)

Tremont Bank - First Time Home Buyer Seminar - April 9th



FREE First Time Home Buyer Seminar

Tuesday

APRIL 9th

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Location:

Bank Lobby
124 S Sampson St
Tremont, IL

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Topics:

- Budget
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- Home Buying Process
- Down Payment
- Inspections, Appraisals & Title Insurance
- The Closing Process and more

Lenders:

Wes Springer
NMLS# 2220510

Jennifer Holliday
NMLS# 2319891

Bethany Murphy
NMLS# 2319959

Reserve your spot today!

Call: (309)925-2121

email: swoodard@tremontbank.com

Each attendee will receive a coupon for \$100 off closing costs if the loan is closed with FNBT by 10/31/2024.



Did You Know....?

Tremont's Village Blacksmiths

Blacksmiths were vitally important to the early settlers. Anything iron, such as plows, rakes, pans, wheels, door latches and horseshoes, was forged by the village blacksmith. Purchasing these and other items at a hardware store was impossible on the prairie. As a result, blacksmiths were very important, well-paid members of communities.

When Tremont was first settled, in 1835, Philander Dean set up shop. There may have been others. No doubt they were very much in demand. Likely, they were located near the center of town at that time, which was the Public Square (City Park). In about 1840, in that same vicinity, Fred Neiting opened his business. These would have been the men who were helping Tremont's first citizens to settle and to care for the feet of their invaluable horses.

In 1864 Alfred Dean set up shop, possibly with Philander Dean.

In the mid-1860s, John March opened a blacksmith shop about where today's community center building is. Later his son, Littleton G. March, took over. Littleton's sons also joined him in the business, which continued until Littleton's death in 1938.



John March Blacksmith Shop on South Sampson Street

Another early blacksmith was noted on the 1891 plat map. He was located on East Walnut Street, about where the education addition to the Baptist Church is today. It is possible it was James Paine's shop.

In the 1890s, a blacksmith building was located on South James Street next to the ally, opposite today's grade school. This shop, Barkdoll and Miller, was originally owned by Jacob Barkdoll, whose implement buildings were located around the corner on South Street. Other blacksmiths later operating from this location were P.E. McCrane, and the Abbott brothers. Around 1900, Ernest Suchert bought the building and did traditional smithy work there, as well as machine work. He spent decades of his life there. Later, his sons Hans, George, and Herbert joined the business. Suchert died in 1951. Ernest Shaefer bought the shop in 1950, which he ran until 1984, when he retired. The building was sold to the Library Store, who replaced it with a large warehouse.



Ernest Schaefer's Tremont Blacksmith Shop on South James Street

Around 1900, George Voelpel also became a blacksmith in town, though we are unsure of the location of his shop.

As time passed, hardware stores opened. Blacksmiths no longer were needed to make everyday tools, kitchen essentials, and iron latches, etc. However, blacksmiths rebounded as they were still needed for iron repair work and welding, small engines, and the forging of shoes for horses.

When the automobile became popular, blacksmiths had to evolve once more. They worked on small engines and continued to repair iron items. Some began selling lawn mowers and chain saws. However, despite their efforts, the blacksmith became obsolete. Tremont's last blacksmith shop, Ernest Schaefer's Tremont Blacksmith Shop, closed in 1984.

*~Tremont Museum and Historical Society
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Tremont Museum

GRAND OPENING!

April 13 & 14 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM

At the museum.

Several All-Stars will be there!

ADMISSION - Cash only!

This is a major fundraising exhibit for the museum:

\$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

Contributing All-Star athletes will have unlimited free admittance.

Also on April 14: Book signing by Charlie Flannigan, who has held the THS high jump record for the last 50 years. His

book, [A Yank Down Under](#), recounts his sports and other adventures in the States and Australia.



David Becker, all-around athlete, Class of 1964

Tremont District Library News

Eclipse Watch (adults and all ages) and Eclipse Crafts (kids, including toddlers)

Monday, April 8th at 1:45 pm, Cullinan Park in Tremont

Not planning to travel to southern Illinois to see the 100% magnitude eclipse? Us either! Travel to the southern end of Tremont instead and join us at Cullinan Park for a very respectable 94.5% magnitude viewing of the eclipse!

Librarians will be there to hand out glasses, and crafts will be available for littles (see below)

From 12:30-1:30 (before the eclipse), you are welcome to join us at the library for crafts! (We will also bring the crafts with us to the park at 1:45pm)

Stop by the library before we head over to Cullinan Park, or meet us there to make Eclipse themed crafts! Our fun mobile explains how the Sun, Earth, and Moon all move around each other, and our two different viewing methods help keep little (and big) eyes safe!

We'll have Eclipse glasses available at the park for anyone who needs them!

Super Hero Academy (ages 3+)

Saturday, Apr. 13, 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Come test out your Super Hero abilities at the Tremont Grade School Gymnasium! Get a cape and a mask to start your training journey and then try out different super skills! There will be lots of different activities and a snack to take home, so come when you can and stay as long as you'd like. Ages 3+

Please note the location at TGS Gym, as some of our promotional material mistakenly listed the location as the Community Center.

Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

Story Hour (ages 3-6)

Thursdays Apr. 11 & 25, May 9 & 23, 10:30 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! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Any questions? Message us here, call 925-5432, or email Youth Director Lizzi at tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com.

Infant First Aid & CPR Talk

Tuesday, April 9th, 10:30 am - 11:30 pm

This is NOT a CPR class!

Join Anne Zuercher of Tremont Rescue 702 to learn about Infant First Aid and basic CPR skills. We will have time for questions and discussion along with various demonstrations. No registration required.

Loanable Technology

Ask at the front desk about availability.

Wifi Hotspots

Our loanable hotspots allow you to access internet from anywhere.

Rokus

Each of our Rokus has a different streaming service.

Choose from:

- Hulu + Disney (with ads)
- Paramount +
- Acorn TV

Check-out Rules for all technology:

- Must be a Tremont District Library Cardholders Only (aged 14 and older)
- Loan period: 7 days (1 renewal)
- Checkout Limit: 1 technology item at a time per household
- Checkout and return at the circulation desk. No returns in the book drops
- High-speed internet and a TV with HDMI is required for Rokus.

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

Office Hours

Monday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	-	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Thursday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM - 11:00 PM	-
Sunday	Closed	Closed

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

HS Track & Field @ FS Lewistown Invite - 4:00 PM

HS Softball @ Dee-Mack - 4:30 PM

MS Track & Field HOME vs Broadmoor, Bethal, Morton Blessed Sacrament - 4:30 PM

HS Baseball @ Dee-Mack - 4:30 PM

Tuesday

HS Track & Field @ HOI Regular Meet, Dee-Mack - 4:30 PM

HS FR-SO Baseball HOME vs Canton - 4:30 PM

Wednesday

HS F-SO Baseball @ Brimfield - 4:30 PM

Thursday

HS F-SO Baseball HOME vs CLA - 4:00 PM

HS Track and Field HOME vs Lexington, CLA - 4:30 PM

HS Baseball @ Peoria Heights - 4:30 PM

Friday

HS Softball HOME vs Tri-Valley - 4:30 PM

HS Baseball HOME vs Tri-Valley - 4:30 PM

Saturday

No Events

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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