



**TREMONT**  
ILLINOIS

**Weekly News**

**FREE Community Shred Day - Saturday, May 4th**

# FREE COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Saturday, May 4th  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

The First National Bank in Tremont  
134 S. Sampson St.  
Tremont, IL

## ACCEPTING EVENT DAY:

Paper, Laptops, Towers, Switches,  
Monitors, Keyboards, Mice, Printers,  
Cell Phones

**\*NO TV's, CRT MONITORS, HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES\***

Have a specific question about an item?  
Please call Confidential Security Corp.  
309-691-0909

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**TREMONT**  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK

## 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](http://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)

### Exciting news -- the Roboteers are hosting Science Camps this summer!

- The one-day camps are June 1st and June 4th for K-7th grade at the Roboteers Robotics Center behind the junior high school.
- Campers will be grouped based on current grade level: K/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, 6th/7th graders.
- The cost is \$30 per camper per camp day or \$50 per camper if you participate in both camp days for their grade level.

### Camps include:

#### Day 1: Current Kindergarteners-3rd Graders

June 1st - 9:00-11:30am

This camp will focus on learning basic skills we use in the robot shop (programming, electrical circuits, design, etc). Students will have an opportunity to see and interact with this year's robot.

#### Day 2: Current Kindergarteners-3rd Graders

June 4th - 9:00-11:30am

This camp will be a little crazy and a little wild! We will be exploring a vast array of fun science experiments and chemical reactions! We will also learn all about cotton candy and enjoy it as a tasty treat (no red dye 40)!

#### Day 1: Current 4th Graders - 7th Graders

June 1st - 12:30-3:00pm

Come learn about the various subgroups we have for building our robot! You'll learn about programming, computer aided design, electrical, and more!

#### Day 2: Current 4th Graders - 7th Graders

June 4th - 12:30-3:00pm

Design, design, design! That's the name of this camp! Come ready to make designs to accomplish a variety of tasks and see if your group can take 1st place in the race of testing your designs at the end of the camp session!

Sign up and more information is available at [www.team2481.com](http://www.team2481.com).

## Did You Know....?

### Tremont and the National Oyster Craze

*"A crowd of young people from here attended the oyster supper at Morton last Friday evening. They all reported having a fine time."*

*Tremont News, 1910*

An oyster supper would have trouble drawing a group of Tremont teens today, but in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Tremont had joined the national oyster craze. From the late 1800s to the early 1900s was called the "golden age of oysters," and *The Tremont News* was dotted with articles about them. Served fried, grilled, boiled, roasted, steamed, stewed or raw, people couldn't get enough. In fact, New York residents ate an amazing average of 600 oysters a year during that period. Apparently, the world was their oyster!

Why? Why were these mollusks suddenly "all the rage"?

The explanation is that the East and West coastlines overflowed with natural oyster beds. Their abundance made them very inexpensive. Oyster farmers began using nets to scoop up huge amounts. Once there were more options for quick transportation and preservation, people on the interior of the country quickly embraced the new delicacy.

Oysters were served for all manner of dinner parties and social events. Abraham Lincoln was known to favor scalloped oysters. He frequently entertained friends and associates,

serving oysters any number of ways. He even used fried oysters to motivate people to come to his rallies!



*Tremont's restaurants served oysters. In nearby Bloomington, several "oyster saloons" opened.*

And Lincoln was not the only one...Among the many social events mentioned in *The Tremont News* from 1896 through the early 1900s include:

"Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luick and Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Unsicker attended an oyster supper given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Luick..."

"Shooting match at W.E. Week's farm five and one-half miles southeast of Tremont, on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Turkeys, ducks, geese, and oysters. Lunch will be served on the grounds..."

"There will be an oyster supper at the residence of Mr. Frank Scott..."

"The Leslie School, taught by Miss Monday, will give a big Oyster Supper at the schoolhouse on Saturday evening, October 18."

However, early in the 1900s the craze just disappeared. For one thing, the demand had been so large that oysters had been overharvested. Pollution, oyster parasites and typhoid outbreaks, which were blamed on the oysters, assured that people lost their taste for them.

The Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906 put strict cleanliness regulations on handlers, which were expensive to implement. Today, most oysters come from aquaculture farms, making them safer, but more expensive to produce.

Sources: [www.morningagclips.com/americasoystercraze](http://www.morningagclips.com/americasoystercraze)  
[www.jstor.org/howoystersbecameafoodfadwayoutwest](http://www.jstor.org/howoystersbecameafoodfadwayoutwest)

*~Tremont Museum and Historical Society  
Lori Fuoss, 2024*

**Tremont Museum**



1976 Girls' Softball Team

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Our Next Historical Society Program:

Tuesday, May 21 at 7PM at the Tremont Community Center on S. Sampson St.

"Girls in Sports and Tremont's 1976 'Cinderella' Team" will be presented by Jody Vance Dudley, a member of the history-making 1976 team. Be sure to come and bring your young athletes! If you love sports, history, or Tremont, you'll enjoy this program!

**Did you miss the Tremont Sports All-Stars Grand Opening this past weekend?**

**No Worries!**

The exhibit will be open the 2nd and 4th weekends (Saturdays & Sundays), from 2 - 4 PM through the end of June. That includes Mother's Day and Turkey Festival weekends so that out of town family can see the exhibit, too.

**ADMISSION - Cash only!**

\$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Contributing All-Star athletes will have unlimited free admittance.

## Tremont District Library News

### Book Signing - "Battlefield Missouri" (adults)

Tuesday, Apr.30, 1:00 pm

Author and retired Army Colonel Arnold Montgomery - a former resident of Tremont - will give a brief presentation and book signing on his thriller/military sci-fi novel, "Battlefield Missouri"

### **Graphic Novel Book Club (ages 8-12)**

Tuesday, Apr.30, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Graphic Novel Book Club is a great way for 8-12 year olds to meet other Graphic Novel enthusiasts and share their feelings about new and old books! Ran just like a classic book club with a group discussion, but with the addition of snacks and a craft.

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

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

### **Teen Night: Resin Crafts (ages 12-19)**

Friday, May 3, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Teens ages 12-19 are invited to join us to make Resin Crafts! We'll be making small pendants and other charms. No registration required.

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

# Community Calendar

## Monday

MS Track HOME Meet #5 vs DeeMack, S. Pekin, CLA, Norwood - 4:30 PM

HS Softball @ Fisher - 4:30 PM

HS Baseball @ Fisher - 4:30 PM

## Tuesday

HS Track HOME HOI Conference Meet vs Eureka - 4:00 PM

## Wednesday

HS Softball HOME vs Illini Bluffs - 4:30 PM

HS Baseball F-SO HOME vs Central Catholic - 4:30 PM

## Thursday

HS Baseball F-SO @ Pekin - 4:15 PM

## Friday

HS Track HOME Tremont Invite vs Fieldcrest, Eureka, Illini Central, Leroy - 4:00 PM

HS Softball @ Athens - 4:30 PM

## Saturday

HS Baseball F-SO HOME vs Illini Bluffs - TBA

HS Baseball V HOME vs Illini Bluffs - 10:00 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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