



Weekly News

School Referendum Update



It's time to announce the winners of the 2023 Holiday Lights Contest, sponsored by Tremont Winning Communities!

Clark Griswold Category:

First: The Mickna's on Ropp Rd

Second: The Innis's on Bay Colony Dr

Martha Stewart Category:

First: The Hart's on Sampson St

Second: The Vonderheide's on Lee St

A huge thank you to all who participated this year in making our community a little more festive for the holidays! Pack up the family with some hot cocoa and take a drive around to see all the participants:

[CLICK HERE FOR MAP.](#)

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.

Did You Know...?

Decembers Long Past

A few clippings from the Tremont News:

December 1918

Our merchants report a splendid Christmas trade. The snowstorm of Tuesday put life into the trade for Christmas time. Last year the pall of war hung over everyone, now it is different with our boys coming home one by one and everyone is cheerful and feels like spending their money.

December 16, 1907

The congregation of the Baptist Church will give a "Revolving Christmas Tree" at their church on Christmas.

SANTA CLAUS
Has Left Many Beautiful Gifts At

The Rexall Store
FRANK A. BLUE, Proprietor.
FREMONT, ILLINOIS.

For the Ladies
Bangles, Rings, Pins,
Brooches, Lockets, Neck
Chains, Lockettes, W-
rivers, Cat Pins,
Hand-Painted Plates,
Toilet Sets, Manicure
Sets, Stationery Sets,
High Class Stationery,
Pen Pals, Fountain
Pens, Hand Mirrors,
Hills, Toes, Browne
Kodaks. Many other
beautiful articles.



For the Gentlemen
Pocket Books, Bill
Books, Cigar Cases,
Pipes, Pipe Cases and
Smokers, Pens, Safety
Razors, Razor Straps,
Cuff and Cuff Buttons,
Military Pins, Buttons,
Scarf Pins, Watch Pins,
Cuff Buttons, etc.
Charts in Every Field

We offer a beautiful line of Swiss Port Cameras, Booklets, Etc.
Nothing would please that boy or girl more than a Brownie Camera; we have them
from \$1.00 to \$10.00.
Will you kindly give us the opportunity to show what nice gifts we have.

December 28, 1900

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cody, on Christmas Evening from 5 to ___ there was a notable gathering of old people and early settlers of this vicinity, in honor of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis. The old people are the parents of Mrs. Cody and were both born in Illinois. Mr. Davis being born in Elm Grove township in 1830 and Mrs. Davis in White County in 1834. They were married in Groveland in 1850. Everyone present reports a very enjoyable time.

Roy, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Leonard of Elm Grove, shot himself through the hand while hunting on Christmas Day. The charge passed through the palm, mangling the hand considerably. Doctors were summoned who dressed the wound and the young man is getting along as well as could be expected.

Christmas Eve was the thirty-second anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris. They were born and raised in Tremont and married here ...and have resided here to the present time.

December 1889

The Congregational Church will have a Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve.

Tremont Museum



Merry Christmas from the Tremont Museum & Historical Society

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

LEGO Afternoons (ages 6+)

Monday, Dec 18, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

LEGO afternoons are perfect for kids who are 6 years and older and want to show off their building skills, try out new LEGO sets, and attempt challenges (like creating a LEGO stop motion video). LEGO Days are pretty popular here, be prepared to work in groups on LEGO kits! No registration required.

Hogwarts' Half-Bloods (Young Adult Book Club) (ages 12-19)

Tuesday, Dec 19, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Hogwarts' Half-Bloods is Tremont Library's Young Adult/Teen Book Club. We meet monthly to discuss a book, enjoy a treat from Eli's, and hang out for a bit.

Here's the books we'll be discussing:

December 19th - "Keeper of the Lost Cities: The Graphic Novel Part 1" by Celina Frenn

Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

Third Thursday Book Club (adults)

Thursday, Dec 21, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Pick up a copy of this month's book at the library's front desk, and then join us for a discussion either at the Community Center or the Library's Meeting Room!

Move & Do (ages 2-6)

Friday, Dec 22, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Much like Baby & Me and Sensory Play Day, Move & Do is an educational-based free play day for toddlers and preschoolers ages 2-6. There will be different themes to explore each month, new friends to meet, and time to work on those early social and motor skills!

December: "Space"

No registration required. Drop in and stay for as little or long as you'd like.

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

HS Girls Basketball HOME vs Olympia - 5:30 PM

Tuesday

MS Wrestling HOME vs Farmington, Beardstown - 5:30 PM

Wednesday

No Events

Thursday

HS Girls Basketball @ Havana - 6:00 PM

Friday

No Events

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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