



Weekly News

TREMONT 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 Parks & Recreation Center

22522 IL Rt. 9
Tremont, IL 61568
(309) 925-3811

Office Hours:

- Mon-Tues-Thurs 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Fri 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Saturday 8:30 am - 11:00 am
- Sunday Closed

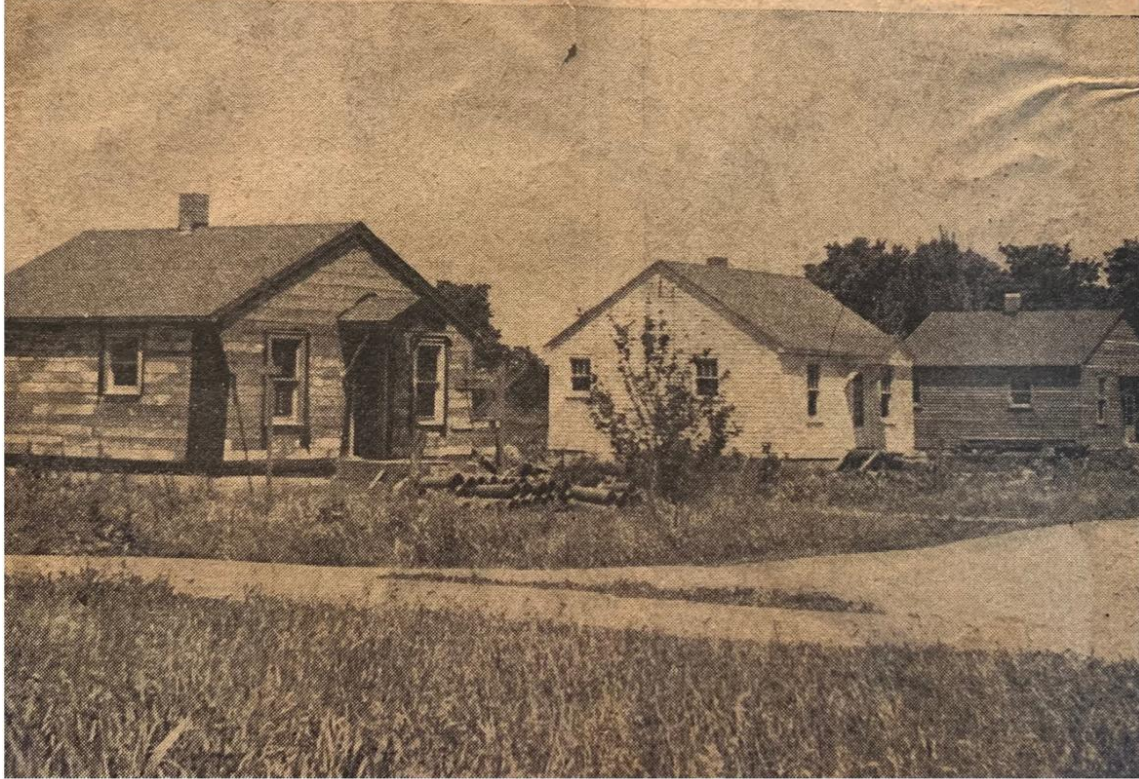
Did You Know...?

Contractor J.L. Benson

World War II had ended. The fortunate servicemen were able to come back to their hometown of Tremont. But life did not immediately go back to prewar normalcy. Supplies were still hard to come by, with many shortages. In the midst of this, Tremont contractor J.L. Benson had a plan. He felt it was the least he could do to build some housing for

veterans. Because of the shortages, people only laughed at his idea.

Homes Exclusively For Veterans



But, *The Pekin Daily Times* of June 19, 1946, noted, "Wheedling and coaxing for materials, Benson set to work on a plan to build at least seven homes for sale exclusively for veterans." He decided to build the needed homes for a low price of \$4,000. At the time of the article, Benson had built three of the seven homes. "The homes are 28 X 28, with kitchen, bedroom, and living room. Included is a modern bathroom with built-in tub and other attractive appointments. Hardwood floors are in the living room and bedroom. The kitchen has attractive inlaid linoleum, sink-cabinet units and wiring for electric stoves."



The article was found in an old scrapbook belonging to the late Bess McQueen, a Tremont resident. With his vision of low-cost housing for veterans, J.L. Benson joined the ranks of others in Tremont who, through the years, have made sure our veterans were taken care of or recognized for their service to our country.

**The article does not include the location for the houses. If you are aware of where they are or were, please contact us at the museum, 309-840-0094...we are curious!*

*Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss*

Tremont Museum

THIS WEEK: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH @ 7:00 PM

Program: The Tremont Grade School Fist Bumping Vets

The Tremont Historical Society invites you to the "Tremont Grade School Fist Bumping Vets" program, given by the veterans themselves. The vets will share their experiences as they fist bump grade school children arriving at school on Thursday mornings. This unique activity is now in its 7th year and involves 18 military veterans. The program will be held on **Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 at the Tremont Community Center.** Cider and donuts will be served. Admission is free.



Check Out the Updated Displays

Eight volunteers have spent the last month working on rearranging and designing new displays. Be sure to stop in and spend a Sunday afternoon learning about our uniquely founded town. The Museum will be open 2nd - 4th Sundays from 2-4 PM. Admission is free, though donations are encouraged!

Tremont District Library News

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

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

We meet monthly to discuss a book, enjoy a treat from Eli's, and hang out for a bit. September 19th we'll be discussing "Big Tree" by Brian Selznick.

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, September 21 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Pick up a copy of this month's book at the library's front desk, and join us for a discussion on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30pm!

Meetings are held at the Community Center or in the Library's Meeting room.

Move & Do (ages 2-6)

Friday, September 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! No registration required, stay for as little or as long as you like.

September: "All Around Town"

October: Shredded Paper Play Day

November: Community Helpers

December: "Space"

Teen Night: Laser Tag (ages 12-19)

Friday, September 22 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Teens, ages 12-19, are invited to join us at City Park to enjoy a night of Laser Tag! Laser Ops Mobile Gaming of Morton, IL will be coordinating the event. No registration required, meet at City Park.

Up to 16 can play at once. If more people are present, we'll take turns with teams. Bring your friends!

Minecraft in the Meeting Room

Saturday, September 23 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Starting at 9:30 am, ages 10+ can join Miss Lizzi in the Meeting room for Minecraft. Then, at 11:00 am, ages 7+ can join in until the end of the program at 12:30 pm. [Check out our calendar for more information!](#)

Tremont Community Senior Meals



Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11pm 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 Golf V @ Pekin (Parkview) - 4:00 PM

MS Baseball @ Regionals vs Washington Middle - 4:15 PM

HS Volleyball HOME vs IVC (Fresh/JV/Var) - 5:00 PM

HS F-SO Football HOME vs LeRoy - 5:30 PM

Tuesday

HS Golf V @ HOIC Meet (El Paso Country Club) - 9:00 AM

HS Volleyball @ Lexington (Fresh/JV/Var) - 5:00 PM

Fist Bumping Vets Presentation @ Tremont Community Center - 7:00 PM

Wednesday

MS Cross Country @ Tazwood Meet - 4:00 PM

Thursday

HS Golf V @ Eureka High School - 4:00 PM

HS Volleyball @ LeRoy (JV/Var) - 5:00 PM

MS Basketball HOME vs South Pekin - 5:30 PM

Friday

MS Softball HOME vs State - TBA

HS Football @ Ridgeview - 7:00 PM

Saturday

MS Softball HOME vs State - TBA

HS Golf V @ PORTA Invite (Shambolee) - 9:00 PM

HS Cross Country @ Kewanee Invite - 9:00 AM

MS Cross Country @ Olympia Invite - 9:00 AM



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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