



Weekly News

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 702

REFERENDUM - MARCH 2024

At the Board of Education meeting held on October 12th, the Tremont CUSD 702 Board approved a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot at the March 19, 2024 election. The purpose of the referendum is to generate revenue to maintain and enhance educational programming and facilities.

The timing of this referendum coincides with the expiration of building bonds from the 2007 high school building upgrade. As these bonds are paid off, the taxes collected to pay for them are no longer collected, which results in a decrease of the tax rate. Because the taxes are no longer collected, the district cannot simply re-allocate those funds for other purposes.

The expiration of the bonds will result in a sizeable decrease to the tax rate of approximately \$0.70 over a two-year period in 2025 and 2026. The referendum the Board is seeking is for \$0.40, so the overall school tax rate will still decrease from its current level even if the referendum passes. Tremont already ranks 28th out of 30 area communities in school district tax rate and that rate is expected to decrease further next year as well.

If passed, it's estimated that the referendum could generate \$700,000 of additional revenue for the school district for the 2025-26 budget and set a new revenue base for future years. Over the past 10-15 years, shortfalls in state revenue have resulted in deficit spending by the district despite some cuts to programming and tightened expenditures in several areas. This referendum would resolve revenue issues for the long-term and provide an opportunity for the district to maintain, enhance, and expand programs for students, attract and retain quality staff, maintain and improve facilities, and achieve overall long-term financial stability while still lowering the school district tax rate.

The Board is planning a public meeting for mid-November to present more information about the referendum. Details on that meeting will be shared soon. We also have created a page on our district website www.tremont702.net for easy access to referendum information. In the meantime, you can click the link below to access a fact sheet about the referendum.

[Fact Sheet Link](#)

Did You Know...?

"Dear Miss Getz..."

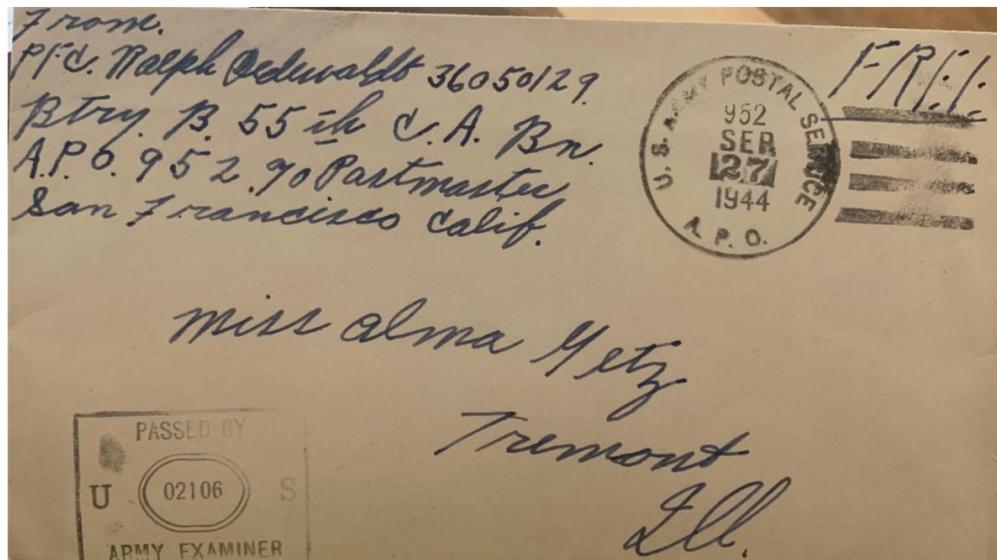
"A teacher affects eternity; (she) can never tell where (her) influence stops."
– Henry B. Adams

Alma Getz was a dedicated teacher who affected students long after they left her class. Her students knew that she truly cared – not just by her words, but by her actions. For many, she was both a teacher and a friend.

Miss Getz began her teaching career in 1924 and taught for an unheard of 45 years. For 13 years, she taught in local one-room country schools. With their consolidation, she taught in Tremont District 39 and then in District 709, from which she retired.

An article in the November 12, 1993 *Tremont News* about Miss Getz mentioned her time teaching at Antioch School, southwest of Tremont:

"Noting that a physical handicap in no way incapacitated his life-long friend, Jesse (Koch) recalls that Miss Getz would plunge into playground activities, romping delightfully with her young charges. 'She had one leg considerably shorter than the other, and walked with a limp,' he says, 'and yet...you know in a country school you had to be the spelling teacher, the music teacher, the janitor, the athletic director, etc., etc. And she would get out and play ball with everyone...'"



Perhaps the best example of her commitment to her pupils came as the U.S. entered WWII. As her students enlisted or were drafted, she wrote letters to each one to ensure they heard from home. Miss Getz never married; she had no son or husband in the war, but she surely worried and prayed about "her boys" as many were stationed in danger all over the world. She was dedicated to writing letters to each of them, on top of lessons to plan, papers to grade, and many other school-related duties, so that they would receive a piece of home. Alma continued her correspondence all through the war.

The letters are endearing, bittersweet, and honest. Below are a few excerpts from some of the letters:

- *"Gee, Miss Getz, wouldn't that be swell if the war would be over and all of us would get to come home. I sure wish I could see the old burg again. Boy, it sure would be a sight for sore eyes..."*
- *"This morning we had the prettiest white frost. Reminds me of home so much."*

And one with the notation: *Letter # 16.*

- *"...but here is hoping peace is soon restored so we can all come back to our loved ones and home."*

Long after the war was over and for the rest of her life, Miss Getz kept all those letters she received. After her death in 1992, many were donated to the Tremont Museum. **Currently,**

you can see a display featuring Miss Getz and the letters she kept from “her boys.”

Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss

Tremont Museum

The Tremont Museum will be open Sunday, November 12, and on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2-4:00 P.M. Admission is free.

The museum will close for the winter on December 11th.

To arrange personal or group tours at any time, call Rich at 309.231.1123, or Kay at 419.296.2323.



Tremont District Library News

Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

Tween Time: Pokemon: The Card Game (ages 8-12)

Thursday, Nov 2, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

All new for Fall 2023...Tween Times! Tweens ages 8-12 are invited to stop by the library for events made just for them!

In November we'll be featuring the Pokemon Card Game! Learn to play the game to help teach others, and trade cards. We'll have a few decks available to play with, feel free to bring your own.

Other Tween Times this Fall:

- Dec. 6th - Tween & Teen Paint Night

Dino-vember Kickoff Day!

Saturday, Nov 4, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Starting at 9:30am: ages 10+

Starting at 11am: ages 7+

Program end: 12:30pm

Starting at 9:30am, ages 10+ can join Miss Lizzi in the Meeting Room for Minecraft. Then, at 11am ages 7+ can join in until the end of the program at 12:30pm. Ask Lizzi ahead of time if you have any questions about our weekly Minecraft days. Continue reading to learn

more about this program!

We started our library Minecraft Realm back in November 2021 and it was a huge hit! Kids ages 7+ are invited to come help it grow! Bring your own device and connect to our library Realm. First-time participants and their parents will need to sign a Code of Conduct before joining.

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

MS Girls Basketball HOME vs Eureka - 5:30 PM

Tuesday

No Events

Wednesday

No Events

Thursday

MS Girls Basketball vs Metamora Grade School - 4:30 PM

Friday

No Events

Saturday

HS Cross Country @ 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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