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TREMONT ST. JUDE RUNNERS



CHEER US ON! SAT. AUG. 2ND

8AM: LEAVE MIDDLE SCHOOL. RUN

SOUTH SIDE OF TOWN

8:30AM: RUN WINDERMERE

9:AM: RUN ROYAL COLONY

9:30 AM: MEET AT POOL PARKING LOT.

9:45AM: RUN NORTH SIDE OF TOWN

TIMES ARE APPROX.

TELEVISED CHECK
PRESENTATION @ 7PM



Tickets will be available starting this Saturday!

The Share Closet Connection

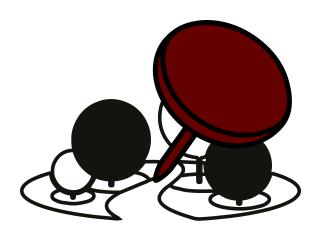


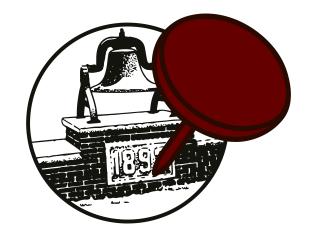
Did you know that the Share Closet exists to share the Hope of Christ by meeting needs? We provide help with necessary items such as household goods, clothes and baby items. We also offer Closet Cash to allow individuals to shop in our store at no cost. Please email scsoulmanager@gmail.com or contact the store if you would like more information on assistance.

Visit us on Facebook Phone: (309) 929-7095

The Share Closet - 227 S Sampson St, Tremont, IL 61568

Organization Updates





Village of Tremont

Village Board Meetings

The Tremont Village Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at Village Hall and public attendance is welcomed. All previous meetings' minutes can be found on the village website.

Board Meeting Minutes

District 702

Athletic Schedule

Our student athletes are officially off for the summer! Check back in early August for a schedule of events.

Did You Know? *Tremont, in History*

Brought to you by the Tremont Museum & Historical Society

Tremont and Prohibition 1920-1933

Nearby Peoria was a boom city from 1850 to the early 1900s, known as "The Whiskey Capital of the World." The city blessed with a great supply of grains, cool underground water, rail and river transportation, investors and, unlike many areas of the country, supportive politicians. All taken together, they made Peoria a natural for the massive

production of good whiskey and beer, more than any other place in the country. But by 1920, that all came to a halt when the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect. As of January 1 of that year, the 73 distilleries and 24 breweries in the city ceased production. Their huge charitable contributions to the City of Peoria also stopped, hurting the city and leaving thousands unemployed.

Though not in such a dramatic way, Tremont was also affected. Since its beginning, taverns had always been popular; in fact taverns were some of the first businesses in the new village. In the two decades leading up to the passing of the 18th amendment, Tremont had approximately seven taverns and restaurants that served beer and/or whiskey. But when prohibition began, the taverns closed. One saloon owner, Ed Cooney, sold his tavern in 1919 to Guy Kinsey, who turned the place into a "soda pop store."

This same transition was seen in many towns in America. Saloons became soda parlors. People turned to creative soda drinks and, because of improvements in refrigeration, ice cream as well. Soda fountains were also installed in drug stores. Drug stores were the only legal places to purchase alcohol, and then only for medicinal purposes. At these drug store soda fountains, "soft" drinks were served and gained popularity. In some stores, however, some drinks were not exactly "soft". (There is no evidence that happened here, though.)



According to a 1985 Pekin Times article by Tremont resident Susan Sommer, some of the then old-timers remembered the so-called "dry" years. The article quotes Clark "Shorty" Barton, William Koch, and another anonymous Tremont source on the clandestine activities at one Tremont location during prohibition. At 310 (some sources say 308) South Sampson, there once stood a general store, built in 1897. Then, in about 1916, the building was converted to a busy noodle factory owned by Benjamin Koch. In 1925, the building became a private residence.

Even during prohibition, home brew could still be purchased at that residence. The men who were interviewed in the 1985 article reported that the brew from a still in that house could be smelled some three blocks away, likely giving their secret away! The men said the government found out and demolished the still, thereby ending that source of home brew.

Prohibition ended in 1933. Taverns re-opened, restaurants again began serving alcohol and highlighting that fact in their ads. However, because of the 13-year interruption in

production, our neighbor, Peoria, never could regain its former growth boom or their "Whiskey Capital of the World" status.

Tremont Museum and Historical Society Lori Fuoss - (Reprint)

Photo is of the building at 310 S. Sampson Street

Tremont Park District 2025 Volleyball Fun



For those girls that just can't wait to play volleyball! This will be a fun, stress-free environment for girls to learn and improve in this sport.

Registration opens Monday, July 28th and ends Sunday. August 31st.

1st-2nd Graders

When: Tuesdays after school, 3:00-4:00pm

Dates: Sept. 9th to Oct. 7th

Where: Tremont Grade School Gym Fees: \$40.00 Non-Resident: \$50.00

Register Here!

3rd-4th Graders

When: Tuesdays after school, 3:00-4:15pm

Dates: Oct. 14th to Nov. 11th**

Where: Tremont Grade School Gym **Fees:** \$40.00 Non-Resident: \$50.00

Register Here!

Register online at the links above or at the TAPD office during staffed hours by 8/31/2025 **Note: 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th are different start dates**





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