

# Allentown Union Hall

A place rich in history.  
A place rich in memories.  
A place dear to our hearts.

Constructed in 1892 to serve the community, the hall has provided many social opportunities to its surrounding residents.

Dances, plays, church services, potlucks, socials, voting place and many other events.

The Allentown hall being over a hundred years old and of wooden construction has had some maintenance issues start to arise.



**Rafters**



**Ceiling Joist**

Over the winter of 2008-09 the roof sustained damage from the snow and strong winds resulting in some missing shingles. During the course of repairs it was noticed that the roof had a noticeable sag on both the North and South sides. Upon further investigation in the attic, it was discovered that there are 4 rafters and 4 ceiling joist that are broken. The interior trusses were designed to support the interior ceiling and the roof structure at the same time. Measurements revealed the ceiling to have a difference of 6 inches from center of the room to the outer edges.

The officers and trustees of the Hall have met and discussed the options. Repair the structure or demolish it for safety reasons. It was voted to save and repair the building. Along with other repairs, the existing roofing will be removed and replaced with steel roofing which should reduce future maintenance issues

The trustees have two preliminary estimates, which far exceed the meager treasury we have. The hall has been operating as a not for profit organization now for several years and we just don't have the funds for major structural repairs. We need your help to preserve the Hall or it will need to be demolished. The goal is to raise \$30,000. We hope to accomplish this thru a variety of fundraisers and free will donations.

Our first fund raising activity will be a public auction.  
Saturday August 1, 2009 at 10 AM at the Tremont Community Building.  
Brent Schmidgall will be offering his auctioning services.

Many people have already generously donated the free use of their time, talents, and assets. Here's where you can help too. Donations of all kinds are needed for the auction. Antiques, household items, 1 of a kind handmade articles, garden tools, hand tools, shop tools, framed art, collectible items, business certificates, toys, games, vintage articles, vehicles, trailers, any thing of interest or value that is still in good condition.

(Please no clothing articles)

Remember - One man's junk is another man's treasure!

Donations can be dropped off at the Hall building prior to the day of the sale. Please call Gail Kruse at 925-5497 or Kory Rickett at 925-5085 to arrange for the building to be unlocked. Look around. Are there items that you just don't use any more? Whether it's one item, a bag full, a box full or a truck full all donations are appreciated!

So mark your calendars and plan on attending this fundraising event to help preserve an integral part of our local history. It's guaranteed to be a fun day of food, fellowship and bargains!

Unable to make it that day? You can still help.

Monetary donations can be made out to:

**Allentown Union Hall Association**  
**15905 Uhlman Road, Tremont, IL 61568**

Please consider how you can help to preserve the Hall and its rich, wonderful history.

Thank you. See you August 1<sup>st</sup>!