

## Halloween Trick-Or-Treating

The City has set the "official" date for trick or treating for Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of the traditional door-to-door activities, the City continues to encourage private parties, which lessen any potential problems with tainted treats and accidents involving costumed children and vehicles during the twilight hours. If participating in the door-to-door candy rush, parents should observe the following safety tips for their children:

- Chaperone your children and restrict activities to your own neighborhood
- Limit the age groups to pre-teen or younger
- Eye holes in masks should be large enough to easily see through them
- Wear reflective bright colors and use a flashlight so drivers can see you after dark
- Walk on sidewalks where available, or as near the curb as possible where no sidewalks are present
- Inspect all treats before allowing children to eat them

The Fremont Fire Department will be passing out treats between 6 and 8 p.m. at the Fire Station, so come enjoy the community atmosphere and share Halloween with our local heroes.



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## City Councilmember Retires from Council

Fremont City Councilmember James Breinling recently retired from the City Council after 13 years of service. Jim originally started serving on the Fremont Planning Commission in 1998, was appointed to the City Council in 2000 and served as Chair of the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission (FCJPC) during the planning stages and its establishment over the past five years.

He will continue to serve on the FCJPC and the Fremont Deadhead Committee, a group of volunteer citizens who help maintain the flower beds and streetscapes in Fremont's Downtown.



## Welcome New Fremont City Councilmember

The Fremont City Council would like to introduce the City's newest Councilmember Mike Carpenter. He was appointed July 1<sup>st</sup>, following retirement of Councilmember James Breinling.

Mike grew up in West Michigan, graduated from Western Michigan University with BA and MA degrees and moved to Fremont in 1978. He recently retired as Principal of the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District. Mike and his wife, Kris, have three children – Kathryn, Erica and Jeffrey, all graduates of Michigan State University.

Mike has served the City well on the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission for the last two years – the City Council looks forward to his insight and guidance in the future!

## Voter ID Reminder

Voters will be asked to provide identification when they visit the polls on Election Day. They will be asked to present a valid photo ID, such as a Michigan driver's license, federal or state government issued photo I.D., passport, military identification card with photo, student identification with photo or tribal identification card with photo.

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them to the polls can still vote. They will be required to sign a brief affidavit stating that they're not in possession of photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.



## 2013 Construction Season Nears End

Great progress has been made in terms of the number of street improvements that have been completed during this construction season. The City appreciates how well our residents and business owners adjusted to alternate routes this past summer when so many of our street improvement projects were underway.

The following street improvements are some that have been completed this fiscal year:

- Maple Street – Replacing water main, street and some sidewalks & curb/gutter on Maple Street, from Weaver Avenue to Darling Avenue
- Mechanic Avenue – Replacing water main, street and some sidewalks & curb/gutter on Mechanic Avenue from Woodrow Street to Sheridan Street
- Sidewalks – Construct new sidewalks along:
  - Gerber Avenue from Main to Middle School
  - Mechanic Avenue from Maple to Pine Street
  - Pine Street from Lake Dr. to Mechanic Avenue
  - Cherry St. from Merchant to Darling Avenue and from Division to Stewart



(Alley between Post Office and Huntington Bank.)

Avenue  
➤ Middle School entrance from Lake Dr. to the school

- T&C Path – Install new section on W. Lake Dr. from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Lake Dr.
- \*T&C Path – Install new section along Oak St. from Connie Avenue to Lake Dr.

The following projects are expected to be completed during the 2013 construction season:

- Market Avenue – Mill and resurface Market Avenue from Main Street to Countryview Lane
- Main Street – Mill and resurface on Main Street from Stewart Avenue to Luce Avenue
- Division & Mechanic Avenue – Main to Sheridan Street
- Downtown Parking Lots – Southwest & Southeast blocks to be resurfaced



(New T&C Path – Section along Oak Street (between Lake Drive and Connie Avenue))

### Brush Chipping is Coming to An End

The City will continue to remove brush without charge, the first Monday of each month April through October. The last brush pick up for the 2013 season will be the first Monday in October. Brush must be stacked with the cut end at curbside with limbs no more than three inches (3") in diameter. The City will not remove remaining tree-top brush from a tree removed by either the owner or a private tree

removal company. The program is intended for routine tree/bush trimming and fallen branches. Residents throughout the City must have their brush placed curbside by 7:30 a.m. of each first Monday morning. Brush is not to be placed at curbside any earlier than the Friday before the first Monday. The City will also continue to provide curbside chipping of Christmas trees the first two weeks of January.



## The Dead Heads Are Still At Work

If you know any of the Dead Heads which include the following volunteers: Jim Breinling (chair), Mayor Rynberg, Bonnie Erber, Joan Moore, Norma Fikse, Marcia Eib, Mary Huisjen and JoAnn Dekleva, please thank them for doing what some consider a very unpleasant job, yet they do it in a very pleasant way.

The Dead Heads noticed that there are many cigarette butts on the street and in parking lots. The City has placed a couple of cigarette butt urns in heavy smoking areas downtown in hopes of encouraging smokers to put their butts in the urns rather than on the ground.

If you care to join the deadhead group for next year's season, contact Michele Ribant, Fremont's Neighborhood & Economic Development Director at 231-924-2101 or at [mrribant@cityoffremont.net](mailto:mrribant@cityoffremont.net). The City of Fremont sincerely thanks the Dead Heads!

## Take Pride in Your Curbside!

The City sweeps all the streets in spring and fall, but weeds begin to creep up in the cracks by mid-summer. The City does spray for weeds along the curbs in late summer, but during a majority of the summer the city's curbsides and sidewalks appear overgrown in various areas.

Our Deadhead Committee, a group of citizens that volunteer their time to de-weed downtown flowerbeds and parking lots, encourage residents to "take pride in your curbside!" Weeds are commonly removed by weed-killer products, pulled while the soil is damp or by a motorized weed-whip. Residents and their lawn-care providers should blow cut grass back onto the lawn while mowing or with a blower to avoid grass and weed seedlings from filling the seams in the curbing and sidewalks.

A lot of time and energy is spent by residents to keep their yard and surrounding area tidy and pleasant. We encourage you to join them in their efforts.

## City of Fremont Residents -- 2013 Appliance Clean Up Special

- What: Old Appliance Collection
- When: Monday, September 23, 2013  
7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Where: City of Fremont Department of  
Public Works Garage  
805 W. Oak Street
- Cost: No charge – free drop off
- What will be accepted: Stoves,  
washers, dryers, small appliances, etc.
- What is not accepted: Appliances with Freon



On Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup> Fremont Officer Kevin Kolk joined 5 other Outstanding Officers in a ceremony in Detroit to be recognized by MADD Michigan. Officer Kolk was honored for his efforts in 2012 for preventing and reducing impaired driving deaths and injuries.

Officer Kolk has been directly involved with every impaired driving initiative and assignment. Officer Kolk has the highest arrest conviction rate for all alcohol related offenses within Fremont PD. In fact, Officer Kolk consistently accounts for over half of all impaired driving arrest for the department.

Recently Fremont PD was recognized for impaired driving convictions per officer. Fremont PD has the 18<sup>th</sup> highest conviction rate amongst all 421 police departments in the state.

# Fremont Zoning Ordinance – Regulations Regarding Garage Sales

The Code allows garage and estate sale signs announcing the sale of household goods, provided there is only one (1) sign per premise; that the sign is placed on premise only, entirely on private property; that it does not exceed six (6) square feet in area; and it is erected no more than five (5) business days before and is removed within one (1) business day after the announced sale.

In residential districts, garage and yard sales shall be limited to no more than three (3) events per calendar year. No garage or yard sale event shall last more than three (3) consecutive days. Contact Michele Ribrant, Fremont's Zoning Administrator at 231-924-2101 or at [mribant@cityoffremont.net](mailto:mribant@cityoffremont.net)

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the Fremont City Beat, please contact the City Offices at 231-924-2101 or stop by to see us at 101 East Main Street, Fremont, MI 49412.

## What is the Fremont Community Rec Center?

The Fremont Community Recreation Authority, located at 201 E. Maple Street, was established in January to continue providing community recreation and enrichment programs for the Fremont Community. One of the main goals of the Authority was to repurpose the former High School in to a full swing "Community Recreation Center." Youth sport programs, swim lessons, fitness programs, sports camps, senior aerobics, and adult softball & volleyball leagues are just a few of the highlights. The Recreation Center will be offering fitness and swim **memberships** to the Center starting September, so Fremont area citizens should plan on attending the Center's "Ribbon Cutting / Open House" on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-Noon to get a close look at some of the changes in the building.

The Open House will start at 9 am with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a Firemen's pancake breakfast will immediately follow in the Community Room. With coordination of the Newaygo County Area Bridal Association, breakfast will be served in wedding reception fashion with a bridal show to boot!

Community Room / Event Center: Our **8,639** square feet community room (formerly known as the multipurpose room) is the ideal location for wedding receptions, family reunions, and other special events, capable of seating over 500. It is equipped to serve a large group of people with a full-service industrial kitchen available to help make any event a big success.

Swimming Pool: Our **150,000** gallon pool is the perfect place to host a birthday party, learn how to swim, do lap swimming, or simply drop in with the family during open swim times.

Gymnasium: Our **12,688** square feet Gymnasium has 6 basketball hoops, a main court with 2 side courts, bleachers, a small stage and has already proven to be a great location for a concert venue and various athletic tournaments.

Office Space / Training Rooms: We have several rooms being updated and made available for lease for offices, training, or business meetings.

Community Recreation & Leisure:

**Youth Programs** available to the community include soccer and basketball leagues, summer sports camps, Karate, swimming, and much more.

**Adults** can join a spring basketball or summer/fall softball league, participate in morning lap swim, learn to play guitar, stay fit in the weight room, and much more.

**Senior** programs feature activities such as water aerobics, Yoga and a new Cyber Café to be opened in September.

Training: American Red Cross training and certification is available to both community members and businesses alike. Courses that are available include:

- Lifeguard training
- First Aid and CPR training
- AED training
- Emergency Oxygen training
- Blood borne Pathogens training

**Call 924-3750 for prices and availability.**



### Fremont Community Recreation Ribbon Cutting/Open House

LOCATION: 201 E. MAPLE STREET, FREMONT, MI 49412  
9:00 AM: RIBBON CUTTING  
9:15-11:00: FIREMAN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
(Sponsored by the Fremont Fire Department)  
9:15-12:00: BRIDAL SHOW / RECEPTION  
(Sponsored by the Newaygo County Area Bridal Association)  
10:00-12:00: TOURS OF THE FACILITY



## Fremont's Yard of the Month Award

This year as part of Fremont's Neighborhood Improvement Program, the City of Fremont implemented a Yard of the Month Award Program. The City is proud to announce the following award recipients:

- July Fremont Yard of the Month: Connie and Ken Busch – 234 E. Elm Street
- August Fremont Yard of the Month: Phyllis Derks – 313 S. Stewart

As you can see from the pictures, the award recipients take meticulous care of their yards and are well deserving of the award.

The Award Program was initiated to recognize the hard work exhibited by Fremont residents who take time and effort to beautify their yard. This type of effort has a positive overall impact on the City, and it makes Fremont a better place to live for all.



Connie Busch

Jim Breinling, Deadhead Committee chair (left) and Mayor Rynberg (right) are depicted in each photograph.



Phyllis Derks

The City's Deadhead Committee is charged with selecting the recipient of the award each month from amongst the nominations submitted. The award schedule each year is as follows:

- July – For Yard Beauty: (Nominations must be submitted by June 15)
- August - For Yard Beauty: (Nominations must be submitted by July 15)
- September – For Yard Beauty: (Nominations must be submitted by August 15)
- October – For Halloween Yard Decorating: (Nominations must be submitted by October 15)
- December – For Holiday Yard Decorating: (Nominations must be submitted by December 1)

## Pharmaceutical Drug Collection Drop-Box

The Fremont Police Department has installed a secure pharmaceutical drug collection drop-box. Community members are welcome to come to the front lobby of the Police Department where unwanted medications may be turned in anonymously.

Medications in standard containers may be deposited in those containers. Loose medication can be put into plastic bags and then deposited. Please ensure any liquid medication is enclosed in secure containers and placed in a plastic bag before depositing. Syringes are also welcome.

Once collected, staff will ensure the medication is disposed of according to State and Federal laws.

## Coyote and Bobcat Sightings Are on the Rise!

Although coyotes and bobcats have lived in these areas for many years, the population is on the rise and increased sightings have caused concern among residents that their pets or children may be in jeopardy.

As development in rural areas increase, the chance for interaction between coyotes, bobcats, and people increase. Just because you see coyotes or bobcats, there is no reason to assume they are causing problems or about to cause problems

Coyotes and bobcats primarily feed on small mammals such as mice and voles and will occasionally feed on some game species such as rabbits, turkeys and even deer.

If you suspect or know you have coyotes in your area, a few simple precautions

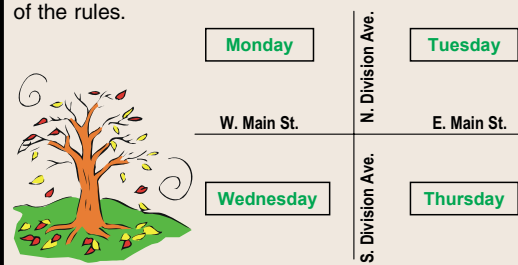
can greatly reduce chances of a negative encounter. Predators in urban areas are generally hunting for typical prey; mice thrive in tall grass, under buildings, in trash, and in vacant lots. Reducing habitat for prey species by removing brush piles and mowing areas of tall grass or taking other steps to reduce rodent populations decreases the chance that predators will frequent your yard. Bringing pet foods in at night and placing trash out the morning of pick up can help. **NEVER INTENTIONALLY FEED A COYOTE OR BOBCAT.**

Coyotes and bobcats generally retain a natural fear of people even when they adjust to frequenting urban areas. Coyotes, bobcats and people are here to stay. Taking a few precautions will help make it enjoyable to have an occasional sighting or hear a coyote howl at night.

### CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection Program

Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 21 and continue for four (4) weeks. Residents should rake their leaves to the edge of the curb line but not place them into the street until the night before their scheduled pickup day, as noted on the collection map below.

If you are interested in the full listing of the program guidelines, please come to the City Offices Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 5 PM to pick up a copy of the rules.



## Winter 2013 Property Tax Payment Schedule

Winter taxes will be mailed on Friday, November 29, 2013 and due by Friday, February 14, 2014. A 4% penalty is added to any unpaid tax bills. Winter taxes include millage rates for Newaygo County, Intermediate School District, Fremont Area District Library and on occasion, a County Drain.

For the convenience of our taxpayers, payments (by check only) may be placed in the drop box at the northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot. The City accepts tax payments until Friday, February 28, 2014; thereafter, all payments must be paid to the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.



**Look Forward to  
Seeing You!**

## Our Pancakes Really "Stack Up" Annual Fire Department Pancake Supper Fundraiser September 27th, 2013

The Fremont Fire Department will host its annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser on Friday evening, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the "Old" Fremont High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The event will be held from 5 – 7 p.m. This is a very important fundraiser for the Department because the funds will be used to purchase necessary equipment not

covered under the City/Township Fire Department budget. Bring the entire family out to share the "stacks" with our hometown heroes, our Fremont Firefighters! Tickets are available at the door. Pricing is: \$4.00/kids 12 and under, \$6.00/adults, and \$14.00/family (parents w/children 12 and under).

## November 5, 2013 General Election

On Tuesday, November 5, the City General Election will take place and voters decide who will lead the Fremont community for the next two to four years. The following candidates have submitted petitions and will be on the upcoming ballot:

**City: James Rynberg - Mayor** (2-year term ending 2015)

**Don Henry – City Council** (4-year term ending 2017)

**Mike Carpenter – City Council** (4-year term ending 2017)



City residents are reminded that, per City Code, election signs are not to be placed in the City street rights-of-way. They may not be placed, nailed or affixed to any tree, utility pole, light, sign or lamp post or other object within the area between the curb and sidewalk along all City streets. Non-conforming signs will be removed without notice or compensation.

The Newaygo County Clerk's Office will again provide election results through the Internet site at [www.electionmagic.com](http://www.electionmagic.com). Current election results as they are reported to the County Clerk's Office will be posted on election night. Upcoming 2013 election dates to remember:

- October 7, 2013:** Last day to register for voting eligibility for the November 5<sup>th</sup> City Election.
- November 5, 2013:** City General Election, 101 E. Main Street, Fremont. Polls open at 7 AM and close at 8 PM.

As a convenience to our City voters, if you or your spouse would like to be added to the City's permanent absentee voter (AV) list, please stop by the City Offices with proof of identity, and you will be added to the list. Those on the list are mailed an AV application before each election as a reminder and given the option to vote absentee or in person. Please exercise your right to vote at all elections. We should all live by the adage that "If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain!" ★

## Safety Reminders

With the new school year upon us, and the school buses no longer running city routes, our Police Dept and Crossing Guards would like to remind residents and parents of the following dangerous situations during drop-off & pickup times at the area's schools, intersections and side streets:

- ◆ Failing to Stop completely at signed intersections.
- ◆ Not securing children in seatbelts or safety seats.
- ◆ Speeding through School Crossing zones and side streets.
- ◆ Distracted drivers using cell phones, grooming, etc.

Your Police Dept will take a zero tolerance approach toward those violators who put others at risk. We recognize that many parents must drive their children to/from school, and we only ask that you please allow yourself extra time to make the trip safely and stress-free.

# 8th Annual Hike & Bike

A Fremont Fall Harvest Festival Activity

Sponsored by the City of Fremont



- What:** 5-K Run  
5-K Walk  
15-Mile Bike Ride  
30-Mile Bike Ride
- Where:** Branstrom Park  
Fremont, Michigan
- When:** Saturday, September 28, 2013  
Registration: 8:00 – 8:30 AM  
Bike rides begin: 8:30 – 8:40 AM  
Run/Walk begin: 8:40 – 8:50 AM
- Who:** Anyone who is interested in adding more healthy activities to his/her life.
- Cost:** **FREE.**  
First 150 applicants who pre-register by Monday, September 16, 2013 will receive a free T-shirt. Thanks to the Koffee Kuppe, and KP Cycles Plus for graciously providing the T-shirts!
- Why:** To improve our Community's health through physical activity. Regular physical activity is one of the most powerful preventative health behaviors!

**What's New:** Fremont is a Golden Shoe Community. "Golden shoes" will be placed on the 5-K route. Participants who find a "Golden Shoe" are eligible to win a prize, such as a free pair of shoes. Details will be explained at the event. Thanks to the sponsors of the "Golden Shoe" event: Vredevelde Shoes, Tru-Fit Shoes, Tamarac, Tractor Supply, Miller Bridal, Glikes!

Registration forms and maps are available at the Fremont City Offices and on the City Website at [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.cityoffremont.net) and at the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce. To pre-register directly, contact Michele Ribant, Fremont's Neighborhood & Economic Development Director, at 924-2101 or at [mribant@cityoffremont.net](mailto:mribant@cityoffremont.net).



# Fremont City Beat

## Flushing of Fire Hydrants

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, September 13th and continue through the evening until finished. Some discoloration of water may occur throughout Saturday, so let your water run for a short period until clear. While the water will continue to be safe to drink, residents are urged not to do any laundry during this time.



## Refuse/Recycling Changes



During the first two weeks of January and July each year, the property owner of the collection address may elect to change service from a roll-out cart to mixed-refuse bags or vice-versa by notifying the City Offices. Changes are only allowed during these two-week periods.

## Winter Parking Restrictions

The City reminds motorists that there is no parking of any motor vehicle upon any public street or alley within the City limits between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM at any time from December 1st thru April 1st. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.



**Fremont City Beat**

101 E. Main Street  
Fremont, MI 49412

PRE-SORTED  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE **PAID**  
FREMONT, MI  
Permit No. 12

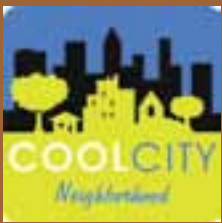
RESIDENT  
FREMONT, MI 49412

## Important Numbers

- City of Fremont – Administration (231) 924-2101
- Police Department (231) 924-2100
- Fire Department (231) 924-2103
- Cemetery (231) 924-2330
- Municipal Airport (231) 924-7080
- Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce (231) 924-0770
- Fremont Area District Library (231) 924-3480
- Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial Hospital (231) 924-3300
- Fremont Public Schools (231) 924-2350
- Fremont Community Recreation Center (231) 924-3750
- Dogwood Center for Performing Arts (231) 924-8883
- Newaygo County Sheriff Department (231) 689-7303

Emergency – Fire – Police – Ambulance Call 911

- Refuse & Recycling Pick-up** – Place curbside every Tuesday by 7:00 AM
- Leaf Pick-up** – Begins 3rd Monday in October; continuous for four weeks, weather permitting
- Brush Pick-up** – Place curbside by 7:30 AM on the 1st Monday of each month, April - October
- Watermain Flushing** – April and October
- Winter Street Parking Ban (2:00 AM to 6:00 AM)** – From December 1st - April 1st



“FRIEND” US ON



Google or search for “City of Fremont, Michigan” and you can keep up on City events and other announcements.

