

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
Summer Concert Series
June 29th, July 6th, July 13th
and July 27th
FREE Concerts in Veterans
Memorial Park
Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.
Food sold by local non-profits

NCCA - Artsplace
**ArtsKool for Teens – Silver
Clay**
With Cristine Grimm
Tuesday, July 11, 2017
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Ages 13-18
\$10

The Rough and Tumble Band
Dogwood Center
Thursday, July 13, 2017
7:30 p.m.
General Admission Seating
Tickets: \$12.50

NCCA – Artsplace
Young at Art
Monday, July 17, 2017
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Ages 4-5
\$10

NCCA - Artsplace
Creature Feature
Monday, July 17
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Ages 6-8
\$12

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
National Baby Food Festival
July 19-22

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IN MEMORY OF RICHARD "DICK" CONLEY



Products Company.

Dick brought a very calm, even approach to the various issues facing the City, especially during the transition of three City Managers. Dick's voice of reason was dependable, providing a constant and low-key approach to some very difficult issues during the past several years. He will be remembered for not only his educated approach to these City issues, but also for his wonderful quiet and quick sense of humor. Many times during some rather intense exchanges, Dick could find just the right phrase to help diffuse some of the 'edges' of the argument and put the subject in perspective.

There wasn't a time that Dick hadn't come to a Council meeting unprepared. His on-spot questions revealed that his knowledge of whatever the issue was thorough; his contribution to our discussions were always valued and respected. We will miss that dedicated service.

I had the honor of offering some words of remembrance at our former Mayor Ray Rathbun's service in 2004. There was a specific poem, by

author Scott Holland, that I particularly like and seems appropriate in closing these remarks.

*Death is nothing at all . . .
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still
Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way you always used.
Put no difference into your tone
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed
At the little jokes we enjoyed together.*

*Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it
always was
Let it be spoken without effort,
Without the ghost of a shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was;
There is absolutely unbroken continuity ...*

*Why should I be out of your mind because I am
out of sight?
I am waiting for you for an interval,
Somewhere very near, just around the corner.*

All is well.

Thank you, Dick, for your leadership – we are well, and so much better for having known you – we will not forget your dedicated service to this wonderful community or your generous friendship for the many lives you touched.

James Rynberg, Mayor
City of Fremont

Newaygo County Fair Grounds
Speed Show – Horse Arena
July 14
Horse Show
July 22
Horse Show
August 1st

NCCA - Artsplace
ArtsKool for Teens – Silk
Painting
Tuesday, July 25
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Ages 13-18
\$10

Dogwood Summer Youth
Theatre Presents
“A Mid-Summer Nights
Dream”
Dogwood Center
July 28 and July 29
7:30 p.m.
Free Admission
Donations accepted at door

Newaygo County Agricultural
Fair
August 5-11

NCCA – Artsplace
Claytastic
Thursday, August 3
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 10
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 17
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Ages 10-18
\$15

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
Fremont Harvest Festival
October 5, 6 & 7

Public Art Fundraising Campaign for the “Oak Arch”

In the Spring Newsletter, the City introduced a Downtown Beautification project for our community, “The Darling Walkway.” The project entails removal of portions of Darling Avenue and Sheridan Street, and the former high school parking area west of the Rec Center. The proposed innovations will include implementation of a decorative winding sidewalk with art nodes, landscaping, sitting areas, a new parking lot and pickle ball courts.



“Oak Arch”, the focal art piece, is designed to be located at the intersection of Darling and Sheridan, west of the Gateway & Rec Center. A fundraising campaign will begin on Friday, **July 7th**, in coordination with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Michigan-based crowd funding platform “**Patronicity**.” Patronicity partners up with communities to help raise funds for public spaces, whereby if the City is successful in reaching its campaign goal of \$30,000, MEDC will match the \$30,000.

The art piece specifically costs \$40,000 to construct and it will cost an additional \$20,000 to clear the streetscape and implement the decorative walkway under and around the art piece. It is anticipated that the larger community will also contribute, along with those who have already supported this growing part of what makes Fremont a welcoming location in West Michigan.

The overall project is a collaboration of planning between the Fremont Public Art Committee, City of Fremont, Fremont Downtown Development

Authority, Fremont Area District Library and Fremont Community Recreation Authority.



We hope you, too, will consider donating toward this wonderful fundraising campaign, starting **July 7th**. Please visit the Patronicity website (www.patronicity.com/oakarch) for more information on the “Fremont Oak Arch” project and to make donations beginning July 7th. You can also contact City Hall at 924-2101 if you have any other questions about the project, would like to donate, or if you would like to serve on our Public Art Committee – we welcome interested members.

FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

Dates and Times

Starting: June 17, 2017

Tuesdays: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ending: October 7, 2017

Location: The Fremont Farmers' Market is located downtown Fremont in the northeast public parking lot north of Main Street between Merchant and Division Avenues.

Community Information Booth:

At the Farmers' Market in the middle of the pavilion, there will be an information center/promotion area for businesses located in the City. A different retail establishment each market day will promote its business at the booth by displaying its goods. Any Fremont retail establishment will be able to display promotional information at this booth throughout the season. Bridge Cards will be accepted this year – double up food bucks program.

For more information on the Fremont Farmers' Market, please contact the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce at 924-0770.



Remain Security Conscious

In these economic times, it is important to remain security conscious and to be aware of your surroundings. Keep your homes and garages locked when you are away, and be sure to remove your keys from the ignition and lock your vehicles whether your car is in your driveway at home, in store parking lots, or at school. Leave only those items in your yard that you can afford to lose, especially overnight. Finally, be respectful of your neighbors, watch out for each other and each other's property. If you have elderly neighbors, please check on them occasionally. Working together will keep the City of Fremont a great place to live, work and play.

OUTPOST GIVES BACK

"How can Outpost bless our community?" is a question often asked by this non-profit start-up group in Fremont. The answer has always been found in offering restoration. Outpost has been busy restoring community center rooms, offering Outpost Jobs for Life courses and just recently restoring our city flower garden to prepare it for planting. Upcoming ways that Outpost will seek to bring restoration to our community is

through the development of a GED course and a citizenship class for those wishing to pursue the legal citizenship process. Lastly, Outpost seeks to bless the people of our community through spiritual restoration, offered through its weekly Sunday group gathering (6-7 pm) at the Fremont Community Recreation Center. Visit OutpostFremont.com for more information about the Outpost movement.



Curbside Refuse Service

Each residential dwelling may choose to use a 65- or 95-gallon rollout cart (garbage container with wheels-see picture) or buy special bags with the Allied Waste logos. Cart lids must be within 15" of being closed, otherwise no overloaded carts will be emptied. Any additional garbage that will not fit into the 65/95-gallon cart must be placed in the specially purchased **Mixed-Refuse Bags** and placed beside the cart.

It has come to our attention that trash carts and recycle bins need to be at least 2 feet apart. Recycle bins and trash carts must always be accessible for easy collection by the hauling trucks and when they are to close the garbage hauler does not have sufficient room for the extended pickup arms. (Remember that 2 separate companies do collection with different types of trucks.)

Empty carts and recycling bins must be removed from the curbside and placed in garages or side yards by 12:00 PM (noon) of the day after the scheduled pickup.

Effective April 1, 2017, the rate for the 65-gallon rollout cart is \$31.65/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart is \$37.05/quarter. The mixed refuse bags have remained at \$2.00 per bag, or \$24.00 for a box of 12.

Except for new residents the City only permits residents to stop and start their refuse/recycling services 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 rollout cart to mixed-refuse bags or vice-versa by notifying the City Offices. **Changes are only allowed during these two-week periods.** Reminder: Any large items require a bulky sticker or appliance sticker which can be purchased at City Hall or Bill Shop-N-Save.

BURNING ORDINANCE WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Section 4.1 (D)

Public or private bonfires in which material would **exceed three (3) feet in diameter** require a permit issued by the City Clerk and are subject to prior approval of the City Fire Department. Such approval may be granted at the sole discretion of the Clerk and Fire Department based upon:

- i. The proximity of the proposed bonfire to dwellings, trees and other structures.
- ii. Facilities available for fire management.
- iii. Atmospheric conditions.
- iv. Type of material to be burned.
- v. Any other consideration judged by the Clerk or Fire Department to be required to ensure safe burning.

The City offices are open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 924-2101.

FREMONT'S YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD

The Fremont Yard of the Month program recognizes the efforts of community members that demonstrate a clear and consistent desire to maintain or improve their properties and whose efforts are a model and inspiration for the neighborhood. The City greatly appreciates the time and hard work residents put into their yards. This type of effort has a positive overall impact on the community and makes Fremont a beautiful place to live.

The winner of the Yard of the Month will be provided with a sign for display indicating their winning yard, a \$50.00 gift card to a local nursery or home improvement store as well as a picture with the members of the Dead Head Committee. The 2017 award schedule is as follows:

- July (Nominations must be submitted by June 23)
- August (Nominations must be submitted by July 21)
- September (Nominations must be submitted by Aug. 25)

Anyone may submit a nomination for either their own yard or someone else's yard, but the property being nominated must be located within the City of Fremont. Nomination forms are available at the City Office as well as online at cityoffremont.net. The City's Deadhead Committee is charged with selecting the recipient of the award each month from amongst the nominations submitted. Those interested in volunteering their time and becoming a member of the Dead Head Committee, please contact the City Office at 231-924-2101.

Recycling - Single Stream

Curbside recycling is a single-stream process, whereas all recyclables can be co-mingled in the blue recycling container. Make sure you place paper products at the bottom of the bin to prevent them from blowing out.

Effective April 1, 2017, curbside recycling will increase \$9.90/quarter. Residents on refuse bag service who receive a quarterly bill for only recycling services are welcome to pay for their recycling services in advance on an annual basis to avoid having to write a check for such a small amount each quarter. Because rate adjustments are done in April, paying ahead could affect your first billing; after the credits have been used, you may receive a bill for the small difference. Paying ahead can also save on the City's printing and mailing costs, thus allowing us to maintain our current low rates.

2017 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Every year, the City strives to maintain and improve its streets and water/sewer utility systems. During that time, residents and drivers experience inconvenient detours and construction noise, but the results of every project are always worthwhile. We thank residents for their patience!

Projects expected to be completed in 2017 and potentially 2018:

- Industrial Drive – Mill and resurface between Main Street and Locust Street
- Locust Street – Mill and resurface between Connie Avenue and Green Avenue
- Lake Drive – Overlay between Oak Street and Lakeview
- Sullivan Avenue and Oak Street - (Southwest blocks by hospital)
- Mechanic Avenue – Mill and resurface between Elm Street and Cherry Street
- Maple Street – Mill and resurface between Sullivan Avenue and Gerber Avenue
- Dayton Street – Mill and resurface between Darling Avenue and Merchant Avenue
- Cedar Street – Construct new street extension from Gerber Avenue to Stone Road
- Downtown Beautification – Begin Darling/Sheridan Streetscape project to replace existing streets with new enhanced greenspace and walking pathway.
- Stone Road – Replace and add new sidewalks from Main Street to 44th Street
- Fremont Municipal Airport – Mill and resurface the north/south runway



Who loves to run or wants to learn more about it?

Join Us for running Camp

Stretching
Mileage

Nutrition
Shoes

When: July 24th - 28th

Where: Branstrom Park

Time: 9am-10am

Cost: \$15 R/NR

Ages: 5th-8th grade

Good
Form

Instructor: Ashley Hamilton

- Lansing Community College athlete
 - ⇒ 4 time All-American
 - ⇒ 4 School Records
- Ferris State University athlete
 - ⇒ Honorable Mention
- Intern at Olivet College with cross country/track & field team
- Certified USATF Coach
- High School cross country/track & field team coach
- Mile School record—High School
- Topics in the bubbles will be discussed each day
- Short runs as a group
- Timed two mile race on the last day



Registration Begins: June 12th

Fremont's Annual Community Yard Sale

It's time to get ready for Fremont's Annual Community Yard Sale. Our Spring-May Sale was a great success with over 60 participants. The late Summer date is scheduled for:

August 10th – 12th, 2017

To participate, all you have to do is call or come into the Fremont City Office, give us your name, address and phone number, and you're on the list! You can sign up for all 3 days, or just 1 day. City Offices are open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 924-2101.

GARAGE SALES: A Fun and Thrifty Summer Pastime

The City will be enforcing its' regulations on garage sale signs this past summer. While many are thankful the City is doing so; others do not appreciate the effort. The regulations are being enforced because 1) the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) does not allow signs in their right-of-way, and many of the signs are placed along Main Street and Stewart Avenue in the MDOT right-of-way; 2) for safety reasons, signs should not be attached to utility poles; and 3) the signs are unattractive and often the signs are not taken down after the sale. Everyone has worked hard to keep Fremont looking neat, clean and beautiful for all to enjoy, so ridding the City of unnecessary signs is part of that effort.

The City understands that garage sales are important to many people, so as a result, the City organizes community garage sales in May and August. The more people that participate in the community garage sale, the more energy the event will create. This translates into more people attending the various garage sales, which includes having visitors from outside the community take part; visitors who are good for local businesses. The community garage sales could have a positive economic impact not only for the individual home owner but for the community at-large.

"FRIEND" US ON

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



TROY NELSON JOINS FREMONT POLICE –

On March 20th, Troy Nelson was hired for a part-time patrol officer position within the police department. Troy received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University in 2016. Troy is a lifelong Resident of Newaygo and also works part time for Newaygo PD. When not doing police work, Troy enjoys hunting, fishing, and all things outdoors.



PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes are mailed June 30th and are due by August 10th. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on August 11th. Summer taxes include millages for the Fremont Public Schools (both operating & debt levies), State Education, City, County Operating and Community Recreation Authority.

Winter taxes are mailed on November 30th and are due by February 14th. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on February 15th. Winter taxes include millages for Newaygo County, the Intermediated School District and the Fremont Area District Library.

For the convenience of our taxpayers, payments (check only no cash please) may be placed in the drop box at the northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot at any time. Payments can also be made by credit card or E-Check from our website at www.cityoffremont.net. The City accepts tax payments until February 28th. As of March 1st all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

WEED CONTROL NOTICE TO FREMONT CITY RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Weed Control Map for the City of Fremont for the 2017 season has been filed with the City Clerk. The growth of grass and weeds, as defined by Section 5-16 of the Fremont City Code may not exceed nine (9) inches in height. It is the intention of the officers and employees of the City of Fremont to enforce this Ordinance in the areas indicated on the Weed Control Map. Copies of the Map and the Ordinance are available at the Fremont City Offices.

Vicci L. TerVeer, City Clerk



BRUSH PICKUP

City crews resumed the monthly curbside brush pickup on April 1. The program will run on the 1st Monday of each month, April - October. Brush is not to be placed at the curbside any earlier than the Friday before the 1st Monday of the month. If you have questions regarding the brush pickup program, please call the City Offices @ 924-2101, Monday-Friday, between 8 AM & 5 PM.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FREMONT RESIDENTS

FILING OF PETITIONS FOR OFFICES

The deadline for filing petitions for candidacy for the November 7, 2017 General City Election is Tuesday, July 25, 2017, by 4:00 PM.

Offices to be filled:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Mayor | Two-year term |
| 2 Council Members | Four-year terms |
| 1 Council Member | Partial two-year term |

Petitions are available at the City Offices, 101 East Main Street, Fremont, Michigan, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Vicci L. TerVeer
City Clerk

Can Your Child Swim?

Join us for Swim Lessons!



Session 1 – Monday-Thursday (June 12rd-15th & 19th-22nd)

Session 2 – Monday-Thursday (July 10th-13th & 17th-20th)

Session 3– Monday-Thursday (July 24th-27th & 31st-Aug 3rd)

Be sure your beginner/novice swimmer is water-ready in time for Summer!

First-Timer? Attend any of our Open Swim sessions for a **-FREE-** skills evaluation

Preschool Tadpole & Tadpole: 9:30 – 10:00 AM

R: \$40.00 NR: \$60.00

Preschool Frog & Frog: 10:00 – 10:40 AM

R: \$40.00 NR: \$60.00

Gator: 10:45 – 11:35 AM

R: \$30.00 NR: \$50.00

Seahorse: 1:00-1:45 PM

R: \$30.00 NR: \$50.00

Parent & Child Swim: 6:00 – 6:30 PM

R: \$30.00 NR: \$35.00



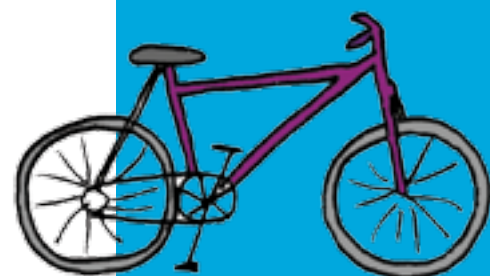
REMINDER OF REGULATION OF SKATE BOARDS AND BIKES....

As a reminder, the City of Fremont does not allow skateboards or bicycles on sidewalks in the downtown district. If you have any questions concerning this please call the City Offices @ 924-2101, Monday-Friday, between 8 AM & 5 PM.



**Registration Opens
Monday, April 24th!**

**To register or for additional information, visit the
Rec. Center desk, or call (231)-924-3750 (ext. 1)**
(Online registration is not available for swim lesson programs)



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



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 St., 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	(231) 924-3300
Fremont Public Schools	(231) 924-2350
Dogwood Center for Performing Arts	(231) 924-8883
Newaygo County Sheriff Department	(231) 689-7303
Fremont Community Recreational Center	(231) 924-3750

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

