



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### FREMONT FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 5-7, 2017

#### Hay Art – Voting

Wednesday,  
September 27, 2017 –  
Friday, October 13, 2017

#### Harvest Festival Art Hop

Friday, September 29, 2017  
4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

#### Harvest Festival Parade

Thursday, October 5, 2017  
6:00 p.m.  
Parade Route: From Hillcrest  
heading west on  
Main Street to Weaver Ave.

#### Harvest Hike and 5K Run

Branstrom Park  
Saturday, October 7, 2017  
8:00 a.m.

#### Sweet Tea Trio

Dogwood Center –  
Black Box  
Friday, October 20, 2017  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$15.00

#### Monsterpiece

Dogwood Center –  
Main Stage  
Saturday, October 28, 2017  
3:00 p.m.  
Free Admission

#### Jeff Daniels and the Ben Daniels Band

Dogwood Center –  
Main Stage  
Monday, November 6, 2017  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$27.50

#### Jingle Mingle Arts & Crafts Fair

Fremont Area Chamber of  
Commerce  
Fremont Middle School  
Saturday, November 11, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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– A Fine City

– A Great Community"

# Fremont City Beat

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## A Gift that 'Leafs' an Impression!

The City of Fremont, Downtown Development Authority and Fremont Public Art Committee would like to thank the contributors for their support during our recent fundraising campaign to secure funds for development of the art sculpture "Oak Arch." We were successful in meeting our \$30,000 goal by raising over \$40,000, which then qualified for an additional \$30,000 matching grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) Patronicity Program, bringing our total funds raised to over \$70,000. The funding raised through this effort will create the following:

- "Oak Arch" – a large public art sculpture of an oak leaf that will be the defining anchor and connection to the new public green-space in downtown Fremont, the Darling Walkway
- Meandering accessible concrete pathway for all to use
- Lighting, benches and landscaping to complement the sculpture



Above is a rendition to the look and size of the sculpture, which the artist will begin constructing offsite this fall.

As noted in our spring newsletter, this art project is a part of a larger beautification project, the "Darling Walkway", which will begin construction next spring. The overall project entails removal of portions of Darling Ave. and Sheridan St. street/curb/gutter, sidewalks, streetlights 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.

An updated sketch/design of the total project will be available on the City's website soon this fall, along with more detailed results of the fundraising campaign. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$8,500, and the City will recognize donors at various levels with plaques, benches, personalized bricks, artist signed sculpture photos and t-shirts.

# 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, student identification or tribal identification card.

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them to the polls may still be able to 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.



Fremont Harvest Art Hop September 29<sup>th</sup> 4-9pm



Join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Fremont Harvest**  
**Festival Art Hop**  
**on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>,**  
**from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
Downtown Fremont!

Art Hop this year will be bigger and better than before! Come spend an evening of art exhibits, along with food and locally crafted beer and

help us judge the winning artist for 2017! Our community Art project of Marilyn Monroe will be up for Auction with all proceeds going to the NCCA – Arts Place as a donation for the "Art Walk". This is a great opportunity to browse your local businesses and support the arts at the same time! If you have any questions regarding the Art Hop, please contact Lisa or Jeff Blanzy – facebook Treasured Images.

**Artists Displays** 4-7:30pm @ local business locations

**Music, food and Drinks** 4-9pm @ Market Place Pavilion

**Silent Auction** 4-7pm @ Market Place Pavilion

**Silent Auction Winners Announced** - 8:00pm @ Market Place Pavilion

## 2017 Construction Season Nears End

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 this fall:

- 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

Projects expected to start in the spring of 2018

- 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.
- Industrial Drive – Mill and resurface between Main Street and Locust Street
- Locust Street – Mill and resurface between Connie Avenue and Green Avenue
- Stone Road – Replace and add new sidewalks from Main Street to 44<sup>th</sup> Street
- Fremont Municipal Airport – Mill and resurface the north/south runway

## 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 **NOT** accepted.

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

### CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection Program

Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 16 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.

*\*The city does not allow the burning of leaves within the city limits.*

Monday	N. Division Ave.	Tuesday
W. Main St.		E. Main St.
Wednesday	S. Division Ave.	Thursday

### Fremont's Yard of the Month Award Program

The Fremont Yard of the Month 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 makes Fremont a better place to live. The City's Deadhead Committee is charged with selecting the recipient of the award each month from amongst the nominations submitted. As you can see from the pictures, the award recipients take meticulous care of their yards and are deserving of the award.



**July 2017 – Jodie Scott**

336 E. Elm Street

Picture: Ferris Ann Mangan,  
Mayor Rynberg, Paula Meeuwenberg,  
Norma Fikse, Andy Harrington and  
Jodie Scott



**August 2017 – Brad and Vicki Gilliland**

215 N. Decker

Picture: Brad & Vicki Gilliland,  
Mayor Rynberg and  
Marcia Eib

Yard of the Month nomination forms are located on the City's website: [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.cityoffremont.net). The City encourages community members to recognize deserving friends and neighbors. You can even nominate your own yard - why not – no one knows better than you how much time and effort you put forth in its care.

## Take Pride in Your Curbside!

The City sweeps the streets every spring and fall, but weeds begin to creep up in the cracks by mid-summer. The City does not spray for weeds along the curbs in late summer, so residents are asked to help maintain areas where curbsides and sidewalks become overgrown.

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 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 keeping their yard and surrounding area tidy and pleasant, so we encourage everyone to join them in their efforts and take pride.

## 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.



## BRANSTROM LODGE CLOSED FOR WINTER SEASON

The City will be closing down Branstrom Lodge until further notice. The stone fireplace is in need of replacement amongst other needed repairs, making it unfit for public use. Over the winter months, we will preparing plans for repair or replacement of the Lodge.



## The Dead Heads Are Still At Work

If you know any of the Dead Heads which include the following volunteers: Mayor Rynberg, Norma Fikse, Marcia Eib, Ferris Ann & Bernie Mangan, Paula Meeuwenberg and Joan Vliem, please thank them for doing what some consider a very unpleasant job, yet they do it in a very pleasant way.

Members of the Dead Heads noticed there were weeds in the flower beds in the downtown area, cigarette butts on the sidewalks and in parking lots, and dead flower heads in the pots. So they formed a committee of volunteers to help keep downtown looking attractive and the City placed cigarette butt urns in heavy smoking areas downtown to encourage smokers to keep trash off the ground.

If you care to join the deadhead group for next year's season, contact, Fremont's Community Development and Planning/Zoning Officer Andy Harrington at 231-924-2101 or email him at [aharrington@cityoffremont.net](mailto:aharrington@cityoffremont.net) . The City of Fremont sincerely thanks the Dead Heads!

## BRUSH CHIPPING IS COMING TO AN END, AND SOME CHANGES

Due to extenuating circumstances, the City has discontinued removing brush from the curbside for the remainder of the 2017 season. We apologize for the inconvenience to those that have placed brush at the curbside for the scheduled September pickup process, but brush can now be dropped off during daylight hours at the City Yard Waste Drop-off area thru the month of November. The Drop-off area is located on the south side of Oak Street at the intersection of Stone and Oak.

Please stack Brush with limbs no more than three inches (3") in diameter, whereas the City crew will chip the brush from there. As before, the program is intended for routine tree/bush trimming and fallen branches for City residents only, and use by private tree-removal companies is prohibited. Brush is not to be placed at curbside anymore, whereas the City will not be picking it up. Christmas trees can be dropped off at the new site during the month of January.

## NOVEMBER 7, 2017 CITY GENERAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, November 7, 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:

**Mayor:** (2-year term ending 2019)

**James Rynberg**  
**Beverly Parketon**



**City Council:** (2 positions available with 4-year terms ending 2021)

**Michael Carpenter**  
**Donald Henry**  
**Steven Heiss**

**City Council:** (1 partial 2-year term ending 2019)

**Sandra A. Siegel**

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.countyofnewaygo.com](http://www.countyofnewaygo.com). Current election results as they are reported to the County Clerk's Office will be posted on election night. Upcoming 2017 election dates to remember:

- October 10, 2017:** Last day to register for voting eligibility for the November 7<sup>th</sup> City General Election.
- November 7, 2017:** 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 parents of the following dangerous situations that they have noticed 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.

## Winter 2017 Property Tax Payment Schedule

Winter taxes will be mailed on Thursday, November 30, 2017 and due by Wednesday, February 14, 2018. A 4% penalty will be 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.

Taxes can now be paid online by credit card or e-check at [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.cityoffremont.net)

\*The City can accept partial payments.

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 Wednesday, February 28, 2018; on March 1, 2018 all payments must be paid to the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office at PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.



# Halloween Trick-Or-Treating

Halloween falls on **Tuesday, October 31, 2017** this year and the City encourages trick-or-treating activities to take place from **6:00-8:00 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.



## 12th Annual Hike & 5K Run

A Fremont Fall Harvest Festival Activity

Sponsored by the City of Fremont

**What:** 5-K Run  
5-K Walk



**Where:** Branstrom Park  
Fremont, Michigan

**When:** Saturday, October 7, 2017

Registration: 8:00 – 8:30 AM  
Bike/Walk begins: 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 25, 2017 will receive a **free** T-shirt. Thanks to the **Tamarac, Koffee Kuppe, Anytime Fitness, and The Fremont Recreation Center** 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!



Registration forms and maps are available at the Fremont City Hall and on the Website at [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.cityoffremont.net). Tamarac, Koffee Kuppe, Anytime Fitness, The Fremont Recreation Center, and the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce. To pre-register directly, contact Melanie or Colin at the City of Fremont at 924-2101.



## FREMONT COMMUNITY JOINT ZONING ORDINANCE – DID YOU KNOW?

In a residential district, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the front yard may be used for parking, including driveways. Vehicles may not be parked or stored upon any lawn or landscaped area within the front yard. Regulations such as this help keep neighborhoods looking attractive and maintained.

# Fremont Harvest Festival

**HAY ART sponsored by Choice One Bank!** Hay art located throughout Fremont! Voting is Wednesday, September 27th through Friday, October 13th, vote with canned goods in the Fremont Chamber office, 7 E. Main Street! All canned goods collected will be donated to TrueNorth's Food Pantry. Listings of hay art locations will be available in the Fremont Chamber of Commerce.



## Thursday, October 5, 2017

- Harvest Festival Flea Market – Fremont Market Place Pavilion 10 am until 6 pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Parade at 6:00 pm (begins at Hillcrest and runs west down Main St to Weaver Ave) ~ **Please be aware of the many pedestrians that will be in the staging area on Hillcrest during this time. Thank you for understanding the safety of our residents!**
- Dogs on the Green, get a foot long hot dog, chips and a drink for \$5, 4-7:30 pm in the park
- Farmer's Market, 4-8 pm in the park
- Face Painting by Empowerment Network – 5-7 pm in the park following the parade

**Harvest Merchant Open Houses; Fremont Area Businesses 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

## Friday, October 6, 2017

- Antique Tractor Show, 12:00 – 7:00 pm in the park
- Fall Photo Contest Winners announced at 5 pm at the ArtsPlace

**Harvest Merchant Open Houses; Fremont Area Businesses 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

## Saturday, October 7, 2017

- Harvest Hike and 5K Run, 8:00 am – Branstrom Park
- Antique Tractor Show, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm in the park
- Farmer's Market, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm under the Marketplace Pavilion
- Kid's Events in Veteran's Memorial Park, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Fremont's Taste of Harvest 11 am - 2:00 pm in Veteran's Memorial Park
- Fall Harvest Party – 5-11 pm – Newaygo County Fairgrounds
  - Live comedy from Megan Wertz and Jason Bazzett
  - Live music from Braunschweiger Blues Band 8:00-11:00 pm  
(Must be 21 to enter with valid ID)
- Homemade Salsa Contest, \$5 entry fee – Located at the VMP Stage

## Sunday, October 8, 2017

- Fremont Area Crop Hunger Luncheon, 12:45 pm – Fremont Christian Church

**\*\*For a full list of events contact the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce @ 231-924-0770.**

## Flushing of Fire Hydrants

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual **Watermain Flushing Program** on Friday evening, **September 29th**. Flushing will continue throughout 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 light colored laundry during this time.



## Refuse/Recycling Changes

During the first two weeks of January and July each year, property owners may elect to change refuse pick-up service from a roll-out cart to mixed-refuse bags or vice-versa by notifying the City Offices. Please note that changes are only allowed during these two-week periods.

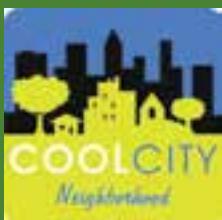
If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the Fremont City Beat, please contact the City Offices at 231-924-2101 or stop by to see us at 101 East Main Street, Fremont, MI 49412.

## Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street  
Fremont, MI 49412

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RESIDENT  
FREMONT, MI 49412



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

## 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 Drop Off** – Drop off site is at the DPW Yard Waste site April 1st - November 30th

**Watermain Flushing** – April and October

**Winter Street Parking Ban (2:00 AM to 6:00 AM)** – From December 1st - April 1st