

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce

Summer Concert Series

June 28th, July 5th, July 12th and July 26th

FREE Concerts in Veterans Memorial Park

Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.
Food sold by local non-profits

NCCA - Artsplace
Art Tells A Story

Monday, July 9, 2018

NCCA – Artsplace
Inspire Art for Teens
Mandala Style Shibori Dyed Sarong

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

NCCA - Artsplace
Christmas in July
Fused Glass Ornaments

Thursday, July 12

Bootstrap Boys
Dogwood Center
Saturday, July 14, 2018

NCCA - Artsplace
Like An Artist
Discovering American Artists

Monday, July 16

Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
National Baby Food Festival

July 18-21

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DARLING WALKWAY & OAK ARCH PROJECT

The City has begun construction of the "Darling Walkway" & "Oak Arch" projects, both of which are Downtown beautification projects for the Fremont community. The project entails removal of two blocks of Darling Avenue south of Main Street, and one block of Sheridan Street, between Darling and Merchant Avenues. Street pavement, curb/gutter, sidewalks, streetlights and the former high school parking areas west of the Rec Center are all being removed to accommodate implementation of a decorative winding sidewalk with art nodes, landscaping, sitting areas, decorative lighting, a new parking lot, the "Oak Arch" sculpture and an outdoor pickle ball 6-court system in the Rec Center's southwest parking lot south of Maple Street.

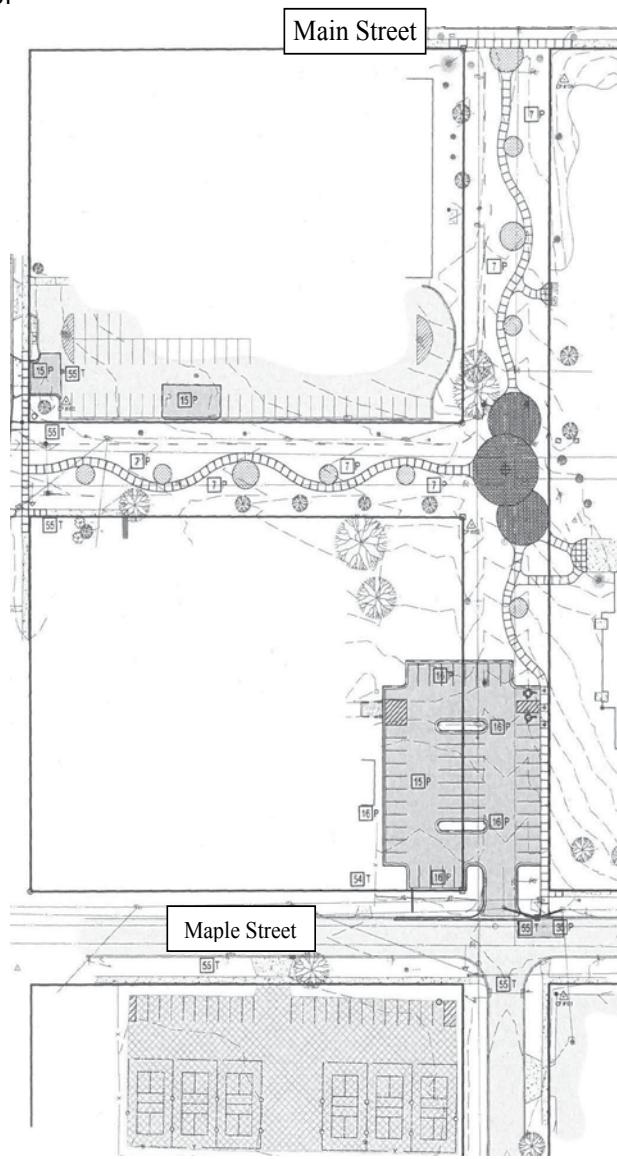
The project is a collaboration of planning between the City of Fremont, Downtown Development Authority, Public Art Committee, Fremont Community Recreation Authority, Fremont Area District Library and Newaygo County Pickleball Club.

In addition to creating a pleasant walkable path and sitting areas between the Downtown, Library, Rec Center and The Gateway, a new public parking lot will accommodate all entities during normal operation and special events. Implementation of the new outdoor pickle ball courts are a much-anticipated recreational opportunity for many.

Project completion is anticipated by the end of summer, with the Oak Arch to be installed early fall.

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Dogwood Summer Youth
Theatre Presents
"Robinhood"
Dogwood Center
July 27 and July 28
Free Admission

Sandi Patty
Dogwood Center
Saturday, August 4, 2018

Jukebox Saturday Night
Dogwood Center
Saturday, August 18, 2018

Newaygo County Agricultural
Fair
August 4-11

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
Fremont Harvest Festival
September 20, 21 & 22

2018 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!

Pictured above, an aerial photo of the construction site on 6/12/18.



Projects expected to be completed in 2018 and potentially 2019:

- Industrial Drive – Mill and resurface between Main Street and Locust Street
- Locust Street – Mill and resurface between MPH drive and Green Avenue
- Cedar Street – Construct new street extension from Gerber Avenue to Stone Road
- Cedar Street – Mill and resurface between Stewart and Division Avenues
- Downtown Beautification – Begin Darling/Sheridan Streetscape project to replace existing streets with new enhanced greenspace and walking pathway
- Main Street Sidewalk – Add new sidewalk from Industrial Drive to Green Avenue
- Stone Road Sidewalk – Add new sidewalk from Main Street to 44th Street
- Fremont Municipal Airport – Mill and resurface 5,000' of the north/south runway



COLUMBARIUM INSTALL: MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY

The City recently installed a Columbarium along the south side of Maple Grove Cemetery. It is constructed of grey marble framing with black marble front plates for each columbarium space that can be personalized with engraving. There are 64 niches, 32 on each side facing north and south. Visit the City's website www.cityoffremont.net for more information and pricing.

BRANSTROM FAMILY CONTRIBUTES NEW STONework IN FREMONT ARBORETUM PARK

In 1964, the City of Fremont was bestowed Arboretum Park by William J. Branstrom. The Park was established as an arboretum by William and his wife Margaret.

"A public park devoted to the many and fine native Michigan trees, shrubs and wildflowers ... for teaching the student and for all those who find joy and peace with the beautiful things in nature." - William J. Branstrom

William's grandson Jim MaGee, artist and philanthropist, recently offered to requisition a new stone walkway in the Park, leading to a circular platform overlooking the stream on the north side of the Park. There have already been wedding ceremonies performed on the new site and the City encourages its use. You can reserve this spot for future ceremonies by contacting City Hall or visiting our website (www.cityoffremont.net).



FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

Dates and Times

Starting: June 23, 2018
Tuesdays: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Ending: October 6, 2018

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.

Building Department Changes

As of May 15, 2018 the City of Fremont took over responsibility for the administration and enforcement of Michigan Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes. Prior to the 15th, Newaygo County provided oversight and enforcement of such codes within the City. The City will now be using the services of North Country Inspection Services, LLC for code oversight, with Building Official Duane Cruzan. North Country will issue all such permits and will be providing inspections, while the City of Fremont will continue to issue all zoning permits. Below you will find the contact information for North Country Inspection Services, LLC as well as office hours / locations.

Applications for building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing can be found online at www.ncisllc.org. Applications can also be picked up at the Fremont Municipal Building during normal office hours (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon - Fri.) or at North Country's office hours as noted below. Applications and any applicable fees will be received by North Country during their office hours.

Office Locations and Hours

White Cloud City Hall
12 N Charles St
White Cloud, MI 49349
Hours: 8:00 - 10:00 am M & W

Newaygo City Hall
28 State Rd
Newaygo, MI 49337
Hours: 1:00 - 3:00 pm M & W

Garfield Township Hall
7190 S Bingham Ave
Newaygo, MI 49337
Hours: 7:00 - 9:00 am T & Th

Contact Information

PO Box 333
White Cloud, MI 49349

Phone: 231-224-3960
Fax: 888-825-7654
ncis_llc@live.com

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.

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, 2018, the rate for the 65-gallon rollout cart is \$32.40/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart is \$37.80/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 Bills 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.

STEVE PAULSEN JOINS FREMONT POLICE

On April 17th, Steve Paulsen was hired for a part-time patrol officer position within the police department. Steve brings a bunch of energy and enthusiasm to the agency. Steve was previously employed by Hesperia PD and the Muskegon County Sheriff's Office and is currently employed at Grant PD. When not doing police work, Steve enjoys working out and spending time with family and friends. Steve is married and has three children and is a Navy Veteran.



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 as well as a picture with the members of the Dead Head Committee. The 2018 award schedule is as follows:

- July (Nominations must be submitted by June 22)
- August (Nominations must be submitted by July 27)
- September (Nominations must be submitted by Aug. 24)

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 limits. 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. Members of the Deadhead Committee work hard beautifying our Downtown: pulling weeds, cleaning and maintaining the sidewalks and alleyways, and of course "deadheading." The next time you see one of these volunteers wearing their bright orange t-shirts, be sure to stop and thank them for all the hard work they put into keeping our downtown beautiful. Those interested in volunteering their time and becoming a member of the Dead Head Committee, please contact the City Office at 231-924-2101.



Reminder of Regulation of skateboards 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.



FREMONT LAKE PICNIC PAVILION



2017 marked the 100th anniversary of the Lions service organization. In Fremont, Lions have been serving the community since 1960. As part of the centennial, Lions Clubs worldwide were encouraged to do a legacy project, something to benefit their community. In Fremont, the Lions built a new picnic pavilion in the Fremont Lake Park. The pavilion was constructed in the fall of 2017 and is now ready for use. It can be found down by the lake, just to the west of the creek.

The Fremont Lions would like to recognize many in the community who helped in making this project a reality. Gary Hooker and Herb Maschke helped confirm our design, Rick Knysz was extremely helpful with his concrete expertise, Pro Build and Murray Lumber with gracious pricing on the build materials and the cooperation of the City of Fremont in locating the site and helping with permits.

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, the pavilion was dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured from left to right are Lion Steve Adsmond, Lions Bob and Gisi Everett, Lion Breda Adsmond, Lion Project Architect Jim Patterson, Esteemed Mayor Jim Rynberg, Lion Project Coordinator Roger Bradshaw, Lion Darl Purdy, Lion Laurene Homsher, Lion President Pete Slovinski and City Manager Todd Blake.

PRIMARY ELECTION: August 7, 2018

The August Primary Election is around the corner and you will start seeing evidence of it with candidate signs throughout the community. Voters will decide which candidates will represent them in the following local, state & federal offices:

- Representatives in the U.S. Senate and Congress
- Representatives in the State Legislature
- County Commissioner and Prosecuting Attorney

City residents are reminded that election signs are not to be placed in the City rights-of-way or to exceed 6 sq. ft. in face size, per the City Zoning Code. The City will remove and dispose of signs that are in violation.

The Newaygo County Clerk's Office continues to provide its Internet site at www.electionreporting.com that posts current election results as they are reported to the County on election nights.

Year 2018 Election Dates to remember include:

- July 9th: Last day to register for voting eligibility for the August 7th Primary Election
- August 7th: Primary Election, Fremont Municipal Bldg. (polls open at 7am and close at 8pm)
- October 9th: Last day to register for voting eligibility for the November 6th General Election
- November 6th: General Election, Fremont Municipal Bldg. (polls open at 7am and close at 8pm)

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 notify the City Offices at 924-2101. You will be mailed an AV application before each election and given the option to vote absentee or in person.

Please exercise your right to vote in all elections. We should all live by the adage that "If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain!"

BRUSH PICKUP

As a reminder, City crews resumed the monthly curbside brush pickup on April 2. 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.

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 9th – 11th, 2018

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.

“FRIEND” US ON



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



WEED CONTROL NOTICE TO FREMONT CITY RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Weed Control Map for the City of Fremont for the 2018 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



FIREWORKS LAWS



Fireworks sold within the state are now allowed to be much louder and can leave the ground. Public Act 256 of 2011 legalizes consumer fireworks like bottle rockets and roman candles. Prior to the rule changes, Michigan’s firework laws were relatively restrictive. The only fireworks allowed for legal use were novelty fireworks that did not leave the ground or explode, such as sparklers or smoke bombs.

Consumer Fireworks are regulated as follows

- (1) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization’s or person’s express permission to use those fireworks on those premises.
- (2) Consumer fireworks shall not be sold to a minor.
- (3) An individual shall not use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance
- (4) Local Ordinance does not allow for disturbing the peace. No person shall disturb the public peace and quiet by loud, boisterous or vulgar conduct or by making such excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise, whether on public or private property, nor allow others under his control or direction to make such noise, which disturbs the peace, good order, health and safety of other persons, a neighborhood or the community in general.

REMEMBER THESE FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- always have adult supervision
- buy from reliable sources
- use outdoors only
- always have water (a hose and a bucket) nearby
- never re-light a dud (wait 15-20 minutes and put it in the bucket)
- never throw or point fireworks at other people
- make sure the area is clear of combustibles
- don’t mix alcohol and fireworks
- dispose of fireworks, especially sparklers, by soaking in water before placing them in a trash can
- light one firework at a time.



GARAGE SALES: A Fun and Thrifty Summer Pastime

The City will be enforcing its’ regulations on garage sale signs this 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. To participate, see below. 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.

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.

Curbside recycling will remain at \$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.

A poster for a summer swimming lesson. It features a smiling child swimming in a pool on the right, and a Fremont Community Recreation logo on the left. The text on the poster includes: "COME JOIN US Summer SWIMMING LESSON for kids", "Free Evaluations", "Session 1 June 18th-June 28th", "Session 2 July 9th-July 19th", "Session 3 July 23rd- August 2nd", "Session 4 August 13th- August 23rd", and a list of class times: PS-Tadpole- 9:30-10am, PS-Frog- 10-10:30am, Tadpole- 10:30-11:15am, Frog- 9:30-10:15am, Gator- 10:15-11am, Swordfish- 9-9:45am, Trout- 9:45-10:30am, Seahorse- 10:30-11:15am, and Parent/Child- 5:30-6pm. The poster also includes the website "www.fremontcra.com", address "201 East Maple Street", and phone number "231-924-3750".

COME JOIN US
Summer
SWIMMING LESSON
for kids

Free Evaluations

- ✓ **Session 1 June 18th-June 28th**
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Parent/Child- 5:30-6pm

www.fremontcra.com
201 East Maple Street
231-924-3750

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes are mailed June 29th 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. Thereafter, all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

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 Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM

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

