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A Little Taste of Fremont's BRANSTROM FAMILY HISTORY

And She Was Once The Most Beautiful Girl In Ensley Center . . .

Or so my Grand-father, the young William J. Branstrom, son of Swedish immigrants, thought when he first laid eyes on Margaret Cain standing at the back of the Ensley Center Grange Hall on a November night in 1910, while campaigning to become Michigan's youngest prosecuting attorney. After they were married in 1912, Margaret and William moved to Fremont from Hesperia, where Grandfather practiced law and Grandmother took care of the house and their three children with the help of Old Susan, their Irish live-in maid and cook, whose secret still, hidden from my Grandparents in the basement, blew up one night during the height of Prohibition, shaking the house to its core.



Left to right: Barbara Kemble, James Magee, and Susan Wentz



Summers were spent on Pickerel Lake, and after World War II each of their children built cottages nearby, where eventually nine grandchildren would play together on a common beach and daily besiege Grandmother's cookie jar; and on summer evenings my two sisters, my cousins and myself would sit at their

dining room table at the lake, eating Blue Gills and Perch, while munching on freshly picked sweet corn.

Retiring largely from law after 1945 to concentrate on other investments, Grandfather, who had been Mayor of Fremont during part of the 1930's, began thinking more and more about how he and Grandmother might give back to our community. As I recall, and my memory is far from perfect, one of their first philanthropic gestures was with Grandfather's good friend, Frank Gerber, when they built a headquarters for the local Boy Scout Troup. After that Grandfather founded the Fremont Community Foundation, the precursor of the Fremont Area Community Foundation. Then, and not necessarily in this order, Grandmother and Grandfather gave land for Camp Newaygo on Pickerel Lake, as well as an endowment and land for Branstrom Park and the Fremont Arboretum Park. Later, they furnished the Newaygo Medical Care Facility and established the Branstrom Freshman Scholarships at the University of Michigan and Grand Valley State University, along with the gates to Maple Grove Cemetery and a library in Hesperia in memory of Great Grandmother, Amelia, as well as other philanthropic endeavors.

But all of this was a long time ago, well over a half century, and few, if any, now remember Margaret and William, other than the occasional plaque noting their generosity. Yet the history of any community and those who contributed to it, whether quietly or publicly, is the marrow of the bone, and once that memory is lost, it will never be retrieved.

James Magee



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

CIRCUS JAMS WITH MAT EMERICK

Dogwood Center –
Saturday, October 13, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
\$15.00 per child
Ages 8-12

THE STRING DOCTORS

Dogwood Center –
Black Box
Saturday, October 20, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Tickets \$15.00

JINGLE MINGLE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Fremont Middle School
Saturday, November 10, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FREMONT CHRISTMAS STROLL AND SANTA PARADE

Downtown Fremont
Friday, December 7, 2018
6:00 p.m.

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 government "PHOTO" ID, such as a Michigan driver's license, federal/state employee card, passport, military identification card, student ID card 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, but they will be required to sign a brief affidavit stating they're not currently in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.



Cooperation and Collaboration Lead to a Successful Conclusion

On August 14, 2018 Fremont PD was thrust into a manhunt for a prisoner who escaped custody while being treated at Gerber Hospital. During the four hour event 15 agencies and 33 officers converged on Fremont to help locate the prisoner. Fremont PD had three officers working when this went down and two more came in to work shortly after it started to account for 62 hours devoted to this event by Fremont PD. The escapee was apprehended after breaking into two homes just blocks from the hospital and attempting his getaway on a stolen motorcycle. The escapee was injured while crashing the motorcycle attempting to elude officers. The amount of support and resources made available directly impacted the short duration and successful apprehension.



DAMAGE AND CLEAN UP FOLLOWING RECENT STORMS

Although storm cleanup isn't a weekly scheduled operation in Fremont, it certainly isn't something new to your City employees. Our Police, Fire and Public Works Department employees have come to expect it on occasion following storms and are always quick to react.

First on the scene in town is the Fremont Police Department, calling for assistance at any hour of the night for the Fire Department to help remove downed trees from roadways and assess the danger of downed power lines. The Fire Department performs this function in town as well as all of the surrounding township areas.

Following the recent wind storm in late August, the Fire Department was called out to 35 sites throughout the Fremont community, putting in over 145 man-hours before most residents in the area even woke up that next morning. Most of those firemen then went to work immediately following their all-night cleanup shift.

Come morning and throughout the week, the Fremont DPW takes over by removing all the damaged tree debris for residents who've placed it at their curbside, and throughout City parks and cemeteries. They spent 128 man-hours toward the cleanup that week, with the normal monthly curbside brush removal program kicking in on the following Monday.

The City appreciates its employee's time and dedication at times like this, as well as resident's patience during cleanup efforts.



**PLEASE PICK UP
AFTER YOUR PET
BE COURTEOUS.
THANK YOU.**

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

CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection Program

Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 15 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 on the left of this page.

If you are interested in the full listing of the program guidelines, please come to the City Offices Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 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 2018 – Ginger and Damon Converse
663 Apache

Picture: Ferris Ann Mangan, Marcia Eib,
Norma Fikse and Ginger & Damon Converse



August 2018 – Allison and Bob Alderton
703 Cherokee

Picture: Norma Fikse, Bob & Allison
Alderton, Mayor Rynberg and
Ferris Ann Mangan

Yard of the Month nomination forms are located on the City's website: 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.

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.

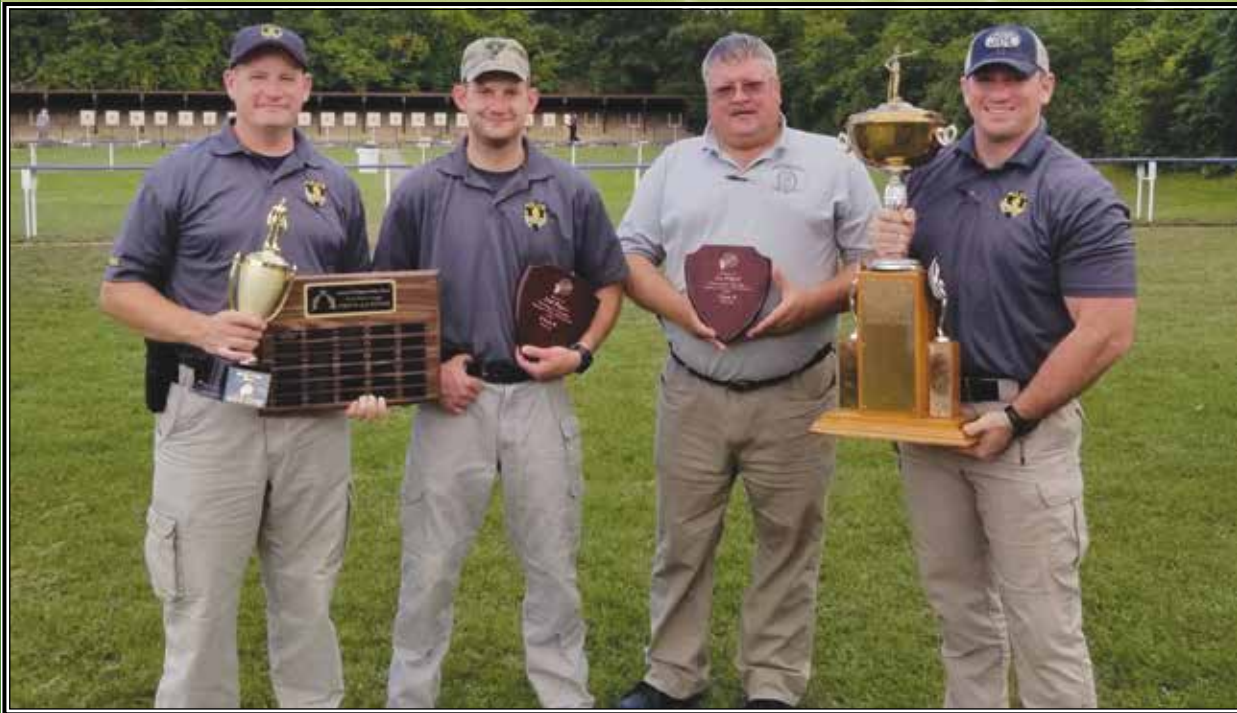
Winter Parking Restrictions

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.



Flushing of Fire Hydrants

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual **Watermain Flushing Program** on Friday evening, **October 5th**. 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.



Pictured: Randy Wright, Richard Kurnat, Bryan Kolk, Kevin Kolk

81st Michigan Police Pistol Match

Fremont PD sent two teams to the 81st Michigan Police Pistol Match in Jackson MI, Thursday 9/13/18. Fremont PD placed first and second place in their division. In addition Chief Wright took home hardware for the top scoring Chief. Fremont PD has been attending this state wide shoot for decades and has always done well representing West Michigan.



BRUSH CHIPPING IS COMING TO AN END

The City continues to remove brush without charge, the first Monday of each month April through October. The last brush pick up for the 2018 season will be the first Monday in October (10/1). 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.

NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, November 6, the Gubernatorial Election will take place and voters decide who will lead Michigan for the next four years. Voters will select candidates for the following offices on the upcoming ballot:

Governor	County Commissioner (1st & 2nd District)
U.S. Senator	State Representative (100th District)
Prosecuting Attorney	State Senator (34th District)



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.electionreporting.com. Current election results as they are reported to the County Clerk's Office will be posted on election night. Upcoming 2018 election dates to remember:

- ☑ **October 9, 2018:** Last day to register for voting eligibility for the November 6th General Election.
- ☑ **November 6, 2018:** 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!" ★

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.

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 2018 Property Tax Payment Schedule

Winter taxes will be mailed on Friday, November 30, 2018 and due by Thursday, February 14, 2019. 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

*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 Thursday, February 28, 2019; on March 1, 2019 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 **Wednesday, October 31, 2018** 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.



2018 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:

- Cedar Street – Mill and Resurface between Stewart and Division Avenues
- Locust Street – Mill and Resurface between MPH drive and Green Avenue
- Industrial Drive – Mill and Resurface between Locust and Main Streets
- State Street – Mill and resurface a 400' section from Westwood west
- Darling Avenue & Sheridan Streets – Removal of street sections west of Rec Center to construct new park/walkway
- Stone Road – Add new sidewalk from State Street north to 44th Street
- Main Street – Added new sidewalk from Industrial Drive west to Green Avenue
- Fremont Municipal Airport – Mill and resurface the north/south runway

Projects expected to start this fall or in the spring of 2019

- Cedar Street – Construct new street extension from Gerber Avenue to Stone Road
- Branstrom Park Lodge – The Lodge recently received a new roof and some exterior surface repairs and will also receive a new interior woodstove to accommodate winter-use again



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 Community Rec

one day getaway

Worry-free | Fun | Affordable

Saturday, November 17

BUS TRIP

Downtown Chicago Shopping Trip

This shopping adventure includes one of the best-known streets in downtown Chicago: The Magnificent Mile! The mile boasts more than 460 retailers! When you need a break from retail therapy, stop and have lunch or a snack at one of the many fine restaurants along the way!

Reserve your spot today!
\$63 Per Person \$20 down,
to hold your spot

Price includes light morning snack and
driver gratuity.

Depart 7a.m. Return Approx. 11p.m.

Full Payment due by Nov. 14th

A full refund will be issued if the FCRA cancels the trip. If you need to cancel your trip
there will be a \$5 cancellation fee.

*****Minimum 40 sign ups by October 18 or trip will not run**



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

PosterMyWall.com



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 Mangan, Paula Meeuwenberg, Marlene Karnemaat 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. The City of Fremont sincerely thanks the Dead Heads!



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 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



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