

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

NCCA –Artsplace Winter Break
Drop-In Art Class – Print
Making
"City In The Winter"
Ages 5+
Downtown Fremont
December 27, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
\$ 3.00 per person

NCCA – Artsplace Winter Break
Drop-In Art Class
"OP Art with Watercolor Circles"
Ages 8+
Downtown Fremont
December 27, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
\$ 3.00 per person

NCCA-Artsplace Winter Break
Drop-In Art Class
"Painted Birds"
Ages 5+
Downtown Fremont
December 28, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
\$ 3.00 per person

NCCA-Artsplace Winter Break
Drop-In Art Class
"Mixed Media Foil Postcard"
Ages 8+
Downtown Fremont
December 28, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
\$ 3.00 per person

NCCA-Artsplace
"Winter Horse Painting"
Downtown Fremont
All Ages Welcome
December 29, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
\$ 3.00 per person

Dogwood Center
Arthur C. Brooks
"Bringing America Together"
Black Box, Main Stage
January 4, 2019
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Free Admission



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Oak Arch & Darling Walkway Complete



A dedication ceremony was held on November 8, 2018 for the City of Fremont's 17th public art installation, the "Oak Arch", which stands in the center of the Darling Avenue Walkway. The project was a Downtown beautification project for the Fremont community, which entailed 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 were all removed to accommodate implementation of a decorative winding sidewalk with art nodes, landscaping, sitting areas, decorative lighting, a new parking lot and the "Oak Arch" sculpture. An outdoor pickle ball 6-court system in the Rec Center's southwest parking lot south of Maple Street was also constructed, with the final painting of the court system to be finished next spring.

Collaborative planning and fundraising between the City of Fremont, Downtown Development Authority, Public Art Committee, Fremont Community Recreation Authority, Fremont Area District Library and Newaygo County Pickleball Club, made it all possible.

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 was constructed to accommodate all of above entities during normal operation and special events. Implementation of the new outdoor pickle ball courts are a much-anticipated recreational opportunity for many as well.



NCCA-Artsplace
Saturday, Drop-In Art for children
"Snowman"
All Ages Welcome
January 5, 2019
\$ 3.00 per person

Dogwood Center
Jimmy Lin
"Finally Some Good News About Cancer"
Black Box, Main Stage
Live Broadcast
January 7, 2019
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Free Admission

Dogwood Center
Jenna Bush Hager
"Telling Stories That Inspire"
Black Box, Main Stage
Live Broadcast
January 10, 2019
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Free Admission

Dogwood Center
"Harmonious Wail"
Black Box
January 12, 2019
7:30 p.m.
\$ 15 per person

Dogwood Center
James Bishop
"Straight Up Magic"
Black Box
January 25, 2019
7:30 p.m.
\$ 17.50 Adults
\$ 5.00 Children Under 18

Recognizing Department of Public Works

The City would like to recognize the Department of Public Works (DPW) employees for their dedication and work in the City. The DPW maintains the facilities of the entire City. The success of this department is contingent upon teamwork and accountability among its employees. Each employee of the DPW performs an essential role in delivering services to the citizens of the City.



There are many behind the scenes efforts that DPW employees put forth in helping make the City of Fremont a great place to live. The DPW maintains public roadways, sidewalks, parks, cemeteries, snow removal, brush & leaf pick up, public storm drainage systems within the right-of-way, street lights, traffic signals, traffic signs, and pavement markings. The DPW also maintains the City's water distribution and the wastewater collection systems.

Fremont is fortunate to be able to continue providing so many amenities and services for its citizens, that most small communities are unable to provide. Our pedestrians are able to move freely and safely throughout town, in a clean environmentally-healthy community. Take away any of these facilities or services and very quickly, the fabric of our community life begins to unwind.

"We have a dedicated group of employees and we are grateful to show our appreciation to them!" Brian Hettinger, Director of Public Works.

The City of Fremont appreciates all you do!



Honoring Duane Vandenberg "Wene"

Department of Public Works - Cemetery & Parks Supervisor

Duane Vandenberg is retiring from the Department of Public Works as of December 28, 2018. The City has benefited from his 33 years of service with the DPW, initially as a DPW union employee and later on as the Cemetery & Parks Supervisor. Duane plans to spend time with his family and grandchildren. We will miss him.

Rick Vanboven, Promoted to Cemetery & Parks Supervisor

Rick Vanboven was hired as a Department of Public Works employee in 1994 for the City, and has been promoted to the Cemetery & Parks Supervisor position upon the retirement of Duane Vandenberg.

Rick is a Fremont native and lives in Fremont with his wife Lisa. They have three children and enjoy spending time with family and the outdoors. Rick says "I am excited about my new position and will do my best to meet the needs of the residents."



REFUSE CONTAINER CHANGES

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



DODGEBALL



5 Players per team
Only \$40 Per team

Team Vs Team

Date: March 30th

Time: Middle School 10am

High School 2 pm

Adult 5pm

Fremont Community Rec - 201 E. Maple St 231-924-3750 -
www.fremontcra.com

PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG COLLECTION DROP-BOX

The Fremont Police Department has 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 Snow Plowing Policy

The Department of Public Works (DPW) will quickly address specific road hazards like icy intersections or drifted sections of road. Around 1" accumulation of snow, the salt crew will begin salting operations. The crew will salt the main roads (Main, Stewart & Stone), all intersections, roads with curves and steep slopes. To completely salt every street would be prohibitively expensive and would result in damage that is corrosive to streets, light poles, lawns and trees. It would also greatly increase the salinity of our area's lakes and streams, causing stress on our fish and wildlife populations. Following an accumulation of 2", the crews begin plowing operations of the entire street system.

Typically crews are called in during the early morning hours (approximately 4:00 AM) to begin opening up the major routes for business & school bus usage. We also have to clear the parking lots downtown before the breakfast crowd hits the restaurants. Typically, DPW uses the sidewalk brush or blower downtown to move the snow onto Main Street where it is plowed toward the center of the street and removed later in the day, most of the time by early afternoon. The sidewalk



plow will begin clearing residential sidewalks once the streets are clear.

When snow continues all day, it is difficult to completely remove the City's snow - especially downtown. Cars parked along the streets and in the downtown parking lots prevent the DPW from making a clean sweep of these areas during the day. It is very important for residents to comply with the "no parking" on City streets between the hours of 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM in order to allow snowplows proper access.

Above all, please stay safe and warm during our winter season.



HOUSE NUMBERS – Need to be Prominently Displayed

Per City Ordinance, all houses or buildings within the City of Fremont should have their house or building number prominently displayed. Such numbers should be of sufficient size and displayed in such a manner that they are easily read from the street. The Police/Fire Departments recommend a minimum of 4" in size. This is important so in case of emergency the house or building can be found by police officers, firefighters or other emergency responders.

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 them occasionally. Working together we will keep the City of Fremont a great place to live, work and play.

PARKING-BAN ON STREETS DURING WINTER

Every Winter season, beginning December 1st, residents are not to park in the streets between the hours of 2 AM and 7 AM. The Public Works Department can not effectively plow the streets with vehicles parked along the curb. Effective April 1st, the winter on-street parking ban will be lifted, and residents may again park overnight on City streets.



FREMONT REC CENTER

CASINO BUS TRIP

\$53*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

BUS DEPARTS REC CENTER 8:00 AM AND RETURNS 7:30 PM

FOR \$53 YOU RECEIVE:

- *\$20 PREMIUM PLAY PRE-LOADED ONTO ACCESS CLUB CARD
- *\$10 IN BINGO BUCKS
- *\$5 DINING VOUCHER

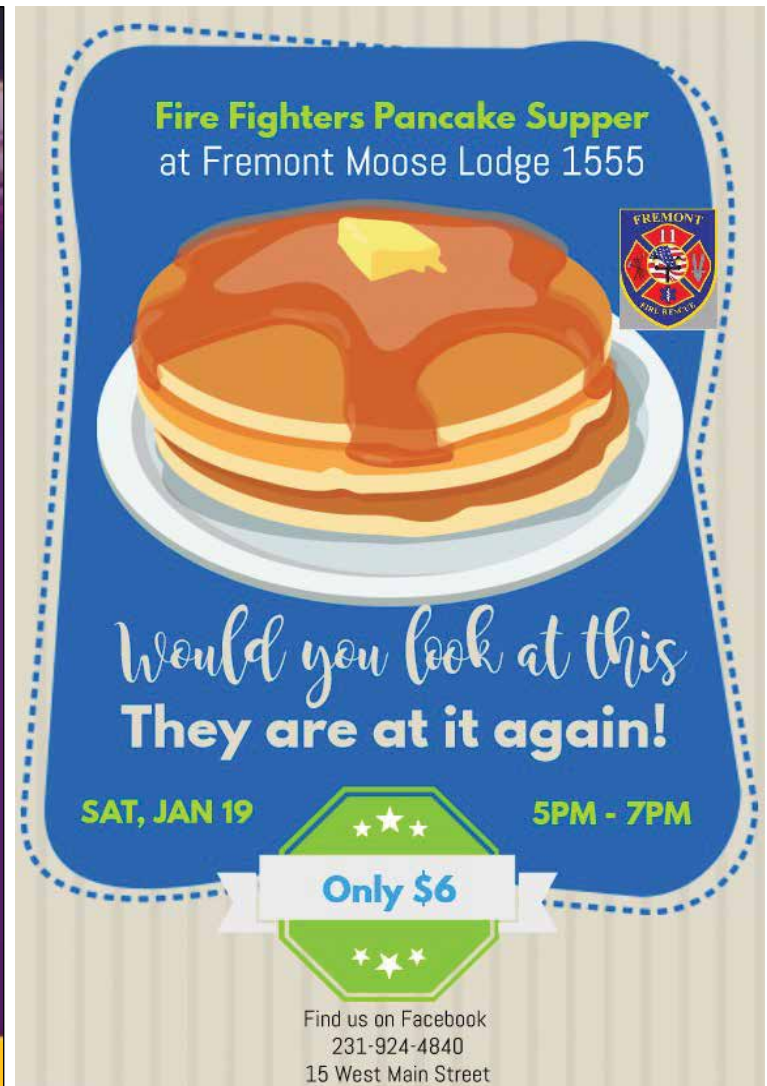
REGISTER AT:

FREMONT REC CENTER
201 E. MAPLE ST.
FREMONT, MI 49412
231.924.3750
www.fremontcra.org

***\$20 DOWN AND BALANCE DUE JANUARY 30, 2019**

MINIMUM OF 30 PEOPLE NEEDED FOR TRIP TO RUN

PostedMyVail.com



Fire Fighters Pancake Supper
at Fremont Moose Lodge 1555

Would you look at this
They are at it again!

SAT, JAN 19 **5PM - 7PM**

Only \$6

Find us on Facebook
231-924-4840
15 West Main Street

SIDEWALK “SNOW” REMOVAL

If City residents have a sidewalk in their yard, per City Ordinance it is the resident's responsibility to keep the sidewalk clear from snow during winter months. Also, if residents have a fire hydrant in their yard it is the homeowner's responsibility, as well, to keep the snow cleared from the hydrant. The City thanks you for your cooperation in keeping sidewalks and fire hydrants clear of snow during the winter months.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

City crews will provide curbside chipping of Christmas trees again this year the first two weeks of January.



Recycling 101, From Cart-Right Recycling

Curbside recycling in the City of Fremont has been a great way to reduce our trash levels and the cost to remove them, and preserve resources for future generations.

At Cart-Right Recycling, we've enjoyed serving Fremont for the past 12 years, and we've seen big changes in resident's participation levels over that time. We started our business with a small trailer, sorting recyclables right at the curb, and in 2014 we were proud to begin offering "Single Stream Recycling." This process made it more convenient for residents, allowing placement of all your recyclables in one container without having to sort them. It made it more convenient for us as well, whereas they are now sorted at the drop-off facility in Kent County.

Although the process is easier for you and our staff, we believe it has generated a "contamination" issue as well, whereas certain waste items that are not recyclable are being placed into the recycling bins and have to be sorted out and removed later in the process. Contamination items are food waste and other trash, wires/electronics, hoses, Styrofoam, and various other items not accepted within the recycling program.

We've been experiencing this problem for some time in the City of Fremont, and have been happy to take an opportunity to raise awareness and educate our residents and homeowners, but lately there has been an increasing amount of incidences.

We find the biggest problem is just confusion from eager recyclers about what they can and cannot put into their bins. The items that can't be recycled that we see in the bins most often are:

- Styrofoam, also known as polystyrene
- Boxes that are not empty, or aren't flattened
- Clothes hangers, of any kind
- Jars and containers that are not clean, or that contain any kind of food waste
- Plastic wrappers, bread bags, potato chip bags, food storage (Ziploc style) bags, paper plates, napkins, tissues, paper toweling
- "Tanglers" like wires, cords, electronics, hoses and tarps
- Dishes, pots and pans, windows and mirrors
- tying up recyclables into a bag, if we can't see your items, our machines can't sort out the materials inside
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We can accept lots of items! Like flattened cardboard, juice cartons, clean glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, jugs, paper, paperboard and magazines, plastic shopping bags, clean pizza boxes, metal cans and clean tin foil, as detailed on the enclosed recycling guide.



Spanky's Annual Fundraiser for the Fremont Fire Department

The Fremont Fire Department hosted its annual Spanky's Fundraiser on November 7, 2018. The fundraiser was another huge success, enabling the Department to continue with its equipment and training program that benefits the entire Fremont community. The Fremont Fire Department would like to thank everyone that came out and donated, and a special "thank you" to owner Michelle Burt for allowing the Fire Department to host the fundraiser at Spanky's Pizza.



RECYCLING GUIDE

CART-RIGHT



RECYCLING

Cardboard

Flatten boxes, remove plastic and foam. Tape and labels are OK.

Clean pizza boxes are OK!



NEW! Cartons

Coated paperboard that held liquid: milk, soy & almond milk, juice boxes, creamer, broth.

Keep caps on.



Glass Bottles & Jars

CLEAN, clear & colored food or beverage glass.

Remove lids (if metal).

Labels are OK.



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, & Tubs

Clean, rigid plastic only.

NO FOAM. Labels are OK.

NEW: Rinse & keep cap on.



Paper, Paperboard & Magazines

Remove plastic bags. Shred only what is necessary and place shredding in clear plastic bag.



Plastic Shopping Bags

Stuff bags inside another bag and tie shut.



Metal Cans & Foil

CLEAN; labels are OK. Aerosol cans **MUST** be empty.



DO NOT PUT IN RECYCLE BIN

TANGLERS

Anything stringy, like cords, cables, hoses, clothing, tarps, chains, tubing, wires

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Anything that held hazardous liquids, powders or gases including propane & helium tanks; medical waste including needles & IV bags; batteries

UNACCEPTABLE FOR OUR FACILITY

Electronics; anything larger than 2'x2'; foam containers and packaging material; glass from windows, doors & mirrors; Pyrex and bakeware; giftwrap; dirty or unwashed products



SEPARATE OUT RECYCLING & TRASH

www.cartright.net

VISIT WWW.REIMAGINETRASH.ORG FOR MORE INFO ON WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOUR RECYCLING GETS DROPPED OFF.

Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412

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

POSTAL CUSTOMER
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
Dogwood Center for Performing Arts	(231) 924-8883
Newaygo County Sheriff Department	(231) 689-7303
Emergency – Fire – Police – Ambulance Call 911	



Refuse & Recycling Pick-up – Place curbside every Tuesday by 7:00 AM

Leaf Pick-up – Begins 3rd Monday in October; continuous for four weeks, weather permitting

Brush Pick-up – Place curbside by 7:30 AM on the 1st Monday of each month, April - October

Watermain Flushing – April and October

Winter Street Parking Ban (2:00 AM to 7:00 AM) – From December 1st - April 1st

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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