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UPCOMING
COMMUNITY
EVENTS

Fremont Public Schools
Spring Break
March 29 – April 7, 2019

Fremont High School
Graduation
Sunday, May 19, 2019 @
2:00 p.m.

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
Summer Concert Series
June 6th, June 13th, June
20th, June 27th, July 4th,
July 11th and July 25th
FREE Concerts in Veterans
Memorial Park
Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.
Food sold by local non-profits

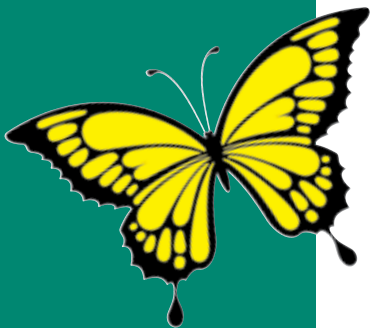
Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
National Baby Food Festival
July 17 – July 20

2018 DEVELOPMENT IN FREMONT
"A YEAR IN REVIEW"

2018 proved to be a rather busy time for the Fremont Community. The City's Planning/Zoning Department, in coordination with the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission (FCJPC), faced a very busy year with site plan reviews, Special Land Use permit requests, rezoning requests, and a number of ordinance text amendments relating to projects in and around the City totaling near \$20 million. Below is a summary of several projects that were completed, soon to be completed, or just beginning as of the start of 2019:



- **Meijer, Inc** – Construction of the 159,000 sq. ft. retail store began last spring with plans for completion and grand opening scheduled for spring 2019. (\$9.1M)
- **Michigan Produce Haulers, LLC** – MPH expanded their operations in the City of Fremont Industrial Park and built a 60,000 sq. ft. addition to their facilities. (\$1.8M)
- **Fremont Christian Middle School** – Fremont Christian Middle School completed a large addition to the school which included new classrooms, administrative offices, a band room, and parking areas.
- **Fremont Mini Storage** – An 80 unit indoor/outdoor storage facility was completed at the intersection of Warner and 56th Street.
- **McDonald's** – The Fremont McDonald's completed an extensive interior and exterior remodel to their building. (\$.5M)
- **Locust Hill Apartments** – An expansion that included the addition of four new duplex buildings, adding an additional 8 housing units to the property. (\$1M)
- **Fremont Ford** – Fremont Ford implemented an extensive façade improvement and building addition this past summer, entailing a new showroom, service lanes, and service bay. (\$1.2M)
- **Waters Edge Golf Course** – The golf course redesigned holes 5 & 6, to be open near the end of June, and will be adding a driving range / practice facility by the spring of 2020.
- **Wesco, Inc.** – They recently constructed an entire new gas station/convenience store facility included a new store building, gas pumps and canopy, fuel tanks and parking. (\$2M)



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- **Green Acres of Fremont** – Green Acres recently completed its Phase 2 development to their facility, adding a community center and an additional 20 living spaces. (\$1.4M)
- **Fremont Housing, LLC** – A two phase multi-family condominium housing project with up to 9 individual units. The project is located just south of the Fremont Area District Library and the new City of Fremont “Darling Walkway.” Construction of Phase 1 began in December with the anticipated completion this summer. (\$1.3M)



The City Encourages Celebration of “National Arbor Day”

In celebration of **National Arbor Day** on Friday, April 26th, the City will again offer tree-purchase coupons. **The City coupons will remain at \$30** this year and they will go to the first 50 City homeowners that request them, in person, at the City Offices. Coupons will be available starting April 2nd till gone and must be redeemed by May 31, 2019. Through the City’s coupon program over the last 21 years, residents have planted over 800 trees in the community. During the same time, the City planted an additional 524 trees throughout our parks, along our streets and in our cemeteries.

We’ll be coordinating miscellaneous green activities that will promote sustainability, such as the City’s tree planting program. We’re looking for other organizations and volunteers willing to help plant trees and participate in additional green activities this spring throughout the community.

Based on “best forestry management practices,” it is advisable to diversify our urban forest areas, which helps ensure not only a variety of tree species, but also lessens the negative effects or spread of diseases, such as what happened with Dutch Elm Disease and the Emerald Ash Borer. Therefore, the Tree Coupon may not be used to purchase any species of Elm or Ash trees or any Conifer trees under 6’. The coupon program and other various City tree plantings and maintenance efforts have also contributed to the City’s **26-year designation as a “Tree City, USA.”**

Having a young tree planted to honor a special person can also be a unique way to show you care in a special and creative way. It’s a living gift that gives lasting recognition to the honored person, plus adding to the renewal of forests in their community.

“HE WHO PLANTS A TREE, PLANTS HOPE!” - Lucy Larcon. ★





"SHOP WITH A COP – 2018"

On December 13, 2018, Fremont Police Department hosted the 6th Annual Shop With A Cop Program. This program provides holiday assistance to low income families that reside in Newaygo County and this year's Program was an overwhelming success. We were able to partner up 110 of the county's less fortunate children with participating officers, from the Fremont City Police, Grant City Police, Newaygo City Police, White Cloud City Police, Hesperia Police Department, Newaygo County Sheriff, and Michigan State Police – Hart Post, Oceana County Sheriff and Gratiot County Sheriff Departments.

Each child was partnered with a uniformed police officer and taken on a Christmas shopping trip throughout the Fremont Walmart store and given the choice to buy Christmas presents for themselves and family members. Seeing the children interacting with uniformed officers was an inspiring sight and wouldn't be a success without the many community volunteers that come to wrap all the gifts and take photos to capture all the happenings and happy faces.

We would like to thank all the sponsors who make this day possible for the last 6 years, because without the generous support from businesses and individuals, this program would not be possible. It's great to see how much a community can come together to make a program like this happen and be such a big success!

Fremont Airport 2019 Memorial Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast

May 25, 2019

8:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
by Lions Club!**

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$8.00

(Kids under 4: \$3.00)



**AIRPLANE AND HELICOPTER RIDES!!!
STARTING AT \$40 – ADULTS**

**AND
\$25 – KIDS**



REMAIN SECURITY CONSCIOUS

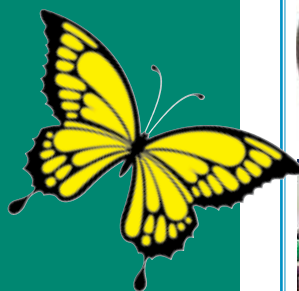
In these economic times, it is important to remain security conscious and to be aware of your surroundings. Keep your homes and garages locked when you are away, and be sure to remove your keys from the ignition, and lock your vehicles whether your car is in your driveway at home, in store parking lots, 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.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes will be mailed June 28th and due by August 10th without penalty. A 4% late penalty will be applied to any unpaid taxes on August 12th. The Summer tax bill includes millage's for Fremont Public Schools, State Education Tax, Fremont Community Recreation Authority, Newaygo County and the City of Fremont.

Winter taxes will be mailed on November 29th and due by February 14th without penalty. A 4% late penalty will be applied 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 outside drop box at the northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot at any time. The City accepts tax payments until February 29th; thereafter, all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.



CITY OF FREMONT REMAINS GREEN

For those of you who do online banking through your banking institution

When paying your utility bill, tax bill or special assessment, please be sure to write your Location ID or Parcel Number and/or a note in the memo line to ensure payment is credited to the proper account.

Electronic mailing authorization for "Quarterly" Utility Billings

Go Paperless! City of Fremont residents have the option of receiving their utility bills electronically. Electronic bills will be emailed from the "City of Fremont (jwinchel@Cityoffremont.net)" email account. If you do not receive the electronic bill, please check your SPAM/JUNK folder or contact City Hall at (231) 924-2101 or jwinchel@cityoffremont.net. Bills will be emailed around the 15th of the following months: January, April, July and October. Contact City Hall or visit our website under Permits & Forms/Utilities Electronic Authorization Form.

Credit Cards Accepted

Payments for Taxes and Utilities can be made online from the City of Fremont website. Property owners must create an account through our contracted service provider Point and Pay, by logging in and setting up an account. From the City of Fremont website www.cityoffremont.net you can login by clicking the "Online Bill Pay" icon.

This is a link to the following site: accessmygov.com where you can "Register" your account to make payments online. Following are the fees that are collected directly by Point and Pay for this service:

FEE SCHEDULE:

Credit Cards:

3%, minimum \$2.00

E-checks:

Flat fee of \$3.00, up to \$10,000

Flat fee of \$10, anything over \$10,000



SAFE PASSING LAW

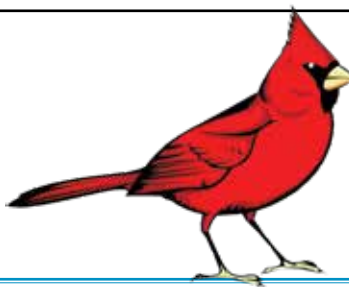


A new law in Michigan says drivers must provide a minimum of 3-feet of room while passing bicyclists on the road. The "Safe Passing" law went into effect Sept. 27, 2018 statewide.

Officials reported Michigan was one of 11 states that did not have a safe passing law improving bicycle safety.

In recent years there were 38 cyclist's fatalities in 2016 and 21 in 2017, and an additional 1,356 cyclists injuries, according to the Office of Safety Planning.

Law violations will result in a fine and three points on the driver's record.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Held @ the Newaygo County Road Commission, M-20 just west of M-37

June 1, 2019

If you have to question whether to dump it on the ground or down your drain, we'll take it!

Hazardous items accepted at No Charge for Newaygo County residents, through donations are greatly appreciated!

**** Tires will not be accepted this year****

For more details call the Newaygo County Board of Public Works at **689-7213**.





"NOW AND ALWAYS -- A Fine City • A Great Community"

2018 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Fremont is proud to present to you our Water Quality Report for calendar year 2018. In compliance with federal requirements, the City developed this report to provide you with valuable information about your drinking water. As summarized in this report, last year the City's water met or exceeded all federal and state government standards set for water quality and safety. We are very proud of that fact.

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires water utilities to annually provide detailed water quality information to its customers. The City is committed to providing you with this information about your water supply because customers who are informed are our best allies in supporting improvements necessary to maintain the highest drinking water standards.

The report is published annually in the City of Fremont newsletter, the "City Beat". Additional copies are available at the City Offices or on the City's website at www.cityoffremont.net. The public is invited to participate in the water quality reporting by making recommendations to the City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. Meeting dates are posted at City Hall and on the City's website.

This Water Quality Report is presented to you by the Fremont Water Department and its spokesperson, Brian Hettinger, Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Hettinger can be contacted as follows:

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WATER SOURCES

The general sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

WELLS	WELLFIELD LOCATION	DEPTH	DESIGN PUMPING CAPACITY (Gallons per minute- gpm)
# 1	Decker	Discontinued; sealed 1992	
# 2		104'	390 gpm
# 3		123'	380 gpm
# 4	Maple St.	Discontinued; sealed 1973	
# 5	Cherry Hill	125'	250 gpm
# 6	Branstrom	192'	530 gpm
# 7		244'	550 gpm
# 8	Daisy	190'	850 gpm
# 9		167'	1,000 gpm
#10		148'	1,000 gpm

The City's water is obtained exclusively from eight 12"-diameter groundwater wells (see table), as opposed to surface water sources such as rivers, lakes or streams. It is possible for the eight wells to pump approximately 4,890 gallons/minute (gpm) or over 7 million gallons/day (gpd) at maximum pumpage rates. Our highest pumping day for 2018 was August 9th 2.517 million gallons.

The MI Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has assigned a contamination vulnerability to Fremont's source water. The geologic sensitivity for "unconfined aquifers" is characterized as "high". City wells 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 have been determined by the MDEQ to be "highly susceptible to potential contaminants."

Fremont has established a Wellhead Protection Area Committee, which is a composite of people from the surrounding community whose intent is keeping the water you drink safe. The Committee includes representatives from the Gerber Products Company, Dayton and Sherman Townships, MSU Cooperative Extension, Fremont Area Community Foundation, MDEQ, the City's water engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Newaygo County agricultural representatives and City leaders. The Wellhead Protection program is working with property owners in the two wellhead protection areas (located in the City and in Dayton & Sherman Townships) to:

- Identify and eliminate potential contamination hazards to our groundwater
- Prohibit uses of properties that could lead to potential groundwater contamination (e.g. no dumps, landfills, fuel depots or bulk fertilizer/chemical storage sites)
- Locate and properly plug abandoned wells on both public & private properties
- Provide educational materials & resources on groundwater protection to property owners within the protection areas.

ELEVATED STORAGE TANKS	CAPACITY	YEAR BUILT
N. Weaver	500,000 gals.	1966
N. Decker	750,000 gals.	1993
E. Main	200,000 gals.	1993

WATER STORAGE

The water system includes three elevated steel storage tanks. The Weaver & Decker tanks supply both operating & fire storage to the main part of the distribution system. The E. Main tank supplies operating storage for the high-pressure district on the east part of town. A booster pumping station in the base of the Decker tank supplies both operating & fire flows for the district and the E. Main tank.

CONTINUING WATER SYSTEM INVESTMENTS

- 2013** **Improvements:**
New 8" on Maple from Stewart to Weaver
New 8" on Mechanic from Sheridan to Maple
New 8" on Mechanic from Oak to Woodrow
- 2014** **Improvements:**
New 8" watermain on Oak St from Mechanic to Stewart
Wells:
#2 New motor and pump assembly
- 2015** **Improvements:**
#3 new motor
#7 new motor
- 2016** **Improvements:**
New 8" water main on Fremont Street from Main Street to State Street
Well #9 cleaned and inspected
- 2017** **Improvements:**
Pump #9 was lowered to 167'
As a follow-up to last year's inspection and work
- 2018** **No new improvements**

WATER QUALITY TESTING FOR CONTAMINANTS

The City of Fremont water wells and distribution system are routinely monitored at designated intervals for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. **All of our water meets or exceeds Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MDEQ standards for safe drinking water.** This report shows water quality testing results from January through December of 2018. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. Small amounts of microbial, inorganic or organic substances, as well as radioactivity can be picked up as water travels to any groundwater wells. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA'S Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or at their website at www.epa.gov/safewater. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses & bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations & wildlife.
- Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm runoff and residential uses.
- Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA & Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines that offer an appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the EPA sources noted in the previous paragraph.

2018 WATER QUALITY DATA

Each day, our staff works to ensure the water delivered to your home meets all regulatory requirements and your expectations for safety, reliability and quality. For your protection, your drinking water is tested at designated intervals for many parameters. The State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. We are proud to report there were no violations during that time. **All of the contaminants are well BELOW allowed levels.** Not listed are over 100 other contaminants, including pesticides and herbicides, for which we tested and that were not detected.

Substance (units)	Allowed Level (MCL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	Max. Level Detected in Water	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
REGULATED MONITORING OF THE SOURCE WATER							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.07	.03-.07	2010	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discharge of drilling wastesDischarge from metal refineriesErosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.34	.54-1.34	2018	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Erosion of natural depositsWater additive that promotes strong teethDischarge from fertilizer & aluminum factories
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	1.0	0-0.1	2001	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)	0.2	0.2	N.D.	N.D.	2016	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discharge from steel & metal factoriesDischarge from plastic & fertilizer factories
Nitrates	10	10	2.26	<.5-2.26	2018	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Runoff from fertilizers
REGULATED MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATES IN SOURCE WATER							
Gross Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	3.5	1.8-3.5	2014	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.23	.51-1.23	2011	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Erosion of natural deposits
REGULATED MONITORING IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
TTHM – Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	.08	N/A	0.0011	N.D.– 0.0011	2018	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Byproduct of drinking water disinfectionSampled Late
R.A.A – Chlorine (PPM)	4	4	0.6	.5-.6	2018	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water additive used to control microbes
SPECIAL MONITORING OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
Substance (units)	Max. Level Detected in Water		Range of Detection		L.H.A.	Sample Date	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
PFAS	2 P.P.T.		N/A – 2 P.P.T.		70 P.P.T	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water proofing chemical
REGULATED MONITORING AT THE CUSTOMER’S TAP							
Substance (units)	Action Level (AL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	90% of Samples Were Less Than This Level		Sample Dates	No. of Samples Above AL	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
Lead (ppb)	15	0	8		10/01/17-09/30/18	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Corrosion of household plumbing systemsErosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppb)	1,300	1,300	1168		10/01/17-09/30/18	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Corrosion of household plumbing systemsErosion of natural depositsLeaching from wood preservatives

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS OF WATER TESTING TERMS

Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a substance which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Coliform (total) – The total Coliform rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for Coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease causing bacteria. When Coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. The number of monthly samples taken for testing is determined by a city's population.

Copper – Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the Action Level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the Action Level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal physician.

Fluoride –Sources: erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer/aluminum factories; & is a water additive that promotes strong teeth. Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones, and children may get mottled teeth. Fremont has added fluoride to its water since the early 1970's; we are the only community in Newaygo County to do so. The MDEQ has set 1.1 ppm (or mg/l) as an ideal level of fluoride for teeth. We try to achieve this level, although natural fluoride present in our groundwater may vary.

Nitrates – Are caused by run-off from fertilizer use: leaking from septic tanks; sewage; or erosion of natural deposits. Infants below the age of six months, who drink water containing nitrates in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and if untreated may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. The level of nitrates in this table should not cause concern.

Lead – Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. Major sources of lead in water are the corrosion of household plumbing systems (materials & components associated with service lines & home plumbing) and the erosion of natural deposits. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced. It is possible that lead levels in the water in your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. Lead levels in drinking water are likely to be highest in homes:

- With lead service lines connecting the watermain to the house
- With lead indoor plumbing
- That have copper plumbing with lead solder
- That have brass fixtures.

Pregnant women, Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the Action Level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested. Consider flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water, or until it runs as cold as it will get. Use water from only the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead. Additional information concerning lead in your water, or if you wish to have your water tested and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL's) – The highest level of a substance that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG (see below) as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The level of a substance in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant (such as chlorine) is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND) – Laboratory analysis indicates that the substance is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – The equivalent of one ounce in 7,813 gallons or one minute in two years or one penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l) – The equivalent of one ounce in 7,813,000 gallons or one second in 32 years or one penny in \$10,000,000.

Pico curies per liter (pCi/L) – A measure of radioactivity in water.

RAA – Running Annual Average – Is the average of free chlorine in the distribution system over a one year period.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) – A by-product of chlorine, which is a water disinfection additive used to control microbes.

Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a substance in water below Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL's).

CERTIFICATION:

WSSN: 2490

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the MI Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

Signature: 
Rusty Boeskool, Water Supervisor

Date Distributed: 3-28-19

VIOLATION NOTICE

Every three years, the city is required to collect 20 samples test for lead and copper. We did so in 2017 but one of our samples was not allowed by the state. We did not find out until it was too late to resample. There is no danger, the water is safe. We will test again in 2018 to correct this violation.

Rusty Boeskool, Water Supervisor

GARAGE SALES:

A Fun and Thrifty Summer Pastime

The City will be enforcing its' regulations on garage sales again 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 have Fremont looking neat, clean and beautiful for all to enjoy, so ridding the City of unnecessary signs is part of that effort.

Understanding that garage sales are important to many people, the City organizes a community garage sale twice a year, one in May and one in

August. The more people that participate in the community garage sale, the more energy the event will create, thus increasing the success of the program and turnout. The community garage sales could have a positive economic impact not only for the individual home owner but for the community at-large.



FREMONT'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

It's time to get ready for Fremont's Annual Community Yard Sale. The dates for this event are:

May 16th - 18th, 2019 and August 8th - 10th, 2019

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. The 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.

2019 FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

Dates and Times

Tuesdays: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Starting: June 22, 2019

Ending: September 28, 2019

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

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.



Flushing of Fire Hydrants

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual **Watermain Flushing Program** on Friday evening, **April 26th** and continue through 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 any laundry during this time.



IRRIGATION METERS/OUTSIDE WATERING

With spring coming, the City would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that water their lawn, sprinkle flowers, etc., can purchase a second meter from the City that would be used strictly for outside watering. Reason being, a resident would receive a separate bill for water usage only with no sewer charge. And you would only receive a bill if the meter had usage during the City's quarterly billing cycle.

Having a separate meter would require separation of water lines between the domestic meter and irrigation meter that service the home. This separation would be done by either the homeowner or a certified plumber; and the City Water Department Supervisor would inspect the separation upon completion.

Even though there will be costs involved for purchasing the meter and installation by a plumber, having a second water meter for outdoor usage could greatly reduce your utility billings during the summer watering season; residents would realize the savings in a very short time.

If you feel your summertime billings are high due to outdoor watering, you can contact City Treasurer Joyce Winchel, at 231-924-2101, to have an estimate done to see if a 2nd meter would be beneficial for your home before the watering season begins.



CURBSIDE BRUSH PICKUP TO RESUME THIS APRIL

Weather permitting, the City will resume with the residential curbside brush chipping/pickup program on Monday, April 1st. As a reminder, brush will be removed without charge the first Monday of each month, April through October.

The City's brush removal policy is as follows:

- Brush must be placed curbside by 7:30 AM of the first Monday morning, because the chipping crew will not revisit areas they've already been through during that week.
- To avoid neighborhood blight, brush is not to be placed at curbside any earlier than the Friday before the first month's Monday pickup day.
- Brush must be stacked with the cut end at curbside and limbs no more than three inches (3") in diameter, whereas a tangled pile will not be removed.
- 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 pruning of trees and shrubs, and storm/wind damage of limbs, not for tree removal.

Please follow the policy to avoid brush being left at the curbside for homeowner removal. The City will also continue to provide curbside chipping of Christmas Trees during the first two weeks of January at no additional cost to residents.

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY AND BE AN ELECTION INSPECTOR!!!

The City of Fremont is looking for Election Inspectors. You must be a resident of Newaygo County and obtain certification. The Newaygo County Clerk's Office coordinated State-Certification that entails a ½ day training session. Following completion, you will receive an Election Inspector Certificate that will allow you to work any and all elections within Newaygo County within a two-year period. Inspector certifications must be renewed every two years, due to changing election laws. If you are interested, please contact City Clerk Vicci TerVeer at the Fremont Municipal Offices 231-924-2101.



2019 UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Every year the City strives to maintain and improve its streets and utilities systems, so during construction drivers may experience some short-term inconvenient detours. But rest assured the final product will be beneficial to the community.

The following projects are expected to take place during the 2019 construction season:

New Construction:

- ✓ Cedar Street Extension – Complete final phase of the extension of Cedar Street, from Gerber Avenue to Stone Road. Once complete, this project will alleviate a majority of the west/east bound traffic traversing Oak & Pine Streets, as well as provide a more direct access to Stone Road for residents and to the Industrial Park for truck traffic.



Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- ✓ Stewart Avenue: from Main north to Cherry Street
- ✓ State Street: from Stone Road to the Gerber Gate
- ✓ Dayton Street: from Weaver Avenue to Hillcrest Avenue
- ✓ Merchant Avenue: from Elm Street to Cherry Street

Joe Krystiniak, Promoted to Wastewater & Sanitary Sewer Supervisor

Long time Department of Public Works employee Joe Krystiniak was recently promoted to the Wastewater and Sanitary Sewer Supervisor position. Joe has been with the DPW since January of 1992, almost 37 years.

Joe and his wife Leanne of 34 years have raised two children, Samantha and Andrew, who are now both married and have children. They enjoy their role as Papa and Mema to their three granddaughters, Kara, Felicity and Eleanor.

When he's not at work he is most often found either in the woods hunting or fishing on the water or ice.



FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fremont Fire Department is accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters, with no experience necessary. The Department has well training firemen, so training will be provided. Must be 18, have a valid driver's license, and live within a 5 mile square of the city. Applications can be picked up at city hall. If you have any questions please call the Fremont Fire Department at 231-924-2103.

Downtown Façade Program

The Fremont Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and City would like to remind downtown businesses and property owners about the Downtown Fremont Façade Improvement Grant Program still available. The Program is advised by the Fremont DDA Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee, which annually provides approximately \$20-30,000 in grant funding to property owners making exterior building façade improvements. The Program provides a 50/50 match up to \$8,500.00 per façade on buildings located in downtown Fremont. The Program assists property owners in creating an attractive downtown; to increase property values; to improve the marketability of space within the buildings and to attract businesses and residents to the area.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE REFUSE & RECYCLING 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 Republic Services logo. Cart lids must be within 15" of being closed, otherwise no overloaded carts will be emptied. Any additional garbage placed at the curbside that will not fit into the 65/95-gallon cart, must be placed in the specially purchased Republic **Mixed-Refuse Bags** and placed by your cart.

Trash carts and recycle bins need to be at least 2 feet apart and must always be accessible for easy collection by the hauling trucks and personnel. When they are too close together, the garbage hauler's mechanical pickup arms may not have sufficient room for placement back at the curb. Please remember there are two separate companies that collect refuse and recycling, with different pickup processes.

To keep our street-sides clean, 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.

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 of each year, whereas 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 2 two-week periods.**



The Program has made some significant improvements to many of the buildings in the downtown over the past several years. The City & DDA strongly encourages downtown property owners to take advantage of the funding allocated for the Program. For those with questions or interest in the Façade Program, please contact Andy Harrington, Fremont's Community Development & Planning/Zoning Officer, at 231-924-2101.

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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 Authority	(231) 924-3750
Dogwood Center for Performing Arts	(231) 924-8883
Newaygo County Sheriff Department	(231) 689-7303
Fremont Community Recreation 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

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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

