

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Baby Food Festival
Arts & Crafts Show
 Veteran's Memorial Park
 Saturday, July 13, 2019
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NCCA - Artsplace
Window Mosaic with Deb Emerick
 Tuesday, July 16
 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Class Fee \$100

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

NCCA - Artsplace
Intro to Matting & Framing with Lindsay Isenhart
 Tuesday, July 23
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Class Fee \$55
 Members \$50

Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
Summer Concert Series
 July 25th
 FREE Concerts in Veterans Memorial Park
 Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.
 Food sold by local non-profits

Dogwood Center
 Dogwood Summer Youth Theatre:
"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"
 July 26 & 27, 2019
 Free Admission

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"INSPIRED HANDS"

The City of Fremont's latest art project, "Inspired Hands", will be an engaging public mural to be placed at the main intersection of Downtown Fremont. This mural will add to the vibrancy of our town and depicts the pride we have in our community and for the arts.

The mural, designed by Fremont artist Renae Wallace, will include an opportunity for community members to be part of the project, with over 200 "community hands" installed as part of the mural. The mural is designed to be approximately 10 feet tall, 18 feet wide and will be affixed to a downtown building, 1 West Main Street, owned by local businessman Paul Mellema.

With the support from the City of Fremont, Downtown Development Authority, and many others, we are seeking contributions from people like YOU to help us reach our goal of \$7,000. If we can do that we will receive a matching grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The funding raised through this effort will create the following:

- "Inspired Hands" – a large public art mural that will add to the vibrancy of downtown Fremont; and
- Subtle lighting to complement the artwork.

Help support the continued beautification of our special town and give a gift that makes an impression! You can double the power of your money when you support "Inspired Hands"! Your gift will be matched by the MEDC \$1 for \$1 up to \$7,000, but only if we reach our goal by September 3rd. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

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Renae Wallace describes "Inspired Hands:"

The "Inspired Hands" mural was designed to honor not only the community of artists, but also the community who supports them. The two large hands, one female, one male, hold many tools of



the artist's trade and they represent all artists of all mediums.

The lower portion of the work features handprints created by individuals who love and "lift up" their local artists. The background image of paint upon which they are placed is a neutral color, and the hands symbolize how art "comes to life" through human involvement. My hope is that this piece of art will evoke feelings of unity between artists and those who value them as well as celebrate an appreciation of both.

To donate to this project online go to: <https://www.patronicity.com/inspiredhands>, or send a check to: City of Fremont, 101 E. Main Street, Fremont, MI 49412. Please call 231-924-2101 if you have any questions about the project or ways to donate.

Dogwood Center
Drew Nelson
Friday, August 2, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Tickets \$10.00

Newaygo County Agricultural Fair
August 3-9

NCCA - Artsplace
Mixed Media Journal & Wall Hanging with Madelon Gorsky
Saturday, August 3
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Class Fee \$45
Members \$40

Dogwood Center
Bob Milne
Ragtime Pianist
Saturday, August 15, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Tickets: Adults \$15.00 & Children \$5.00

Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
Fremont Harvest Festival
September 26, 27 & 28



PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes are mailed June 28th and are due by August 12th. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on August 13th. Summer taxes include millages for the Fremont Public Schools (both operating & debt levies), State Education, City, County Operating and Community Recreation Authority.

Winter taxes will be mailed on November 27th 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 March 2nd. Thereafter, all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER UNVEILS NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS

With pickleball being the rave these days, the Fremont Community Recreation Center, City of Fremont and Newaygo County Pickleball Club unveils six new pickleball courts on the corner of Darling Avenue and Maple Street.

Pickleball is a sport much like tennis or racquetball, in which players use paddles for gameplay on a similar court.

Pickleball is a good source of moderate physical activity. Whether you want to play socially with friends, pickleball can meet a wide variety of physical, emotional and mental needs and be fun and socially engaging at the same time. It's no wonder that people who play the sport in youth continue to play throughout their lives. Pickleball has a special role in the lives of those who play it and may have a special role in health of older adults who want to retain vitality and independence for as many years as possible.



FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

Dates and Times

Starting: June 15, 2019
Tuesdays: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Ending: October 5, 2019

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



The Fremont and Newaygo Farmers Markets, in conjunction with TrueNorth Community Services, are pleased to announce that SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks Programs are back at the markets! The standard Bridge Card program will be implemented and available for purchases at both Fremont and Newaygo Farmers Markets. To receive your tokens from the SNAP and the Double Up Food Bucks programs, you will need to stop by TrueNorth Community Services Food Pantry at 6308 S. Warner, Fremont. Their staff will run your bridge card between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, you will

then be able to use these tokens at the Fremont Farmers Market.

For more information on the Fremont Farmers' Market, please contact the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce at 924-0770.

FREMONT POLICE IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO FILL THE POSITION OF CROSSING GUARD

Hours are 7:20 AM to 8:10 AM and or 2:50 PM to 3:30 PM during school days with an hourly rate of \$13.00. Candidates may be as needed call-in, or on a scheduled rotation as needed. Those interested are encouraged to pick up an application in the Fremont Police Department or fill out an application online at: <http://www.cityoffremont.net/DocumentCenter/View/405/Police-Application-Form-PDF>

Submit to Fremont PD at 101 E Main St. Fremont MI 49412.



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.

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 the Mixed Refuse bags with the Republic Services logos. Cart lids must be within 15" of being closed and overloaded carts may not be emptied. In the event an overloaded cart is dumped any refuse that does not make it into the truck is the homeowner's responsibility. 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. Please remember there are two separate companies that collect refuse and recycling, with different pickup processes.

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, 2019, the rate for the 65-gallon rollout cart is \$32.58/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart is \$38.10/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 roll-out 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 Bill's Shop-N-Save.

WEED CONTROL NOTICE TO FREMONT CITY RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Weed Control Map for the City of Fremont for the 2019 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



ARE YOU TIRED OF FLUSHING MONEY DOWN YOUR TOILET?

I'm not talking about the cost of the used products you are flushing, but the harm they do to the system.

Toilets are only meant for one activity, and you know what we're talking about! So when the wrong things are flushed, results can include costly backups on your own property or problems at your local wastewater treatment plant.

Items NOT FLUSHABLE include:

Baby wipes and diapers
Candy and other food wrappers
Cigarette butts
Cotton swabs
Rags and towels
Fats, oils or grease from cars or lawnmowers
Feminine hygiene products including applicators
Hair
Paper towels
Plastic items of any description
Prescription and over-the-counter medications
Rubber items such as latex gloves, condoms, or balloons
Sanitary napkins
Syringes
Toothbrushes
Toys



Sewer overflows are a mess - disposable DOES NOT mean flushable?

Flushing baby wipes and other garbage down the toilet wastes water and can create sewer backups and overflows. This can also cause time-consuming backups in the public sewer pipes and at the wastewater treatment plant and related costs can be passed on to taxpayers - YOU. Even if its label reads "flushable," you are still safer and more environmentally correct to place the item in a trashcan. AND...because homeowners are responsible for their property's sewer pipes, improper flushing can cost you money. You plug it, you pay for it!

And There's More...

Whatever ends up in your toilet can potentially impact the water environment, so it's really important to keep household wastes such as window cleaners, unused or expired pharmaceutical products, paint thinners, fats, and fruit labels out of toilets and drains and dispose of them properly.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF FREMONT RESIDENTS FILING OF PETITIONS FOR OFFICES

The deadline for filing petitions for candidacy for the November 5, 2019 General City Election is Tuesday, July 23, 2019 by 4:00 pm

OFFICES TO BE FILLED:

- 1 - MAYOR -- TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING NOVEMBER, 2021
- 2 - COUNCIL MEMBERS -- FOUR-YEAR TERMS ENDING NOVEMBER, 2023



Petitions are available at the city offices, 101 E Main Street, Fremont MI, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. You must be a city resident to file petitions for candidacy.

VOTE FROM HOME!

Dear Registered Voter:

Are you tired of waiting in lines at the precinct to cast your **VERY IMPORTANT** vote?

All registered voters are now eligible to vote absentee if you have met the photo ID rule when you registered to vote.

Absentee voting is a method of voting in which you can receive and mark the ballot before Election Day. Here are the highlights:



- Absentee voting applications are available 75 days before each election. Ballots are available 45 days prior to each election.
- Submit an application for a ballot to the City Clerk's Office
- We will issue a ballot to you once we have your application processed and ballots are available.
- You can review the candidates and proposals and mark your vote(s) at your leisure.
- Once you have made your selection(s) on the ballot, seal it in the return ballot envelope. The ballot envelope has to be signed by the voter **ONLY**.
- The Clerk's Office must receive the ballot no later than 8pm on Election Day.
- The absentee voting process can take place in person, by mail, or by using the election drop box.
- **The absentee ballots will be counted on Election Day.**

If you want to vote absentee in future elections, we can add you to a permanent absent voter list. We will mail an application to any registered voter who is on this list before each election. If you want to vote absentee, complete the application and return it to the Clerk's Office. If you'd rather vote in person at your precinct or not at all, you may dispose of the application.

In order to be placed on this list, you may do one of the following:

1. Complete the reply postcard and mail it back.
2. Call the City Clerk's Office at (231) 924.2101
3. E-mail a request to vterveer@cityoffremont.net (Include your name, address and year of birth)

ABSENTEE VOTER LIST REQUEST

Yes, I would like to be placed on the Absentee Voter List. By returning this card, I will now receive an absentee ballot application before each election as long as I remain a registered voter of the City of Fremont.

Voter's Full Name (please print)

Year of Birth

I Currently Reside At:

Signature

Date

BRUSH PICKUP

As a reminder, City crews resumed the monthly curbside brush pickup on April 1. 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.



REMINDER OF REGULATION OF SKATE BOARDS 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.



“FRIEND” US ON



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



FREMONT’S LATE SUMMER 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 55 participants. The late summer date is scheduled for:

August 8th – 10th, 2019
(Deadline to sign up is July 29th)

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.

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.



Effective April 1, 2019, curbside recycling is \$12.60/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 writing 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.

2019 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!

Projects expected to be completed in 2019 and potentially 2020:

- State Street – Mill and resurface between Stone Road and Gerber Products gate
- Stewart Avenue – Mill and resurface between Main and Cherry Streets
- Cedar Street – Construct new street extension from Gerber Avenue to Stone Road
- Dayton Street – Mill and resurface between Weaver & Hillcrest (except Merchant-Darling)
- Merchant Avenue – Mill and resurface between Elm & Cherry Streets
- Arboretum Drive – Mill and resurface between Chippewa and Iroquois

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 left. 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.

FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION AUTHORITY NEWS

July 2019



SUMMER HOURS

The Rec Center has switched over to our summer hours:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, Closed

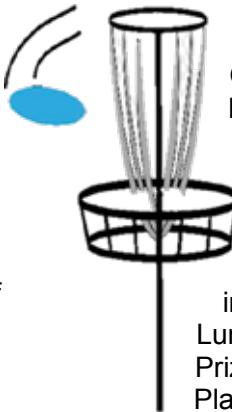


completely free program to the public and will happen rain or shine. If the weather is good the boards will be set up on and around the Darling Street Walkway and if the weather is bad the boards will be set up in the Rec Center. Thank you to our sponsors who have made this program possible: Deur-Speet, Fremont Christian School, Fremont Fire Department, Hi-Lites Shoppers' Guide, The Lunch Pail, Nieboer Electric, and Tire Wholesalers.

CORNHOLE MONDAYS

Our new program, Cornhole Mondays, is up and running! We have eight beautiful regulation sets of cornhole boards that are waiting for you each Monday evening between 5-9 p.m. This is a

patience with the pool closing. Just a reminder, it isn't too early to book the pool for those fall birthday parties! Call the Rec Center desk to book.



DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, July 20, the Rec Center will be hosting our first disc golf tournament in Branstrom Park! This is an open singles tournament consisting of two rounds of 24 holes. Start time is 8:00 a.m. with lunch between round 1 and 2. Entry fee is \$30 per player and includes lunch, which is catered by The Lunch Pail, and an aluminum water bottle. Prizes will be given for 1st – 3rd places.

Players use their own discs. Entry deadline is July 13. You can enter by stopping in at the Rec Center, calling us at 231.924.3750 or entering on-line at www.fremontcra.org.

UPCOMING DAY TRIPS

Two great bus trips are scheduled for August! Join us for a day of gaming at Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant, MI on Saturday, August 3 or explore the flea markets and shops in Shipshewana, IN on Saturday, August 17 (this is Mother/Daughter Day at Shipshewana!). The cost for the casino trip is \$31/person and the cost for the Shipshewana trip is \$39/person. A \$20 down payment holding your spot. This is a great way to get out and about without having to worry about traffic, road construction or parking! Both trips depart and return from the Rec Center. Why stay home?



FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION AUTHORITY

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FREMONT, MI 49412

231.924.3750

www.fremontcra.org

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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 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

