



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

4TH ANNUAL HARVEST HEALTH FAIR

Green Acres Fremont –
September 27th, 2019
10 am-2:00 pm
Green Acres Fremont
801 E Main Street
Free to community with many
Health, Hearing, Insurance
advisers, Newaygo DHHS.
Medicare Medicaid Assistance
program, Hospice and many
more professionals to provide
information and free screenings

HAY ART VOTING

Chamber of Commerce
September 30 – Oct 11

15TH ANNUAL FREMONT HARVEST FESTIVAL

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
October 3 -5

HARVEST FESTIVAL PARADE

Thursday, October 3, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Parade Route: From Hillcrest
heading west on Main Street to
Weaver Ave.

MEIJER KIDS HAY DAY

Veteran's Memorial Park
Saturday, October 5, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events cont. ...



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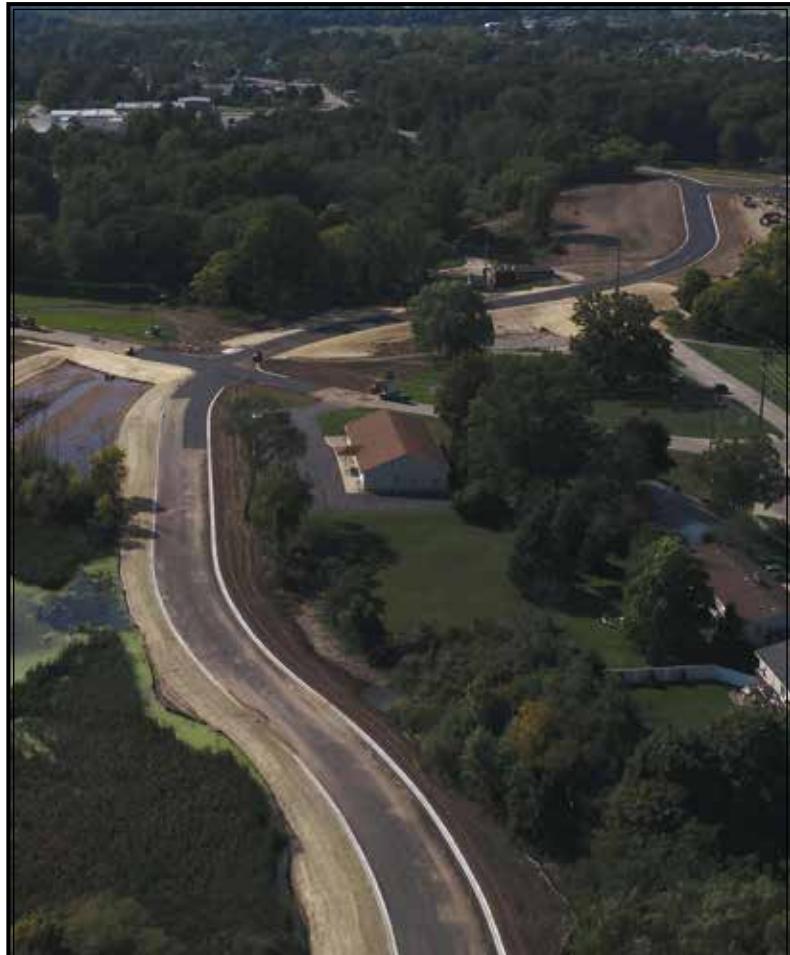
NEW CEDAR STREET EXTENSION COMPLETE!

Being part of the City's Master Plan since the 1970's, the extension of Cedar Street is now complete and open for use! Cedar Street will provide a safer, more convenient route for those traveling to specific destinations throughout the City.

Safer, since there are no driveways, less intersections and vehicular speed limits kept to 25 mph. We also hope the usual traffic racing through our south residential areas to avoid lights and M-82 traffic use the new route. The new street will also be more convenient for some traveling to the High School, Middle School, Hospital, Downtown and the Industrial Park, depending on where they are coming from.

The new street section was able to avoid traversing through most of the wetland area north of the middle school, but for the area it did take up, the City developed an additional wetland sections immediately to the west of the existing area.

This project was made possible by a 50% grant from the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (\$738,425/\$1,478,850).



Upcoming Events cont. ...

FLEA MARKET

Veteran's Memorial Park
Saturday, October 5, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ARTRAGEOUS

Dogwood Center –
Thursday, October 10, 2019
3:00 p.m.
\$15.00 Adults, \$5 Students

JOHN GORKA

Dogwood Center –
Black Box
Saturday, November 2, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Tickets \$22.50

BRAUNSCHWEIGER BLUES BAND

Dogwood Center –
Black Box
Saturday, November 30, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Tickets \$12.50

JINGLE MINGLE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Fremont Middle School
Saturday, November 9, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

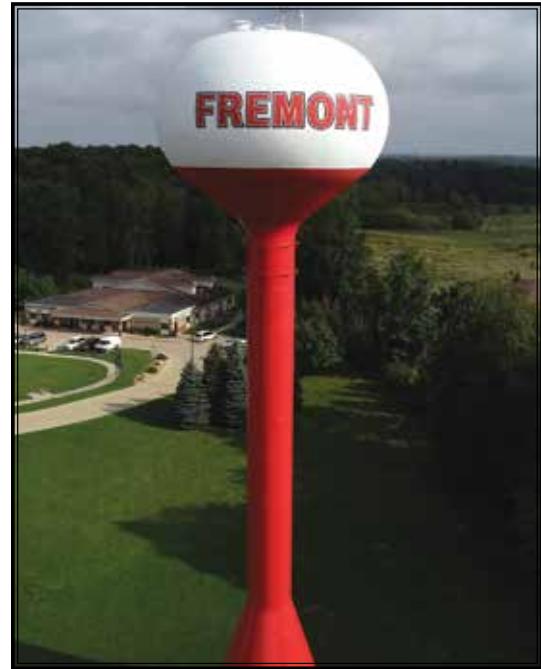
FREMONT CHRISTMAS STROLL AND SANTA PARADE

Downtown Fremont
Friday, December 6, 2019
6:00 p.m.



CITY OF FREMONT WATER TOWERS GET FRESH NEW LOOK

We're sure most of you have already noticed, but if not, a couple of the City's water towers have a new look. As part of our water tower maintenance program, towers are typically repainted every 15 years or so to avoid rust and mildew buildup. The additional cost for red paint and to place the lettering on them was minor to the overall cost of the project, so the City is pleased with its new paint job!



FREMONT JURISDICTIONS GEARING UP FOR AN UPDATE TO THE FREMONT AREA RECREATION MASTER PLAN!

The Fremont Area Recreation 5-yr Master Plan has expired and the City of Fremont, Dayton Township and Sheridan Charter Township are scheduling a survey and events for the community to participate in the update process. The three jurisdictions originally started collaborating on parks and recreation facilities and activities in 1999. Having adopted the first joint recreation Plan in 2001, it has been updated twice and this will be the third.

The Plan entails an inventory of the Fremont community's parks, structures, activities and recreational opportunities, as well as capital plan (or wish list) listing additional projects and activities the community has identified as potential improvements for the community.

A community survey will be offered for residents in the three jurisdictions to participate in online through Survey Monkey. The survey will be available in October via the City's web page and Facebook account using Survey Monkey, so please be sure to look for the City's notice of it because the more information the better when planning future park and recreation projects and programs. Following the survey, there will be some public meetings held for public discussion and input regarding the survey results and a draft of the updated inventory list. Please take this opportunity to share ideas and participate in the process, whereas it will be this community's 5yr Plan for recreation moving forward.



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 laws.

CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection Program

Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 21 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	Tuesday
W. Main St.	N. Division Ave.
S. Division Ave.	E. Main St.

SIDEWALK SAFETY AND TAKING 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.

If you have a sidewalk on your property, please be mindful of keeping it clean from debris and grass in the cracks to help prevent pedestrians from a potential trip hazard and keep the sidewalks safe for walkers/bikers. Clear away grass that has overgrown in the sidewalk cracks to help maintain the life of your sidewalk as well as trees/bushes crowding the sidewalks.

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, streets 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.



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.



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.

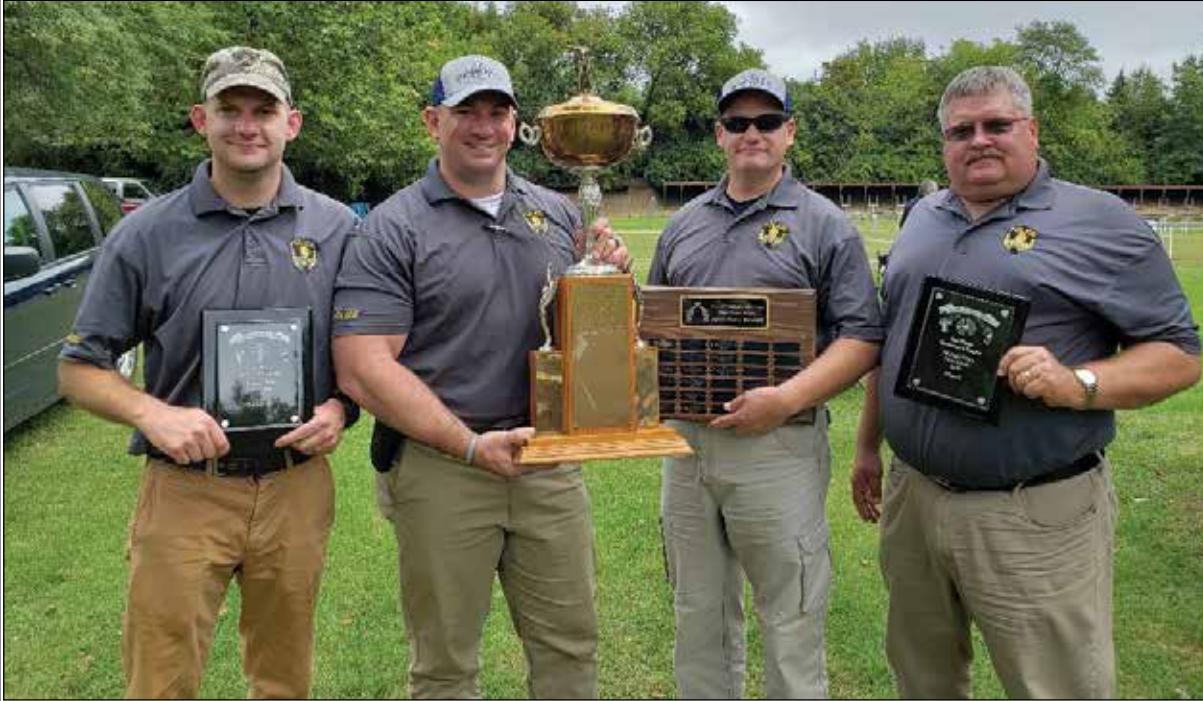


Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.



Flushing of Fire Hydrants

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, September 27th. 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 of time 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: Ricky Kurnat, Kevin Kolk, Randy Wright, Bryan Kolk

82ND MICHIGAN POLICE PISTOL MATCH

Fremont Police takes 1st and 2nd place at the 82nd Michigan Police Pistol Match held in Jackson Michigan on Thursday September 12th. Randy Wright and Kevin Kolk took 1st place, Bryan Kolk and Ricky Kurnat took 2nd place. In addition, Randy Wright took home the award for High Scoring Chief for the fifth consecutive year.



POLICE OFFICER KEVIN KOLK PROMOTED TO DETECTIVE

Fremont Police is pleased to announce that Officer Kevin Kolk has been promoted to the rank of Detective. Kevin has dedicated himself to Fremont PD over the past ten years and has proven he has the experience, training, and work ethic that is required to be a great Detective.

Kevin will oversee all major crimes and investigations that take persistence and time to resolve. This will be a new challenge but Kevin is more than prepared and determined to take on the new role with professionalism and enthusiasm.

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 2019 season will be the first Monday in October (10/7). 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 5, 2019 CITY GENERAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, November 5, the City General Election will take place and voters decide who will lead the Fremont community for the next two to four years. The following candidates have submitted petitions and will be on the upcoming ballot:

Mayor:

James Rynberg – Mayor (2-year term ending 2021)

City Council: (2 Positions Available) 4 Year Term

Mike Dennis	(4-year term ending 2023)
Robert Johnson	(4-year term ending 2023)
Tim Powell	(4-year term ending 2023)
Sandra Siegel	(4-year term ending 2023)
Michael VandenBerg	(4-year term ending 2023)



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.countyofnewaygo.com. Current election results as they are reported to the County Clerk's Office will be posted on election night. Upcoming 2019 election dates to remember:

- October 21, 2019:** Last day to register in any manner other than in-person for the November 5th Election
- October 22 through November 5:** In-person registration with the Clerk with proof of residency
- November 5, 2019:** 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!" ★

FREMONT'S QUILT GARDEN IN FULL BLOOM



If you haven't noticed the City's Quilt Garden design while driving by it on East Main Street this summer, or just haven't been to town, here is an aerial view/snapshot of this year's design in full bloom.



Winter 2019 Property Tax Payment Schedule

Winter taxes will be mailed on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and due by Friday, February 14, 2020. 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 Friday, February 28, 2020; on March 2, 2020 all payments must be paid to the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office at PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

Refuse/Recycling Changes

During the first two weeks of January and July each year, property owners may elect to change refuse pickup service from a roll-out cart to mixed-refuse bags or vice-versa by notifying the City Offices. Please note that changes are only permitted during these two-week periods of the year.

Halloween Trick-Or-Treating

Halloween falls on **Thursday, October 31, 2019** 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.



2019 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 that will still be completed this fall include:

- State Street – Mill and resurface from Stone Road to Nestle/Gerber gate
- Dayton Street – Mill and resurface from Weaver Avenue to Merchant Street
- Dayton Street – Mill and resurface from Darling Avenue to Hillcrest Avenue
- Merchant Street – Mill and resurface from Elm Street to Cherry Street
- Stewart Avenue – Mill and resurface from Main Street to Cherry Street
- Intersection of Cherry Street and Darling Avenue – Mill and resurface
- Arboretum Drive – Mill and resurface from Iroquois Drive to Chippewa Drive



From left to right: Jeremy Chrystler, Caxton Christofferson, Jeremy Staricha and Jed Hirsch

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CREW

The City's DPW Crew does it all and are ready to go 24/7! They maintain our streets, water and sewer system, parks, cemetery, airport, public parking lots and just about anything else they can to keep our community beautiful.

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.



BRIAN BROWN JOINS FREMONT POLICE -

On August 19th, Brian Brown was hired for a full-time patrol officer position within the police department. Brian was previously employed by Newaygo PD. Brian is married with two children. Brian is very community oriented and looks forward to growing with Fremont. When not working Brian likes to camp and spend time with his family.



14th Annual Hike & 5K Run
A Fremont Fall Harvest Festival Activity
Sponsored by the City of Fremont

What: 5-K Run
5-K Walk

(Run will have a clock at the finish line, but results will not be kept this year.)

Where: Branstrom Park

Fremont, Michigan

When: Saturday, October 5, 2019

Registration: 8:00 – 8:30 AM

Run/Walk begins: 8:40 – 8:50 AM

Who: Anyone who is interested in adding more healthy activities to his/her life

Cost: **FREE.**

Why: To improve our Community's health through physical activity. Regular physical activity is one of the most powerful preventative health behaviors!

Registration forms and maps are available at the Fremont City Hall and on its website at www.cityoffremont.net, Koffee Kuppe, Anytime Fitness, The Fremont Recreation Center, Tamarac and the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce. To pre-register directly, contact Melanie or Colin at the City of Fremont at 924-2101.



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.



Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412

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STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
FREMONT, MI
Permit No. 12

RESIDENT
FREMONT, MI 49412



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

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

