

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce **CANCELLED**
National Baby Food Festival July 22-25

Fremont Lake Fireworks July **CANCELLED**

Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
Fremont Harvest Festival October 1, 2, & 3

Summer Concert Series
Veterans Memorial Park
Tentative Dates:
Beginning Thursdays, July 23rd - August 27th
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Arts & Craft Show
Veterans Memorial Park
Tentative Date:
August 15th
10:00 a.m.-4:00pm



City of Fremont Announces New Procedures for "City Government Restart"

As the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has made an incredible impact on our society, we in local government had to adapt our policies and procedures in order to protect both our staff and the public at-large. As the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Orders have slowly unwound, City operations have continued to evolve as well.

- The City first returned to regular staffing levels for all departments on May 15th
- Some of the public restrooms will be open to the public on Friday, June 26th (Fremont Lake Park Campground & The Swirl), with others opening up for scheduled events only
- Farmers Market will open Saturday, June 27th

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- City Offices will re-open on July 6th, with continuing encouragement to utilize the City's on-line payment system and the municipal building parking lot drop box
- City Admin/Police Offices recently equipped with Plexiglas spacers on counters and sanitizing stations available upon entering the building
- All City staff will continue to practice safe distancing and self-sanitation measures

Again for your safety, due to Covid-19 when making tax and utility payments the City encourages residents to make payments online, by mail, by phone, or in the drop box at the northwest exit of the City's parking lot. For payments on the City's website go to cityoffremont.net.

Importance of the 2020 Census!

Once every ten years, the U.S. Census diligently works to count every person living in the United States. Every Michigan resident needs to be counted as these numbers can and will affect everyone in every community of Michigan. This includes businesses, families, schools and students.

Preliminary Census count reports Fremont at only a 74% participation rate. So if you haven't done so, it is very important that you complete your Census questionnaire. The Census has a large effect on planning and funding for infrastructure, community development, water and waste disposal systems, education, healthcare and much more. More than \$675 billion dollars is distributed each year to households, towns, cities and states throughout the nation. The Census has a large impact on how much funding the City of Fremont receives in the areas of our public safety and our streets. Certifying an accurate count is important because about \$30 billion in federal funding for public safety, schools, housing, health care, and more, as well as one congressional seat are at stake for Michigan. Michigan also stands to lose \$1,800 per person, per year for programs that use census data to determine fund allocation. That is why it is so important to participate and be counted.

Original Census packets were delivered by mail in March 2020. If you cannot locate your packet, you can get registered online at www.michigan.gov/census2020. All answers are completely confidential and collected for statistical purposes only, so by law, it cannot be used against a person and household or personal data will never be shared or published, even to other government agencies.



2020 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 2020 and potentially 2021:

New Street Construction:

- State Street Extension – Extend State Street westward to Market Avenue. Once complete, this project will provide a more direct access to Market Avenue for residents traveling westward. This project will also include an extension of the Town & Country Path from Market Avenue eastward along the north side of the new State Street to the Locust Hill Apartment complex entrance.

Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- **Stone Road:** from Main Street south to Cedar Street
- **Mechanic Avenue:** from Main Street to Sheridan Street
- **Sheridan Street:** from Division Avenue to Mechanic Avenue

“INSPIRED HANDS”

On Monday, June 1, 2020 the latest piece of public art in Fremont – “Inspired Hands” was installed at W. Main Street. This art piece, like many others, helps enhance the aesthetics of Fremont’s downtown area.

The project was fully funded by community donations and a 50% State MEDC grant.

Community donors have names placed on the smaller hands at the bottom of the artwork.



PRIMARY ELECTION: August 4, 2020

The August Primary Election is around the corner and you will start seeing evidence of it with candidate signs throughout the community. Voters will decide which candidates will represent them in the following local, state & federal offices:

- Representatives in the U.S. Senate and Congress
- Representatives in the State Legislature
- County Commissioner, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner & Surveyor

City residents are reminded that election signs are not to be placed in the City rights-of-way or to exceed 6 sq. ft. in face size, per the City Zoning Code. The City will remove and dispose of signs that are in violation.

The Newaygo County Clerk's Office continues to provide its Internet site at www.electionreporting.com that posts current election results as they are reported to the County on election nights.

Year 2020 Election Dates to remember include:

- August 4th:** Primary Election, Fremont Municipal Bldg. (polls open at 7am and close at 8pm)
 - **July 20th:** Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August Primary
 - **July 21 through 8:00 pm August 4th:** In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency
- November 3rd:** General Election, Fremont Municipal Bldg. (polls open at 7am and close at 8pm)

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 notify the City Offices at 924-2101. You will be mailed an AV application before each election and given the option to vote absentee or in person.

Please exercise your right to vote in all elections. We should all live by the adage that “If you don’t vote, you don’t have the right to complain!”

ASSESSOR'S PROPERTY REVIEW

The City of Fremont, in coordination with the Newaygo County Equalization Department, will be conducting onsite field inspections of your property and others in your neighborhood. To comply with the State of Michigan's requirements, all assessments must be uniform and equitable, and completed routinely every 5-10 years. This review is necessary to ensure our records accurately reflect the current conditions of your property. This is a review of the property record cards that the City already has on file.

We will perform exterior verification's, which may include verifying outside measurements of your home as well as updating photos of building and/or land improvements. If you are not home at the time of inspection, we will leave information at your door. We will be clearly identified as staff of Newaygo County Equalization with a photo I.D. Sometimes we will only be taking a picture of your home from the road.

If you have any questions or concerns about us inspecting your property, please call the Fremont City Assessor at 231-689-7242.

REMINDER TO HOMEOWNERS:

Please make sure to have house numbers on your home to assist with emergency vehicles locating your home in the event that you need assistance. (Minimal house number suggested size is four inches.) Without a number, you may risk emergency services arriving later than sooner.



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, 2020, the rate will remain the same for the 65-gallon rollout cart at \$32.58/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart at \$38.10/quarter. The mixed refuse bags are \$2.50 per bag, or \$30.00 for a box of 12. The bulk item tags are \$10.00 per tag.

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.

FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

The Fremont Farmers' Market will be complying with Governor Whitmer's Covid-19 Executive Orders, and if at any time they change, we will accommodate those changes as we follow the EO recommendations.

Due to its role as a supplier of fresh fruits, vegetables and other food products, the Farmers Market shall continue as an essential service, with the following precautions:

- o Any person that shows any signs of illness, should not attend the market.
- o All customers should wash their hands before arriving and upon returning home.
- o No customer sampling unless samples are pre-packaged from a commercial kitchen.
- o Credit-card transactions are encouraged whenever possible.
- o Vendors will limit human contact with products by bagging them for customers.
- o Vendors must wear masks and should wear disposable gloves to avoid contamination and/or touching their faces.
- o Change disposable gloves whenever changing task
- o Shoppers will be actively encouraged to leave at least 6 feet between themselves at all times in the market.
- o Customers are to remain in their vehicles if lines begin to form.
- o Customers should leave after they have completed their purchases.
- o Customers are not to touch products they aren't purchasing.
- o It is strongly recommended that all market attendees follow CDC recommendations on minimizing the community spread of COVID-19.



Dates and Times:

Starting: June 27, 2020

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ending: October 3, 2020

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 Market! 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, and 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.

** In recognition of the Covid-19 pandemic and its economic impact on the City plus the recycling center being closed down, **the City of Fremont will be removing one month of recycling charge for the month of April on the 2nd quarter utility bill. Also, the Fremont City Council has approved a 90 day extension for the due date on the 2020 Summer Tax bill**, therefore the new due date will be November 10th.

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.



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.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes are mailed June 30th and are due by November 10th. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on November 11th. 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 30th and are due by February 15th. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on February 16th. 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 1st. Thereafter, all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

WEED CONTROL NOTICE TO FREMONT CITY RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Weed Control Map for the City of Fremont for the 2020 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

Fremont City Beat



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

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 below. 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’S LATE SUMMER ANNUAL



It's time to get ready for Fremont's Annual Community Yard Sale. The late summer date is scheduled for:

August 13th – 15th, 2020
(Deadline to sign up is August 3rd)

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.

BRUSH PICKUP

As a reminder, City crews resumed the monthly curbside brush pickup on April 6. 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.



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.



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.

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



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101 E. Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412

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

RESIDENT
FREMONT, MI 49412



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

