

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fremont Area Chamber of  
Commerce

### Summer Concert Series

June 10th, June 17th, June  
24th, July 1st, July 8th,  
July 15th, July 29th

FREE Concerts in Veterans  
Memorial Park

Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.

Food sold by local non-profits

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### National Baby Food Festival

July 21 – July 24



## Flushing of Fire Hydrants

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, April 30th and continue through the evening until finished. Some discoloration of water may occur through-out 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 or do any laundry during this time.



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## FREMONT WASTEWATER LAGOON SYSTEM EXPANSION: 2021-22

The City's sanitary sewer wastewater lagoon system was constructed in 1975, over 45 years ago, and although it was built with anticipation of great future capacity, the time has come to reinvest in the system to prepare for future growth. The City increased the lagoon system's capacity by approximately 10% ten years ago to meet growing demands on the system, and more recently renovated the main pumping station and wastewater flood-irrigation systems as well to extend the life of those components, so the existing system is still fully operational with only future capacity concerns. Considering the likelihood of continued growth and the City's recent marketing efforts to promote new residential housing construction and development in the City's Industrial Park, the City contracted for an evaluation of its wastewater treatment lagoon system's site operations in 2020. Following review of the feasibility analysis last fall, which provided recommendation and guidance to the City regarding expansion improvements, it became clear the City needs to accommodate anticipated growth. The Analysis recommended the City construct an additional 40 million-gallon lagoon cell, similar in size to the other two 40 mg lagoon cells we have with smaller perimeter size, but with more depth. The additional lagoon storage space becomes necessary during the winter months when the City cannot irrigate the farm fields at the facility, and storage of treated wastewater lasts four months. The Analysis also provided guidance for funding an expansion like this, which could cost between \$7-8 million. The City can sell capital improvement bonds or revenue bonds to cover the projected costs, with both options being paid for by the Sewer Fund. Since the City can fund the project over a 20-25 year period, necessary adjustments to sewer use rates should be kept at a minimum, as oppose to what would be needed for a 10-15 year period. The project could start as early as fall of 2021, but will most likely not be completed till fall of 2022.





## 2021 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 2021 construction season:

### Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- E. Main Street: complete reconstruction between Stewart & Merchant Avenue (6-8 week project beginning mid-April)
- Ramshorn Drive: from Darling Avenue to north city limits (1 week project)



## TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR DOWNTOWN!



### DEADHEAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

During past flower seasons, you may have seen people dead-heading flowers, pulling weeds, and picking up miscellaneous debris in downtown Fremont. They were members of the City/DDA Dead Head Committee that provided their service because they cared about their community. All they asked for in return was for the cooperation of the community by not littering.

Most of those members have moved on, so the City/DDA would like to revive the committee by encouraging anyone who may wish to take part in the beautification of Downtown Fremont. Volunteer hours are determined based on your schedule, but we'd like to tentatively establish a couple days of the week for the committee to service the Downtown. Please contact the City Office at 231-924-2101 if you have the time and motivation to serve as a Dead Head. Most of the work is performed weekly, June thru September.

If you care to join the deadhead group for this year's season, contact, Fremont's Community Development and Planning/Zoning Officer Andy Harrington at 231-924-2101 or email him at [aharrington@cityoffremont.net](mailto:aharrington@cityoffremont.net) or City Manager Todd Blake at [tblake@cityoffremont.net](mailto:tblake@cityoffremont.net). The City of Fremont sincerely thanks the Dead Heads!

## Fremont Airport 2021 Memorial Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast



**Presented by:**  
**EAA Chapter 578**  
**and the Fremont Lions Club**  
**May 29, 2021 • 8:00am - 11:00am**

**Cost - \$8/Person** (*Kids under 5 - free*)  
Airplane rides starting at \$25 for kids and \$35 for adults!

Helicopter Rides, RC Airplane Demos, RC Truck Course, Antique Cars, Tractors, Motorcycles, Homebuilt Airplanes, Short Take-Off and Landing (STOL) Demonstrations, Warbirds Flying Formation and a Tribute to our Veterans!

***This is a Fun Family Event and a Great Fundraiser for EAA 578 and the Fremont Lions Club!***

## CURBSIDE BRUSH PICKUP HAS RESUMED THIS APRIL

Weather permitting, the City will resume with the residential curbside brush chipping/pickup program on Monday, April 5th. 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.

## THE CITY ENCOURAGES CELEBRATION OF "NATIONAL ARBOR DAY"

In celebration of **National Arbor Day** on Friday, April 23rd 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. Apartments and Condominiums are allowed 1 tree coupon per building. Coupons will be available starting April 6th till gone and must be redeemed by May 31, 2021 at Mellema Nursery. Through the City's coupon program over the last 23 years, residents have planted over 839 trees in the community. During the same time, the City planted an additional 629 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 **28-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. ★



## DEER IN THE CITY

Often, deer are over-abundant and pose a nuisance in the city limits. Providing food for the deer in the city limits brings excessive deer into the city. The most effective means of ensuring that deer populations remain in balance with available habitat at levels that minimize negative impacts is to not feed or attract deer.



## SAFE PASSING LAW

Michigan Law 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.

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





## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes will be mailed June 30th and due by August 10th without penalty. A 4% late penalty will be applied to any unpaid taxes on August 11th. The summer tax bill includes millages 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 30th 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 28th; 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

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.cityoffremont.net) you can login by clicking the "Online Bill Pay" icon.

This is a link to the following site: [accessmygov.com](http://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



### **Personal Teller (NEW)**

We are also excited to introduce an expanded service, giving customers the option of speaking directly to a Point & Pay **Personal Teller** to make payments.

By reaching out to a **Personal Teller** at 877-495-2729 (2PAY), you can now make live agent eCheck, credit & debit card payments for Taxes and Utilities for a fixed \$5.00 supplemental fee.



## CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

The City of Fremont will be taking applications for School Crossing Guards. The Crossing Guards are responsible for the safety of school children going to and returning from school at an assigned location. This is a part-time position and requires a commitment to be there each day. Applications will be received until the positions are filled. Please submit Applications/Resumes to:

Fremont Police Department  
101 E Main Street  
Fremont, MI 49412

For additional information, please call (231) 924-2100



## FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING! FIRE FIGHTERS AND MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS

The Fremont Fire Department is accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters and also medical first responders. The Department has well trained firemen who provide training. You don't have to be both; you can be a fire fighter or a medical first responder!

Applicants must be 18, have a valid driver's license, and live within a 5 mile square of the city. Applications for either position can be picked up at city hall. If you have any questions please call the Fremont Fire Department at 231-924-2103.



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

## 2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Fremont is proud to present to you our Water Quality Report for calendar year 2020. 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2020 was July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2.034 million gallons.

The MI Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) has assigned a contamination vulnerability to Fremont's source water. The geologic sensitivity for "unconfined aquifers" (why is this? The ground formation above the aquifers is porous) is characterized as "high". City wells 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 have been determined by the EGLE 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, EGLE, 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

<b>2014</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> New 8" watermain on Oak St from Mechanic to Stewart <b>Wells:</b> #2 New motor and pump assembly
<b>2015</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> #3 Well new motor #7 Well new motor
<b>2016</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> New 8" water main on Fremont Street from Main Street to State Street Well #9 cleaned and inspected
<b>2017</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> Pump #9 was lowered to 167' As a follow-up to last year's inspection and work
<b>2018</b>	<b>No new improvements</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> Painted exteriors of East Main & Weaver Tanks and adding the Fremont logo.
<b>2020</b>	<b>No new improvements</b>

## 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 EGLE standards for safe drinking water.** This report shows water quality testing results from January through December of 2020. 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](http://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.

## 2020 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"><li>Discharge of drilling wastes</li><li>Discharge from metal refineries</li><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.61	.60-1.61	2020	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li><li>Water additive that promotes strong teeth</li><li>Discharge from fertilizer &amp; aluminum factories</li></ul>
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	1.0	0-0.1	2001	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
Cyanide (ppb)	0.2	0.2	N.D.	N.D.	2019	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discharge from steel &amp; metal factories</li><li>Discharge from plastic &amp; fertilizer factories</li></ul>
Nitrates	10	10	1.53	<.5-1.53	2020	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Runoff from fertilizers</li></ul>
REGULATED MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATES IN SOURCE WATER							
Gross Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	3.2	1.4-3.2	2020	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.67	1.64-1.67	2020	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
REGULATED MONITORING IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
TTHM – Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	.08	N/A	0.0008	N.D.– 0.0008	2020	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Byproduct of drinking water disinfection</li><li>Sampled Late</li></ul>
R.A.A – Chlorine (PPM)	4	4	0.7	.4-.7	2020	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water additive used to control microbes</li></ul>
SPECIAL MONITORING OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
Substance (units)	Level Detected in Water		Reporting Limit (RL)		L.H.A.	Sample Date	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
PFAS (P.P.T)	<1.9		1.9		70	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water proofing chemical</li></ul>
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	2*		10/01/17-09/30/18*	1*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corrosion of household plumbing systems</li><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
			4		10/01/18-09/30/20	0	
			1.0*		10/01/17-09/30/18*	0	
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.6		10/01/18-09/30/20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corrosion of household plumbing systems</li><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li><li>Leaching from wood preservatives</li></ul>

\*Incorrectly reported at the time report was made.



## 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 EGLE 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.

**Reporting Limit (RL)** – The lowest level of detection that can be measured.

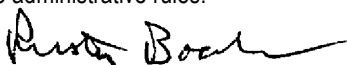
**Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)** – A by-product of chlorine, which is a water disinfection additive used to control microbes.

**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 Boeskoool, Water Supervisor

Date Distributed: 4/15/21



## 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.



**Effective April 1, 2021, the rate for the mixed-refuse bags will increase to \$3.00 per bag or \$36.00 for a roll of 12 bags. The bulk item tags will increase to \$15.00 per tag. The rate for the 65-gallon rollout cart will increase to \$33.60/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart to \$39.30/quarter.**

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 service 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.**

## RECYCLING RULES

New recycling guidelines took effect in December 2019. So, if items are left in your bin please see below to learn how to prepare your items correctly for acceptance.

- Plastic films and bags are no longer recyclable under this program. If any plastic bags or films are present in your bin all of your items will be left. Please remove any plastic bags or films for the next week's pickup.
- Anything secured in bags are not accepted.
- Garbage bags are not allowed.
- Styrofoam is not recyclable in this program.
- Shredded paper is no longer accepted in this program.
- Items should be clean without food waste.
- Cardboard boxes of any size should be empty and flattened.
- Hazardous materials like batteries, medical waste, or propane tanks are not accepted.
- Hangers are not accepted.
- Paper plates, napkins, toilet paper, paper toweling and plastic cutlery is not accepted.
- Straws are not accepted.

Learn more at [www.cartright.net](http://www.cartright.net)

## 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.



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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

**May 15, 2021**

*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.**



## 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.



## 2021 FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET

The Fremont Farmers' Market will be complying with CDC Guidelines and if at any time they change, we will accommodate those changes as we follow the 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:

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

### **Dates and Times**

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Starting: June 26, 2021

Ending: October 2, 2021

**Location:** The Fremont Farmers' Market is located downtown Fremont in the northeast 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.





## SHOP WITH A COP – 2020

On December 10, 2020, Fremont Police Department hosted the 8th Annual Shop With A Cop Program. This program provides holiday assistance to low income families that reside in Newaygo County. This year's Shop With A Cop Program was an overwhelming success even though we faced some challenges along the way. Although we were not able to physically shop with the children due to COVID-19, we were able to send 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 Montcalm County Sheriff's Department to shop for them. Each child filled out a wish list and received Christmas presents for themselves and their family along with a Christmas dinner.

We have a video that you can view of the event this year on YouTube at <https://youtube/2lgwk3xykS4>. I urge you to watch the video and see the difference this program has made to many Newaygo County families.



We would like to thank all the sponsors who have made this day possible for the last 8 years. 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!!

## GARAGE SALES:

### *A Fun and Thrifty Summer Pastime*

The City will be enforcing its' regulations on garage sale signs 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.



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. 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 include having visitors from outside the community take part; visitors who are good for local business. 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 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and August 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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.

## 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 up to \$20,000 in grant funding to property owners making exterior building façade improvements. The Program provides a 50/50 match up to \$8,500 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.

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 Administrator, at 231-924-2101.



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Fremont, MI 49412

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

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

