

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fremont Lake Fireworks
July 3, 2021

**Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce**
Summer Concert Series
July 1st, July 8th, July 15th
and July 29th
FREE Concerts in Veterans
Memorial Park
Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.
Food sold by local non-profits

**Dogwood Center for
Performing Arts**
**Grand Rapids Symphony
Brass Quintet**
Outdoor Performance
July 16, 2021
7:30 P.M.

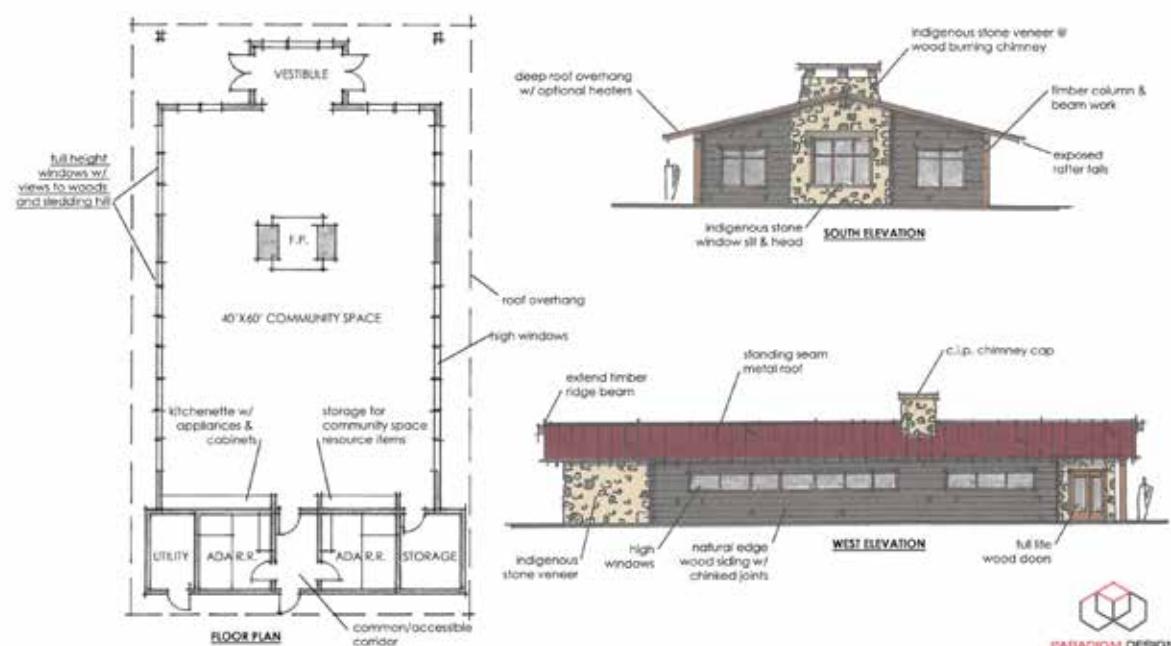
**Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce**
National Baby Food Festival
July 21 – July 24

**Dogwood Center for
Performing Arts**
**Dogwood Summer Youth
Theater**
“Comedy of Errors”
July 30 and July 31
7:30 P.M.



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PARADIGM DESIGN

BRANSTROM PARK NEW “WARMING LODGE”

The City recently received a \$259,000 grant from the MDNR Trust Fund to help cover costs to build a new warming lodge in Branstrom Park (est cost \$370,000.) The new lodge will be located closer to the sledding hill and outdoor ice rink and have barrier free restrooms and better accessible parking. There will be a double-sided gas fireplace centrally located inside the lodge for participants, friends and companions to warm themselves and watch sledding/skating activities from within the lodge. Lodge walls will have a broad spectrum of windows to permit viewing of all the outdoor activities. The new restrooms for the lodge will be barrier free, heated and open to the public during the Lodge’s open hours (yet to be determined.)

The existing 60 year-old lodge has been

used mainly as a warming shelter in Branstrom Park by sledder’s, ice skaters, hikers and their accompanying guests visiting the Park during winter months, as well as by local groups and non-profit organizations as a meeting place during summer months to host small events at Branstrom Park.

Branstrom Park is a 100+ acre park with a variety of recreational opportunities including a playground, picnic pavilion, baseball field, multi-purpose ice skating rink/cement basketball courts, 24-hole wooded disc golf course, sledding hill, remote control car racing track, hiking trails and trail head to Fremont’s Town and Country Path (a 6- mile non-motorized paved pathway.)

FREMONT REC CENTER

The Rec Center is in the process of working on the fall schedule and would like to get some Community Ed/Enrichment classes running again. The Rec Center is looking for people to teach and/or lead the following:

- American Sign Language
- Mah Jongg
- Calligraphy
- Meditation
- Chess
- Pilates or Pi-Yo
- Conversational Spanish
- Public Speaking or another language
- Ukulele Lessons
- Drawing or Painting
- Writing Group
- Knitting

If you are interested in teaching an Enrichment class, please call 231.924.3750 or e-mail fcradirector@fremontcra.org.

Fremont Rec Center
201 E. Maple St.
231.924.3750
www.fremontcra.org



FREMONT'S YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD

The Fremont Yard of the Month program recognizes the efforts of community members that demonstrate a clear and consistent desire to maintain or improve their properties and whose efforts are a model and inspiration for the neighborhood. The City greatly appreciates the time and hard work residents put into their yards. This type of effort has a positive overall impact on the community and makes Fremont a beautiful place to live. The winner of the Yard of the Month will be provided with a sign for display indicating their winning yard. The 2021 award schedule is as follows:

- July (Nominations must be submitted by July 9th)
- August (Nominations must be submitted by August 6th)
- September (Nominations must be submitted by September 3rd)



Anyone may submit a nomination for either their own yard or someone else's yard, but the property being nominated must be located within the City limits. Nomination forms are available at the City Office as well as online at cityoffremont.net.

The City's Deadhead Committee is charged with selecting the recipient of the award each month from amongst the nominations submitted. Members of the Deadhead Committee work hard beautifying our Downtown: pulling weeds, cleaning and maintaining the sidewalks and alleyways, and of course "deadheading." The next time you see one of these volunteers wearing their bright t-shirts, be sure to stop and thank them for all the hard work they put into keeping our downtown beautiful. Those interested in volunteering their time and becoming a member of the Dead Head Committee, please contact the City Office at 231-924-2101.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes are mailed June 30th and are due by August 10th. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on August 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 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 February 28th. Thereafter, all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.



FIREWORKS LAWS

Fireworks sold within the state are now allowed to be much louder and can leave the ground. Public Act 256 of 2011 legalizes consumer fireworks like bottle rockets and roman candles. Prior to the rule changes, Michigan's firework laws were relatively restrictive. The only fireworks allowed for legal use were novelty fireworks that did not leave the ground or explode, such as sparklers or smoke bombs.

Consumer Fireworks are regulated as follows

- (1) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises.
- (2) Consumer fireworks shall not be sold to a minor.
- (3) An individual shall not use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance
- (4) Local Ordinance does not allow for disturbing the peace. No person shall disturb the public peace and quiet by loud, boisterous or vulgar conduct or by making such excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise, whether on public or private property, nor allow others under his control or direction to make such noise, which disturbs the peace, good order, health and safety of other persons, a neighborhood or the community in general.

REMEMBER THESE FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- always have adult supervision
- buy from reliable sources
- use outdoors only
- always have water (a hose and a bucket) nearby
- never re-light a dud (wait 15-20 minutes and put it in the bucket)
- never throw or point fireworks at other people
- make sure the area is clear of combustibles
- don't mix alcohol and fireworks
- dispose of fireworks, especially sparklers, by soaking in water before placing them in a trash can
- light one firework at a time.



Honoring Bryan Kolk

Fremont Police Department

Bryan retired from the Fremont Police Department as of May 1, 2021. The City has benefited from his 35 years of service with the Police Department. The City of Fremont would like to thank Officer Kolk for his dedication and hard work toward the betterment of his community. Best wishes Officer Kolk!



Honoring Dan Lankhorst, Jose Escalante and Ben Huff

Fremont Fire Department

Dan Lankhorst after 16 years of service, Jose Escalante after 17 years and Ben Huff after 25 years recently retired from the Fremont Fire Department. We would like to thank them for their service to the community for serving



Ben Huff



Jose Escalante & Dan Lankhorst

2021 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 2021 and potentially 2022:

Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- **Ramshorn Drive:** from Darling Avenue to north city limits (1 week project)
- **E. Main Street:** from E. Main Street to Luce Avenue
- **Linden Avenue:** from Main Street to State Street
- **Pine Street:** from Mechanic Avenue to Weaver Avenue

DEER MANAGEMENT

The City of Fremont encourages residents to not feed deer on their property. As part of our deer management program, we ask residents to use deer-deterrent on their plants as needed. Please report any nuisance or property damage caused by deer to the Fremont Police Department. This information is very helpful when we work with the DNR biologists for our deer management program.



FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

Dates and Times:

Starting: June 26, 2021

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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 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.

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, 2021, the rate will remain the same for the 65-gallon rollout cart at \$33.60/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart at \$39.30/quarter. The mixed refuse bags are \$3.00 per bag, or \$36.00 for a box of 12. The bulk item and appliance tags are \$15.00 per tag.

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 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.

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.

BRUSH PICKUP

As a reminder, City crews resumed the monthly curbside brush pickup on April 5. 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.

FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

YOU HAVE AN EVENT, WE HAVE THE SPACE!

Looking for a space to hold your event?

Fremont Rec Center has a variety of spaces available:



- Pool
- Gymnasium
- South Commons
- Community Room
- Classrooms

FREMONT RECREATION CENTER

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WEED CONTROL NOTICE TO FREMONT CITY RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Weed Control Map for the City of Fremont for the 2021 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

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.

If you ever need assistance, please contact the Newaygo County Central Dispatch Center for help. During emergencies, please call 9-1-1. If during an emergency and you cannot call, our dispatch center does allow emergency 911 texts to dispatch. Simply send a text to 911 with your location. Non-emergencies should be directed to 231-689-5288. The dispatch center will contact a Fremont Police Officer by way of the radio for a quick response.

“FRIEND” US ON



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

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.



Fremont's Late Summer Annual



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.

The late summer date is scheduled for August 12th – 14th, 2021 the deadline to sign up is August 2nd.

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

Except for the City’s coordinated community yard sales, 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. 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.



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.



Gear Up for NBFF's Fremont Rotary Car Show

Saturday, July 24th, 11:00 am

Car show enthusiasts are invited to take a trip down memory lane at the 2021 National Baby Food Festival & Fremont Rotary Car Show! You will enjoy vintage cars, trucks, and more on Saturday, July 24 from 11am-4pm on Main Street from the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce to the 4-way stop east.

Come early, registration begins at 8 am. Join other vintage vehicles in the NBFF Grand Parade! Line up for those participating in the parade will be 9:30 am with the parade stepping off at 10:30, from the Fremont Middle School. Pre-registration is \$6.00, day of the show \$10.

Trophies will be awarded for 20 different classes. Our visitors will enjoy a fun, family, friendly venue, merchandise vendors, food vendors, and a wide variety of specialty vehicles – all within walking distance of the National Baby Food Festival, amusement rides, and free entertainment!

For a registration form please visit www.fremontcommerce.com (under National Baby Food Festival events) or stop into the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce, 7 E. Main Street, downtown Fremont or email nbff@fremontcommerce.com. Pre-registration is \$6.00, day of the show \$10.



IS A GO!

The National Baby Food Festival Committee and Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy family fun in Fremont, home of Gerber Baby Food for the 30th Annual National Baby Food Festival July 21 – 24, 2021. TJ Schmidt and Company amusements will be joining us with their midway and carnival rides! There are many activities planned for all ages, from the young to the young at heart:

- **Craft Show July 17th:** the White Agency Arts and Craft Show will be held in Veterans Memorial Park with over 50 vendors expected providing something for everyone! With Two Hot Tamales for lunch and Jane Lee's gourmet glazed popcorn for dessert!
- **Bib Decorating Contest:** Submit a bib in our bib decorating contest and the National Baby Food Festival Queen's Court will choose a winner during the week of the festival and the winner receives \$50 Fremont Fun Cash and the second-place winner receives \$25. Pick up an application and bib from the Chamber office and return it by July 9th to participate!
- **Baby Photo Contest:** Nieboer Electric is sponsoring the Baby Photo Contest in conjunction with Elsie's Ice Cream and the National Baby Food Festival. Bring in, or mail a current photo of your pride and joy – newborn to 2 years (no larger than 5x7) to Elsie's Ice Cream, NBFF – Baby Photo Contest, 104 S Division Ave, Fremont, MI 49412. Entries must be post marked by July 9th, 2021. Two winners will be selected to be crowned prince and princess of the 2021 National Baby Food Festival.
- **NBFF .5k run!!!:** New this year, the .5k run will be located on Sheridan St. from Merchant Ave. to Division Ave. Even if you do not run in your free time, at least join us for this new fun event and you will even receive a t- shirt for participating!
- **FREE Entertainment on Main Stage** in Veterans Memorial Park!: Resonate Worship Team will be performing Christian Music Night on Wednesday night at 7 pm. Thursday will be Movie in the Park, so bring your blankets! Friday evening a local artist, Hector Garcia will be opening for the Bootstrap Boys.
- **Grand Parade** (Saturday@10:30am): The Gerber Products Company and Gerber Life Insurance Grand Parade begins at the corner of Pine Street and Gerber Ave. by Fremont Middle School, then heads north on Gerber Avenue to Sheridan Street, and continues east on Sheridan Street to Division, then heads south on Division, ending at Cedar Street.
- **Car Show** hosted by the Fremont Rotary Club on Saturday, from 11:00-4:00, stroll through and view that cars from far and near that will be on display on Main Street!
- **Cardboard Boat Regatta!**: gear up for our 1st annual Carboard Boat Regatta! Grab some corrugated cardboard and duct tape, any color, and craft your boat! Join as a family, team or individual. Registration begins at 1:00 pm and racing begins at 1:30. There will be 6 prizes for Fastest Time, Best Boat Name, Best Boat Design, Clipper Cup—Fastest of the Day, Spirit Cup—Best Costumes (Team Theme), Titanic Award—Most Spectacular Sinking. ! For rules and registration forms please visit www.fremontcommerce.com under the events tab.
- **Worship in the Park:** Sunday 7:00 pm, join us at Veterans Memorial Park as communities come together in worship.

For more information visit our website, www.fremontcommerce.com. Information is also posted on our Facebook pages, so be sure to like us on Facebook!

Fremont City Beat

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

