

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**15th Annual Fremont  
Harvest Festival**  
September 23-25, 2021

**Harvest Festival Parade**  
Thursday, September 23rd  
@ 6:00 p.m.  
Parade Route: from  
Hillcrest Avenue  
heading west on Main  
Street to Veteran's  
Memorial Park

**Harvest Festival Hike &  
5K Run**  
Saturday, September 25,  
2021  
Registration @ 8:00 a.m.  
@ Branstrom Park Lodge

**Fremont Public School  
Homecoming Football  
Game**  
Friday, October 8, 2021

**Jingle Mingle Arts &  
Crafts Fair**  
Fremont Middle School  
Saturday, November 13,  
2021  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Christmas Stroll and  
Santa Parade**  
Downtown Fremont @ 6:00  
p.m.  
Friday, December 10, 2021



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## GERBER PRODUCTS PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH THE CITY OF FREMONT

The City has been working with property owners of vacant buildable parcels and local developers, hoping to stimulate new housing opportunities in Fremont. There has been an extreme shortage of available rental and owner-occupied dwellings for the past several years.

Recently, Gerber Products officials requested the City consider closing a section of North

Weaver Avenue in exchange for vacant land (approximately 7 acres) they own along Weaver and 44th streets. The City, not only wanting to support its' largest employer and community partner, recognized this as a potential opportunity for a much-needed residential development for our community as well.

"Employers and community members have been expressing the need for more housing opportunities in Fremont; a residential development on this 7-acre lot could provide 30 or more new dwellings for the community", said City Manager Todd Blake. The City already has plans to perform a Housing Market Study for the Fremont community this fall and will coordinate a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to seek out development ideas from interested developers following the Study. The Weaver Avenue section closed in late August to accommodate Gerber Product's planning and scheduled construction in September.

Gerber Plant Manager Andrew Willis stated... "We are very happy to have a win-win agreement between Gerber and the City of Fremont. This change will help us improve the overall layout and traffic flow at the site, as well as further improve the security and safety of our employees and products."

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## PARKING RV'S & TRAILERS IN THE STREETS

Last year the City made some changes to the ordinances that regulate the parking of recreational vehicles and trailers in the street public right of ways (ROW.) Most street public ROW's include 100% of the street and area between the sidewalks and curbing on each side of the street. If a sidewalk is not present, then the ROW area typically extends 15' from the curb into the yard.

Campers and trailers not connected to a vehicle cannot be parked in the street or the parkway between the curb and sidewalk. While disconnected they are not only a safety hazard, but unappealing to the neighborhood. Residents should be aware that parking of "unlicensed" vehicles, recreational vehicles and trailers is also not permitted in public right of ways or front yards.

The City was recently awarded a grant through the MI Economic Development Corporation to help fund professional services for a Housing Market Analysis of the Fremont community, to present various development plans based on the Analysis, and to help coordinate an RFP process to secure a development firm to construct a potential mix of single and multi-family residential housing.

While the City believes this land swap and project to be in the best interest of the City, it does acknowledge the additional traffic pressure on Division Avenue and Stone Road due to the closure of a portion of North Weaver Avenue. To reduce potential congestion, the City removed on-street parking along North Division Avenue and established three lanes to accommodate better uninterrupted 2-way traffic. The Police Department monitored traffic the first week of school and noticed less congestion and better flow after a few days. The School's transition of parent drop-off at Daisybrook to Darling Avenue certainly helped as well.

The City also acknowledges that traffic congestion in front of Pathfinder and Daisybrook Elementary Schools is nothing new to the community and has existed since the construction of Pathfinder over 25 years ago. The City is considering plans to widen 44th Street and add a turning lane for parents turning into the parent drop-off parking lot.

The Police Department is monitoring traffic speeds on Stone Road, whereas the City intends to request a traffic study to help support its request to reduce the speed limit back to 45 mph just north of town. This will make the 44th Street/Stone Road intersection safer and easier for traffic turning off 44th Street on to Stone.

## MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission, which includes the City of Fremont, Dayton Township and Sheridan Charter Township, is currently working on updating/rewriting the Fremont Community Joint Comprehensive and Growth Management Plan (Joint Master Plan). The Master Plan is a long-range document and policy guide designed to help communities create a vision of what they want to look like in the future. Master Plans help guide communities in their decisions on land use/preservation, growth management, development, and redevelopment. As required by the State of Michigan, every five years the Master Plan must be reviewed and updated as necessary. As part of this five year update, the Joint Planning Commission is asking residents to assist in the planning process by taking part in a community-wide survey. Below you will find information on how to access the survey.

## FREMONT COMMUNITY SURVEY

City of Fremont – Sheridan Charter Township – Dayton Township

The Fremont Community (City of Fremont, Sheridan Charter Township, Dayton Township) is updating its Joint Master Plan and needs your help! Your input will help City and Township leaders plan for the future of the Fremont Community.

Please use the scan code or link to complete the survey by November 1, 2021.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FremontCommunityMasterPlan>

Hard copies of the survey are available at Fremont City Hall (101 E. Main Street), and the survey link is also available on the City of Fremont's website: [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.cityoffremont.net).



## 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.



## HAY ART 2021! BE PART OF THIS COMMUNITY FUN!

The Fremont Harvest Festival Committee is gearing up for the 2021 Hay Art competition!

Fremont has people visit our community during the fall from all over West Michigan to view these displays that have been created by our businesses, families, churches, and local organizations. Start thinking about your "Hay Art" piece and how you can make it unique to your business or group.

We are encouraging our local businesses & residents to get their creative minds working and display their designs of Hay Art! Place your designs in your business lawns, at your home or we have space you can reserve in Veterans Memorial Park.

All Hay Art displays are to be up by Friday, September 17th. Voting will run for two weeks starting on Monday, September 20th and staying open through Friday, October 10th. Voting is done by canned goodies and food for your favorite creation. Bring your votes to the Chamber office during the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Some of the participants will also collect your votes at their place of business or hay art display.

All the food is donated to the True North Food Pantry. This year more than ever, the food pantry at True North Community Services needs food to stock their shelves! At the end of the 2020 Harvest Festival over 54,300 pounds of food was donated on behalf of the hay art competition.

## 2021 FREMONT HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce is announcing plans for the 15th Annual Fremont Harvest Festival slated to be September 23, 24 & 25. The Fremont Harvest Festival was started so that the Fremont Community would be able to celebrate the rich farming heritage and embrace the fall abundance.

- ❖ The Harvest Time Parade will kick off the festival on Thursday, September 23 at 6 pm, sponsored by Gerber Federal Credit Union. The parade will travel from Hillcrest Avenue down Main Street to Veteran's Memorial Park. For this year's parade, the committee is also inviting golf cart and side by side owners to decorate your rig and put it in the parade! Applications are now available at the Chamber office or on the website at [www.fremontcommerce.com](http://www.fremontcommerce.com).
- ❖ Do you have the best apple or pumpkin dessert? One that your family brags about? Be sure to enter your family's favorite apple or pumpkin dessert recipes in this year's contest! Applications for this event will be available in the Chamber office the week of September 20. The contest is held on Saturday, September 25.
- ❖ The FHF committee will be hosting an "anything with an engine" show on Saturday, September 25! For more information contact the chamber office at 924-0770.
- ❖ Harvest Merchant Sales on Thursday, September 23 and Friday, September 24; visit our local stores and restaurants in Fremont while enjoying the hay art and harvest season.
- ❖ You can enjoy farm fresh fruits and vegetables from the Fremont Farmers Market! The market will run from 8 am – 1 pm on Saturday, September 25 (the last day for the 2021 season is Saturday, October 2) under the Marketplace Pavilion.
- ❖ Saturday, September 25th will feature a Kids Hay Day in the park! There will be kid's games, minnow races, smashing at the harvest as well as a food truck rally!
- ❖ Lakes 23 will be hosting this year's Harvest Festival Party at the Lakes 23 Pavilion on Saturday, September 25th! Doors open at 6:00 pm, come sample our smokehouse brisket and pulled pork! Food, fun and music are in store for you and your friends as we celebrate this year's harvest! Concert starts at 6:30 pm!

The Fremont Harvest Festival Committee is looking for volunteers to join us in the planning of this community event. Contact the Fremont Area Chamber office for details, (231) 924-0770 or email [info@fremontcommerce.com](mailto:info@fremontcommerce.com).



## SEWALK 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. If you notice sidewalks with gaps or raised sections 2" or more, please notify the City Offices so we can fix them. Clearing the grass from cracks will help maintain the life of your sidewalk, and please keep tree branches and bushes from crowding the sidewalks as well.

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.

## Winter Parking Restrictions

The City would like to remind residents/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 24th**. 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.



## FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 1ST GRADUATING MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER CLASS

The photo to the right shows the participants of some of the local police and fire department individuals that have completed Fremont Fire Department's 1st Medical First Responder Class conducted at the Fremont Rec Center. The class was instructed by Fremont's own Anthony Pantaleo and Jason Best from the Fremont Fire Department (back row far right).



Future classes will be offered, so interested persons can contact the Fremont Fire Department at 231-924-2101 for more information.

*Congratulations to all that participated in this class!*  
Brian Hettinger, Fremont Fire Chief

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## FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED



The Fremont Fire Department is accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters, with no experience necessary. The Department has well trained firemen who provide training. Applicants must be 18, have a valid driver's license, and live within a 5 mile radius of the city. Applications can be picked up at city hall. If you have any questions please call the Fremont Fire Department at 231-924-2103.

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## 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





# 15th Annual Hike & 5K Run

A Fremont Fall Harvest Festival Activity

Sponsored by the City of Fremont



**What:** 5-K Run (Run will have a clock at the finish line but results will not be kept.)  
5-K Walk

**Where:** BranstromPark  
Fremont, Michigan

**When:** Saturday, September 25, 2021  
Registration: 8:00 – 8:30 AM  
Run/Walk begin: 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](http://www.cityoffremont.net), Koffee Kuppe, Fremont Recreation Center, Tamarac and the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce. To pre-register directly, contact Melanie or Colin at City Hall (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.

## REFUSE 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.



## 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.

## WINTER 2021 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Winter taxes will be mailed on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 and due by February 14, 2022. A 4% penalty will be added to any unpaid taxes on February 15, 2022. Winter taxes include millage rates for Newaygo County, Intermediate School District, Fremont Area District Library and on occasion, a County Drain assessment.

Taxes can be paid online by credit card or e-check at [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.cityoffremont.net), and 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 February 28, 2022; on March 1, 2022 all payments must be paid to the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office at PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

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.





## Halloween Trick-Or-Treating

Halloween falls on **Saturday, October 31, 2021** 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 face masks should be large enough to easily see through them
- Protective breathing masks are encouraged to limit spread of corona virus
- 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 DEAD HEADS ARE STILL AT WORK

If you know any of the City's Dead Head Committee members which include the following volunteers: Colleen Buckley, Elizabeth Mansfield, Shari Paulsen, Jo & Ken Hoersten, Cindy Schrieber, Mary Haveman and Karen Baird, please thank them for doing a fantastic job caring for the Downtown, Veteran's Park and City Hall! They have done a wonderful job this summer deadheading flowers, weeding, picking up trash, as well as other tasks that have certainly not gone unnoticed. The Downtown Area has looked wonderful this summer and we appreciate all their hard work!

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

## FREMONT'S JULY YARD OF THE MONTH



**July 2021 Yard of the Month: 223 S Division Ave**  
*Picture (left to right): Mayor Rynberg, Jacob, Cindy, Daniel and Joshua Terrien*

The Fremont Yard of the Month Award Program was initiated to recognize the hard work exhibited by Fremont residents who take time and effort to beautify their yard. This type of effort has a positive overall impact on the City and makes Fremont a better place to live. The City's Deadhead Committee is charged with selecting the recipient of the award each month from amongst the nominations submitted. As you can see from the picture, the award recipients take meticulous care of their yards and are deserving of the award.

Yard of the Month nomination forms are located on the City's website: [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.cityoffremont.net). The City encourages community members to recognize deserving friends and neighbors. You can even nominate your own yard - why not - no one knows better than you how much time and effort you put forth in its care.



## CHICAGO BUS DAY TRIP

Oh the Windy City! Great shopping, great museums, great food; not so great traffic and parking. Let us take care of the last part with a Chicago Bus Trip on Saturday, November 13th. We'll leave the Rec Center parking lot at 7am and return around 11pm. Please do not wait to register to avoid cancelling the trip due to early low registrations. You'll be dropped off on the "Magnificent Mile" and have the whole day to do what you'd like.

**FREMONT REC CENTER**

# CHICAGO BUS DAY TRIP



**Saturday, November 13, 2021**  
 7 a.m. - Depart from Rec Center parking lot  
 11 p.m. - Return to Rec Center parking lot

**\$50 per person resident**  
**\$55 per person non-resident**  
**\$25 deposit required**

**MINIMUM OF 45 PEOPLE NEEDED TO RUN TRIP**

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER:**  
**FREMONT REC CENTER**  
 201 E. MAPLE ST.  
 231.924.3750  
[www.fremontcra.org](http://www.fremontcra.org)

## 2021 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, so we appreciate your patience!

The following projects are scheduled to be completed this fall (est. 1st week of October):

### Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- **E. Main Street:** from Stewart Avenue to Luce Avenue (1-mile stretch could take a couple weeks)
- **Ramshorn Drive:** from Darling Avenue to north city limits (Branstrom Drive north entrance)
- **Linden Avenue:** from Main Street to State Street
- **Pine Street:** from Mechanic Avenue to Weaver Avenue

## CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection



<b>Monday</b>	N. Division Ave.	<b>Tuesday</b>
W. Main St.		E. Main St.
<b>Wednesday</b>	S. Division Ave.	<b>Thursday</b>

Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 18 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.**

## 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 week of brush pick up for the 2021 season will begin the first Monday in October (10/4). 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, whereas 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.



## 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

## 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



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