

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dogwood Center for
Performing Arts
Grand Rapids Symphony
April 14, 2022
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Tickets: Adults \$17.50/
Children 18 and under \$5.00

**Fremont High School
Graduation**
Sunday, May 22, 2022 @
2:00 p.m.

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
Summer Concert Series
June 9th, June 16th, June
23rd, June 30th, July 7th, July
14th and July 28th
FREE Concerts in Veterans
Memorial Park
Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.
Food sold by local non-profits

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
National Baby Food Festival
July 20 – July 23

**2022 Fremont Farmers'
Market**
Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Starting June 25th and
Ending October 1st, 2022



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RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DESIGN CONCEPT SELECTED

The Fremont City Council has selected a new housing design concept for the recently acquired 7-acre parcel on Weaver Avenue and 44th Street. Following public awareness of the proposed development early last August, the City conducted a Community Housing Analysis for the greater Fremont community. The Analysis included a Community Housing Survey regarding the proposed site, a public forum specific to the proposed development and took many comments from community members regarding the proposed development.

This Design Concept was created from an accumulation of many comments from the community, addressing some of the housing needs identified in the Housing Analysis. This proposal creates 40+ new living units that will include a mixture of single family homes, townhomes and apartments.

The City also recently sold several other vacant city-owned lots in the City for residential development, hoping to spur construction of single family homes and condos this year. The Housing Analysis identified a need for 190 living units in the Fremont community alone; although this proposed development and the other recent lot sales may create up to 50 additional living units, there are other sites identified for near future development to address the growing need as well.

The City will now focus on coordinating an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) process that will help identify potential developers interested in constructing the selected design concept, which may change depending on developer recommendations. The City anticipates selection by early May, which could potentially lead to construction beginning as early as mid-summer.



CURBSIDE BRUSH PICKUP TO RESUME THIS APRIL

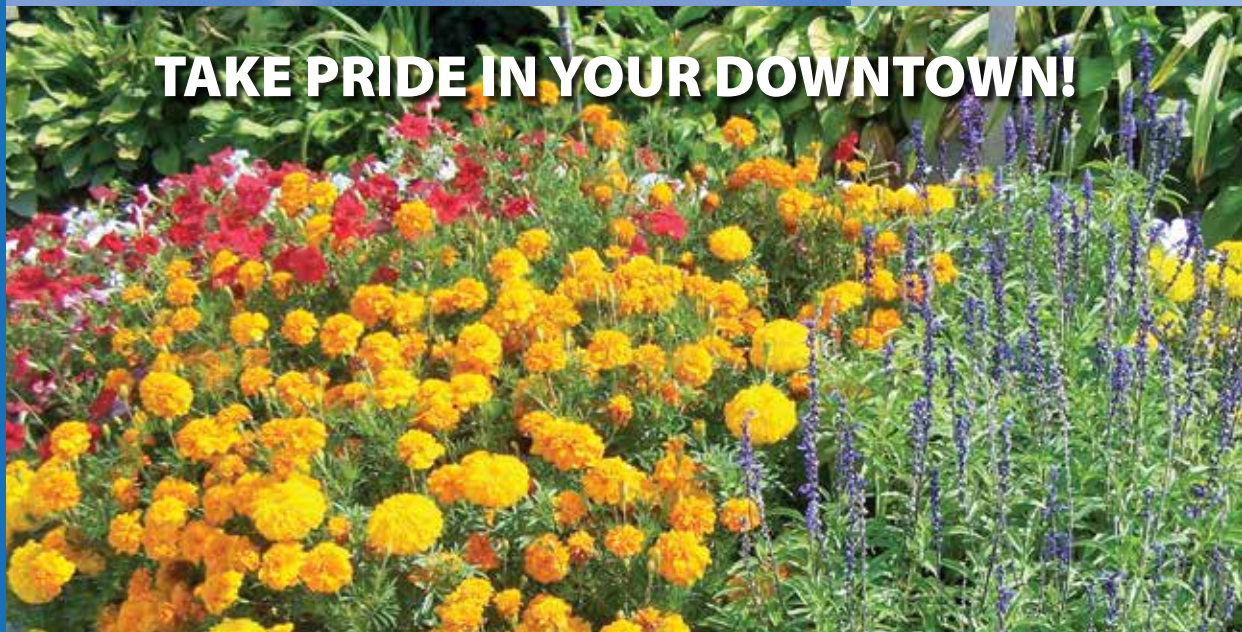
Weather permitting, the City will resume with the residential curbside brush chipping/pickup program on Monday, April 4th. As a reminder, brush will be removed without charge the first Monday of each month, April through October.

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.

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 zoning@fremontmi.gov or you may contact City Manager Todd Blake at citymanager@fremontmi.gov. The City of Fremont sincerely thanks the Dead Heads!

EAA 578 PRESENTS OUR 8th ANNUAL FREMONT AIRPORT FLY-IN AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday May 28th: Lions Club

Breakfast 8:00-11:00

Cost: \$8 Adults/kids under 5 Free

Airplane rides starting at \$35 Adults/\$25 kids under 10

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00-11:00 am Breakfast served by the Fremont Lions Club at the new EAA 578 Hanger
- 9:00 am Newaygo VFW Flag Raising Ceremony with Missing Man Formation Fly-By
- 9:30 am RC Air Planes Flying Demonstration
- 10:00 am Fremont Pilots Perform Short Takeoff and Landing Competition
- 9:00-12:00 pm Airplane Rides at EAA Hanger

Award winning pancake breakfast, airplane rides, RC airplane demos, homebuilt airplanes, short take-off, and landing (STOL) demonstration, 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!!



HONORING TERRI WAHL FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT CLERK

Terri Wahl retired from the Fremont Police Department on February 28, 2022. She began working for the police department on February 26, 2006. The department has benefited from Terri's 16 years of service. Terri says she plans to spend time with her grand kids and spend winters in the Florida sun. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement Terri!



REBECCA STRONG JOINS FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

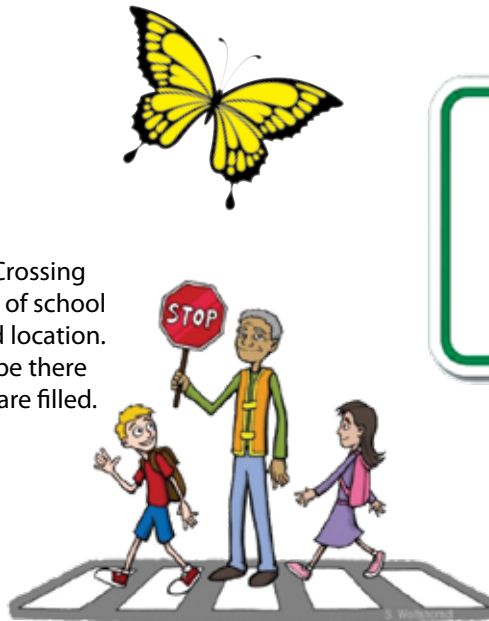
On February 22, 2022 Rebecca Strong was hired for the Clerk position within the Police Department. Rebecca brings a bunch of energy and enthusiasm to the department. Rebecca was previously employed by the Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. When not working, Rebecca enjoys spending time with family and friends.

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



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.



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-miles of the City limits. 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.

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 ten years, and the City & DDA strongly encourages downtown property owners to take advantage of the Program's funding. For those with questions or interest in the Façade Program, please contact Andy Harrington, Fremont Community Development & Planning/Zoning Administrator, at 231-924-2101.



2022 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 2022 construction season:

Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- E. Cherry Street: between Stewart & Darling and Hillcrest west 300'
- W. Rex Street: between Stone & Fremont
- W. State Street: between Stone & Westwood
- M-82: Stewart and Main Street to be resurfaced by MDOT late in year

Street Reconstruction:

- 44th Street: widen for additional turning lane from Weaver Avenue east to curve
- Main Street Downtown: start curbing replacement
- Downtown North East Block: raise drain covers and resurface parking lot area

New Construction:

- Branstrom Warming Lodge & Ice Skating Rink Roof: new lodge to be constructed between rink and sledding hill
- Wastewater Lagoon Expansion: construct 4th lagoon cell (55 million gallons) to address community growth

THE CITY ENCOURAGES CELEBRATION OF "NATIONAL ARBOR DAY"

In celebration of National Arbor Day on Friday, April 29th 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 5th till gone and must be redeemed by May 31, 2022 at Mellema Nursery. Through the City's coupon program over the last 24 years, residents have planted over 856 trees in the community. During the same time, the City planted an additional 632 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 **29-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. ★



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

2021 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Fremont is proud to present to you our Water Quality Report for calendar year 2021. 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.fremontmi.gov. 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 1st & 3rd 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:

- City Hall Office, 101 East Main Street, Fremont, Michigan 49412
- Phone: 924-2101
- Fax: 924-2888
- Email: dpwdir@fremontmi.gov

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 2021 was August 24th, 1.864 million gallons.

The MI Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) have 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

2015	Improvements: #3 Well new motor #7 Well new motor
2016	Improvements: New 8" water main on Fremont Street from Main Street to State Street Well #9 cleaned and inspected
2017	Improvements: Pump #9 was lowered to 167' As a follow-up to last year's inspection and work
2018	No new improvements
2019	Improvements: Painted exteriors of East Main & Weaver Tanks and added the Fremont logo.
2020	No new improvements
2021	No new improvements

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 2021. 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. 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.

2021 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">Discharge of drilling wastesDischarge from metal refineriesErosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.82	<.25-1.82	2021	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Erosion of natural depositsWater additive that promotes strong teethDischarge from fertilizer & aluminum factories
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	1.0	0-0.1	2001	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)	0.2	0.2	N.D.	N.D.	2019	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discharge from steel & metal factoriesDischarge from plastic & fertilizer factories
Nitrates	10	10	1.69	<.5-1.69	2021	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Runoff from fertilizers
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">Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.67	1.64-1.67	2020	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Erosion of natural deposits
REGULATED MONITORING IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
TTHM – Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	.08	N/A	N.D.	N.D.	2021	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Byproduct of drinking water disinfectionSampled Late
R.A.A – Chlorine (PPM)	4	4	0.7	.3-.7	2021	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water additive used to control microbes
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)	<2.0		2.0		70	2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water proofing chemical
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	4		10/01/18-09/30/20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Corrosion of household plumbing systemsErosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.6		10/01/18-09/30/20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Corrosion of household plumbing systemsErosion of natural depositsLeaching from wood preservatives

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 water main 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 Boeskool, Water Supervisor

Date Distributed: 3/31/2022

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.



The rate for the mixed-refuse bags is \$3.00 per bag or \$36.00 for a roll of 12 bags. The bulk item and appliance tags are \$15.00 per tag.

Effective April 1, 2022, the rate for the 65-gallon rollout cart will increase to \$34.80/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart to \$40.65/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

If items are left in your recycle 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 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

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.

Effective April 1, 2022, curbside recycling will increase to \$14.40/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.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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

May 21, 2022 8AM to 2PM

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 or www.fremontmi.gov



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 have any additional questions or would like more information please contact the city offices at 231-924-2101.



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 (treasurer@fremontmi.gov)" 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 treasurer@fremontmi.gov. 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.fremontmi.gov you can login by clicking the "Online Bill Pay" icon.

This is a link to the following site: 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.



DEER IN THE CITY

Often, deer are overabundant 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.



FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, April 29th and continue through the evening until finished. Some discoloration of water may occur throughout 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.

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 homeowner 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 19th – 21st, 2022 and August 11th – 13th, 2022

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.

SHOP WITH A COP – 2021

On December 9, 2021, Fremont Police Department hosted the 9th Annual Shop-With-A-Cop Program. This program provides holiday assistance to low-income families that reside in Newaygo County. This year's Program was an overwhelming success! We were able to partner 145 of the county's less fortunate children with participating 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 and the Oceana County Sheriff. Each child was partnered with a uniformed police officer and taken on a Christmas shopping trip so that they could buy Christmas presents for themselves and their family.

We would like to thank all the sponsors who have made this day possible for the last 9 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!!



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.

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.

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.

Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412

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U.S. POSTAGE **PAID**
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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 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

