

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fremont Lake Fireworks
July 3, 2022
(rain date – July 4, 2022)

**Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce**
Summer Concert Series
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

**Dogwood Center for
Performing Arts**
Bimini Brothers
July 9, 2022
7:30 P.M.
General Admission
Tickets \$15

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



NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT: LOLA HARMON-RAMSEY



The City Council recently appointed Lola Harmon-Ramsey to the City Council, filling a recent vacancy that occurred following Council member Mike Carpenter's resignation after serving since his appointment in July 2013.

A longtime resident of the Fremont community, Lola lives with her husband Mark and their two children Cayman and Troy. She graduated from Fremont High School, attended Michigan State University and in 2003 returned to Fremont to join her parents business, Engrave-All Trophies and Harmon Incorporated. In 2004, Lola and

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her husband Mark began their business, Cart-Right, LLC, and after seventeen years of owning and operating Cart-Right Recycling successfully negotiated an acquisition by American Classic Dumpster Services, with continued service as their Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement.

Additionally, Lola serves as the Vice-Chair of the Fremont Area Community Foundation Board of Director's, and in her spare time you can find her at any number of her children's sporting events, relaxing by the White River or occasionally scuba diving warmer water when she can get away. Lola has stated "I'm excited to serve the City of Fremont as their newest city council-woman."

The Fremont City Council is excited as well and encourages the community to welcome her.

HONORING RUSTY BOESKOOL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – WATER SUPERVISOR



Department of Public Works.

Rusty Boeskool is retiring from the Department of Public Works as of June 30, 2022. The City has benefited from his 35 years of service having served in the Fremont Fire Department and the

He was originally hired as a Volunteer Fireman in 1987, promoted to Captain in 1994, and promoted to Chief in 1996, serving 24 years on the Fire Department till 2011. Rusty was hired to the Department of Public Works in 2000 and was promoted to Water Supervisor in 2008 and served in that position till June 30, 2022. Rusty plans to spend time relaxing at his property, spend time in the UP, hunting and fishing. Enjoy retirement Rusty!

VOTE FROM HOME!

Dear Registered Voter:



Are you tired of waiting in lines at the precinct to cast your **VERY IMPORTANT** vote? All registered voters are now eligible to vote absentee if you have met the photo ID rule when you registered to vote.

Absentee voting is a method of voting in which you can receive and mark the ballot before Election Day. Here are the highlights:

- Absentee voting applications are available 75 days before each election. Ballots are available 45 days prior to each election.
- Submit an application for a ballot to the City Clerk's Office
- We will issue a ballot to you once we have your application processed and ballots are available.
- You can review the candidates and proposals and mark your vote(s) at your leisure.
- Once you have made your selection(s) on the ballot, seal it in the return ballot envelope. The ballot envelope has to be signed by the voter **ONLY**.
- The Clerk's Office must receive the ballot no later than 8pm on Election Day.
- The absentee voting process can take place in person, by mail, or by using the drop box.
- **The absentee ballots will be counted on Election Day.**

If you want to vote absentee in future elections, we can add you to a permanent absent voter list. We will mail an application to any registered voter who is on this list before each election. If you want to vote absentee, complete the application, and return it to the Clerk's Office. If you'd rather vote in person at your precinct or not at all, you may dispose of the application.

In order to be placed on this list, you may do one of the following:

1. Complete the reply to postcard and mail it back.
2. Call the City Clerk's Office at (231) 924.2101
3. E-mail a request to cityclerk@fremontmi.gov (Include your name, address and **year of birth**)

ABSENTEE VOTER LIST REQUEST

Yes, I would like to be placed on the Absentee Voter List. By returning this card, I will now receive an absentee ballot **application** before each election as long as I remain a registered voter of the City of Fremont.

Voter's Full Name (please print)

Year of Birth

I Currently Reside At: _____

X
Signature

Date

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FREMONT RESIDENTS

FILING OF PETITIONS FOR OFFICES

The deadline for filing petitions for candidacy for the November 8, 2022, General City Election is Tuesday, July 26, 2022, by 4:00 PM.

Offices to be filled:

1 Mayor	Two-year term ending November 2024
2 Councilmembers	Four-year terms ending November 2026

Petitions are available at the City Offices, 101 East Main Street, Fremont, Michigan, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Vicci L. TerVeer
City Clerk

2022 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 2022 and potentially 2023:

Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- E. Cherry Street: between Stewart & Darling Avenues
- E. Cherry Street: 300' west of Hillcrest Avenue intersection
- W. Rex Street: between Stone & Fremont Streets
- W. State Street: between Stone & Westwood Streets
- M-82: Stewart and Main Street to be resurfaced by MDOT late in 2022 year or 2023
- Gibson Avenue: Main Street north 110'
- Stone Road: between Main Street and 44th Street

Street Reconstruction:

- 44th Street: widen for additional turning lane from Weaver Avenue east to curve
- Main Street Downtown: start curbing replacement
- Downtown Northeast Block: raise drain covers and resurface parking lot area
- Community Recreation Center Parking Lot: raise drain covers and resurface southeast parking lot

New Construction:

- Wastewater Lagoon Expansion: construct 4th lagoon cell (55 million gallons) in 2023 to address growth of community

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

DEADHEAD COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Members of the Deadhead Committee work hard beautifying our Downtown: pulling weeds, cleaning and maintaining the flowerbeds, flower pots, sidewalks and alleyways, and of course "deadheading." If you see a Deadhead volunteer hard at work during this season, which is from June to September, please thank them for their community service! These individuals put a lot of time and effort in to keep our Downtown looking beautiful; we greatly appreciate all their hard work and service.

At this time we are looking for a few more volunteers to join the committee. This is a great opportunity for students as well, who may be looking for a few volunteer hours. Such hours are determined based on your individual schedule and availability. Please contact the City Office at 231-924-2101 if you have the time and motivation to serve, or have questions at all about the program.



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 25, 2022

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ending: October 1, 2022

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 True North 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 True North 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, 2022, for the 65-gallon rollout cart has increased to \$34.80/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart has increased to \$40.65/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 Family Fare.

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 has increased 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.

BRUSH PICKUP

As a reminder, City crews resumed the monthly curbside brush pickup on April 4. 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
201 E. Maple St. • 231.924.3750 • www.fremontcra.org

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

WEED CONTROL NOTICE TO FREMONT CITY RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Weed Control Map for the City of Fremont for the 2022 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.

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.



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 11th – 13th, 2022** the deadline to sign up is August 1st.

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.

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.

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.

Come Join us for our **31st Annual National Baby Food Festival!**



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 31st Annual National Baby Food Festival July 20 – 23, 2022. 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 16 from 10-4 pm the White Agency Arts and Craft Show will be held in Veterans Memorial Park. Two Hot Tamales, Couyon's Cajun, The Lumberjills and Hola Erapa food trucks will be set up for lunch!
- **Fastpitch Softball Tournament:** is being held on July 16 and 17. Contact Coach Floyd at Fremontpackerssoftball@gmail.com.
- **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!
- **NBFF .1k run:** July 21, registration begins at 5:45 pm which 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 fun event!
- **Princess Tea Party:** – July 21 from 4-6 pm, community Main Stage, dress in your favorite princess costume.
- **Child Safety Seat Inspections:** July 21 from noon-3 pm State Farm Insurance will be offering FREE Child Safety Seat Inspections!
- **Superhero Cosplay Day:** July 22 from 12-3 pm, community Main Stage, dress in your favorite superhero costume.
- **Baby Photo Contest:** Bring in or mail a current photo of your pride and joy – newborn to 2 years (no larger than 5x7), NBFF – Baby Photo Contest, 7 E Main, Fremont, MI 49412. Entries must be post marked by July 9th, 2022. Two winners will be selected to be crowned prince and princess of the 2022 National Baby Food Festival.
- **FREE Entertainment on Main Stage in Veterans Memorial Park:**
 - July 20 - 7 pm Resonate Worship Team will be performing Christian Music Night
 - July 21 - 8-9 pm Rick Wheeler, A Hypnotist
 - July 21 - Movie in the Park – “The Lego Movie” at dusk, so bring your blankets!
 - July 22 - 4 pm “Eyes12Band” – Id10T5,
 - July 22 - 7 pm - Country Current Band
 - July 23 – 4-6 pm The Adams Family, Acoustic Folkin Rock Band
 - July 23 – 8-10 pm – A Bob Seger Tribute
- **NBFF Disc Golf Tournament:** July 23 at 9:30 am at Branstrom Park
- **Grand Parade:** July 23 at 10:30 am, 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, cars will be on display on Main Street!
- **A Beard Contest:** 11:30 am at the Community Stage, email NBFF@fremontcommerce.com for entry form, sign up by July 8.
- **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!

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.fremontmi.gov. 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.



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

