

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Fremont Public Schools  
Spring Break**  
March 31 - April 9, 2023

**Fremont High School  
Graduation**  
Sunday, May 21, 2023  
@ 2:00 p.m.

Fremont Area Chamber of  
Commerce  
**Summer Concert Series**  
Veterans Memorial Park  
Free Concerts  
Thursday evenings @ 7pm,  
starting June 8th thru  
July 27th  
Food to be sold by local  
non-profits

Fremont Area Chamber of  
Commerce  
**National Baby Food Festival**  
July 19 – July 22



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## FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Fremont Police Department placed an officer in the Fremont Public Schools on a full-time basis. Officer Matt Hendrie started in the school in late fall of 2022 and has been working diligently to improve on the already high standard of student safety we all expect in Fremont. Here is a short list of accomplishments:

- Continued training with school staff for critical incidents.
- Installed school safety "flip" charts to help guide staff during a crisis.
- Developing a comprehensive plan for student reunification with parents and care providers after a critical incident.
- Worked on school safety committees for planning tailored to each student's abilities, school location, and staffing availability.
- Leveraged access to the CCTV system for case investigations.
- Implemented student diversion programs for substance use away from the Newaygo Probate Court System.
- Developed relationships with students as an informal educator and mentoring role to those in need.
- Worked on student threat assessments to balance the interests of the student's welfare and the safety of everyone on campus. Through partnerships with mental health, behavioral specialists, and educators; any behavior threatening other students is assessed with appropriate interventions put in place.



The role of our School Resource Officer is very defined. Overall, the tasks will be a proactive and collaborative approach to school based law enforcement. Our goal is to allow our educators to do what they do best; educate our kids and prepare them for the future.



## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Eagle Scout candidate Ethan T. Slovinski presented a community service project to the Fremont City Council last fall that entailed construction of a "Life Saving Station" at Fremont Lake Park beach area.

The Station is a life jacket kiosk designed to hold up to 28 life jackets for borrowing

and return. There is no fee and use and return of the jackets will be an honor system. The Kiosk will have instructions and guidelines for use and will be placed down in the beach area for all to enjoy.

Fremont thanks Ethan for his ingenuity and willingness to give to the community.



## JEREMY STARIHA – PROMOTED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER SUPERVISOR

Jeremy Stariha was hired in 2019 as a Department of Public Works employee and has been promoted to Water Supervisor following the recent retirement of Rusty Boeskool.

Jeremy is a Fremont native and lives in Fremont with his wife Bonnie. They have three children and enjoy spending time with family and the outdoors. Jeremy says "I am excited about my new position and will do my best to meet the needs of the residents."

## EAA 578 PRESENTS OUR 9th ANNUAL FREMONT, MI (KFFX) FLY-IN AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Saturday May 27th: Lions Club Breakfast**

**Cost: \$9 Adults/kids under 5 Free**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00-11:00 am Breakfast served by the Fremont Lions Club at the EAA 578 Hanger
- 9:00 am Newaygo VFW Flag Raising Ceremony with Red Star Missing Man Formation
- 9:30 am RC Air Planes Flying Demonstration
- 9:00-12:00 pm Airplane Rides at EAA Hanger (Starting at \$40)

Award winning pancake breakfast, airplane rides, RC airplane demos, homebuilt airplanes, 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!!





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

In celebration of National Arbor Day on Friday, April 28th 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 4th till gone and must be redeemed by May 31, 2023 at Mellema Nursery. Through the City's coupon program over the last 25 years, residents have planted over 878 trees in the community. During the same time, the City planted an additional 672 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 **30-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. ★



## 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.



## ELECTION INSPECTORS

The City of Fremont is looking for Election Inspectors. You must be a resident of Newaygo County and obtain certification through the Newaygo County Clerk's Office, coordinated State-Certification, that entails a ½ day training session. Following completion, you will receive an Election Inspector Certificate that will allow you to work any and all elections within Newaygo County within a two-year period. Inspector certifications must be renewed every two years, due to changing election laws. On Election Day breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided. This is a paid position at \$14.00/hour. If you are interested, please contact City Clerk Vicci TerVeer at the Fremont Municipal Offices 231-924-2101.

## 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



## 2023 FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

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

Due to its role as a supplier of fresh fruits, vegetables and other food products, the Farmers Market shall continue as an essential service, with the following precautions:

- o Any person that shows any signs of illness should not attend the market.
- o All customers should wash their hands before arriving and upon returning home.
- o No customer sampling unless samples are pre-packaged from a commercial kitchen.
- o Credit-card transactions are encouraged whenever possible.
- o Vendors will limit human contact with products by bagging them for customers.
- o Shoppers will be actively encouraged to leave at least 6 feet between themselves at all times in the market.
- o Customers are not to touch products they aren't purchasing.



### **Dates and Times:**

**Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Starting: June 24, 2023

Ending: October 7, 2023

**Location:** The Fremont Farmers' Market is located downtown Fremont in the northeast public parking lot north of Main Street between Merchant Avenue and Division.

**Community Information Booth:** At the Farmers' Market in the middle of the pavilion, there will be an information center/promotion area for businesses located in the City. A different retail establishment each market day will promote its business at the booth by displaying its goods. Any Fremont retail establishment will be able to display promotional information at this booth throughout the season.

For more information on the Fremont Farmers' Market, please contact the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce at 924-0770

FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

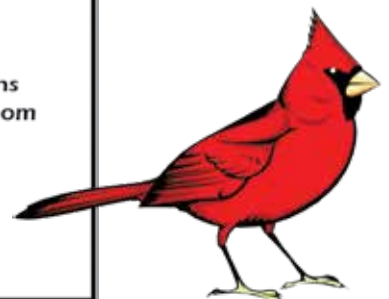
YOU HAVE AN EVENT,  
WE HAVE THE SPACE!

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](http://www.fremontcra.org)





## 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 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and August 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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. Offices are open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call us at 924-2101.

## SHOP WITH A COP – 2022

On December 15, 2022, Fremont Police Department hosted the 10th 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 150 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's Office, Michigan State Police – Hart Post, Oceana County Sheriff's Office, Gratiot County Sheriff's Office and the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office. 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 10 years. Without the generous support from local 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 so successfully.



## 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.

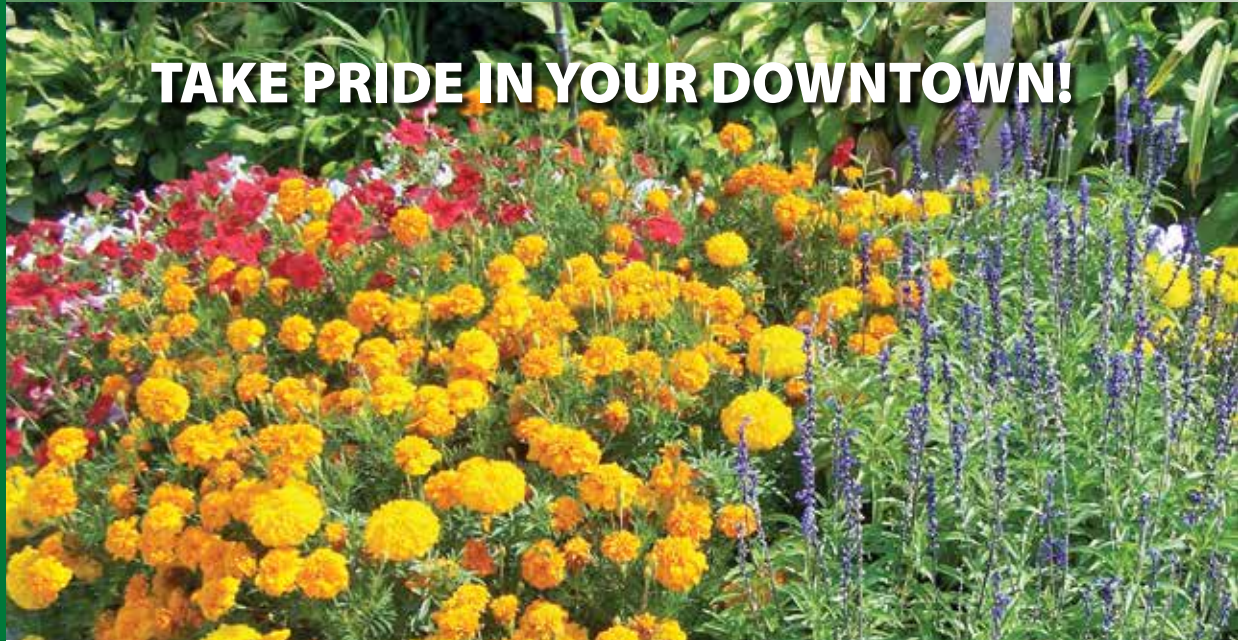
Winter taxes will be mailed on November 30th and due by February 14th without penalty. A 4% late penalty will be applied to any unpaid taxes on February 15th. Winter taxes include millages for Newaygo County, the Intermediated School District and the Fremont Area District Library.

The City accepts tax payments until February 29th, 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.



## 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.

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. Most of the work is performed weekly, June thru September.

The Committee is always looking for new volunteers to join the group. 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](mailto:zoning@fremontmi.gov) or you may contact City Manager Todd Blake at [citymanager@fremontmi.gov](mailto:citymanager@fremontmi.gov). The City of Fremont sincerely thanks the Dead Heads!

### 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 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.



### FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, April 28th 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.







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

## 2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Fremont is proud to present to you our Water Quality Report for calendar year 2022. 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month. Meeting dates are posted at City Hall and on the City's website.

This Water Quality Report is presented to you by the Fremont Water Department and its spokesperson, Brian Hettinger, Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Hettinger can be contacted as follows:

- City Hall Office, 101 East Main Street, Fremont, Michigan 49412
- Phone: 924-2101
- Fax: 924-2888
- Email: [dpwdir@fremontmi.gov](mailto: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 2022 was July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1.693 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

<b>2015</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> #3 Well new motor #7 Well new motor
<b>2016</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> New 8" water main on Fremont Street from Main Street to State Street Well #9 cleaned and inspected
<b>2017</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> Pump #9 was lowered to 167' As a follow-up to last year's inspection and work
<b>2018</b>	<b>No new improvements</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> Painted exteriors of East Main & Weaver Tanks and added the Fremont logo.
<b>2020</b>	<b>No new improvements</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>No new improvements</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> Painted the exterior of Decker Tank Well #5: New electrical service Well #10: Motor repair, pump column assembly installed, cleaned & inspected

## 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 2022. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. Small amounts of microbial, inorganic or organic substances, as well as radioactivity can be picked up as water travels to any groundwater wells. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA'S Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or at their website at [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater). Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses & bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations & wildlife.
- Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm runoff and residential uses.
- Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA & Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines that offer an appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the EPA sources noted in the previous paragraph.



## 2022 WATER QUALITY DATA

Each day, our staff works to ensure the water delivered to your home meets all regulatory requirements and your expectations for safety, reliability and quality. For your protection, your drinking water is tested at designated intervals for many parameters. The State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. We are proud to report there were no violations during that time. **All of the contaminants are well BELOW allowed levels.** Not listed are over 100 other contaminants, including pesticides and herbicides, for which we tested and that were not detected.

Substance (units)	Allowed Level (MCL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	Max. Level Detected in Water	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
REGULATED MONITORING OF THE SOURCE WATER							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.07	.03-.07	2010	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discharge of drilling wastes</li><li>Discharge from metal refineries</li><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.43	<.03-1.43	2022	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li><li>Water additive that promotes strong teeth</li><li>Discharge from fertilizer &amp; aluminum factories</li></ul>
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	1.0	0-0.1	2001	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
Cyanide (ppb)	0.2	0.2	N.D.	N.D.	2019	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discharge from steel &amp; metal factories</li><li>Discharge from plastic &amp; fertilizer factories</li></ul>
Nitrates	10	10	1.68	<.5-1.68	2022	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Runoff from fertilizers</li></ul>
REGULATED MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATES IN SOURCE WATER							
Gross Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	3.2	1.4-3.2	2020	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.67	1.64-1.67	2020	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
REGULATED MONITORING IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
TTHM – Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	.08	N/A	<.0005	<.0005	2022	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Byproduct of drinking water disinfection</li><li>Sampled Late</li></ul>
R.A.A – Chlorine (PPM)	4	4	0.78	.3-.78	2022	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water additive used to control microbes</li></ul>
SPECIAL MONITORING OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
Substance (units)	Level Detected in Water		Reporting Limit (RL)		L.H.A.	Sample Date	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
PFAS (P.P.T)	<2.0		2.0		70	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water proofing chemical</li></ul>
REGULATED MONITORING AT THE CUSTOMER’S TAP							
Substance (units)	Action Level (AL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	90% of Samples Were Less Than This Level		Sample Dates	No. of Samples Above AL	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
Lead (ppb)	15	0	4		10/01/18-09/30/20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corrosion of household plumbing systems</li><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.6		10/01/18-09/30/20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corrosion of household plumbing systems</li><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li><li>Leaching from wood preservatives</li></ul>

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremy Stariha, Water Supervisor

Date Distributed: \_\_\_\_\_

3/31/23



## UPCOMING SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION MAY 2, 2023

Fremont Public Schools has requested a special election for their **Operating Millage Renewal Proposal**.

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

*"Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Fremont Public Schools, Newaygo, Muskegon and Oceana Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2024 to 2028, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes (17.8903 mills of the above is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2023 tax levy and .1097 mill is a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2024 is approximately \$2,900,000?"*

City residents are reminded that election signs are not to be placed in the City right-of-way or to exceed 6 sq. ft. in face size, per the City Zoning Code. The City will remove and dispose of signs that are in violation.

As a convenience to our City voters, if you or your spouse would like to be added to the City's permanent absentee voter (AV) list, please notify the City Offices at 924-2101. You will be mailed an AV application before each election and given the option to vote absentee or in person.

Please exercise your right to vote in all elections. We should all live by the adage that "If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain!"

The County recently mailed out letters to residents that are located in Precinct 2. The letter reads as follows:

Please note that all residents will vote in Precinct 1 at City Hall, whereas election law provides for the combining of precincts under certain conditions (MCL 168.659.)

Please contact your local clerk if you have any questions. We look forward to having you at the polls.

## NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE TAX FACTS - MAY 2, 2023 ELECTION

- Residents will vote on restoring the 18 mills, but most will not have to pay for it because it is only on non-homestead properties.
- Non-homestead properties include: apartments/rental homes, vacant land and commercial/industrial properties.
- This is not an added tax or a new tax, whereas it will reinstate the already existing 18 mills that has been reduced due to the "Headley Rollback" legislation approved in 1994. At that time it set limits on the property value businesses and industry have since paid taxes on.
- The non-homestead 18 mills generates approximately \$2.8 million per year for the district – 12% of the district budget. The Headley Rollback has annually reduced the previously approved 18 mills.
- The district is seeking a 5-year renewal of the millage.





# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Location: NC Road Commission 935 E 1 Mile Rd. White Cloud, MI 49349

May 20, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**It is illegal to transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of HHW per trip**

Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated to help keep this event going!

## Acceptable Materials

These items are examples of materials accepted for FREE



- Paint
- Paint thinner
- Epoxies
- Adhesives
- Wood Stain
- Shellacs
- Resins
- Caulking
- Varnishes
- Wood preservative

Latex Paint: Open can and dry out, and then you can landfill it.



- Used Oil & Filters
- Gasoline & Diesel
- Lighter Fluid
- Brake Fluid
- Antifreeze
- Automotive chemicals
- Kerosene lamp oil
- Transmission fluid



- Batteries
- Smoke detectors
- Cooking Oil
- Fluorescent tubes
- Bulbs
- Mercury devices
- Light Ballasts



- Pesticides
- Poisons
- Moth balls
- Flea powder
- Herbicides
- Fertilizer
- Garden chemicals
- BBQ Propane Tanks



- Cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Drain openers
- Disinfectants
- Cosmetic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Laundry Chemicals
- Degreasers



- Needles
- Sharps
- Unused Medication (except controlled substances)

**Protect our volunteers. Sharps must be in sealed hard plastic containers. NO loose sharps!**

## Unacceptable Materials

These services are for residential use only. Photo documentation may be required for excessive or suspected non-residential loads. The following waste **CANNOT** be accepted:

- Ammunition and Explosives
- Business, Real Estate, Non-Profit Organization, or Out-of-County Waste
- Compressed Gas Cylinders greater than 40 pounds
- Asbestos
- Trash
- Containers larger than five gallons or weighing more than 50 pounds
- Controlled Substances/Infectious Waste (except sharps)
- Remediation or Radioactive Waste (except smoke detectors)

## Tires

We will **NOT** be accepting at this event.

Tire collection day will set for a different date and time.



TVs and old monitors- \$20 fee each item  
Electronics (printers, tablets, cellphones, laptops) -free drop off.

## Transportation Checklist

- Label containers to identify contents or keep in original container
- Remove all valuables from trunk
- Transport waste in a box placed in the trunk of your car or in the bed of your truck. (keep items away from passengers)
- Secure leaky containers and loose loads
- Follow directions once you reach the HHW collection site.

## Do the Right Thing... Reduce Hazardous Waste

### **Buy Smart**

Purchase non-toxic or less hazardous products in only the amount you need. Look for alternative products that don't contain hazardous ingredients.

### **Store Properly**

Toxic products are poisonous. Don't put your family's health and safety at risk! Keep products out of reach of children and pets.

### **Use It Up**

Finish all unused products and recycle the empty containers or share with friends and neighbors.

### **Protect Our Communities**

NEVER throw HHW into your household garbage, toilets or sinks; never dump on the ground or pour down the storm drain. It is illegal and HHW can seep into the groundwater, waterways, lakes, and rivers, causing contamination of our drinking water, beach closures and health hazards to swimmers.

### **Dispose Properly**

Dispose of HHW properly at the free Newaygo County HHW day!

Any questions regarding Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and/or volunteering please contact the Newaygo County Drain Office M-F 7:30am to 4pm at 231-689-7213



## DOWNTOWN FAÇADE PROGRAM

The Fremont Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and City would like to remind downtown businesses and property owners about the Fremont Downtown 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.



## PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG COLLECTION DROP-BOX

The Fremont Police Department has installed a secure pharmaceutical drug collection drop-box located in the front lobby of the Police Department.

Medications in standard containers may be deposited in those containers. Loose medication can be put into plastic bags and then deposited. We do NOT accept: Syringes/Needles, lotions or liquids, inhalers, aerosol care, thermometers, or hydrogen peroxide.

If you need to dispose of needles, please call the Newaygo County Health Department at 231-689-7300 for further directions. Once collected, staff will ensure the medication is disposed of according to State and Federal laws.



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Fremont Police Department would like to thank the community for their ongoing support. Recently, City Staff have been working on properties that fall out of ordinance compliance for a variety of issues. These issues have ranged from miscellaneous junk, inoperable cars, blighted properties, and long grass. More than 95% of the complaints have been taken care of by property owners with no enforcement action being necessary. Thank you for keeping our city clean and a great place to live.

## REMAIN SECURITY CONSCIOUS

In these economic times, it is important to remain security conscious and to be aware of your surroundings. Keep your homes and garages locked when you are away, and be sure to remove your keys from the ignition, and lock your vehicles whether your car is in your driveway at home, in store parking lots, or at school. Leave only those items in your yard that you can afford to lose, especially overnight. Finally, be respectful of your neighbors, watch out for each other and each other's property. If you have elderly neighbors, please check on them occasionally. Working together will keep the City of Fremont a great place to live, work and play.



## RECYCLING – SINGLE STREAM

Curbside recycling is a single-stream process, whereas all recyclables can be co-mingled in the blue recycling container. Make sure you place paper products at the bottom of the bin to prevent them from blowing out.

Curbside recycling rates are currently at \$14.40/quarter, but may experience an annual CPI inflationary rate effective April 1st. 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.



## 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 bulky item and appliance tags are \$15.00 per tag.**

**Although rates for a 65-gallon rollout cart is \$34.80/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart is \$40.65/quarter, rates may increase April 1st to reflect an annual CPI inflationary increase (typically 3-5%).**

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.americanclassics.us](http://www.americanclassics.us)

## 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.

The Fremont Police Department, with permission from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, removed 50 deer from the City limits in early 2023. The deer cull was necessary to control population, yet is only part of a comprehensive management program here in the city. In cooperation with Cushman's Processing all of the harvested meat was donated to LOVE INC in Newaygo County for use at local food pantries. Please let the police department know when you have a complaint regarding deer damaging property.





## 2023 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 2023 construction season:

### Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- **Branstrom Drive:** entire Drive between north/south gates
- **M-82:** Section of West Main Street to be resurfaced by MDOT during summer

### New Construction:

- **Michigan Street Extension:** Division to Weaver: to accommodate new residential development
- **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



## CURBSIDE BRUSH PICKUP TO RESUME THIS APRIL

Weather permitting, the City will resume with the residential curbside brush chipping/pickup program on Monday, April 3rd. 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.



## Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street  
Fremont, MI 49412

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RESIDENT  
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## Important Numbers

City of Fremont – Administration	(231) 924-2101
– Police Department	(231) 924-2100
– Fire Department	(231) 924-2103
– Cemetery	(231) 924-2330
– Municipal Airport	(231) 924-7080
Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce	(231) 924-0770
Fremont Area District Library	(231) 924-3480
Gerber Memorial Hospital	(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 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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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

