

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Jingle Mingle Arts & Crafts Fair

Fremont Middle School  
Saturday,  
November 12, 2022  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### The Braunschweiger Blues Band

Dogwood Center for  
Performing Arts  
Saturday,  
November 26, 2022  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$12.50

### Christmas Stroll and Santa Parade

Downtown Fremont  
@ 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, December 9, 2022

### Christmas with John Berry

Dogwood Center for  
Performing Arts  
Sunday,  
December 11, 2022  
7:30 p.m.



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## FREMONT COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION CONFIRMS 5-YR MASTER PLAN RENEWAL

The Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission met on September 27, 2022 to confirm and recommend approval of the updated Fremont Community Joint Comprehensive Development & Growth Management Plan, more commonly known as the 5-yr Master Plan. The Plan takes a comprehensive look at the Fremont community's inventory of residential housing, commercial/industrial businesses and publicly owned facilities, as well as growth trends and future planning.

The Joint Planning Commission started the renewal process during the spring of 2021, which entailed numerous committee meetings and several public hearings, and the final draft has been available for public viewing and comment over the past two months. The final public hearing was conducted on September 27th to receive a brief presentation of the highlighted changes to the Plan and receive comments. Following confirmation of the draft Plan, the Commission recommended approval to all three participating jurisdictions (City of Fremont, Dayton Township and Sheridan Charter Township), which will take place during their individual regularly scheduled public meetings over the next month.



The updated Plan will help guide government officials plan for and coordinate new growth in the community over the next five years. Fremont has been collaboratively planning with its surrounding townships since 1998 and the official Joint Planning Commission was formed in 2013.



## Halloween Trick-Or-Treating

Halloween falls on **Monday, October 31, 2022** this year and the City encourages trick or treating activities to take place from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** In lieu of the traditional door-to-door activities, the City continues to encourage private parties, which lessen any potential problems with tainted treats and accidents involving costumed children and vehicles during the twilight hours. If participating in the door-to-door candy rush, parents should observe the following safety tips for their children:

- Chaperone your children and restrict activities to your own neighborhood
- Limit the age groups to pre-teen or younger
- Eye holes in face masks should be large enough to easily see through them
- Wear reflective bright colors and use a flashlight so drivers can see you after dark
- Walk on sidewalks or as near the curb as possible where no sidewalks are present
- Inspect all treats before allowing children to eat them

The Fremont Fire Department will be passing out treats between 6 and 8 p.m. at the Fire Station, so come enjoy the community atmosphere and share Halloween with our local heroes!

## NOVEMBER 8, 2022 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, November 8 the General Election will take place and voters decide who will lead Michigan, Newaygo County and the City of Fremont for the next two-four years. Voters will select candidates for the following offices on the upcoming ballot:

Governor	U.S. Senator
State Senator (33rd District)	State Representative (101st District)
Secretary of State	Attorney General
Mayor	Councilmember (2 seats)
(For a detailed list of incumbents, go to the City's website for a sample ballot)	

City residents are reminded that, per City Code, election signs are not to be placed in the City street rights-of-way. They may not be placed, nailed or affixed to any tree, utility pole, light, sign or lamp post or other object within the area between the curb and sidewalk along all City streets. Non-conforming signs will be removed without notice or compensation.

The Newaygo County Clerk's Office will again provide election results through the internet site at [www.electionreporting.com](http://www.electionreporting.com). Current election results as they are reported to the County Clerk's Office, will be posted on election night. Upcoming 2022 election dates to remember:

- October 24:** Last day to register in any manner other than in person with the local Clerk
- October 25 through November 8:** In person registration with local clerk with proof of residency (MCL 168.497)
- November 8:** State General Election, 101 E. Main Street, Fremont. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

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. Those on the list are mailed an AV application before each election as a reminder and given the option to vote absentee or in person. Please exercise your right to vote at all elections. We should all live by the adage that "If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain!" ★

## DERRECK MCCOMBS JOINS THE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

On July 11, 2022, the City hired Derreck McCombs to fill a vacant position on the Department of Public Works. Derreck grew up in Fremont and was formerly employed by the City of Newaygo DPW, so he brings important knowledge and experience to Fremont's department. Derreck enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends, when not working for the City.



## PARKING RV'S & TRAILERS IN THE STREETS

Most street public ROW's (right of ways) include 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 also be aware that parking of "unlicensed" vehicles of any kind, including RV's and utility trailers are not permitted in public right of ways or front yards.

## 2022 CONSTRUCTION SEASON OVER

Every year the City strives to maintain and improve its streets and water/sewer utility systems during Michigan's short construction season. During that time residents and drivers experience inconvenient detours and construction noise, but the results of every project are always worthwhile so the City appreciates your patience!

This year the City completed two big projects worth noting, the milling and resurfacing of North Stone Road, between Main and 44th Street, and the widening of 44th Street by adding a turning lane between Weaver and Division Avenues.



This project was particularly instrumental in helping to alleviate some of the traffic congestion during morning and afternoon parent-student drop-off times. The City thanks its new engineers **Progressive AE** for planning and coordinating the project within such a short window, and our local contractor **DeKryger Concrete** for stepping in at the last minute to complete the sidewalks the very Friday before school started.

Some of next year's planned projects include:

- M-82: Stewart and Main Street to be resurfaced by MDOT
- Main Street Downtown: curbing replacement where needed
- Branstrom Warming Lodge & Ice Skating Rink Roof: new lodge to go between rink and sledding hill
- Wastewater Lagoon Expansion: construct 4th lagoon cell (55 million gallons) to address anticipated growth in residential housing and commercial/industrial business over the next few years.



## 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.



## WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The City would like to remind residents/motorists that there is no parking of any motor vehicle upon any public street or alley within the City limits between the hours of 2AM

and 6AM at any time from December 1st thru April 1st. This allows for the City to freely plow snow from the entire street systems in the middle of the night, so your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.



## REFUSE CHANGES

During the first two weeks of January and July each year, property owners may elect to change refuse pickup service from a roll-out cart to mixed-refuse bags or vice-versa by notifying the City Offices. Please note that changes are only permitted during these two-week periods of the year.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL PARADE

It was a beautiful day for a parade and judging from the turnout, the community was ready for this event. The Fremont City Council participated in the parade again this year, on a float decorated with the help of local resident McKenzie Kemp.

From left to right: McKenzie Kemp, Mayor Rynberg and Councilmembers Sandy Siegel, Bob Johnson, Steve Heiss and Lola Harmon-Ramsey.

This year's parade not only had over 120 entries, but we estimated spectators totaling over 2,500. Thanks to the Fremont Chamber of Commerce for planning and coordinating this year's festival.



## FREMONT HAY ART 2022!

Fremont has people visit the community during the fall from all over West Michigan to view the hay art displays that have been created by businesses, families, churches, and local organizations.

Each year voting is done by donating nonperishable items for your favorite creation. All the items are then donated to True North Community Services to stock their shelves! During the 2022 Harvest Festival there were 65 creative displays!

## SAFETY REMINDERS

With school in session our Police Dept and Crossing Guards would like to remind parents of the following dangerous situations that they have noticed during drop-off & pickup times at the area's schools, intersections and side streets:

- Failing to Stop completely at signed intersections.
- Not securing children in seatbelts or safety seats.
- Speeding through School Crossing zones and side streets.
- Distracted drivers using cell phones, grooming, etc.



The Police Dept will take a zero tolerance approach toward those violators who put others at risk. We recognize that many parents must drive their children to/from school, and we only ask that you please allow yourself extra time to make the trip safely and stress-free.

# EMPLOYMENT

## CROSSING GUARDS

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



## 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.



## 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.

## WINTER 2022 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Winter taxes will be mailed on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 and due by February 14, 2023. A 4% penalty will be added to any unpaid taxes on February 15, 2023. Winter taxes include millage rates for Newaygo County, Intermediate School District, Fremont Area District Library and occasionally a County Drain or City assessment.

Taxes can be paid online by credit card or e-check at [www.fremontmi.gov](http://www.fremontmi.gov), and the City can accept partial payments.

For the convenience of our taxpayers, payments (by check only) may be placed in the drop box at the northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot. The City accepts tax payments until February 28, 2023; on March 1, 2023 all payments must be paid to the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office at PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.



## PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG COLLECTION DROP-BOX

The Fremont Police Department has a secure pharmaceutical drug collection drop-box. Community members are welcome to come to the front lobby of the Police Department where unwanted medications may be turned in anonymously.

Medications in standard containers may be deposited in those containers. Loose medication can be put into plastic bags and then deposited. Please ensure any liquid medication is enclosed in secure containers and placed in a plastic bag before depositing. Syringes are NOT accepted.

Once collected, staff will ensure the medication is disposed of according to State and Federal laws.



## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE DEAD HEAD COMMITTEE

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

The Committee is always looking for new volunteers to join the group. If you are at all interested in joining the Dead Heads for next season (June – September) please contact Fremont's Community Development and Planning/Zoning Administrator Andy Harrington at 231-924-2101 or email him at [zoning@fremontmi.gov](mailto:zoning@fremontmi.gov). The City of Fremont sincerely thanks the Dead Heads!

### CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection



Monday

W. Main St.

Tuesday

E. Main St.

Wednesday

Thursday

N. Division Ave.

S. Division Ave.

Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 17 and continue for four (4) weeks. Residents should rake their leaves to the edge of the curb line but not place them into the street until the night before their scheduled pickup day, as noted on the collection map on the left of this page.

If you are interested in the full listing of the program guidelines, please come to the City Offices Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to pick up a copy of the rules.

**\*\*The City does not allow the burning of leaves within the City limits.**

# Cornwell's Dinner Theatre Bus Trip

## Turkeyville presents:

### "Still Dreaming of a White Christmas"

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**\$90 PER PERSON / \$45 DOWN**

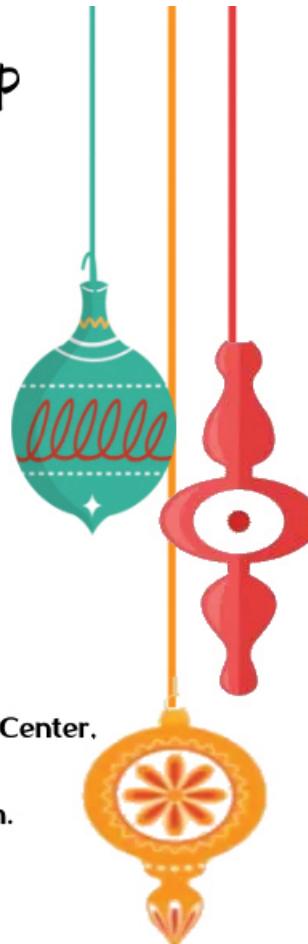
**BALANCE DUE BY NOVEMBER 25**

⌘ Price includes coach transportation from Fremont Rec Center, turkey dinner, and ticket to play. Gratuities extra.

⌘ Depart Rec Center at 8:30 a.m. / return appx. 6:30 p.m.

⌘ 45 People needed to run this trip!

⌘ Register by Friday, November 18.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER:**

**FREMONT REC CENTER**  
**201 E. MAPLE ST.**  
**231.924.3750**  
**[www.fremontcra.org](http://www.fremontcra.org)**



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)



If you have any  
questions, comments  
or suggestions about  
the Fremont City Beat,  
please contact the City  
Offices at 231-924-2101  
or stop by to see us at  
101 East Main Street,  
Fremont, MI 49412.

# Fremont City Beat

## Fremont City Beat

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Fremont, MI 49412

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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
Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial Hospital	(231) 924-3300
Fremont Public Schools	(231) 924-2350
Fremont Community Recreation Center	(231) 924-3750
Dogwood Center for Performing Arts	(231) 924-8883
Newaygo County Sheriff Department	(231) 689-7303

Emergency – Fire – Police – Ambulance Call 911

**Refuse & Recycling Pick-up** – Place curbside every Tuesday by 7:00 AM

**Leaf Pick-up** – Begins 3rd Monday in October; continuous for four weeks, weather permitting

**Brush 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