

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jingle Mingle Arts & Crafts Fair

Fremont Middle School
Saturday, November 11, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Small Business Saturday

Downtown Fremont
Shop Your Local Merchants
Saturday, November 25, 2023

Christmas Stroll and Santa Parade

Downtown Fremont @
6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 8, 2023

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.



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EARLY VOTING IN MICHIGAN

In November 2022, Michigan voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment that gives voters the right to vote early and in person at early voting sites before statewide and federal elections. Communities may also choose to provide early voting for local elections.

During the early voting period, voters are issued a ballot and can then insert their ballot directly into a tabulator at their early voting site.

How is early voting different from absentee voting?

Both early in-person voting, and absentee voting allow voters to cast a ballot prior to Election Day. However, there are key differences between the two methods of voting.

Early voting allows voters to cast a ballot similar to how they would do so at a polling place on Election Day. Voters are issued a ballot and can personally insert it into the tabulator at their early voting site.

Absentee voting allows voters to request a ballot by mail or in person at their local clerk's office. Voters can complete their absentee ballot at home or at their local clerk's office and submit it in an envelope by mail, in person, or by drop box. After an absentee ballot is received by the local clerk, the voter's absentee ballot is processed and tabulated by their local clerk.

Absentee voters also have more flexibility to "spoil" their ballot, or change their vote, after it has been submitted.

When can I vote early?

The early voting period takes place for a minimum of nine consecutive days, ending on the Sunday before an election.

Early voting sites must be open for at least eight hours each day during the early voting period.

When does early voting start?

Early voting will be available beginning with the 2024 presidential primary. It will be available for the 2024 August primary election, the November 2024 general election, and every statewide and federal election thereafter.

The early voting period begins the second Saturday prior to Election Day and ends the Sunday before an election. However, communities may decide to provide additional days of early voting. Under state law, communities can offer up to 29 days of early voting.

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Halloween Trick-Or-Treating

Halloween falls on **Tuesday, October 31, 2023** 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 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Fire Station, so come enjoy the community atmosphere and share Halloween with our local heroes!

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Early Voting Site

For City of Fremont residents and most others throughout the County, the early voting site will be at the Newaygo County Administration Building in White Cloud, Michigan.

When are early voting ballots counted?

At early voting sites, voters insert their completed ballot into a tabulator, just like in an Election Day polling place. Ballots inserted into the tabulator are sealed in secure containers every night during the early voting period. After polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, all ballots submitted at an early voting site are totaled and reported, along with the vote totals from absentee and Election Day ballots. Results are posted on local election websites.

If you would like more information about early voting, please go to the State's website. You can find it at this link. <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/early-in-person-voting>

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, November 7 the General Election will take place at Fremont City Hall. Newaygo County RESA is asking for renewals for their current millage rates.

PLEASE NOTE: The City of Fremont now has an Election Ballot Drop Box for City residents that will be located on the north side of the building. The State has required that Absentee Ballots be put in the drop box or you can choose to bring them into the office.

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. Current election results as they are reported to the County Clerk's Office, will be posted on election night. Upcoming 2023 election dates to remember:

- ✓ **October 23:** Last day to register in any manner other than in person with the local Clerk
- ✓ **October 24 through November 7:** In person registration with local clerk with proof of residency (MCL 168.497)
- ✓ **November 7:** 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 in all elections. We should all live by the adage that "If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain!" ★

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.



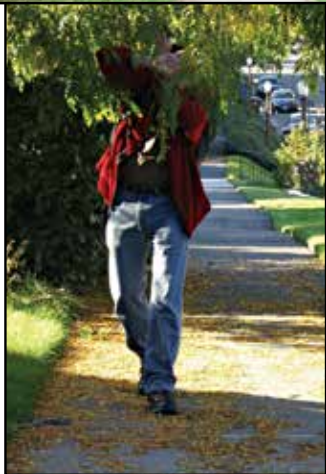
SIDEWALK SAFETY AND TAKING PRIDE IN YOUR CURBSIDE!

The City sweeps the streets every spring and fall, but weeds begin to creep up in the cracks by mid-summer. The City does not spray for weeds along the curbs in late summer, so residents are asked to help maintain areas where curbsides and sidewalks become overgrown.

If you have a sidewalk on your property, please be mindful of



keeping it clean from debris and grass in the cracks to help prevent pedestrians from a potential trip hazard and keep the sidewalks safe for walkers/bikers. If you notice sidewalks with gaps or raised sections 2" or more, please notify the City Offices so we can fix them. Clearing the grass from cracks will help maintain the life of your sidewalk. Please keep hanging tree branches and bushes from crowding the sidewalks so that people can safely walk the sidewalks.



Weeds are commonly removed by weed-killer products, pulled while the soil is damp or by a weed-whip. Residents and their lawn-care providers should blow cut grass back onto the lawn while mowing or with a blower to avoid grass and weed seedlings from filling the seams in the curbing, streets and sidewalks.

A lot of time and energy is spent by residents keeping their yard and surrounding area tidy and pleasant, so we encourage everyone to join them in their efforts and take pride.



FREMONT HAY ART 2023!

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!

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.



FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, October 13th. Flushing will continue throughout the evening until finished. Some discoloration of water may occur throughout Saturday, so let your water run for a short period of time until clear. While the water will continue to be safe to drink, residents are urged not to do light colored laundry during this time.



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



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE DEAD HEAD COMMITTEE

If you know any of the City's Dead Head Committee members which include the following volunteers: Mary Haveman, Sonia Schular, Teresa Robinson, Amy Hazekamp, and Patti & Rick Davis, please thank them for doing a fantastic job caring for the Downtown! 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. The City of Fremont sincerely thanks the Dead Heads!



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.



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.



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.

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 all elections within Newaygo County

WINTER 2023 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Winter taxes will be mailed on Wednesday, November 30, 2023 and due by February 14, 2024. A 4% penalty will be added to any unpaid taxes on February 15, 2024. 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.cityoffremont.net, and the City can accept partial payments.

For the convenience of our taxpayers, payments (by check only) may be placed in the drop box at the northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot. The City accepts tax payments until February 29, 2024; on March 1, 2024 all payments must be paid to the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office at PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

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

CITY OF FREMONT REFUSE, RECYCLE, LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP FOR 2024

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TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP - Must be out no later than 7:00 am Tuesday morning

BULKY ITEMS PICKUP - Set out with trash on Tuesday and it will be picked up on Wednesday

BRUSH PICKUP - 1st Monday of each month April - October. Must be out at curb no later than 7:30 am Monday morning

LEAF PICKUP - 3rd Monday in October for 4 weeks (weather permitting). Must be out at curb no later than 7:30 am Monday morning

HOLIDAYS - OFFICE CLOSED

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP [First 2 weeks in January] Must be out no later than 7:00 am Monday morning

IF YOU ARE SETTING OUT A MATTRESS OR BOX SPRING, IT MUST BE PUT IN A PLASTIC MATTRESS COVER OR IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP



FREMONT REC CENTER

FALL ARTISAN AND CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$25 per booth
(approx. 10' x 10')

Registration Deadline
October 7, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
FREMONT REC CENTER
201 E. MAPLE ST.
231.924.3750
www.fremontcra.org

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FREMONT REC CENTER

CHICAGO BUS TRIP

You'll be dropped off on Magnificent Mile



November 4, 2023
REGISTRATION DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Departs from Rec Center parking lot 7 a.m.
Returns to Rec Center parking lot 11 p.m.

\$60 per person
Must pay in full when registering
MINIMUM OF 42 PEOPLE NEEDED TO RUN TRIP

FREMONT REC CENTER
201 E. Maple St.
231.924.3750
www.fremontcra.org




Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 16 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.

CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection

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



Monday	N. Division Ave.	Tuesday
W. Main St.		E. Main St.
Wednesday	S. Division Ave.	Thursday

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

Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412

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STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE **PAID**
FREMONT, MI
Permit No. 12

RESIDENT
FREMONT, MI 49412

Important Numbers

City of Fremont – Administration	(231) 924-2101
– Police Department	(231) 924-2100
– Fire Department	(231) 924-2103
– Cemetery	(231) 924-2330
– Municipal Airport	(231) 924-7080
Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce	(231) 924-0770
Fremont Area District Library	(231) 924-3480
Corwell 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) 924-8885
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; continues for 4 weeks, weather permitting

Brush Pick-up – Place at curbside the first Monday of each month April - October

Watermain Flushing – April and September

Winter Street Parking Ban (2:00 AM to 6:00 AM) – From December 1st - April 1st



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