

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Fremont Public Schools  
Spring Break**  
March 29 - April 5, 2024

**Mother's Day Market**  
Market Place Pavilion  
May 10th 3pm-7pm  
May 11th 8am-1pm

**Fremont High School  
Graduation**  
Sunday, May 19, 2024 @  
2:00 p.m.

**Fremont Area Chamber of  
Commerce  
Summer Concert Series**  
Veterans Memorial Park Free  
Concerts  
Thursday evenings @ 7pm,  
starting June 6th thru Aug 1st  
Food to be sold by local non-  
profits

**National Baby Food Festival  
Arts and Crafts Show**  
Veteran's Memorial Park  
Saturday, July 13, 2024

**Fremont Area Chamber of  
Commerce  
National Baby Food Festival**  
July 17 - July 20



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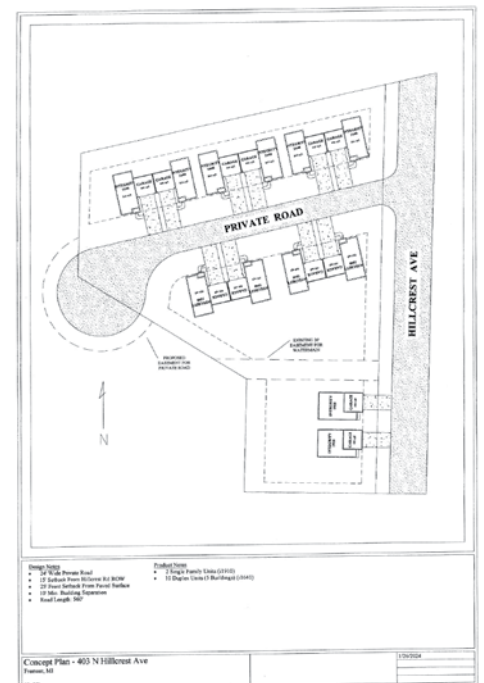
## HOUSING PROJECTS COMING TO FREMONT!

The City recently authorized sale of a 1-acre parcel on the northwest corner of Stone & Rex streets for the development of housing. The development project's first phase will entail two 3-unit condominiums totaling 6 living units for sale, with anticipated construction beginning in May/June. Another phase will entail an apartment building off Stone Road, providing 4-8 new rental units.



The City also authorized sale of a vacant 2.25-acre lot off Hillcrest Avenue for another housing development. This project will entail five 2-unit condominiums and 2 single-family homes for a total of 12 new living units. This proposed project is just south of the existing Hillcrest Condominiums, so it fits right in with the existing neighborhood. Allen Edwin Homes is the developer and plans to start construction early this summer.

Two years ago, the City coordinated a housing analysis of the Fremont community, which identified an overwhelming need for living units in Fremont and surrounding communities in Newaygo County (169 affordable for-sale units and 193 rental units.) Since that study the City has concentrated on creating opportunities for new housing developments in Fremont and the above two projects are a result of that, as well as another 10 living units that have already been built on various smaller lots in town.



## IS YOUR HOUSE IN NEED OF REPAIRS?

**TrueNorth Community Services** has resources to help assess housing needs, discover potential solutions, and provide the tools and resources needed to get homebuyers and homeowners through their housing challenges.

If you are a low-income homeowner living in Newaygo County and are in need of a home repair, TrueNorth may be able to assist in funding your project!

We assist with:

- Roof
- Well
- Septic
- Furnace
- Electrical (only certain projects)
- Health and safety related repairs

For an application, contact (231) 924-0641, ext. 207 or [info@cnhousing.org](mailto:info@cnhousing.org)



## HONORING JOE KRYSTINIAK, DPW WASTEWATER & SANITARY SEWER SUPERVISOR

Joe Krystiniak retired from the Department of Public Works on January 26, 2024. Joe began working for the Department of Public Works on January 13, 1992. The City has benefited from his 32 years of service.

Joe plans to spend time in the UP, hunting, fishing and time with family. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement Joe!



## CAXTON CHRISTOFFERSEN PROMOTED TO DPW WASTEWATER & SANITARY SEWER SUPERVISOR

Caxton Christoffersen was hired in 2018 as a Department of Public Works employee and in January 2024 was promoted to Wastewater Supervisor following the recent retirement of Joe Krystiniak.

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

## ADAM DEKRYGER JOINS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

On January 8, 2024, the City hired Adam DeKryger to fill a vacant position within the Department of Public Works. Adam grew up in Fremont and was formerly employed at Ceres Solutions. Adam enjoys spending time with his wife and 3 children and camping and boating with friends when not working for the City.



## EAA 578 PRESENTS OUR 10th ANNUAL FREMONT AIRPORT, MI (KFFX) FLY-IN AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Saturday May 25, 2024- Lions Club Breakfast (Cost: \$9/kids under 5 Free)**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 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 FlyBy |
| 9:30 am       | RC Air Planes Flying Demonstration  |
| 9:00-12:00 pm | Airplane Rides at EAA Hanger (Starting at \$40)                             |





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

In celebration of National Arbor Day on Friday, April 26th 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 1st till gone and must be redeemed by May 31, 2024 at Mellema Nursery. Through the City's coupon program over the last 26 years, residents have planted over 894 trees in the community. During the same time, the City planted an additional 705 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 **31-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. ★



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and  
August 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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.

## BRANSTROM PARK DISC GOLF

The Branstrom Disc Golf Club will be conducting a Sanctioned Professional Disc Golf Association tournament event on Branstrom Park's disc golf course. The event will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024. There will be a maximum of 96 players that are able to sign up (4 people on a card per hole) with a registration fee of \$45 (cost does vary depending on divisions).

The local club runs leagues on Sunday afternoon during the summer months. For more information go to [discgolfscene.com](http://discgolfscene.com).



## 2024 FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

### **Dates and Times:**

**Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Starting: June 22, 2024

Ending: October 5, 2024

**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.



## 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.



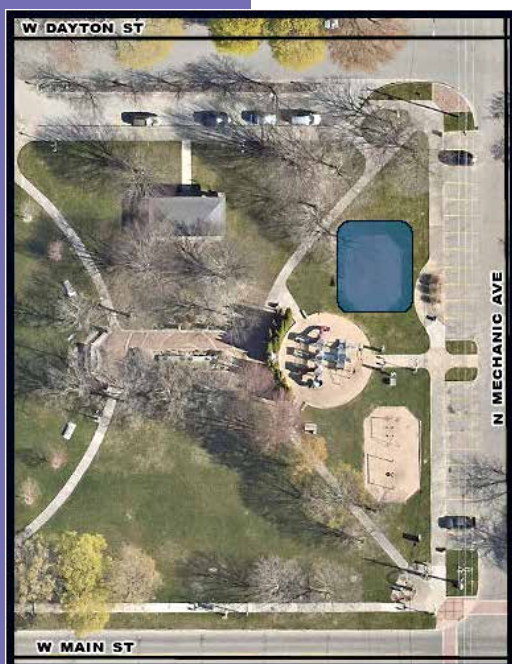
## SPLASH PAD COMING TO DOWNTOWN FREMONT!

The City recently decided to construct a splash pad in Downtown Fremont this summer. One of the swing-set areas in Veterans Memorial Park will be replaced with a 30'x40' splash pad as noted on the diagram below. The project is estimated to cost \$100-125,000 depending on whether or not special splash features are incorporated into the project. The City is planning to appropriate \$50,000 from federal grant funds it received last year and draw \$50,000 from other funds available for downtown beautification projects such as this.

Splash pads can come in many shapes and sizes and have various types of water-splash features. So, the City will be seeking donations if the community desires features to be added to this splash site.

A committee has been established to plan and discuss options, so please contact the City if you have ideas to suggest or funds to donate. Perhaps corporate sponsorships could be made for certain water features.

The City still plans to develop another splash pad in Fremont Lake Park, but additional funds will be needed to bring that project into fruition, perhaps next summer.





## SEWER BILL INCREASE: WHAT TO EXPECT WITH YOUR BILL

The City identified the need to increase the capacity at the wastewater lagoon facility a few years ago and has been designing plans for expansion of the lagoon facility to address it. Last October, the City conducted a \$6.2 million bond sale to fund construction of a new 55 million/gallon lagoon cell at the facility, which will increase the City's wastewater capacity by 40%. This will help accommodate planned residential and industrial development projects coming up soon and the community's need for more growth capacity over the next 30 years.

The City conducted a public hearing for public input regarding the City's proposed rate increase for sanitary sewer usage, which is necessary to

cover the cost of bond payments over the next 20 years. Sanitary sewer rates have only been minimally adjusted over the past 25 years, resulting in Fremont having one of the lowest rates in the state, so doubling the sewer rates at this time are necessary to cover the upcoming bond payments.

This may seem like an extreme rate increase, but recent rate surveys show Fremont rates will still remain in the bottom 10% of the scale with most communities throughout the state, even with the rate increase. A typical 3-4 person household will experience an estimated increase of about \$20/month. The new rates became effective January 1st, so you will receive the first effected billing on the April 15th billing.

## SHOP WITH A COP – 2023

On December 14, 2023, the Fremont Police Department hosted the 11th Annual Shop With A Cop Program. This program provides holiday assistance to Newaygo County families that are in need. This year the program was an overwhelming success! We were able to partner 150 of the county's 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, and Oceana 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 11 years. Without the generous support from local businesses, families, 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.

## 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.



## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes will be mailed by July 1st and due by August 10th without penalty. A 4% late penalty will be applied to any unpaid taxes on August 12th. 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 December 31st 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, Intermediated School District and Fremont Area District Library.

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 (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.

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.

## 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 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!

### 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.

### FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual **Watermain Flushing Program** on Friday evening, **April 26th** 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"*

## 2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Fremont is proud to present to you our Water Quality Report for calendar year 2023. 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:

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- 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 2023 was August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2,031 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>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
<b>2023</b>	<b>Improvements:</b> Well #9: new gate valve

## 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 2023. 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.



## 2023 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>
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Naturally present in the environment</li></ul>
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.0	<.11-1.0	2023	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>
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	23	<6.3 – 23	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	1.0	0-1.0	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.	2023	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	1.8	<ND-1.8	2023	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	1.95	1.95	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	.460	ND-.460	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erosion of natural deposits</li></ul>
REGULATED MONITORING IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	.06	N/A	ND	N/A	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Byproduct of drinking water disinfection</li></ul>
TTHM – Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	.08	N/A	N.D.	N/A	2023	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	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water additive used to control microbes</li></ul>
PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)							
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
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	2.0	ND-2.0	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments</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	1		06/01/23-09/30/23	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	0.35		06/01/23-09/30/23	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>

## HELPFUL DEFINITIONS OF WATER TESTING TERMS

**Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a substance which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Coliform (total)** – The total Coliform rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for Coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease causing bacteria. When Coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. The number of monthly samples taken for testing is determined by a city's population.

**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** – If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Fremont is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line, it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Our water supply has 0 lead service lines and 190 service lines of unknown material out of a total 1560 service lines. Monitoring and reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2023.

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

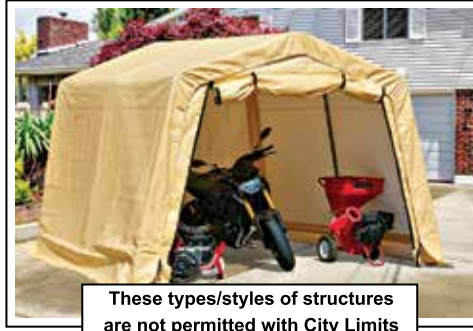
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# Fremont Community Joint Zoning Ordinance – Regulations Regarding Residential Accessory Structures

## The following are General standards Pertaining to Accessory Structures within City Limits:

- Any accessory building with an area of 200 sq ft. or more requires both a zoning permit and building permit. Moveable, unfixed residential accessory structures less than 200 square feet do not require zoning or building permits, but must meet district placement and setback requirements.
- Accessory structures must maintain a five (5) ft. setback from any interior side or rear lot line.
- Accessory structures are not permitted in the front yard.
- Accessory buildings and structures shall not be constructed of tubular frame construction or with canvas, plastic film or similar material with the exception of temporary uses (e.g., tents for weddings) not to exceed one week.



The City has two main residential zoning districts (R-4 Neighborhood Residential & R-3 Estate Residential). Depending on which district a property lies in, there are certain specific standards that apply to accessory structures. Below are the individual standards associated with each district. If you have questions at all pertaining to accessory structures or district standards, please contact the City's Zoning Administrator at 231-924-2101 or [zoning@fremontmi.gov](mailto:zoning@fremontmi.gov).

### R-4 District:

- One garage, attached or detached, is permitted and shall not exceed eighty (80) percent of the GFA (Ground Floor Area) of the main building, or eight hundred (800) sq. ft., whichever is less, and seventeen (17) ft. in height (as measured to the peak of the roof).
- In addition to the above accessory building, a residential lot may have one additional accessory building, up to twelve (12) ft. in height, as long as the total square footage of the two areas does not exceed one thousand (1,000) sq. ft. Additional accessory structures used for entertainment purposes (gazebo, pergola, etc.) only are allowed.

### R-3 District

- One garage, attached or detached, is permitted and shall not exceed eighty (80) percent of the GFA of the main building, or nine hundred (900) sq. ft., whichever is less, and nineteen (19) ft. in height (as measured to the peak of the roof).
- In addition to the above garage, a residential lot may have an additional accessory building, up to twelve (12) ft. in height, as long as the total square footage of the two areas does not exceed one thousand two hundred (1,200) sq. ft.
- A smaller accessory shed up to one hundred and twenty (120) sq. ft. and not taller than twelve (12) ft. in height is allowed in addition to the above accessory areas, provided that in no case shall there be more than two (2) detached accessory buildings. The shed must meet the setback requirements for accessory buildings. Additional accessory structures used for entertainment purposes (gazebo, pergola, etc.) are allowed.



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Location: Newaygo County Road Commission 935 E 1 Mile Rd, White Cloud

May 18, 2024 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!**

## Tires

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

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



Electronics: TVs, old monitors, 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!

## 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)

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



# Employment Opportunities



## 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.



## 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



## 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 \$15.00/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 \$36.00/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart is \$42.00/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.

## 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 amounts of 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. In early 2024, the City applied and was approved for 50 MDNR deer culling permits again to address the continued deer population issues within the City's jurisdiction. The deer cull is 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.





## 2024 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 2024 construction season:

### Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- **M-82:** Sections of Main Street from the downtown westward will receive new curb & gutter replacements by MI Dept of Transportation early this summer

### New Construction:

- **Michigan Street Extension:** Division to Weaver: to accommodate new residential development
- **Wastewater Lagoon Expansion:** construct 4th lagoon cell (55 million gallons) to address recent and upcoming community growth for next 30 years



## CURBSIDE BRUSH PICKUP TO RESUME THIS APRIL

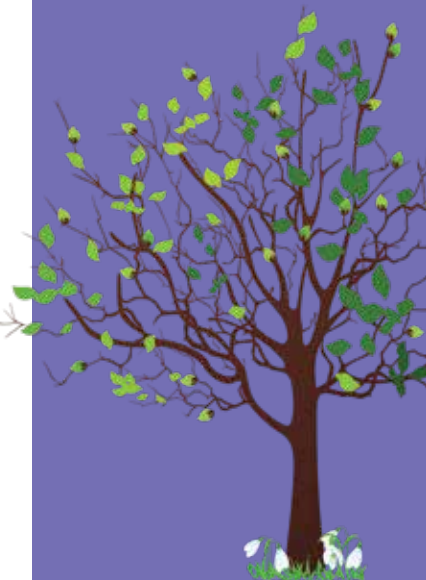
Weather permitting, the City will resume with the residential curbside brush chipping/pickup program on Monday, April 1st. As a reminder, brush will be removed without charge **the first Monday of each month, April through October.**

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.**



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

PRE-SORTED  
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
Corewell Health Gerber Memorial Hospital	(231) 924-3300
Fremont Public Schools	(231) 924-2350
Dogwood Center for Performing Arts	(231) 924-8885
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

