

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
Summer Concert Series
Free Concerts in Veterans
Memorial Park
Thursday evenings @ 7pm,
July 25 and August 1
Food sold by local
non-profits

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

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New Splashpad Coming to Downtown Fremont!

The City of Fremont recognized the Fremont community's desire for a splashpad last year and following numerous requests from residents and downtown business owners, the City Council decided to locate a splash pad in Veterans Memorial Park downtown. Below is a draft rendition of the proposed layout of the splashpad to be located immediately north of the playground over the north swing set area. New swing sets will also be placed in the south swing set area as part of the project.

The City appropriated \$110,000 of federal grant funds toward the base cost of the project and received \$35,000 in grants from local businesses to help fund the above ground water features. The City has also committed \$100,000 in funding to construct an additional splash pad in Fremont Lake Park next year.

The second splash pad will be located in Fremont Lake Park and is estimated to cost \$225,000, so grant funding and donations will be sought to fund the project. The proposed site is over the existing volleyball area that is rarely used.



CHICKEN REGULATIONS IN THE CITY

The City of Fremont has had an Ordinance prohibiting chickens in town since 1972, and recently amended the ordinance to permit chickens under certain conditions. Since chickens are considered a “barnyard” animal, the conditions/regulations will help maintain a buffer between someone’s chicken coop and the neighboring residential dwellings. New regulating language in the City Ordinance Chapter 3 “Animals and Fowl” is as follows:

“An owner or occupant of a parcel of property ½ acre or greater may keep a maximum combination of four (4) hen chickens and/or rabbits within a fenced enclosure in the rear yard no closer than 125 feet from any adjacent dwelling place structure and comply with zoning regulations. Roosters are prohibited.”

The Zoning Ordinance considers chicken coops an “accessory structure” and regulates size and location within a resident’s backyard. Questions regarding coops can be addressed by City Zoning Officer Andy Harrington.

The City has been receiving complaints of chickens being raised and housed in various neighborhoods, so please make sure you are in compliance to avoid a \$90 civil infraction.

PRIMARY ELECTION: AUGUST 6, 2024

The August Primary Election is around the corner, and you will start seeing evidence of it with candidate signs throughout the community. Voters will decide which candidates will represent them in the following local, state & federal offices:

- Representatives in the U.S. Senate and Congress
- Representatives in the State Legislature
- County Commissioner, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner

City residents are reminded that election signs are not to be placed in the City rights-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.

The Newaygo County Clerk’s Office continues to provide its Internet site at www.electionreporting.com that posts current election results as they are reported to the County on election nights.

Year 2024 Election Dates to remember include:

- ✓ **July 22nd:** Deadline to register by mail or online and be eligible to vote in the August Primary
- ✓ **July 23rd:** In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency
- ✓ **July 27th - August 4th 7 am to 3 pm:** Early voting begins. This is held in the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners Room in White Cloud
- ✓ **August 6th:** Primary Election, Fremont Municipal Bldg. (polls open at 7am and close at 8pm)
- ✓ **November 5th:** General Election, Fremont Municipal Bldg. (polls open at 7am and close at 8pm)

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. Being on the list, you will be mailed an AV ballot 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!” ★



PARKING RV’S & TRAILERS IN THE STREETS

The City ordinance regulates the parking of recreational vehicles and trailers in the street public right of ways (ROW.) Most street public ROW’s include 100% of the street and area between the sidewalks and curbing on each side of the street. If a sidewalk is not present, then the ROW area typically extends 15’ from the curb into the yard.

Campers and trailers not connected to a vehicle cannot be parked in the street or the parkway between the curb and sidewalk. While disconnected they are not only a safety hazard, but unappealing to the neighborhood. Residents should be aware that parking of “unlicensed” vehicles, recreational vehicles and trailers is also not permitted in public right of ways or front yards.



HONORING OFFICER DEAN JOHNSON OF THE FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dean Johnson retired from the Fremont Police Department on April 30, 2024, after 23 years of service. Dean began working for the Police Department in 2001, and now plans to spend time with his wife and boys, do a little traveling and work on a lot of home projects. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement Dean!

FIREWORKS LAWS

Fireworks sold within the state are now allowed to be much louder and can leave the ground. Public Act 256 of 2011 legalizes consumer fireworks like bottle rockets and roman candles. Prior to the rule changes, Michigan's firework laws were relatively restrictive. The only fireworks allowed for legal use were novelty fireworks that did not leave the ground or explode, such as sparklers or smoke bombs.

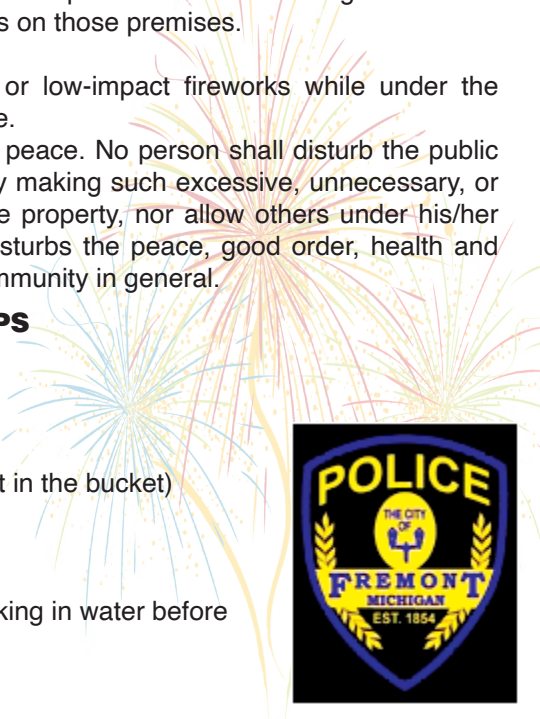


Consumer Fireworks are regulated as follows

- (1) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises.
- (2) Consumer fireworks shall not be sold to a minor.
- (3) An individual shall not use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance.
- (4) Local Ordinance does not allow for disturbing the peace. No person shall disturb the public peace by loud, boisterous or vulgar conduct, or by making such excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise, whether on public or private property, nor allow others under his/her control or direction to make such noise, which disturbs the peace, good order, health and safety of other persons, a neighborhood or the community in general.

REMEMBER THESE FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

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



WEED CONTROL NOTICE TO FREMONT CITY RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Weed Control Map for the City of Fremont for the 2024 season has been filed with the City Clerk. The growth of grass and weeds, as defined by Section 5-16 of the Fremont City Code may not exceed nine (9) inches in height. It is the intention of the officers and employees of the City of Fremont to enforce this Ordinance in the areas indicated on the Weed Control Map. Copies of the Map and the Ordinance are available at the Fremont City Offices.

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REMINDER OF REGULATION OF SKATE BOARDS AND BIKES....

As a reminder, the City of Fremont does not allow skateboards or bicycles on sidewalks in the downtown district. If you have any questions concerning this please call the City Offices @ 924-2101, Monday-Friday, between 8 AM & 5 PM.



FREMONT COMMUNITY JOINT ZONING ORDINANCE

– DID YOU KNOW

In a residential district, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the front yard may be used for parking, including driveways. Vehicles may not be parked or stored upon any lawn or landscape area within the front yard. Regulations such as this help keep neighborhoods looking attractive and maintained.

FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

Dates and Times:

Starting: June 22, 2024

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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 Avenues

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

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



DEER MANAGEMENT

The City of Fremont encourages residents to not feed deer on their property. As part of our deer management program, we ask residents to use deer-deterrent on their plants as needed. Please report any nuisance or property damage caused by deer to the Fremont Police Department. This information is very helpful when we work with the DNR biologists for our deer management program.



CURBSIDE REFUSE SERVICE



Each residential dwelling may choose to use a 65- or 95-gallon rollout cart (garbage container with wheels- see picture) or buy the Mixed Refuse bags with the Republic Services logos. Cart lids must be within 15" of being closed and overloaded carts may not be emptied. In the event an overloaded cart is dumped any refuse that does not make it into the truck is the homeowner's responsibility. Any additional garbage that will not fit into the 65/95-gallon cart must be placed in the specially purchased **Mixed-Refuse Bags** and placed beside the cart.

Trash carts and recycle bins need to be at least 2 feet apart. Recycle bins and trash carts must always be accessible for easy collection by the hauling trucks and when they are to close the garbage hauler does not have sufficient room for the extended pickup arms. Please remember there are two separate companies that collect refuse and recycling, with different pickup processes.

Empty carts and recycling bins must be removed from the curbside and placed in garages or side yards by 12:00 PM (noon) of the day after the scheduled pickup.

Effective April 1, 2024, the 65-gallon rollout cart increased to \$37.20/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart increased to \$43.50/quarter. The mixed refuse bags are \$3.00 per bag, or \$36.00 for a box of 12. The bulk item and appliance tags are \$15.00 per tag and mattress bags are \$7.00 per bag.

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, where the property owner of the collection address may elect to change service from a roll-out cart to mixed-refuse bags or vice-versa by notifying the City Offices. **Changes are only allowed during these two-week periods.** Reminder: Any large items require a bulky sticker or appliance sticker which can be purchased at City Hall.

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 is \$15.00/quarter. Residents on refuse bag service who receive a quarterly bill for only recycling services are welcome to pay for their recycling services in advance on an annual basis to avoid writing a check for such a small amount each quarter. Because rate adjustments are done in April, paying ahead could affect your first billing; after the credits have been used, you may receive a bill for the small difference. Paying ahead can also save on the City's printing and mailing costs, thus allowing us to maintain our current low rates.



BRUSH PICKUP

As a reminder, City crews resumed the monthly curbside brush pickup on April 1. The program will run on the 1st Monday of each month, April - October. Brush is not to be placed at the curbside any earlier than the Friday before the 1st Monday of the month. If you have questions regarding the brush pickup program, please call the City Offices @ 924-2101, Monday-Friday, between 8 AM & 5 PM.



FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING! FIRE FIGHTERS AND MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS

The Fremont Fire Department is accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters and also medical first responders. The Department has well trained firemen who provide training. You don't have to be both; you can be a fire fighter or a medical first responder!

Applicants must be 18, have a valid driver's license, and live within a 5-miles of the City limits. Applications for either position can be picked up at city hall. If you have any questions, please call the Fremont Fire Department at 231-924-2103.

FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

YOU HAVE AN EVENT, WE HAVE THE SPACE!

Looking for a space to hold your event?
Fremont Rec Center has a variety of spaces available:



- Pool
- Gymnasium
- South Commons
- Community Room
- Classrooms

FREMONT RECREATION CENTER
201 E. Maple St. • 231.924.3750 • www.fremontcra.org

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

The City of Fremont is 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

REMAIN SECURITY CONSCIOUS

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

If you ever need assistance, please contact the Newaygo County Central Dispatch Center for help. During emergencies, please call 9-1-1. If during an emergency and you cannot call, our dispatch center does allow emergency 911 texts to dispatch. Simply send a text to 911 with your location. Non-emergencies should be directed to 231-689-5288. The dispatch center will contact a Fremont Police Officer by way of the radio for a quick response.

BURNING ORDINANCE WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Section 4.1 (D): Public or private bonfires in which material would exceed three (3) feet in diameter require a permit issued by the City Clerk and are subject to prior approval of the City Fire Department. Such approval may be granted at the sole discretion of the Clerk and Fire Department based upon:

- i. The proximity of the proposed bonfire to dwellings, trees and other structures.
- ii. Facilities available for fire management.
- iii. Atmospheric conditions.
- iv. Type of material to be burned.
- v. Any other consideration judged by the Clerk or Fire Department to be required to ensure safe burning.

The City offices are open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 924-2101.



2024 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Every year, the City strives to maintain and improve its streets and water/sewer utility systems. During that time, residents and drivers experience inconvenient detours and construction noise, but the results of every project are always worthwhile. We thank residents for their patience!

Projects expected to be completed during the 2024 construction season:

Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- **W. Sheridan Street:** between Weaver & Gerber Avenues
- **Leo & Alan Streets:** from Connie eastward to ends
- **Rex & Jerette Streets:** from Westwood westward to end
- **S. Weaver Avenue:** between Pine Street and Sheridan Street
- **Division Avenue:** between Sheridan Street and Pathfinder School
- **Reunion & Cottage Grove (Fremont Lake Park)**

New Construction:

- **Wastewater Lagoon Expansion:** finish construction of 4th lagoon cell (55 million gallons)
- **Michigan Street Extension:** construct new street between Weaver & Division Avenues to support proposed new housing development



FREMONT'S LATE SUMMER ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE



The late summer date is scheduled for **August 8th – 10th, 2024**, and the deadline to sign up for being on the list is July 29th.

To participate, all you have to do is call or come into the Fremont City Office, give us your name, address and phone number, and you're on the list! You can sign up for all 3 days, or just 1 day. City Offices are open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 924-2101.

Except for the City's coordinated community yard sales, the City will be enforcing its' regulations on garage sale signs this summer. While many are thankful the City is doing so; others do not appreciate the effort. The regulations are being enforced because 1) the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) does not allow signs in their right-of-way, and many of the signs are placed along Main Street and Stewart Avenue in the MDOT right-of-way; 2) for safety reasons, signs should not be attached to utility poles; and 3) the signs are unattractive and often the signs are not taken down after the sale. Everyone has worked hard to keep Fremont looking neat, clean and beautiful for all to enjoy, so ridding the City of unnecessary signs is part of that effort.

The City understands that garage sales are important to many people, so as a result, the City organizes community garage sales in May and August. The more people that participate in the community garage sale, the more energy the event will create. This translates into more people attending the various garage sales, which includes having visitors from outside the community take part; visitors who are good for local businesses. The community garage sales could have a positive economic impact not only for the individual homeowner but for the community at-large.



Come Join us for our **33rd Annual National Baby Food Festival!**

The National Baby Food Festival Committee and Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy family fun in Fremont, home of Gerber Baby Food for the 33rd Annual National Baby Food Festival July 17 – 20, 2024. TJ Schmidt and Company amusements will be joining us with their midway and carnival rides! There are many activities planned for all ages, from the young to the young at heart:

- **Food Trucks:** Open at 11am Wednesday through Saturday
- **Arts & Craft Show:** July 13 from 10-4 pm the White Agency Arts and Craft Show will be held in Veterans Memorial Park.
- **Marketplace & Sidewalk Sales:** July 18 from 9 am – 4 pm east end of Main Street
- **NBFF .1k run:** July 18th, registration begins at 5:45 pm which will be located on Sheridan St. from Merchant Ave. to Division Ave. Even if you do not run in your free time, at least join us for this fun event!
- **Baby Photo Contest:** Bring in or mail a current photo of your pride and joy – newborn to 2 years (no larger than 5x7), NBFF – Baby Photo Contest, 7 E Main, Fremont, MI 49412. For more information contact the chamber at (231)924-0770
- **Queen's Court Crowning:** July 18 at 6:45 at Veteran's Memorial Park Stage
- **FREE Entertainment on Main Stage in Veterans Memorial Park:**
 - July 17 – 7 pm Stars Go Dim for Christian Music Night
 - July 18 – 7 pm-9pm The Funny Spot Comedians
 - July 19 – 7 pm Nameless
 - July 20 – 7 pm Bernadette Katharyn and the Lonely Days Band
- **NBFF Disc Golf Tournament:** July 20 at 8:00 am at Branstrom Park
- **Grand Parade:** July 20 at 10:30 am, Gerber Products Company and Gerber Life Insurance Grand Parade begins at the corner of Pine Street and Gerber Ave. by Fremont Middle School, then heads north on Gerber Avenue to Sheridan Street, and continues east on Sheridan Street to Division, then heads south on Division, ending at Cedar Street.
- **Car Show:** July 22 from 11:00-3:00, cars will be on display at the east end of Main Street!
- **Worship in the Park:** Sunday 6:00 pm, join us at Veterans Memorial Park as communities come together in worship



For more information visit our website, www.fremontcommerce.com. Information is also posted on our Facebook pages, so be sure to like us on Facebook!

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes were mailed June 28th and are due by August 10th. A 4% late penalty will be added to any unpaid taxes on August 11th. Summer taxes include millages for the Fremont Public Schools (both operating & debt levies), State Education, City, County-Operating and the Fremont Community Recreation Authority.

Winter taxes are mailed on November 30th and due by February 14th. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on February 15th. Winter taxes include millages for Newaygo County specials, the Intermediated School District and the Fremont Area District Library.

For the convenience of our taxpayers, payments (check only, no cash please) may be placed in the drop box at the northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot at any time. Payments can also be made by credit card or E-Check from our website at www.fremontmi.gov. The City accepts tax payments until February 28th. Thereafter, all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.



Fremont City Beat

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Fremont, MI 49412

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FREMONT, MI 49412



If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the [Fremont City Beat](#), please contact the City Offices at 231-924-2101 or stop by to see us at 101 East Main St., Fremont, MI 49412 Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM

Important Numbers

City of Fremont – Administration	(231) 924-2101
– Police Department	(231) 924-2100
– Fire Department	(231) 924-2103
– Cemetery	(231) 924-2330
– Municipal Airport	(231) 924-7080
Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce	(231) 924-0770
Fremont Area District Library	(231) 924-3480
Corewell Health 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 Recreational Center	(231) 924-3750
Emergency – Fire – Police – Ambulance	Call 911

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

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

Brush Pick-up – Place curbside by 7:30 AM on the 1st Monday of each month, April - October

Watermain Flushing – April and October

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

