

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**19th Annual Fremont
Harvest Festival**
September 26-28, 2024

Harvest Festival Parade
Thursday, September 26, 2024
@ 6:00 p.m.
Parade Route: From Hillcrest
Ave. heading west on Main
Street to Veteran's Memorial
Park.

**Harvest Festival Hike &
5K Run**
Saturday, September 28, 2024
Registration @ 8:00 a.m. at
Branstrom Park Lodge

**Jingle Mingle Arts &
Crafts Fair**
Fremont Middle School
Saturday, November 9, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Small Business Saturday
Downtown Fremont
Shop Your Local Merchants
Saturday, November 30, 2024

**Christmas Stroll and Santa
Parade**
Downtown Fremont @
6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 13, 2024



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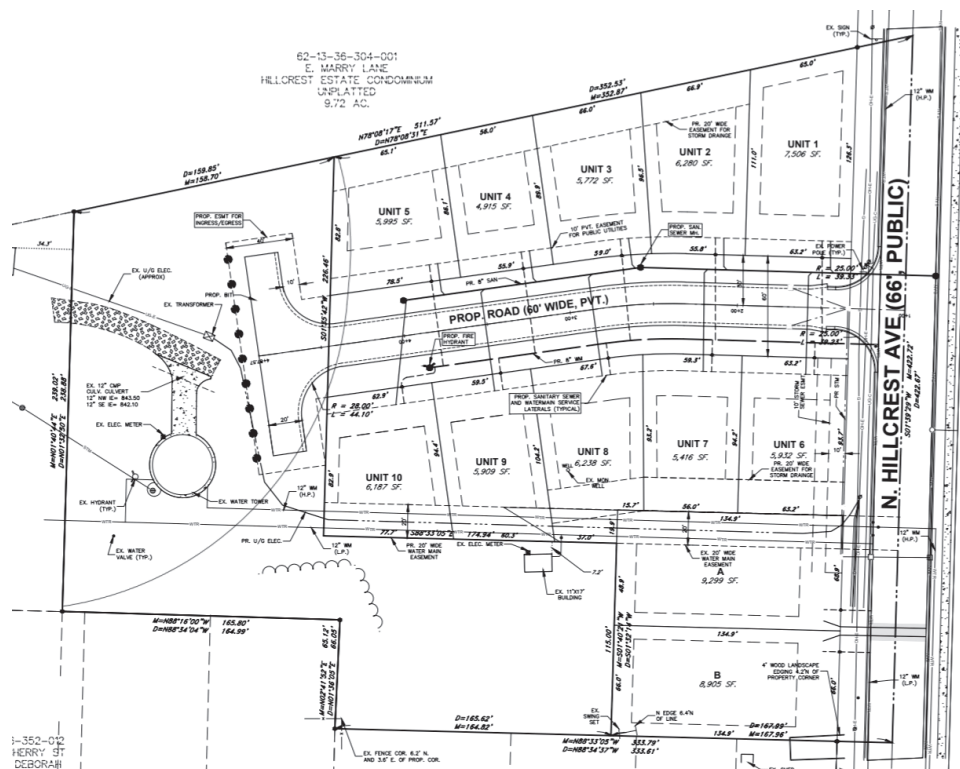
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12 NEW HOMES ON HILLCREST COMING NEXT SPRING!

Housing developer, Allen Edwin Homes, entered into a development agreement with the City of Fremont in March of this year to develop a 2.5 acre parcel off from Hillcrest Ave (east of the City water tower). Allen Edwin has provided housing for a number of communities across West Michigan with several projects just outside of Fremont including Meadow Garden Estates North (Kent City), White Pine Trails

(Cedar Springs), Hawthorne Park (Greenville), and most recently an eight-unit single family housing project in the City of White Cloud.

Over the past few months significant work has taken place to fine tune the site plan and ready the parcel for development, including rezoning of the parcel as recommended by the Joint Planning Commission (JPC).



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.



On August 27th, the JPC reviewed, and recommended to City Council, the preliminary site plan from Allen Edwin Homes for the development of the parcel. As detailed in the image above, the development is planned as a site condominium subdivision consisting of 10 single family homes/lots which will be accessed from a private drive off from Hillcrest Ave. Additionally, two single family lots (not part of subdivision) will also be provided to accommodate two additional homes at a later date. City Council is scheduled to review the final site plan for the development on Monday, October 7th, at their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Allen Edwin Homes has provided the below sample of homes which demonstrate some of the types of homes they anticipate for the development. Such homes will be a mix of two-story, ranch and bi-level homes ranging from 1,600 – 2,200 square feet with 3-4 bedrooms, 2-2.5 bathrooms and an attached two-car garage. Construction is planned for Spring of 2025 and will occur in one stage. Allen Edwin has relayed that they typically construct both spec homes and pre-buy homes as well, so buyers may be able to select a particular home model and be involved in the customization of various features.



SPLASHPAD DONATIONS!

The City would like to extend our gratitude for the generous donations from Gerber Employees Federal Credit Union and Nieboer Electric for the upcoming downtown splashpad. The new splashpad will provide countless hours of enjoyment for families and children and would not be possible without the support of thoughtful businesses.

We are deeply appreciative of their commitment to enhancing the Fremont local community.



We look forward to celebrating the opening of the splashpad in 2025 and sharing the positive impact of your contribution with everyone!

NOVEMBER 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, November 5th, the Presidential Election will take place and voters decide who will lead our country for the next four years. Voters will select candidates for the following offices on the upcoming ballot:

President / Vice President
U.S. Representative
U.S. Senator
State Representative
U of M Regent
WSU Governor
MSU Trustee

Justice of Supreme Court
Judge of Appeals Court
Judge of Circuit Court
Judge of Probate Court
Judge of District Court
Members of State Board of Education
City of Fremont Mayor & Council Members



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 & 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 app.enhancedvoting.com/results/public/newaygo-county-MI. Current election results as they are reported to the County Clerk's Office will be posted on election night.

Upcoming 2024 election dates to remember:

- ✓ **October 26 to November 3:** Early voting located in the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners Room in White Cloud from 7 AM to 3 PM.
- ✓ **November 5:** Presidential 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 receive an Absentee Ballot for every election please come to the City Offices and fill out a permanent absentee voter (AV) application. Or you can call 924-2101 and we can mail an application to you. 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!" ★



BRE VANVLEET JOINS FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

On August 5, 2024, Bre was hired as a full-time Police Officer, with the Fremont Police Department. Bre was previously employed by the White Cloud Police Department.

Bre is a Fremont native and when not performing police work Bre enjoys spending time with family, friends and working out. Bre is married to her husband Zack and is excited to serve the community that first poured into her.

FREMONT HAY ART 2024!

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!





THURSDAY

4pm **FOOD TRUCK RALLY** Veterans Memorial Park
5-7pm **FACE PAINTING** in the park with the Empowerment Network
6pm **HARVEST PARADE** - Sponsored by Gerber Federal Credit Union
PEDAL PULLS - Veterans Memorial Park following the parade

FRIDAY

4pm **FOOD TRUCK RALLY** Veterans Memorial Park
5pm **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** Veterans Memorial Park
5pm **BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH** Veteran's Memorial Park
Amphitheater

SATURDAY

8AM **5k RUN**
8AM -1PM **FARMERS MARKET** Farmers Market Pavilion
9AM - 4PM **FLEA MARKET** Veterans Memorial Park
10AM **FOOD TRUCK RALLY**
11AM - 1PM **APPLE/PUMPKIN BAKE OFF** Veterans Park Pavilion
11am - 3pm **KIDS GAMES** Veterans Memorial Park
4PM **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**
6-10pm **BEER TENT** Brew Works with musical guest
The Braunschweiger Blues Band

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call: +231.924.0770

www.fremontcommerce.com



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.



CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection Program

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

Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 21 and continue for four (4) weeks. Residents should rake their leaves to the edge of the curb line but not place them into the street until the night before their scheduled pickup day, as noted on the collection map on the left of this page.

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

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

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.



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.



REFUSE CHANGES

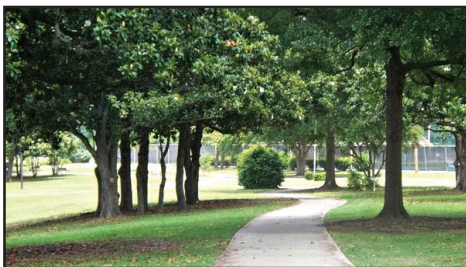
During the first two weeks of January and July each year, property owners may elect to change refuse pickup service from a roll-out cart to mixed-refuse bags or vice-versa by notifying the City Offices. Please note that changes are only permitted during these two-week periods of the year.



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.



Halloween Trick-Or-Treating

Halloween falls on **Thursday, October 31, 2024**, 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!

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.

WINTER 2024 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Winter taxes will be mailed on Friday, November 29, 2024 and due by February 14, 2025. A 4% penalty will be added to any unpaid taxes on February 15, 2025. Winter taxes include millage rates for Newaygo County, Intermediate School District, Fremont Area District Library and occasionally a County Drain or City assessment.

Taxes can be paid online by credit card or e-check at www.fremontmi.gov, and the City can accept partial payments.

For the convenience of our taxpayers, payments (by check only) may be placed in the drop box at the northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot. The City accepts tax payments until February 28, 2025; on March 3, 2025 all payments must be paid to the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office at PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual **Watermain Flushing Program** on Friday evening, **September 20th**. 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.



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.



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

FREMONT 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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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
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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