

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**20th Annual Fremont
Harvest Festival**
October 2-4, 2025

Harvest Festival Parade
Thursday, October 2 @ 6:00
p.m. Parade Route: from
Hillcrest Avenue heading
west on Main Street to
Veteran's Memorial Park

**Harvest Festival Hike & 5K
Run** Saturday, October 4,
2025 Registration @ 8:00
a.m.
@ Branstrom Park Lodge

**Jingle Mingle Arts & Crafts
Fair** Fremont Middle School
Saturday, November 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Small Business Saturday
Downtown Fremont
Shop Your Local Merchants
Saturday, November 29,
2025



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FREMONT'S HARVEST FESTIVAL MARKS 20 YEARS OF COMMUNITY, CELEBRATION, AND AGRICULTURAL PRIDE

This fall, Fremont's beloved Harvest Festival celebrates a remarkable milestone—20 years of honoring our farming heritage, community spirit, and small-town pride. What began as a modest gathering to mark the end of harvest season has grown into a multi-day celebration filled with music, food, family fun, and heartfelt tradition.

At the heart of the festival is a cherished tradition: recognizing a local Harvest Family whose dedication to agriculture and community embodies the values we hold dear. Each year, the committee selects a family that exemplifies:

- Generations of hard work and stewardship
- Deep roots in livestock or produce farming
- Active involvement in the Fremont-area farming community

As always, this year's chosen family will serve as Grand Marshalls of the Harvest Festival Parade, leading the procession on Thursday evening with pride and gratitude. It's a moment that not only honors their legacy but also shines a light on the vital role local farmers play in sustaining our region.

As we celebrate two decades of Harvest Festival memories, we invite the community to reflect on the families who've shaped our agricultural story—and to join us in nominating those who deserve to be recognized.

Thank you to the Fremont Area community for all your continued support throughout the years!

Kelly Wawczyk
Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce Director



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

CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection Program

Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 20th 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 top of this page. If you are interested in the full listing of the program guidelines, please come to the City Offices Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or Friday, 8:00am to 12 noon to pick up a copy of the rules.

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

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

Halloween falls on Friday, October 31, 2025, 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!



19th Annual Hike & 5K Run

A Fremont Fall Harvest Festival Activity Sponsored by the City of Fremont

What: 5-K Run (Run will have a clock at the finish line but results will not be kept)
5-K Walk

Where: Branstrom Park
Fremont, Michigan

When: Saturday, October 4, 2025
Registration: 8:00 – 8:30 AM
Run/Walk begins: 8:40 – 8:50 AM

Who: Anyone who is interested in adding more healthy activities to his/her life

Cost: **FREE.**

Why: To improve our Community's health through physical activity.

Regular physical activity is one of the most powerful preventative health behaviors!

Registration forms and maps are available at the Fremont City Hall and on its website at www.fremontmi.gov, Fremont Recreation Center, Tamarac and the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce. To pre-register directly, contact Melanie or Colin at City Hall, 924-2101.



Experience PRINT like never before.

2025 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 during the recently completed projects and the upcoming!

Projects expected to still be completed during the 2025 construction season:

Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- Weaver Avenue: between Hemlock & 44th Street
- Hemlock Street: between Stone & Weaver Avenue
- Gerber Avenue: between Main & Cedar Streets
- Oak Street: between Gerber & Reunion Avenue
- Sullivan Avenue: between Maple & Sheridan Streets
- Elm Street: between Darling & Decker Avenues
- Dayton Street: Weaver Avenue to Gerber Entrance
- Maple Street: between Weaver & Sullivan Avenues
- Southwoods: between Main & Oak Streets
- Gibson: between State & Main Streets
- Mechanic Avenue: between Woodrow & Apple Streets



New Construction:



- Branstrom Warming Lodge: completion of the new warming lodge center in Branstrom Park by the ice rink and sledding hill. The ice rink will get a new cover to hold water for icing this year!

- Michigan Street Extension: completion of the extension of Michigan Street between Weaver & Division Avenues and the new Orchard Avenue to support the new 15-unit housing development. Underground utilities still to be installed and housing construction should begin still this fall.



WINTER PARKING RESTRICTION REMINDER

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



2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Harvest Festival

📍 **VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

4PM **Food Truck Rally**

4PM **Yard Games**

4PM **Beer Tent**

(Last Call 10PM)

5PM - 6PM **Face Painting**

6PM **Harvest Parade**

AFTER THE PARADE **Pedal Pulls**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

4PM **Food Truck Rally**

BEGINS AT DUSK **Movie Night in the Park**
(Hocus Pocus 2)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

8AM **Harvest Hike & 5K Run**
(Branstrom Park)

8AM - 1PM **Fremont Farmers Market**
(Marketplace Pavilion)

9AM - 3PM **Flea Market**

11AM **Food Truck Rally**

12PM **POW Honors Chair Statue Unveiling**

1PM - 2PM **Apple/Pumpkin Dessert Contest**

11AM - 3PM **Hayrides**

11AM - 3PM **Kids Games**

11AM - 3PM **Pony Rides**

11AM - 3PM **Face Painting**

2PM **Euchre Tournament**

(At the Fremont Moose Lodge #1555)



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.FREMONTCOMMERCE.COM/HARVESTFESTIVAL

Join Us in Supporting Local Trails: West Michigan Trails' Annual Trail Mixer Fundraiser

We are excited to invite you to West Michigan Trails' new Trail Mixer fundraiser here in Fremont, a vital event aimed at supporting and expanding our trail network across the region. This year, the event will be held at Brew Works in Fremont, offering a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow community leaders and enthusiasts who share a passion for trails.

West Michigan Trails is dedicated to enhancing our community through the development and connection of regional trails. Their efforts have strengthened community bonds and fostered a sense of belonging among residents of Fremont, Newaygo, and White Cloud. We are currently working with WMT on a connecting trail that will further unite these three communities, and your support is crucial in keeping this momentum going.

The Trail Mixer will be a brief yet impactful gathering, lasting about an hour, where you can enjoy appetizers, drinks, and participate in fun, interactive activities centered around trails. While attendance is free, guests will have a chance to contribute to the mission of connecting people, trails, and communities throughout West Michigan.

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 spray for weeds along the curbs in late summer, but residents are asked to help maintain those 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.



You're invited to a

TRAIL MIXER & Happy Hour Fundraiser

THURSDAY, OCT 23 | BREW WORKS
5909 S Warner Ave, Fremont, MI 49412

Talk trails with us at this FREE fundraising event!

Meet other West Michigan trails enthusiasts and learn about exciting upcoming developments for the trails we all love.

FREE appetizers and drink ticket
5:00 - 5:30 Check-in and networking
5:30 - 6:15 Program

RSVP today to secure your spot!

Can't make it to the mixer?
Donate to our trails instead
at wmtrails.org/donate



FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS



The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, October 10th. 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.

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.

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 2025 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Winter taxes will be mailed on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, and due by February 14, 2026. 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 ach 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 will accept tax payments until February 28, 2026. Afterwards all payments must be paid to the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office at PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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**



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

The Fremont Fire Department is accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters and 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.

WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Fremont Water Department will be replacing its water systems water meters. Over the course of the next 4-5 years, City staff will be changing out water meters at all Fremont residences. The current water meters throughout the City are between 25 & 30 years old. This program will be of no cost to you as the resident/homeowner. Letters will be sent to residents when it's time to make an appointment for your changeover, so please call to set up your appointment as soon as possible.

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.



Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412

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

POSTAL PATRON
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

NEW OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
FRIDAY: 8:00 am to 12 noon

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