

SANTA'S HEADQUARTERS HOURS

Visit Santa's Headquarters
in Veterans Memorial Park

Friday, December 18th
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19th
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20th
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21st
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22nd
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Joshua Davis

Dogwood Center - Main Stage
Friday, December 18, 2015
7:39 p.m.
Tickets: \$22.50

NCCA - Artsplace

"Saturday Drop-in-Art for Children"

Snowman Collage
Saturday, December 19, 2015
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Winter Cardinals

Saturday, December 26, 2015
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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think **FREMONT FIRST!**



We'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate Snipperz Salon on being part of the downtown Fremont landscape for 10 years!! Snipperz is a full service salon that is family owned and operated by local mother daughter team Carolyn Boerman and Melissa Rich. Founded in 2005, they along with several other girls have been changing looks, and making people feel beautiful ever since. They have a passion to serve others, and it shows!

When Melissa and Carolyn originally discussed opening their own salon, it was obvious to them they would open their doors in Fremont. They chose a downtown location, as they felt the intimate setting would complement the family atmosphere

that was so important for them to create. The salon is located at 37 E. Main St, Suite C. Their entrance is on the alley side of the building right off of Merchant Avenue across from the City of Fremont offices.

Currently, Snipperz Salon is blessed to have 8 amazing stylists to choose from so that you can find a perfect fit for your salon experience. In addition to the stylists, Snipperz also offers several massage and skin care experiences through their very talented full time esthetician. Whatever your needs may be, wedding services, school dance, date night, or just a simple haircut, make sure you stop in to see the girls at Snipperz. You will enjoy the fun atmosphere, and conversation, and leave feeling good about yourself.

Melissa had this to say- "Without our clients, our existence would not be possible. We are in the people business, and they are what is important to us. It is difficult to explain the feeling you get when someone walks into the salon having a bad day, and they leave feeling absolutely beautiful. We are proud to be a part of Fremont, and God willing, we look forward to many more years serving the people of this community". Snipperz Salon- proud to serve!!

SHOP LOCAL TIP:
Don't forget a makeover can make a great gift!

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We Listen. We Advise. You Choose.

SNIPPERZ
SALON
FULL SERVICE SALON

Fremont 37 E Main Suite C 49412
(231) 924-2205

Mon-Fri 9-8
Sat 9-6 | Sun 9-3

Gift Certificates
Available!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS *continued ...*

NCCA - Artsplace

“Kids Sewing Class”

Pajama Pants

Monday, December 28, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

“Christmas Vacation Classes”

Kids Ages 5-7 years
Monday, December 28, 2015
11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 30, 2015
12:00 p.m.

Kids Ages 8-12 years
Monday, December 28, 2015
12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 30, 2015
2:30 p.m.

“Saturday Drop-in-Art for Children”

Printmaking

Saturday, January 2, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Yahaba, Japan Visits City Hall

In October, Yahaba students arrived in Fremont as part of the Yahaba – Fremont Friendship City Exchange Program. This year we are celebrating our twenty-year relationship. This year's students and adult representatives, including Yoko Muramatsu (pictured to the right of Mayor Rynberg), who along with her family have hosted many visitors from Fremont to Yahaba, toured City Hall and the Fremont community.



Fremont Dog Park “Leash Cutting” Ceremony



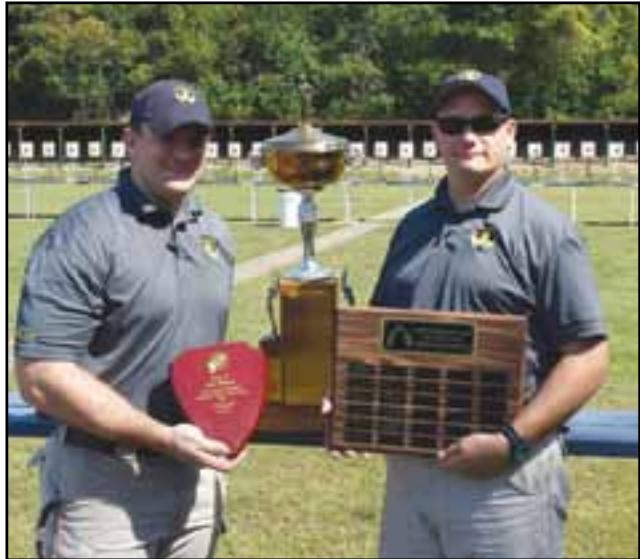
The City of Fremont opened its new Dog Park located on South Lake Drive and Oak Street and had a leash cutting ceremony on November 4, 2015.

Establishment of the Park was made possible by the Fremont Dog Park Committee, a citizen committee (most shown in picture above) that raised funds to match the City's and Fremont Area Community

Foundations' \$5,000 grants. NCRESA students constructed the benches and waste stations for the Park as well, helping to keep construction costs down. The Park is open from dawn to dusk, only closed during the winter months when snow is present.



The City will continue accepting donations to help fund additional amenities at the Park. Checks can be made out to the “City of Fremont” with “Fremont Dog Park” in the memo line. Questions regarding the Fremont Dog Park may be directed to City Hall at 231-924-2101. Invite your friends to use or support the park: www.facebook.com/friendsoffremontdogpark. Photo to left was taken by Lisa Reinecke of her dog “Chance” at the ceremony.



FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT MICHIGAN PISTOL SHOOT TROPHY

Bullseye shooting doesn't have a lot of value on the street but it does teach the basics of marksmanship and requires practice and precision. While Police officers generally train to shoot "combat style" with two hands on their guns, matches testing such abilities are popular and the State Pistol match in Jackson remains a traditional bullseye competition.

The Fremont Police Department participated

in the Michigan Annual Pistol Shoot held on September 10th in Jackson. Our Police Department has established a solid reputation with many awards and accolades in this event, having competed every year for over 44 years. Once again this year Chief Randy Wright and Officer Kevin Kolk took first place in their respective class.

FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT CADET PROGRAM

The Fremont Fire Department is currently in the first year of its Cadet Program. Recently, five cadets were inducted into the program. The program is geared towards introducing young men and women to the fire service. Cadets will have the opportunity to learn alongside veteran firefighters during weekly trainings. They will have the opportunity to join the Fremont Fire Department on calls.

During a response, the cadets will have limited fire scene responsibility, and will get a firsthand look into what it takes to be an active firefighter.



The Fremont Fire Department currently has five cadets in training. The cadets have gone through one month of training and have progressed well. The Cadet program's ancillary mission is to teach team work, responsibility and service to one's community. The Fire Department is looking forward to this program growing and expanding in the future.

REFUSE CONTAINER CHANGES

During the first two weeks of **January** and **July** each year, 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.



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 them occasionally. Working together we will keep the City of Fremont a great place to live, work and play.

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

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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.



REMINDER

E-CHECKS AND THE FOLLOWING CREDIT CARDS ARE BEING ACCEPTED ONLINE AND OVER THE COUNTER

The following fees are collected by our service provider, Point and Pay, as follows:



FEE SCHEDULE:

Credit Cards:
3%, minimum \$2.00

E-checks:
Flat fee of \$3.00,
up to \$10,000
Flat fee of \$10, anything
over 10,000

For more information you may contact Joyce at the City of Fremont at 231-924-2101 or via email at jwinchel@cityoffremont.net.



City Snow Plowing Policy

The Department of Public Works (DPW) will quickly address specific road hazards like icy intersections or drifted sections of road. Around **1"** accumulation of snow, the salt crew will begin salting operations. The crew will salt the main roads (Main, Stewart & Stone), all intersections, roads with curves and steep slopes. To completely salt every street would be prohibitively expensive and would result in damage that is corrosive to streets, light poles, lawns and trees. It would also greatly increase the salinity of our area's lakes and streams, causing stress on our fish and wildlife populations. Following an accumulation of **2"**, the crews begin plowing operations of the entire street system.

Crews are called in during the early morning hours (approximately 4:00 AM) to begin opening up the major routes for business & school bus usage. We also have to clear the parking lots downtown before the breakfast crowd hits the restaurants. Typically, DPW uses the sidewalk brush or blower downtown to move the snow onto Main Street where it is plowed toward the center of the street and removed later in the day, most of the time by early afternoon. The



sidewalk plow will begin clearing residential sidewalks once the streets are clear.

When snow continues all day, it is difficult to completely remove the City's snow - especially downtown. Cars parked along the streets and in the downtown parking lots prevent the DPW from making a clean sweep of these areas during the day. It is very important for residents to comply with the "no parking" on City streets between the hours of 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM in order to allow snowplows proper access.



Above all, please stay safe and warm during our winter season.

FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION AUTHORITY UPCOMING MILLAGE PROPOSAL



The Fremont Community Recreation Authority (FCRA) was originally established by the City of Fremont, Dayton Township, Sherman Township and Sheridan Charter Township in 2013. The purpose has been to coordinate Community Enrichment and Recreational Services and operation of the south half of the former high school facilities at 201 E. Maple Street, as a recreation center for the community.

FCRA received grant funding from the Foundation and participating jurisdictions for the first three years (2013-15) with hopes of becoming self-sufficient in that time period and not depending on the start-up grant funding or establishment of a millage in future years. During the first three years FCRA has gained a membership of over 700 members consisting of all age groups, improved enrichment and recreational programs and expanded use of the facility. New swim education classes, Yoga, Zumba, Pickle Ball and Summer Youth Camp are a few of the new and growing programs.

At the end of this year FCRA will have fallen a little short of self-sufficiency, so a secure funding option must be sought in order to keep the recreation center open. Fremont Public Schools has agreed to extend the building lease to March 31, 2016, allowing FCRA an opportunity to request an operating millage of up to ½ mill for ten years, on the March 8th Presidential Primary Ballot.

The ½ mill will yield approximately \$136,000 annually in tax revenue for FCRA. To the average homeowner in the Fremont community (est. \$100,000 valued home), this would increase property taxes by \$25/year. If successful, FCRA will annually offer a full-month of family membership (\$30) free to all membership households located in the participating jurisdictions as long as the millage is in existence.

The participating jurisdictions (City of Fremont, Dayton Township & Sheridan Charter Township) acknowledging FCRA's need for the operating millage and its importance to the community, have adopted resolutions permitting placement of the millage proposal on their jurisdiction's ballots.

Please contact FCRA Director Tom Elmer by phone (924-3750) or email (telmer@fremont.net) if you have questions regarding the Millage Proposal or Recreation Center.

FCRA and the participating jurisdictions urge voters to show up to the polls on March 8, 2016 to vote!

WINTER TAXES

Winter tax bills were mailed on 11/30/15 and are due and payable on or before 2/16/16. On 2/17/16, a one-time 4% penalty is applied, but unpaid tax bills can still be paid with the penalty until 2/29/16.

Postmarks are not accepted

On 3/1/16 taxes will be turned over to the Newaygo County Treasurers office, and will incur additional penalties. You should contact the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office @ (689-7230) to confirm the amount due prior to mailing your payment.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 8, 2016

The Presidential Primary will be conducted on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. City residents can vote at the Fremont Municipal Building, 101 E. Main Street, Fremont on Election Day or by absentee ballot if they are unable to vote at the precinct on Election Day. If you are not a registered voter, please come in to the City of Fremont Municipal Building. The last date to register for the Presidential Primary is February 8, 2016.

CITY OF FREMONT'S NEW WEBSITE GONE LIVE!

It's with great excitement that the City of Fremont unveiled its new website in November. Aside from an updated look, the new website features a new and easy way to sift through the content of the website to better understand the wide range of services the City provides. We think you'll like the new look and we're sure you'll like the new improved navigation and fresher information. Visit our new website at www.cityoffremont.net.



SIDEWALK “SNOW” REMOVAL

If City residents have a sidewalk in their yard, per City Ordinance it is the resident's responsibility to keep the sidewalk clear from snow during winter months.

Also, if residents have a fire hydrant in their yard it is the homeowner's responsibility, as well, to keep the snow cleared from the hydrant.

The City thanks you for your cooperation in keeping sidewalks and fire hydrants clear of snow during the winter months.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

City crews will provide curb-side chipping of Christmas trees again this year the first two weeks of January.



Fremont Community Recreation Authority WINTER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Class #	Class	Ages	Start/End	Days	Time	R/NR	Location
SW---	Swim Lessons						
	Parent/Child Preschool & Regular Levels	0-12	Mon/Wed: 2/1 - 2/24 Sat: 2/6 - 2/27	Mon & Wed or Sat	Times vary by class level. See website for more info	\$25-\$60 Depending on level and membership status	Pool
KA0001	Youth Tae Kwon Do (formerly Karate)	6-10	1/4-3/24	M/Th	6-6:45 pm	\$40/\$45	Karate Studio
BB001B	Boys Travel Basketball	Grades 4-6	January-March	Sa	Games Saturday AM Practices TBD by Coach	\$50/\$55	Gymnasium
BB002BA BB002BB	Boys Basketball Camp	Grades K-3 Grades 4-6	January: 9, 16, 23, 30 Feb: 6	Sa	K-3: 9-10:15 4-6: 10:30 - 11:45	\$40/\$45	High School Gym
BB002GA	Girls Basketball Camp K-5	Grades K-5	Dec 5th, 12th & 19th	Sa	9:30 am- 10:45 am	\$40/\$45	Middle School Gym
BB002GB	Girls Basketball Camp 6-8	Grades 6-8	January 9th, 16th & 23rd	Sa	10:30 am -12 pm	\$40/\$45	Middle School Gym
GF002	Youth Golf Lessons	5-17	S1: 1/11-2/15 S2: 2/22-3/21	M	6:00-7:00 pm	\$80/\$85	Gymnasium
	Softball Skills Clinic						
SB001		5-13	S1: 1/3-1/24 S2: 1/31-2/21	Su	4-6 pm	\$40/\$45	Gymnasium
SB002		14-18	S1: 1/3-1/24 S2: 1/31-2/21	Su	6-8 pm	\$40/\$45	Gymnasium
	Kidding Around Yoga						
YK001		Ages 5 - 8	1/5 - 2/25	T & TH	3:45 - 4:45 pm	\$40/\$45	Fitness Studio
YK002		Ages 9 - 12	1/5 - 2/25	T & TH	5 - 6 pm	\$40/\$45	Fitness Studio

Times and dates of programs are subject to change

ELECTRONIC MAILING AUTHORIZATION FOR “QUARTERLY” UTILITY BILLINGS

Remember that you now have the option to receive your Quarterly Utility Billings by email. All you have to do is go to the City of Fremont website (www.cityoffremont.net) under the tab “Forms and Permits” then click on “Utilities Electronic Mailing Authorization Form”, complete the form and drop it off or mail it to the City of Fremont, 101 E. Main Street, Fremont, MI 49412 to start receiving your bills electronically.

Electronic bills will be emailed from the “City of Fremont (jwinchel@Cityoffremont.net)” email account. If you do not receive the electronic bill, please check your SPAM/JUNK folder or contact City Hall at (231) 924-2101 or jwinchel@cityoffremont.net. Bills will be emailed around the 15th of the following months: January, April, July and October.





Fremont Community Recreation Authority

WINTER PROGRAMS - ADULTS

Times and dates of programs are subject to change

Class #	Class	Instructor	Start/End	Day(s)	Time	R/NR	Location
	Aqua Zumba*	Laura Weaver					
ZUM002			S1: 1/4-2/15 S2: 2/22-4/11	M	7:30-8:20 pm	\$30/\$35	Pool
	Water Exercise	Corine Murphy					
WEX001			S1: 1/4-2/19 S2: 2/22-4/15	M/W/F	8:30-9:15 am	\$40/\$45	Pool
WEX002			S1: 1/5-2/18 S2: 2/23-4/14	T/Th	8:30-9:15 am	\$35/\$40	
	Beginner's Yoga	Kim Makin					
YG001			S1: 1/4-2/17 S2: 2/22-4/13	M/W	10:05-11:05 am	\$40/\$45	Fitness Studio
	Work It Out Boot Camp	Kim Makin					
WB001b			S1: 1/4-2/17 S2: 2/22-4/13	M/W	8:05-8:50 am	\$40/\$45	Fitness Studio
	Senior Aerobics	Kim Makin					
SRA001			S1: 1/4-2/17 S2: 2/22-4/13	M/W	9-10 am	\$40/\$45	Fitness Studio
NEW!	Golf Fitness Training	Tom Elmer					
GFT001a			1/5-2/16	T	8-9 am	\$25/\$30	Weight Room
Gft001b			1/7-2/18	Th	4-5 pm	\$25/\$30	
	Tae Kwon Do (formerly Karate)	Frank Ferrier					
KA0001	ages 11-Adult		1/4-3/24	M/Th	6:30-8:30 pm	\$55/\$60	Karate Studio
	Women's Volleyball League						
			1/7-4/28	Th	7:30 PM	Team: \$175 Player: \$20	Gymnasium
	Men's League Basketball						
			3/2-May	M/W/F	7:00 PM	Team: \$175 Player: \$20	Gymnasium
	Golf Lessons						
GF001		18 & up	S1: 1/12-2/16 S2: 2/23-3/29	T	7:30-8:30 am	\$80/\$85	Gymnasium
	Fundamentals of Yoga						
YGF001			1/6 - 2/10	W	6 - 7 PM	\$40/\$45	Gymnasium

HOUSE NUMBERS – Need to be Prominently Displayed

Per City Ordinance, all houses or buildings within the City of Fremont should have their house or building number prominently displayed. Such numbers should be of sufficient size and displayed in such a manner that they are easily read from the street. The Police/Fire Departments recommend a minimum of 4" in size. This is important so in case of emergency the house or building can be found by police officers, firefighters or other emergency responders.

Parking-Ban on Streets During Winter

Every Winter season, beginning December 1st, residents are not to park in the streets between the hours of 2 AM and 7 AM. The Public Works Department can not effectively plow the streets with vehicles parked along the curb. Effective April 1st, the winter on-street parking ban will be lifted, and residents may again park overnight on City streets.

Calling Out To All Those Who Would Like To Be An Election Inspector!!!



The City of Fremont is looking for Election Inspectors. The requirements for certification are simple! You would attend a four-hour class at the County Administration offices. Once completed, you will be given an Election Inspector Certificate which would allow you to work any or all elections within a two-year period. (Inspector training is renewed every two-years). As an Election Inspector for the City, you will be paid \$10.00 per hour with breakfast, lunch and dinner provided. The hours required to work are from 6:30 am to 9:00 pm.

If you are interested, please contact the City Clerk, Vicci TerVeer at 231-924-2101.

Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412

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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
Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial Hospital	(231) 924-3300
Fremont Public Schools	(231) 924-2350
Fremont Community Recreation Authority	(231) 924-3750
Dogwood Center for Performing Arts	(231) 924-8883
Newaygo County Sheriff Department	(231) 689-7303
Emergency – Fire – Police – Ambulance	Call 911



Refuse & Recycling Pick-up – Place curbide 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 7:00 AM) – From December 1st - April 1st

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Google or search for "City of Fremont, Michigan" and you can keep up on City events and other announcements.

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