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2014 Fremont Farmers' Market Schedule



Dates and Times

Starting: June 28, 2014

Tuesdays: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ending: October 11, 2014

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. Tote bags with the Fremont Farmers' Market logo will be available for purchase at the Community Information Booth for \$2.50. Bridge Cards will be accepted this year – double up food bucks program.

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



Tuesday August 5, 2014 • 7pm-9pm Veterans Memorial Park

Help build a stronger, safer community by attending the annual National Night Out!

- POLICE, FIRE, AND MANY OTHER
- EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT
- FREE CHILDREN FINGERPRINTING
- CHILDRENS BOUNCE HOUSE
- FREE BIKE SAFETY CHECKS
- **VISIT WITH:** MCGRUFF THE CRIME DOG
- SMOKEY THE BEAR, SPOT THE FIRE DOG and
- TURBO NCSD K-9 OFFICER
- PARTICIPATE IN THE ROTARY SAFETY WALK
- SNOW CONES AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER DEMONSTRATIONS



A great night to get to know your neighbors, learn about crime prevention and build a safe community.

Day Camp At The Fremont Community Recreation Center!

The FCRA is offering Day Camp this summer for children entering grades 1-6. Camp runs Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 4:00 pm, with extended care available. Campers will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, teambuilding and adventures at the Center and around Fremont! Campers can also attend swim lessons or our FAST program while at Day Camp (additional fees apply).

Our counselors are trained and excited to spend the summer providing fun, educational and exploratory experiences for your children! Sign up for one session or all ten for a very affordable fee (Members: \$99/week, Non-members: \$124/week). Lunch will not be provided, please send your child with a sack lunch and snack. Contact the Rec Center at 231.924.3750 or cearle@fremont.net with any questions you may have about this exciting new program!



Fremont Community Recreation Center News ...

Many positive things have taken place during the previous year here at the Rec Center. First I would like to thank everyone that has visited our facility or participated in one of our programs. The incredible growth in participants truly indicates our level of success so far. Next I need to thank the Fremont Area Foundation, Fremont Public Schools, the City of Fremont, Sheridan Charter Township, Sherman Township and Dayton Township for their significant contributions to the Rec Authority.

For those of you that have not visited us lately, I would like to invite you to stop by and walk through the Rec Center. During your visit you will notice a variety of improvements including the relocation of the weight room to the former metal and wood shop area giving our members a more spacious area to exercise. Next you will see many of the rooms, hallways, and rails have been painted to freshen up the look of the facility. We have also added carpet to one room turning it into a great meeting room available for rent to the community. More improvements are being planned and cannot be done without the

help of community members, and community organizations such as Fremont Rotary and the Fremont Lions Club.

We are also very pleased to have added two organizations to our facility. NorthPointe Gymnastics is located in the community hall and offers gymnastics for children and adults of all ages and Red Chef Bakery has moved into our kitchen offering fresh baked goods. Adding these organizations has allowed us to continue to expand our enrichment offerings available to the community and we hope you are able to enjoy these fantastic opportunities.

We are happy to be a part of the community that supports us and what we are doing. It is with the help of the community and the many participating organizations that this has become a reality. If you get a chance please stop by and take a look around, better yet sign up for a class, a bus trip, or a membership and continue to help us grow to be a larger part of the community.

Tom Elmer, Rec Director



WEED CONTROL NOTICE TO FREMONT CITY RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Weed Control Map for the City of Fremont for the 2014 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.

Vicci L. TerVeer, City Clerk

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.

GARAGE SALES: *A Fun and Thrifty Summer Pastime*

The City will be enforcing its' regulations on garage sales 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. As a result, the City organizes a community garage sale twice a year, one in May and one in August. To partici-

pate, see below. 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 home owner 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.

Our Spring May Sale was successful. The late-Summer date will be:

August 14th – 16th, 2014

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. The 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.



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 will remain at \$7.65/month. 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 having to write 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.



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 special bags with the Allied Waste logos. Cart lids must be within 15" of being closed, otherwise no overloaded carts will be emptied. 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. 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, 2014, the rate for the 65-gallon rollout cart is \$10.15/month and the 95-gallon rollout cart is \$11.88/month. The mixed refuse bags have remained at \$2.00 per bag, or \$24.00 for a box of 12.

The City does not permit residents to stop and start their refuse/recycling services. However, 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.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Joshua Davis and the Bad Disciples - Concert

Dogwood Center -

Black Box

Friday, July 11, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$12.50

Dogwood Summer Youth Theater

"A Little Princess"

Dogwood Center -

Main Stage

Thursday and Friday

July 25 and 26, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Free Admission

Chamber Summer Concert Series - Veterans Memorial Park

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

July 3, 2014

Country Classics

July 10, 2014

Don Benson

July 24, 2014

The Blue Catz

July 31, 2014

B-Side Growlers

National Baby Food Festival

Downtown Fremont

Wednesday, July 16 -

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Fremont Farmers Market - Market Place Pavilion

June 28 - Oct. 1, 2014

Saturdays:

8:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursdays:

3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

think **FREMONT FIRST!**

Country Squire Pharmacy and Christian Bookstore - Established in 1981

The Country Squire Pharmacy and Christian Bookstore are unique to Fremont in that they offer customer service the old fashioned way – providing kind, prompt, competent service every day. Judd Afman, the pharmacist, opened the Pharmacy in 1981 at 26 E. Main, and in October of 1987 he bought the building to the east located at 30 E. Main and has been at that location ever since. He has 4 full-time employees and 8 part-time employees.

When Walmart opened on the west end of town, he needed to diversify his business in order to compete in the world of "big boxes". That is when he expanded his store to include the Christian Bookstore. This niche market has worked well. Judd commented, "After researching what people within the community wanted, I decided to open the Christian Bookstore because it was in keeping with my values". Most of the books sold are Christian-based, but he does sell a small assortment of secular books. Much of the bookstore business comes from special orders, and they are happy to provide that service.

In terms of the Pharmacy, Judd attributes his ability to run a successful business with all the competition in town to his desire to be fair with his pricing and to only expect reasonable profits. The Pharmacy offers generic brands to help keep costs down for consumers, and they offer discounts for some maintenance drug plans.



One of the most valuable services the Country Squire Pharmacy provides is Medication Therapy Management. Mr. Afman provides consultation for patrons who take a variety of medications; he answers their medical concerns related to the medications, and he advises whether the medications will work well together.

Judd has also been a good community partner. He has participated in the Fremont Façade Improvement Program. The improvements to his façade include the new awnings installed in early 2014. He has also made application to take part in the Fremont Rental Rehabilitation Program with regard to the building he owns downtown at 26 E. Main Street.

He plans to renovate the two existing apartments. Judd clearly is community minded – it shows in how he treats community members through his work at the Pharmacy and his willingness to make improvements to his downtown properties.

Country Squire Pharmacy/Christian Bookstore Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

A Day of Celebration for Public Art in Fremont

On Thursday, May 22, 2014 the celebration for the the latest piece of public art in Fremont - the "Waves of Grain" sculpture -took place. It was a beautiful day where Lee Brown, the artist, could be recognized for his artistry, and community members could celebrate the wonderful addition to their public art collection. The art not only enhances the aesthetics of the community, it also helps create an atmosphere where residents and visitors want to enjoy life.



DDA Public Art Committee With artist Lee Brown:

Top row: Mayor Rynberg, Debbie Reinhold, Marianne Boerigter (Chair), Colin Blamer. Bottom row: Lee Brown - artist, Jeannie Caris, Bonnie Erber and Tom Schmidt

Yard of the Month Award

You can nominate a neighbor or friend for the Fremont Yard of the Month award – a yard showing exemplary fashion.

- Nominations for August – due July 15, 2014
- Nominations for September – due August 15, 2014

See City's website for forms: www.cityoffremont.net



Property Tax Payment Schedule

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes are mailed July 1st and are due this year by August 11th at 5:00 pm. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on August 12th. Summer taxes include millages for the Fremont Public Schools (both operating & debt levies), State Education Tax, the City tax and the County Operating tax.

Winter taxes are mailed on December 1st and are due this year by February 17th at 5:00 pm. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on February 17th. Winter taxes include millages for Newaygo County, 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 north-west exit of the City Hall parking lot at any time. The City accepts tax payments until February 28th. As of March 1st all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

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

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.

NEW 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's 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, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance*
- (4) *Local Ordinance does not allow for disturbing the peace. No person shall disturb the public peace and quiet 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 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.



AUGUST 5, 2014 UPCOMING ELECTION

On Tuesday, August 5th, the State Primary 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:

State Governor

U.S. Senator

U.S. Congressional Representative (2nd District)

State Senator (34th District)

Delegate to County Convention

County Commissioner (1st District)

State Representative (100th District)

State Proposal



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 and 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 www.electionmagic.com. Current election results as they are reported to the County Clerk's Office will be posted on election night. Upcoming 2014 election dates to remember:

- ✓ **July 7:** Last day to register for voting eligibility for the August 5th State Primary Election
- ✓ **August 2:** Last day to have an AV Ballot mailed out.
- ✓ **August 5:** State Primary 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 be added to the City's permanent absentee voter (AV) list, please notify the City Offices at 924-2101. Those on the list are mailed an AV application before each election as a reminder and given the option to vote absentee or in person. Please exercise your right to vote at all elections. We should all live by the adage that "If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain!" ★

VOTER ID REMINDER...

Voters will be asked to provide identification when they visit the polls on Election Day, August 5, 2014. They will be asked to present a valid photo ID, such as a Michigan driver's license, federal or state government issued photo I.D., passport, military identification card with photo, student identification with photo or tribal identification card with photo.

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them to the polls can still vote. They will be required to sign a brief affidavit stating that they're not in possession of photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.



Newaygo County 4-H 5K Walk

WHEN:

Saturday, July 12, 2014

WHERE:

Town and Country Path in Fremont, MI.

Beginning at the Fremont Middle School bus garage on Lake Drive.

TIME:

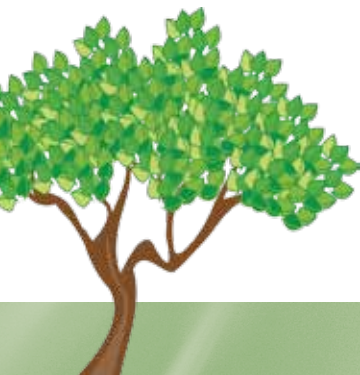
8:00am registration/Walk starts at 9:00am

Proceeds go to Newaygo County 4-H, the Newaygo County Agricultural Fair and The Town and Country Path.

All pledge sheets and pledges must be turned in the morning of the walk.

\$10.00 donation if you do not have a pledge sheet. T-shirts, water and snacks will be available before and after the walk.

For more information contact: Mike McDowell at 231-834-5769 or the MSU Extension office at 231-924-0500.



Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street
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

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	(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

