

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### NCCA – Artsplace Holiday Artist Market

Downtown Fremont  
Shop local and purchase great  
gifts created by local artists!  
Regular hours:  
MTWF 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.;  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;  
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### Newaygo County Community Choir's "Messiah" Concert

Dogwood Center – Main Stage  
Sunday, December 7, 2014  
3:00 p.m.  
Free admission

### NCCA-Artsplace "Baby, It's Cold Outside" Winter Photo Contest

NCCA-Artsplace, downtown  
Fremont  
Submission deadline:  
Monday, December 8, 2014 at  
5:30 p.m.  
Awards announced: Friday,  
December 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

### Magician Baffling Bill

Dogwood Center – Main Stage  
Friday, December 12, 2014  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$15.00 adults,  
\$5 children 18 and under

### NCCA-Artsplace Children's Holiday Card Competition

Downtown Fremont  
Awards announced on Friday,  
December 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.



## Honoring Bob Geeting – Fremont Fire Department

Bob Geeting retired from the Fremont Fire Department on October 15, 2014. The City has been blessed with the service of Bob Geeting serving as a fire fighter for 48 years.

Bob was honored on October 20, 2014 for his service to the community and the Fremont Fire Department.



## Honoring Keith Stroven – Department of Public Works

Keith Stroven retired on October 31 after 35 years of service as a City of Fremont Department of Public Works Employee. The City is very appreciative for Keith's dedicated service and we wish him much happiness in his retirement years.

Keith was honored on October 29, 2014 for his service.

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# Holiday Yard of the Month

## What is the Fremont Yard of the Month award?

The Fremont Yard of the Month award recognizes the hard work and pride exhibited by Fremont residents who beautify their yard.

## Criteria for Holiday Yard of the Month – December

- Yard is maintained
- Festive yards created through decorative lighting and seasonal decorations
- Only the portion of the yard viewed from the street will be judged
- Good use of seasonal color
- Overall appearance is pleasing



Anyone may nominate a yard, whether they live in the City or outside the City, but the yard needs to be located within the City limits. Nominations are due to City Hall by Monday, December 9, 2014. Nomination forms can be found on the City's website at [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.cityoffremont.net) or at City Hall.



## Dog Park In Fremont

The City of Fremont plans to open a Dog Park in the grassy park area that the City owns off of Hillcrest by the water tower. The Dog Park Committee, chaired by Caitlin Zinnecker, is fundraising for basic park amenities (e.g. fencing).

The City received a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation to help fund the basic amenities, subject to the City raising the remaining funds. The goal is to have the Park open in July 2015. Donations are being accepted at the Fremont

City Hall to help fund the establishment of 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.

## 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.

**Reminder:** Overloaded carts with lids open more than 15" will not 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.



## The Red Chef Bakery

[Redchefbakery.net](http://Redchefbakery.net)



The Red Chef Bakery brings "farm to table" goodness to the Fremont area with traditional bakery and confectionary items, and is located within the Fremont Community Recreation Center building (formerly the old Fremont High School). The Bakery is owned and operated by Chad Wilde

and has been open since November 25, 2013.

Chad decided to have his bakery in the City of Fremont because he says "Fremont is just big enough to support the bakery and confectionary shop but still has the small town charm." As Chad himself proclaims "he is not a big city person." Chad has always held a strong interest in baking pastries and confectioneries by having culinary lessons for children and adults. He enjoys sharing his passion for food with family, friends and the community.

For more information you can check out Chad's website at [redchefbakery.net](http://redchefbakery.net) or his facebook page to see the variety of pies, cheesecake, cookies, candy, chocolates, artisan breads Charlotte Elaine Confectionary Michigan made treats and more or just stop by and visit Chad at the Fremont Community Recreation Center, where you will see and smell all the delightful creations.

Special orders are also available; place your special holiday order now! Delivery is also available with a \$30.00 minimum order.

\*Just remember special orders require a 2-3 day advance notice for your culinary delights.

### Hours of Operation

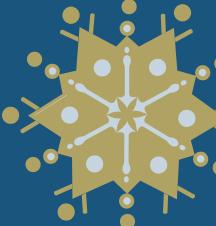
Tuesday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
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231-924-6047

Email: [chad@redchefbakery.com](mailto:chad@redchefbakery.com)



**SHOP LOCAL TIP:**  
Don't forget, art can make  
a great gift.



## 2014 FREMONT CHRISTMAS STROLL

REMINDER: The Illuminated Christmas Parade is Friday, December 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM. The Parade will assemble at the Fremont Fire Department and then proceed west down Main Street to Veteran's Memorial Park.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

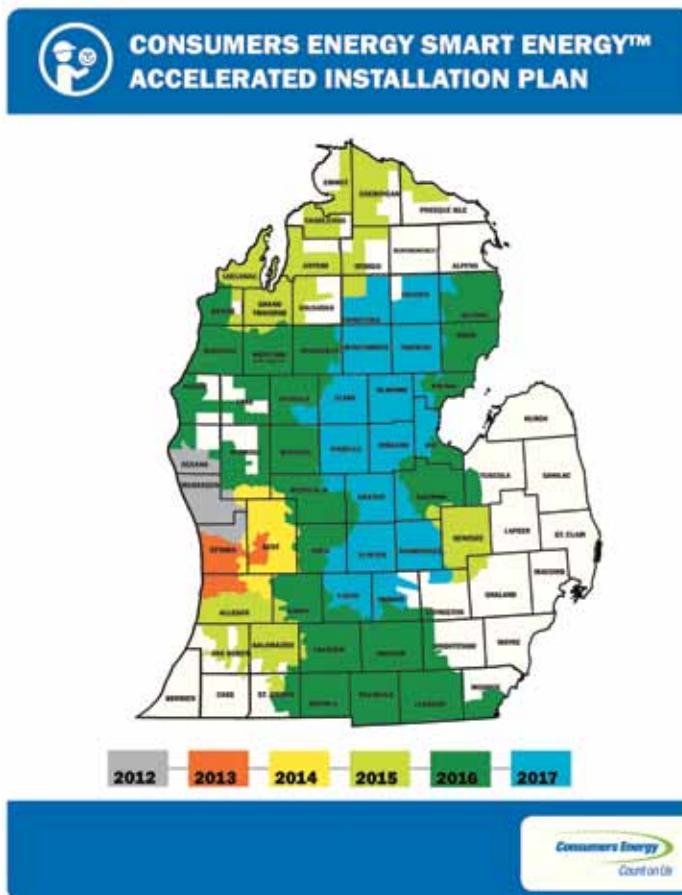
As a reminder, City crews will provide curbside chipping of Christmas trees the first two weeks of January.



## Consumers Energy Speeds Up Meter Technology

## Upgrade Across Michigan

Residents, Businesses to Receive New Meters by End of 2017



Consumers Energy has upgraded meter technology for residential customers and small businesses from electromechanical meters (left) to digital meters (middle) over the past 10 years, as the older meters have required replacement. Smart meters (right) have upgraded functions and will be installed across the state through 2017.

## Media toolkit

**LEARN MORE:** Find out more about smart energy at [www.ConsumersEnergy.com/smarterenergy](http://www.ConsumersEnergy.com/smarterenergy) or by calling 1-888-862-2199.

Consumers Energy will upgrade electric meter technology across the state for 1.8 million electric customers through 2017, as well as install communication modules on the natural gas meters of 600,000 customers who also have Consumers Energy electric service. The technology upgrades will virtually eliminate physical meter reads and estimated bills.

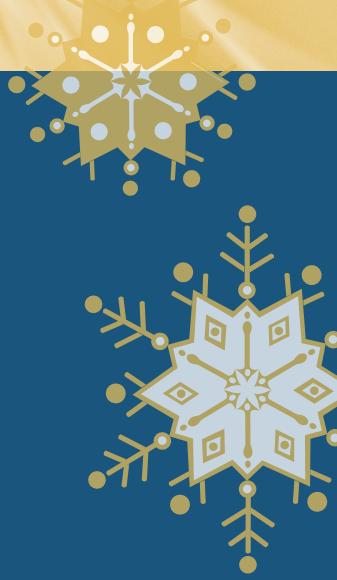
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For more information about Consumers Energy, go to [www.ConsumersEnergy.com](http://www.ConsumersEnergy.com), join us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ConsumersEnergyMichigan](http://www.facebook.com/ConsumersEnergyMichigan) and follow us on Twitter [www.twitter.com/ConsumersEnergy](http://www.twitter.com/ConsumersEnergy).

**WORKING THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

Any persons interested in working future City Elections please contact the City Clerk at 231-924-2101. Applications may also be obtained on the City's website at [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.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.



## **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](mailto:jwinchel@cityoffremont.net).**

## REMINDERS ...

If City residents have a sidewalk in their yard, 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.



## 2014 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 this past 2014 construction season, the following street & utility system improvements were completed:

- Oak Street – Replacing water main, sanitary sewer main, street and some sidewalks & curb/gutter on Maple Street, from Stewart Avenue to Weaver Avenue
- DT Beautification – Installation of new decorative fencing system around the remaining three blocks of Downtown
- Cemetery – Installation of new and replacement of old fencing with new decorative fence along northern border

- Apache – Mill and resurface from Stewart Avenue to Iroquois
- Pine Street – Mill and resurface on Stewart Avenue to East Avenue

Remaining projects expected to be completed in 2014:

- Branstrom Park Multi-Purpose Court / Ice Rink – Construct pavilion/roof over the court to keep snow and rain off the court, which will accommodate more time for activities on the court



## 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.



## 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](http://www.cityoffremont.net)) under the tab “Permits and Forms” then click on “Utilities Electronic 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](mailto: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](mailto:jwinchel@cityoffremont.net). Bills will be emailed around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following months: January, April, July and October.





# FREMONT REC CENTER

## WINTER PROGRAMS

### FOR YOUTH



## WINTER TAXES

Winter tax bills were mailed on 11/26/14 and are due and payable on or before 2/17/15. On 2/18/15, a one-time 4% penalty is applied, but unpaid tax bills can still be paid with the penalty until 3/2/15.

\*\*Postmarks are not accepted\*\*

On 3/3/15 taxes are 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.

Class	Ages	Start/End	Days	Time	R/NR
Swim Lessons Parent/Child Preschool & Regular Levels	0-12	1/10-2/28	Sa	All lessons scheduled between 8 am and 12 pm See website for more info	\$25-4\$60 Depending on level and membership status
Youth Tae Kwon Do (formerly Karate)	6-10	1/5-3/26	M/Th	6-6:45 pm	\$40/\$45
Zumba Kids	4-11	S1: 1/5-2/16 S2: 2/23-4/13	M	5-5:45 pm	\$30/\$35
Boys Travel Basketball	Grades 4-6	January-March	Sa	Games Saturday AM Practices TBD by Coach	\$50/\$55
Boys Basketball Camp	Grades 1-8	January	TBD	TBD	\$40/\$45
Girls Basketball Camp	Grades 1-3	Jan 10-31	Sa	9-10 am	\$40/\$45
	Grades 4-5			9-10:15 am	
	Grades 6-8			10:30 am-12 pm	
Youth Golf Lessons	5-17	S1: 1/5-2/9 S2: 2/16-3/23	M	6:00-7:00 pm	\$80/\$85
Softball Skills Clinic	5-13	S1: 1/4-1/25 S2: 2/1-2/22	Su	4-6 pm	\$40/\$45
	14-18	S1: 1/4-1/25 S2: 2/1-2/22		6-8 pm	

## FOR ADULTS

Class #	Class	Start/End	Day(s)	Time	R/NR
	Aqua Zumba*		M	7:30-8:20 pm	\$30/\$35
	Zumba*		M		\$25/\$30
	Zumba Toning*		W	6-7 pm	\$25/\$30
	Water Exercise*		M/W		\$40/\$45
NEW!	Prenatal Water Exercise*		W	7:15-8:15 pm	\$25/\$30
	Beginner's Yoga*		M/W/F	8:30-9:15 am	\$40/\$45
NEW!	Hot Lunch*		T/Th	8:30-9:15 am	\$35/\$40
NEW!	Yoga Flow*		T/Th	9:30-10:15 am	\$35/\$40
NEW!	Power Vinyasa*		T/Th	9:05-10:05 am	\$40/\$45
NEW!	HIIT*		T	12:30-1 pm	\$15/\$20
	Work It Out Boot Camp*		T	3:45-4:30 pm	\$30/\$35
	Senior Aerobics*		T	4:45-5:30 pm	\$30/\$35
NEW!	Basic Weight Training*		T	12-12:30 pm	\$15/\$20
	Tae Kwon Do (formerly Karate)	1/5-3/23	M/Th	6:30-8:30 pm	\$55/\$60
	Women's Volleyball League	1/10-4/30	Th	7:30 pm	Team: \$175 Player: \$20
	Men's League Basketball	3/2-May	M/W/F	7 pm	Team: \$175 Player: \$20
	Golf Lessons	S1: 1/6-2/10 S2: 2/17-3/24	T	7:30-8:30 am	\$80/\$85

[www.fremontcra.com](http://www.fremontcra.com) | 231.924.3750



## 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.

## Fremont City Beat

101 E. Main Street  
Fremont, MI 49412

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

RESIDENT  
FREMONT, MI 49412

## 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.

## 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
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

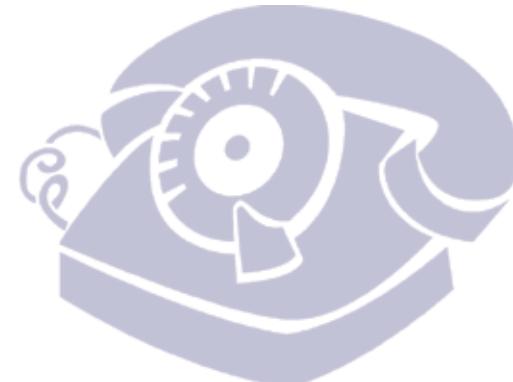
**Watermain Flushing** – April and October

**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