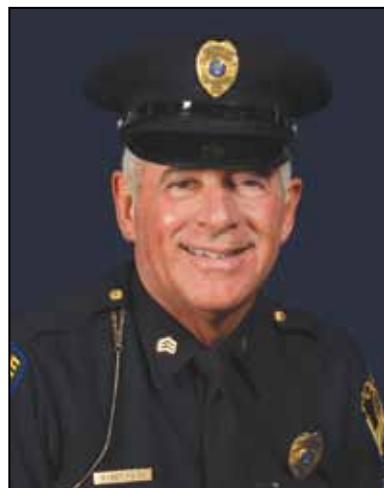




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WISHING STEVE HEISS THE BEST WITH HIS RETIREMENT



Steve Heiss is retiring on December 21st after 15 years of service. Steve was originally hired as Detective in 1997 and promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2002. Steve has dedicated countless hours of service toward the betterment of the City, receiving numerous letters of recognition and appreciation from other law enforcement departments, residents and supervisors for his cooperation above and beyond the call of duty. His humor and forthrightness will be greatly missed.

The Police Department is most appreciative of Steve's dedicated service over the past 15 years and we wish him much happiness in his retirement years.

VICCI TERVEER, PROMOTED TO CITY CLERK

Vicci TerVeer was hired as an Account Clerk I in 2008 for the Fremont City Offices, and promoted to Account Clerk II upon the retirement of Margie Ekkel in July 2011. With the promotion of Todd Blake to City Manager in October, the City Clerk position opened up, and Vicci was promoted to serve in that capacity.

Vicci lives in Fremont with her two children, Matt and Marissa and enjoys spending time with her family and the outdoors. Vicci says, "I am very excited about my new position and also know there will be a learning process, but I will do my best to continue to meet the needs of our residents."



FREMONT POLICE APPOINTS NEW PATROL SERGEANT– JON GEETING



Officer Jon Geeting was recently promoted as the Patrol Sergeant, following Sergeant Wright's appointment to Chief. Sergeant Geeting has worked for the Fremont Police for 20 years after serving Hesperia PD, Newaygo PD, Newaygo County Sheriff's Department, and Oceana County Sheriff's Department.

Sergeant Geeting has been a Field Training Officer for many years and is responsible for internal LEIN validations. Sergeant Geeting has been in charge of all aspects related to property and evidence storage. Sergeant Geeting brings many years of experience to his new position.

Sergeant Geeting is a life-long resident of Fremont and is married to wife Cindy and has four children. Sergeant Geeting is dedicated to his church, devoting countless volunteer hours.

FREMONT POLICE WELCOMES FULL TIME OFFICER – CURTIS FRANKS

Fremont Police also introduces the newest full time officer, Curtis Franks. Curtis was appointed full-time December 9, 2012 to fill a vacancy in the department left by Detective Heiss's retirement. Curtis has worked part-time for two years with Fremont Police prior to his appointment to full-time status.

Curtis Graduated from West Shore Community College with an Associate's Degree and has been employed by Lakeview Police, Newaygo Police, and the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department. Most recently Officer Franks was employed at the Newaygo County Sheriff's Office – Correction Division as a Corporal.

Officer Franks is married to wife Cassie and they are expecting triplets. During his off time Officer Franks enjoys hunting.



WINTER TAXES

Winter tax bills were mailed on 11/30/12 and are due and payable on or before 2/14/13 without penalty. Effective 2/15/13, a one-time 4% penalty is applied and is payable to the City of Fremont through 2/28/13. Postmarked mail is not accepted for waiver of penalty. On 3/1/13 taxes are turned over to the Newaygo County Treasurer office, White Cloud, MI 49349, and will incur additional penalties. Please call the Newaygo County Treasurer's Office in advance (689-7230) before mailing your payment.



2013 UPCOMING ELECTION



Fremont Public Schools has requested a special election to request renewal of the Operating Millage Proposal on February 26th, 2013. This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law. If the millage is approved, the estimate of revenue is approximately \$2,145,000.00 and is part of the general operating budget.

City residents are reminded that election signs are not to be placed in the City rights-of-way or to exceed 6 sq. ft. in face size, per the City Zoning Code. The City will remove and dispose of signs that are in violation.

The Newaygo County Clerk's Office continues to provide its Internet site at www.electionmagic.com that posts current election results as they are reported to the County on election nights.

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. You will be mailed an AV application before each election and given the option to vote absentee or in person. 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!"

*Persons interested in working future Elections please contact the City Clerk at 924-2101.

FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW FIRE TRUCK

The Fremont Fire Department is housing a new Fire Truck, a 2012 Air Rehab Heavy Rescue Truck. This replaced an Air Rehab Heavy Rescue Truck.





DOG PARK IN FREMONT

The City of Fremont is considering establishment of a Dog Park within the City. The Fremont Park and Recreation Commission will be reviewing a proposal for the Dog Park, so a Dog Park Committee will be formed. If any citizen is interested in participating in establishing design criteria for the park or fundraising for amenities for the park, please contact Michele Ribant, the City's Neighborhood & Economic Development Director by January 15, 2013.



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, whereas, 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 more 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 (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 (pictured below) 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.



Winter Parking Restrictions

The City reminds 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 7 AM at any time from December 1st thru April 1st. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.





CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: 2012/2013

Every year, the City works to maintain and improve its roads and utilities.

Drivers may experience inconvenient detours, but we can rest assured that the final product will be worth it.

The following projects were completed during the 2012 construction season:

- Cedar Street – Extend new construction of street from Division to Gerber Avenue
- Sullivan Ave – Extend new construction of street from Cedar St south to new High School
- Fremont Lake Park Campground – Expand Campground with 35+ additional camp sites, for both fully equipped and rustic tent camping

The following projects are expected to be completed during the 2013 construction season:

- Maple Street - Replacing water main on Maple Street, from Weaver Avenue to Darling Avenue
- Mechanic Avenue - Replacing water main on Mechanic Avenue from Woodrow Street to Sheridan Street
- Market Avenue - Mill and resurface Market Avenue from Main Street to Countryview Lane
- Main Street - Mill and resurface on Main Street from Decker Avenue to Luce Avenue

Sidewalks “Safe Routes Grant Project” – Construct new sidewalks along:

- Mechanic Ave from Maple to Pine Street
- Pine Street from Lake Dr to Mechanic Ave
- Cherry St from Merchant to Darling Ave and from Division to Stewart Ave
- Middle School entrance from Lake Dr to Sullivan Ave
- T&C Path – Install new section on W. Lake Dr from 2nd Street to S. Lake Dr
- T&C Path – Install new section along Oak St from Connie Ave to Lake Dr



SANITARY SEWER BACK-UPS

Property owners that experience a sewer backup or overflow and believe that the “substantial proximate cause” and liability rests with the City must meet the following notification requirements to be eligible to receive any reimbursement for damages and other resulting expenses:

- The Claimant must immediately notify the City of a backup event and request a “Notice of Claim” packet.
- If between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, contact City Hall at 924-2101.
- If after the above regular business hours, or on holidays or weekends, call the Fremont Police Department at 924-2100. If no answer, the voicemail system will direct the claimant on how to connect with the Newaygo county Central Dispatch Center, which will contact the appropriate persons for the claimant.



Refuse Container Changes

During the first two weeks of January 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. Starting in 2013, the City has decided to allow this service twice per year. The second change of service will be the first two weeks of July each year to better serve our residents.

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FREMONT JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

The Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission members at their last meeting on December 11, 2012. Top row: Lon Vredeveld, Kent Folkema, Jim Breinling (Chair), Jeff Wharton, Jim Sloan



Bottom row: Peg May, Jack Taylor, Shirley Hooker, Marcia Eib, Barbara Popp Missing: Tom Karnemaat and Don Potter.

Thanks to the dedication of the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission (as pictured), which has representatives from Dayton Township, Sheridan Charter Township and the City of Fremont, the Fremont Community has created a Joint Comprehensive Plan and Joint Zoning Ordinance. The Comprehensive Plan has been adopted and the Joint Zoning

Ordinance is to be voted on by each of the three municipalities in December 2012. If the Joint Zoning Ordinance is approved by all municipalities and the corresponding governing documents are approved, the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission will have binding authority over planning and zoning issues as of January 7, 2013. In 2013, meetings of the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission will be held at the Fremont Municipal Building on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

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

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DECORATES TREE



The City of Fremont would like to thank Fremont High School Art Teacher Chris Rosenberg and her class for creating ornaments as a class project and decorating City Hall's Christmas tree with them.





**YARD
SALE**

FREMONT'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**It's time to get ready for Fremont's
Annual Community Yard Sale.**

The dates for this event are:

May 16th – 18th, 2013

and

August 15th – 17th, 2013

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.

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

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.

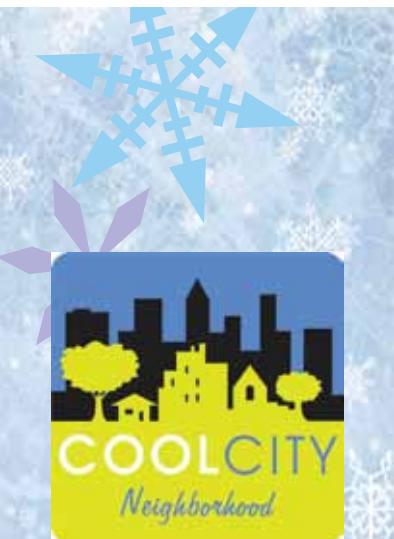
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Important Numbers

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		(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 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 7:00 AM) – From December 1st - April 1st