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2012 Construction Season Nears End

Great progress has been made in terms of the number of street improvements that have been completed during this construction season. The City appreciates how well our residents and business owners adjusted to alternate routes this past summer when so many of our street improvement projects were underway.

The following street improvements are some that have been completed this fiscal year.

- Southeast Downtown Alley & Walkway reconstruction
- Cedar St. & Sullivan Avenue new street extensions

- Fremont Lake Park Campground expansion & improvements
- Main Street/M-82 resurface and sidewalk improvements (MDOT Project)

The City also has some street resurface projects currently underway on the following street sections:

- Hemlock Street (Stone-Valley)
- Ohio/Indiana/Illinois (44th-Michigan)
- Valley Avenue (44th-Hemlock)
- Merchant Avenue (Main-Sheridan)
- Mechanic Avenue (Main-Dayton)



Resurfacing Project on Main Street Comes to a Close

**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**

Fremont Zoning Ordinance – Regulations Regarding Garage Sales

The Code allows garage and estate sale signs announcing the sale of household goods, provided there is only one (1) sign per premise; that the sign is placed on premise only, entirely no more than five (5) business days before and is removed within one (1) business day after the announced sale.

In residential districts, garage and yard sales shall be limited to no more than three (3) events per calendar year. No garage or yard sale event shall last more than three (3) consecutive days.

Contact Michele Ribrant, Fremont's Zoning Administrator at 231-924-2101 or at mribant@cityoffremont.net

Fremont Students Help Decorate City Hall

FHS students of Chris Rosenberg's class of Advanced Photography produced these 16x20 black and whites. They were developed and printed in the FHS darkroom by the following students: (l to r): Sommer Ellsworth (front of City Hall); Mercedes Barends (lamp post); Hailey Sheffler (front of fire department) and gifted to City Hall in May, 2012. These prints are now displayed in the City's Business Office.



2012 Upcoming Elections

On Tuesday, November 6th, the Presidential Election will take place and voters decide who will help lead our country for the next four years. Voters will select candidates for the following offices on the upcoming ballot:

President / Vice President

U.S. Senator

U.S. Congressional Representative (2nd District)

Various County Offices

State Representative (100th District)

Members of State Board of Education

County Commissioner (1 & 2 District)

Various State & County Proposals

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 2012 election dates to remember:

☒ **October 9:** Last day to register for voting eligibility for the November 6th Presidential Election

☒ **November 3:** Last day to have an AV Ballot mailed out.

☒ **November 6:** Presidential 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 if you are unable to attend the polls on election day. 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!" ★

Brush Chipping Coming to An End

The last brush pick up for the 2012 season will be the first Monday in October. Brush must be stacked with the cut end at curbside and limbs no more than three inches (3") in diameter. The City will not remove remaining tree-top brush from a tree removed by either the owner or a private tree removal company. The program is intended for

routine tree/brush trimming and fallen branches. Residents throughout the City must have their brush placed curbside by 7 a.m. of the first Monday of each month. Brush is not to be placed at curbside any earlier than the Friday before the first Monday. The City will also continue to provide curbside chipping of Christmas trees the first two weeks of January.



The Dead Heads Are Still At Work

If you know any of the Dead Heads which include the following volunteers: Mayor Rynberg, Bonnie Erber, Jim Breinling, Joan Moore, Joan Obits, Marcia Eib, Mary Huisjen and Joann Dekleva please thank them for doing what some consider a very unpleasant job, yet they did it in a very pleasant way.

The Dead Heads noticed that there are many cigarette butts on the street and in parking lots. The City has placed a couple of cigarette butt urns in heavy smoking areas downtown in hopes of encouraging smokers to put their butts in the urns rather than on the ground.

If you care to join the deadhead group for next year's season, contact Michele Ribant, Fremont's Neighborhood & Economic Development Director at 231-924-2101 or at mrribant@cityoffremont.net. The City of Fremont sincerely thanks the Dead Heads, so please show your appreciation to them when you see them.



Community Deer Management Plan Update "Deer Management Decisions"

The Fremont Deer Management Task Force continues to meet annually to assess the deer population in the City of Fremont. At the meeting held on June 12, 2012 it was determined that the deer population in and adjacent to the City of Fremont remains at a manageable level. No permits will be provided to local sportsman by the city. Also, no special hunts will be carried out during the 2012-2013 hunting season within the City.

The Task Force will continue to monitor future deer management needs in Fremont and plans to meet again in June of 2013. Questions may be directed to Police Chief Randy Wright, at (231) 924-2100 or email at rwright@cityoffremont.net.



Halloween Trick-Or-Treating

The City has set the "official" date for trick-or-treating for Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 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 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 where available, 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 and cider between 6 and 8 pm at the Fire Station, so come enjoy the community atmosphere and share Halloween with our local heroes.

Winter 2012 Property Tax Payment Schedule

Winter taxes will be mailed on Friday, November 30, 2012 and due, without penalty, by Thursday, February 14, 2013. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on Wednesday, February 15, 2013. Winter taxes include millages for Newaygo County, the Intermediate School District and the Fremont Area District Library and occasionally a County Drain.

For the convenience of our taxpayers, payments by check (no cash please) may be placed in the drop box at the northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot at any time. The City accepts tax payments until Thursday, February 28, 2013; thereafter, all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.



**Look Forward to
Seeing You!**

Our Pancakes Really "Stack Up" Annual Fire Department Pancake Supper Fundraiser September 28th, 2012

The Fremont Fire Department will host it's annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser on Friday evening, September 28th at the "Old" Fremont High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. This is a very important fundraiser for the Department because the funds will be used to purchase neces-

sary equipment not covered under the City/Township Fire Department budget. Bring the entire family out to share the "stacks" with our hometown heroes, our Fremont Firefighters! Tickets are available at the door. Pricing is: \$4.00/kids 12 and under, \$6.00/adults, and \$14.00/family (parents w/children 12 and under).

Flushing of Fire Hydrants

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, September 28th and continue through the evening until finished. Some discoloration of water may occur throughout Saturday, so let your water run for a short period until clear. While the water will continue to be

safe to drink, residents are urged not to do any laundry during this time.



Refuse/Recycling 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 to better serve our residents. The second change of service will be the first two weeks of July each year.



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 6 AM at any time from December 1st thru April 1st. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.



7th Annual Fall Harvest Hike & Bike

A Fremont Fall Harvest Festival Activity

Sponsored by the City of Fremont



What: 5-K Run
5-K Walk
30-Mile Bike Ride

Where: Branstrom Park
Fremont, Michigan

When: Saturday, October 6, 2012
Registration: 8:00 – 8:30 AM
Run/walk begins: 8:40 – 8:50 AM
Bike rides begin: 8:30 – 8:40 AM

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

Cost: **FREE.**
First 150 applicants who pre-register by Friday, September 28, 2012 will receive a **free** T-shirt. Thanks to the **Koffee Kuppe**, and **KP Cycles Plus** for graciously providing the T-shirts!

Why: To improve our Community's health through physical activity. Regular physical activity is one of the most powerful preventative health behaviors!

What's New: Fremont is a Golden Shoe Community. "Golden shoes" will be placed on the 5-K route. Participants who find a "Golden Shoe" are eligible to win a prize, such as a free pair of shoes. Details will be explained at the event. Thanks to the sponsors of the "Golden Shoe" event: **Vredevelde Shoes, Tru-Fit Shoes, Tamarac, KP Cycles, and Peebles!**

Registration forms and maps are available at the Fremont City Offices and on the City Website at www.cityoffremont.net and at the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce. To pre-register directly, contact Michele Ribant, Fremont's Neighborhood & Economic Development Director, at 924-2101 or at mribant@cityoffremont.net.



Fremont Safe Routes to School Program

The City of Fremont partnered with the Fremont Public School District to create the Fremont Safe Routes to School Program. The City/School District was awarded \$329,800 to fund sidewalks, a portion of the Town and Country Path, and a bicycle lane in the Industrial Park. These safe routes will be implemented in Spring 2013. Look to the City of Fremont's Website at www.cityoffremont.net for updates on the Program's implementation. If you have questions, please contact Brian Hettinger, the City's Department of Public Works Director, at 231-924-2101.



Fremont City Beat

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Happenings

Fremont Rental Rehabilitation Program:

The purpose of the City of Fremont's Rental Rehabilitation Program is to partner with owners of downtown properties to create quality, affordable housing in commercial buildings and to stimulate economic activity in the City. Thanks



Left to right: MSHDA Representative Kelly Gram and Jim Davis, Mayor Rynberg, and Kim and Phil Deur.

to Kim and Phil Deur, property owners who renovated the upper level space at 25 W. Main Street, the City now has a beautiful new dwelling unit to add to its housing stock. Representatives from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) had high praise for the quality of its design. Jim Davis of MSHDA said, "It is truly one of the nicest apartments created through a Rental Rehab Program in the State."

Another rental rehab project in downtown Fremont is on its way. Owners of the 10 S. Division Avenue building, formerly occupied by the Indigo Inn, are renovating the upper level space in that building to create four new dwelling units. The project is due to be completed by March 1, 2013.

Having upper level space in downtown commercial buildings converted into dwelling units helps create a vitality downtown both during the day and evening, which is a great economic development driver.

Downtown Parking Lot Improvements:

The DDA just completed improvements to the southeast downtown parking lot, which is the lot south of Main Street between Merchant and Division Avenues. Some underground utility work was performed, a new decorative alleyway was poured, and new concrete in the private spaces behind the buildings was poured.

The same improvements are proposed for the southwest downtown parking lot, which is the last of the four downtown commercial parking lots to be improved. Timing of the improvements to the southwest parking lot will be subject to funding availability.

The DDA also plans to make aesthetic improvements to the northwest, the southwest and the southeast parking lots that emulate the elements incorporated in the northeast parking lot where the Fremont Market Place pavilion resides. The aesthetic improvements will include decorative lighting, banners, new landscaping and flowers, and permanent refuse containers. These improvements will also be made subject to funding availability. If grant funding can be secured, the DDA may handle the aesthetic enhancements at the same time the southwest parking lot is improved.

Façade Improvement Program:

The Fremont Façade Improvement Program just started its seventh year in existence. During the first six years the following investments were made:

\$381,226.99: Cost of Renovation projects – 32 projects

\$154,015.43: Amount awarded through the Fremont Façade Improvement Program

\$227,211.56: Amount of investment Fremont Façade Improvement leveraged

Keep your eyes open as you frequent

Facade Improvement Program cont. to next page ...

downtown Fremont because the following facades were recently approved for a face lift:

- 20 W. Main Street: Norris Electric
- 26 E. Main Street: Unique Boutique
- 37 E. Main Street: Snipperz (Public Art will be hung after the façade improvement is completed.)

Public Art Program:

The DDA Public Art Program raised \$30,000 to fund a collection of six paintings entitled "Celebrate Our Symbols", created by artist Jane Stroschin. The paintings represent some of Michigan's symbols of nature. The public art is to be erected on the east wall of the 37 E. Main Street building downtown Fremont the last week of September 2012. A celebration of the public art

collection and Jane Stroschin's magnificent work will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the paintings themselves. All community members are welcome to attend the celebration.

The Fremont DDA Public Art Subcommittee is working diligently to create enough public art in Fremont in order to establish a Fremont Public Art Walking Tour, which is to entice visitors to come to our fine City.

Questions on any of the DDA Programs may be directed to Lon Vredveld, the DDA Chair, at 924-3920, or Michele Ribant, the City's Neighborhood and Economic Development Director, at 924-2101 or at mribant@cityoffremont.net.

Safety Reminders

With the new school year in full swing, and the school buses no longer running city routes, our Police Dept and Crossing Guards have noticed the following dangerous situations 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.

Your 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.

CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection Program

Weather permitting, the City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 15 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 below.

If you are interested in the full listing of the program guidelines, please come to the City Offices Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 5 PM to pick up a copy of the rules.

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



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 6:00 AM) – From December 1st - April 1st



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