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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fremont Public Schools

Spring Break

March 31 – April 7, 2017

Grand Rapids Symphony

Dogwood Center –

Main Stage

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

@ 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$17.50/Kids

18 and under \$5

Fremont High School

Graduation

Sunday, May 21, 2017

@ 2:00 p.m.

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce

Summer Concert Series

June 8th, June 15th, June

22nd, June 29th, July 6th,

July 13th and July 27th

FREE Concerts in Veterans
Memorial Park

Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.

Food sold by local
non-profits

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce

**Chicken BBQ @ Veteran's
Memorial Park**

June 9th – 11:30 a.m. to 6:00
p.m. (subject to sell out)

Rain Date – June 13th

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce

**National Baby Food
Festival**

July 19 – July 22



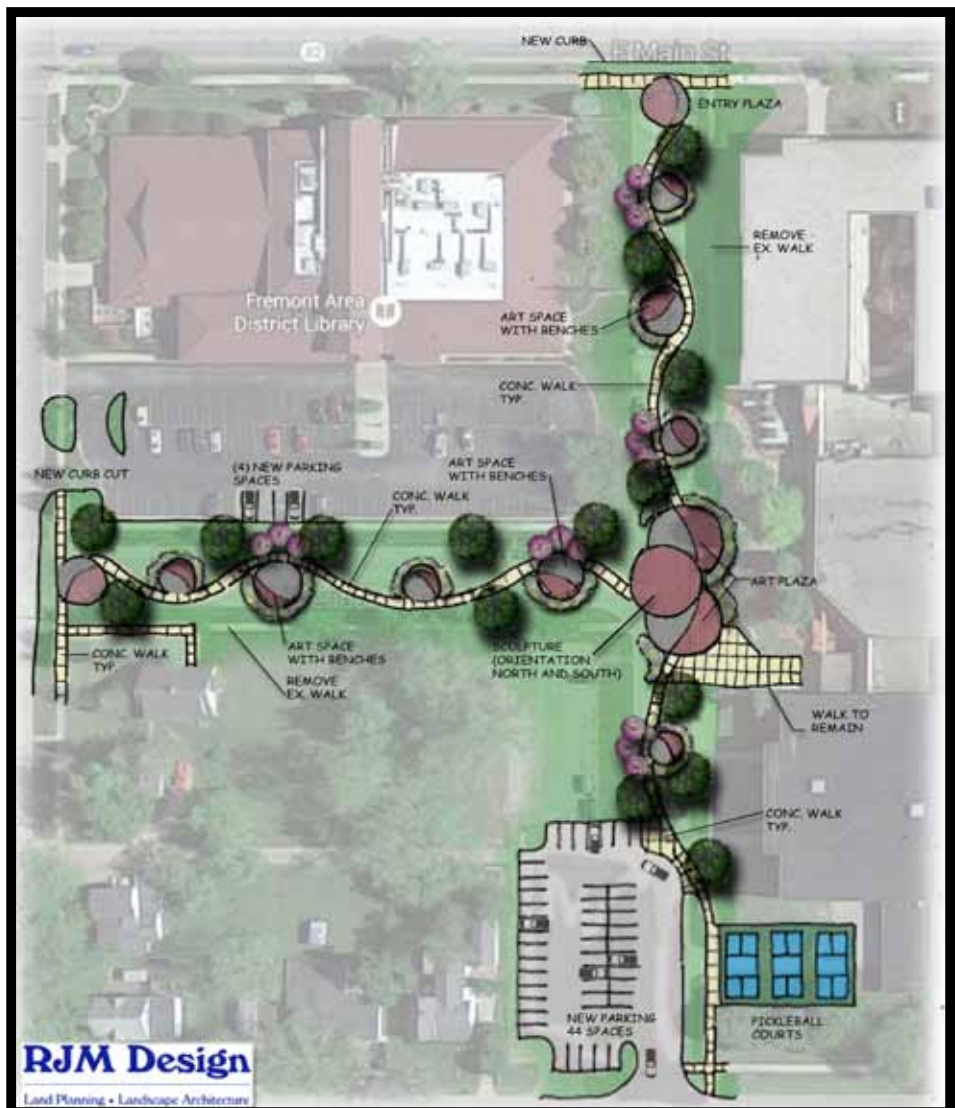
Darling / Sheridan Downtown Streetscape

The Fremont City Council would like to introduce a Downtown Beautification project for our community. The project entails removal of portions of two streets, curb/gutter, sidewalks, streetlights and the former high school parking area west of the Rec Center. The proposed innovations will include implementation of a decorative winding sidewalk with art nodes, landscaping, sitting areas, a new parking lot and pickle ball courts.

This project is a collaboration of planning between the Fremont Public Library, Fremont Community Recreation Authority, Fremont Downtown Development Authority and the City of Fremont.

In addition to creating a pleasant walkable area between the Downtown, Library, Rec Center and the Gateway, new parking will accommodate all of entities. Implementation of the new pickle ball courts will be a much-anticipated amenity to our community.

The City is currently seeking funding opportunities to help pay for this proposed project, which could begin as early as this fall.



BRUSH PICKUP

As a reminder, City crews resume 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 refuse services, please call the City Offices @ 924-2101, Monday-Friday, between 8 AM & 5 PM.

Public Art - "Oak Arch"

As noted in the front page story about the anticipated closure of portions of Darling and Sheridan streets, our next community public art project, "Oak Leaf" by artist Joe Krajciwicz (see drawing), is designed to be located at the intersection of Darling and Sheridan, on the west side of the Gateway building. Fundraising has been in place for the last year, with a current total of approximately \$12,000 toward this project cost of \$40,000. We will be conducting an area-wide letter campaign, with the hope of raising a significant amount of funding toward this project. It is anticipated that the larger community will also contribute, along with those who have already supported this growing part of what makes Fremont a welcoming location in West Michigan. We hope you, too, will consider donating toward this wonderful, ongoing program. Please contact City Hall at 924-2101 if you have any questions about this project, would like to donate, or if you would like to serve on our Public Art Committee – we are looking for additional members.



TREE COUPON PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- ❖ City homeowners only.
- ❖ One coupon per household.
- ❖ Only the owner (not a tenant) of a rental property may request one coupon per building/yard.
- ❖ Condo complexes are limited to one coupon.
- ❖ Only trees, not shrubs or bushes, may be purchased.
- ❖ Conifer trees must be 6' or higher
- ❖ Coupons must be redeemed at Mellema Nursery by 5/31.
- ❖ Trees must be planted on the property designated on the coupon at the time of pick-up. During June, the City will inventory all trees planted under the program.

The City Encourages Celebration of "Earth Week" (April 16-23rd) & "National Arbor Day"

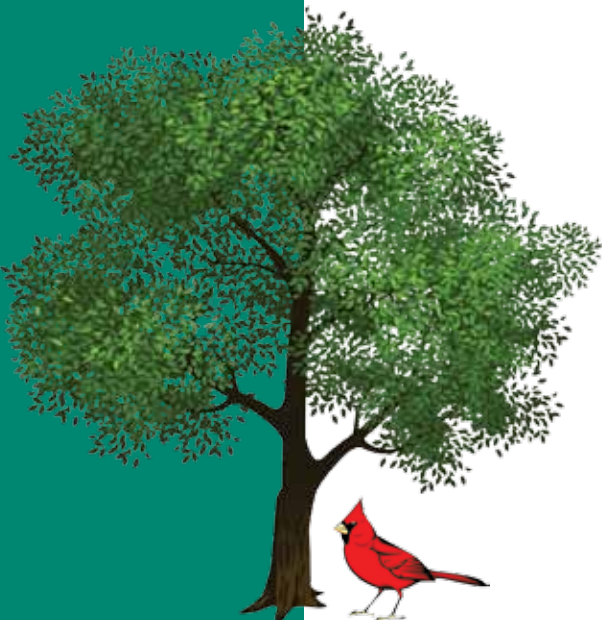
In celebration of **National Arbor Day** on Friday, April 28th, the City will again offer tree-purchase coupons. **The City coupons will remain at \$30** this year and they will go to the first 100 City homeowners that request them, in person, at the City Offices. Coupons will be available starting April 4th till gone and must be redeemed by May 31, 2017. Through the City's coupon program over the last 19 years, residents have planted over 763 trees in the community. During the same time, the City planted an additional 500 trees throughout our parks, along our streets and in our cemeteries.

We'll be coordinating miscellaneous green activities that will promote sustainability, such as the City's tree planting program. We're looking for other organizations and volunteers willing to help plant trees and participate in additional green activities during that week throughout the community.

Based on "best forestry management practices," it is advisable to diversify our urban forests, which helps ensure not only a variety of tree species, but also lessens the negative effects or spread of diseases, such as happened with Dutch Elm Disease and the Emerald Ash Borer. Therefore, the Tree Coupon may not be used to purchase any species of Elm or Ash trees or any Conifer trees under 6'. The coupon program and other various City tree plantings and maintenance efforts have also contributed to the City's 24-year designation as a "Tree City, USA."

Having a young tree planted to honor a special person can also be a unique way to show you care in a special and creative way. It's a living gift that gives lasting recognition to the person and involves them in a partnership of renewing the forests in their State.

"HE WHO PLANTS A TREE, PLANTS HOPE!" - Lucy Larcon. ★



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.

It has come to our attention that trash carts and recycle bins need to be at least 2 feet apart. Recycle bins and trash carts must always be accessible for easy collection by the hauling trucks and when they are to close the garbage hauler does not have sufficient room for the extended pickup arms. (Remember that 2 separate companies do collection with different types of trucks.)

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.

Except for new residents, the City only permits residents to stop and start their refuse/recycling services during the first two weeks of January and July each year, whereas 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.**



PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes are mailed June 30th and are due by August 10th. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on August 11th. The Summer tax bill includes millage's for Fremont Public Schools, State Education Tax, Fremont Community Recreation Authority, Newaygo County and the City of Fremont.

Winter taxes are mailed on November 30th and are due by February 14th. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on February 15th. 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 northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot at any time. The City accepts tax payments until February 28th; thereafter, all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Water Quality Report describing the source and quality of your drinking water is available at www.cityoffremont.net, (under quick links on left). To receive a paper copy in the mail, contact the City of Fremont at info@cityoffremont.net or 231-924-2101.

Fremont Municipal Airport 2017 Memorial Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast

May 27, 2017
8:00 - 2:00 p.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$8.00
Kids under 4 free



AIRPLANE AND HELICOPTER RIDES!!!
STARTING AT \$35 – ADULTS AND \$25 KIDS

Downtown Façade Program

The Fremont Downtown Development Authority (DDA) reminds downtown businesses and property owners of the Downtown Fremont Façade Improvement Program available to them. The Program is administered by the Fremont DDA's Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee. The City provides grant funding to downtown property owners to make exterior building façade improvements. The City provides a 50/50 match up to \$8,500.00 per façade on buildings located in downtown Fremont. The Program is meant to assist property owners so as to create an attractive downtown; to increase property values; to improve the marketability of space within the buildings and to attract businesses and residents to the area.

The Program has made some significant improvements to many of the buildings in the downtown over the past several years. The DDA strongly encourages downtown property owners to take advantage of the funding allocated for the Program. For those with questions or interest in the Façade Program, please contact Andy Harrington, Fremont's Community Development & Planning/Zoning Administrator, at 231-924-2101.

CITY OF FREMONT REMAINS GREEN

For those of you who do online banking through your banking institution

When paying your utility bill, tax bill or special assessment, please be sure to write your Location ID or Parcel Number and/or a note in the memo line to ensure payment is credited to the proper account.

Electronic mailing authorization for "Quarterly" Utility Billings

Go Paperless! City of Fremont residents have the option of receiving their utility 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. Contact City Hall or visit our website under Permits & Forms/Utilities Electronic Authorization Form.

Credit Cards Accepted

Payments for Taxes and Utilities can be made online from the City of Fremont website. Property owners must create an account through our contracted service provider Point and Pay, by logging in and setting up an account. From the City of Fremont website www.cityoffremont.net you can login by clicking the "Online Bill Pay" icon.

This is a link to the following site: accessmygov.com where you can "Register" your account to make payments online. Following are the fees that are collected directly by Point and Pay for this service:

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



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Held @ the Newaygo County Road Commission, M-20 just west of M-37

June 3, 2017



If you question dumping it on the ground or down your drain, we take it!

Hazardous items accepted at No Charge for Newaygo County residents, through donations are greatly appreciated!

If you have questions, call the Newaygo County Board of Public Works at **689-7213**.



SPRING REC. SOCCER!

5 SATURDAY GAMES:

April 22nd & 29th, May 6th, 13th & 20th

(Practice days/times TBD by coaches, begin week of April 10th)

A perfect introduction to the fastest growing game in the country for your young athlete. Preaching the fundamentals of soccer and teamwork, this league is a great opportunity to prepare your child for more advanced levels in the future!



U6, U8, and U10 AGE DIVISIONS

Min. Age: 4 years as of May 31st, 2017

Resident: \$40.00 Non-Resident: \$45.00

Scholarships available!

TO REGISTER:

Visit the Rec Center Service desk or call (231) 924-3750 ext. 1

Register Deadline: Thursday, April 6th, 2017

**Volunteer
Coaches
Needed!**



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2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Fremont is proud to present to you our Water Quality Report for calendar year 2016. In compliance with federal requirements, the City developed this report to provide you with valuable information about your drinking water. As summarized in this report, last year the City's water met or exceeded all federal and state government standards set for water quality and safety. We are very proud of that fact.

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires water utilities to annually provide detailed water quality information to its customers. The City is committed to providing you with this information about your water supply because customers who are informed are our best allies in supporting improvements necessary to maintain the highest drinking water standards.

The report is published annually in the City of Fremont newsletter, the "City Beat". Additional copies are available at the City Offices or on the City's website at www.cityoffremont.net. The public is invited to participate in the water quality reporting by making recommendations to the City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. Meeting dates are posted at City Hall and on the City's website.

This Water Quality Report is presented to you by the Fremont Water Department and its spokesperson, Brian Hettinger, Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Hettinger can be contacted as follows:

- City Hall Office, 101 East Main Street, Fremont, Michigan 49412
- Phone: 924-2101
- Fax: 924-2888
- Email: bhettinger@cityoffremont.net

WATER SOURCES

The general sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

WELLS	WELLFIELD LOCATION	DEPTH	DESIGN PUMPING CAPACITY (Gallons per minute- gpm)
# 1	Decker	Discontinued; sealed 1992	
# 2		104'	390 gpm
# 3		123'	380 gpm
# 4	Maple St.	Discontinued; sealed 1973	
# 5	Cherry Hill	125'	250 gpm
# 6	Branstrom	192'	530 gpm
# 7		244'	550 gpm
# 8	Daisy	190'	850 gpm
# 9		120'	1,000 gpm
#10		148'	1,000 gpm

The City's water is obtained exclusively from eight 12"-diameter groundwater wells (see table), as opposed to surface water sources such as rivers, lakes or streams. It is possible for the eight wells to pump approximately 4,890 gallons/minute (gpm) or over 7 million gallons/day (gpd) at maximum pumpage rates. Our highest pumping day for 2016 was August 10th 2.205 million gallons.

The MI Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has assigned a contamination vulnerability to Fremont's source water. The geologic sensitivity for "unconfined aquifers" is characterized as "high". City wells 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 have been determined by the MDEQ to be "highly susceptible to potential contaminants."

Fremont has established a Wellhead Protection Area Committee, which is a composite of people from the surrounding community whose intent is keeping the water you drink safe. The Committee includes representatives from the Gerber Products Company, Dayton and Sherman Townships, MSU Cooperative Extension, Fremont Area Community Foundation, MDEQ, the City's water engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Newaygo County agricultural representatives and City leaders. The Wellhead Protection program is working with property owners in the two wellhead protection areas (located in the City and in Dayton & Sherman Townships) to:

- Identify and eliminate potential contamination hazards to our groundwater
- Prohibit uses of properties that could lead to potential groundwater contamination (e.g. no dumps, landfills, fuel depots or bulk fertilizer/chemical storage sites)
- Locate and properly plug abandoned wells on both public & private properties
- Provide educational materials & resources on groundwater protection to property owners within the protection areas.

ELEVATED STORAGE TANKS	CAPACITY	YEAR BUILT
N. Weaver	500,000 gals.	1966
N. Decker	750,000 gals.	1993
E. Main	200,000 gals.	1993

WATER STORAGE

The water system includes three elevated steel storage tanks. The Weaver & Decker tanks supply both operating & fire storage to the main part of the distribution system. The E. Main tank supplies operating storage for the high-pressure district on the east part of town. A booster pumping station in the base of the Decker tank supplies both operating & fire flows for the district and the E. Main tank.

CONTINUING WATER SYSTEM INVESTMENTS

- 2011** **Improvements:**
6" to 8" Butterfield & Garden from Stewart to Pine
6" to 8" Pine from Gerber to Lake Dr.
New 8" from Gerber to New High School
Storage Tanks:
Weaver Tank new cathodic protection
Decker Tank repainted exterior
Well Fields:
Daisy wells
Installed permanent generator on site
Branstrom wells
Installed transfer switch for portable generator
- 2012** **Improvements:**
water main:
8"-12" New Cedar from Sullivan to Gerber
4"-8" Sullivan from Woodrow to old Cedar
6"-8" Old Cedar from Sullivan to Weaver
6"-8" Weaver from old Cedar to Woodrow
Storage Tanks:
Cleaned and inspected interior of Weaver Tank
Cleaned and repainted exterior of East Main Tank
Wells:
#10 Well cleaned and inspected, motor reconditioned
- 2013** **Improvements:**
New 8" on Maple from Stewart to Weaver
New 8" on Mechanic from Sheridan to Maple
New 8" on Mechanic from Oak to Woodrow
- 2014** **Improvements:**
New 8" watermain on Oak St from Mechanic to Stewart
Wells:
#2 New motor and pump assembly
- 2015** **Improvements:**
#3 new motor
#7 new motor
- 2016** **Improvements:**
New 8" water main on Fremont Street from Main Street to State Street
Well #9 cleaned and inspected

WATER QUALITY TESTING FOR CONTAMINANTS

The City of Fremont water wells and distribution system are routinely monitored at designated intervals for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. **All of our water meets or exceeds Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MDEQ standards for safe drinking water.** This report shows water quality testing results from January through December of 2016. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. Small amounts of microbial, inorganic or organic substances, as well as radioactivity can be picked up as water travels to any groundwater wells. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA'S Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or at their website at www.epa.gov/safewater. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses & bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations & wildlife.
- Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm runoff and residential uses.
- Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.

- Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA & Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines that offer an appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the EPA sources noted in the previous paragraph.

2016 WATER QUALITY DATA

Each day, our staff works to ensure the water delivered to your home meets all regulatory requirements and your expectations for safety, reliability and quality. For your protection, your drinking water is tested at designated intervals for many parameters. The State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. We are proud to report there were no violations during that time. **All of the contaminants are well BELOW allowed levels.** Not listed are over 100 other contaminants, including pesticides and herbicides, for which we tested and that were not detected.

Substance (units)	Allowed Level (MCL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	Max. Level Detected in Water	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
REGULATED MONITORING OF THE SOURCE WATER							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.07	.03-.07	2010	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discharge of drilling wastes• Discharge from metal refineries• Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.10	.45-1.10	2016	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erosion of natural deposits• Water additive that promotes strong teeth• Discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	1.0	0-0.1	2001	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)	0.2	0.2	N.D.	N.D.	2016	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discharge from steel & metal factories• Discharge from plastic & fertilizer factories
Nitrates	10	10	1.24	<.5-1.24	2015	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Runoff from fertilizers
REGULATED MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATES IN SOURCE WATER							
Gross Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	3.5	1.8-3.5	2014	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.23	.51-1.23	2011	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erosion of natural deposits
REGULATED MONITORING IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
TTHM – Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	.08	N/A	N.D.	N.D.	2016	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Byproduct of drinking water disinfection• Sampled Late
R.A.A – Chlorine (PPM)	4	4	0.6	.4-.6	2016	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water additive used to control microbes
SPECIAL MONITORING OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	27.70	<10-27.70	2015	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naturally occurring mineral
REGULATED MONITORING AT THE CUSTOMER'S TAP							
Substance (units)	Action Level (AL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	90% of Samples Were Less Than This Level	Sample Dates	No. of Samples Above AL	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water	
Lead (ppb)	15	0	6	10/1/11-9/30/14	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corrosion of household plumbing systems• Erosion of natural deposits	
Copper (ppb)	1,300	1,300	370	10/1/11-9/30/14	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corrosion of household plumbing systems• Erosion of natural deposits• Leaching from wood preservatives	

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS OF WATER TESTING TERMS

Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a substance which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Coliform (total) – The total Coliform rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for Coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease causing bacteria. When Coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful

bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. The number of monthly samples taken for testing is determined by a city's population.

Copper – Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the Action Level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the Action Level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal physician.

Fluoride – Sources: erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer/aluminum factories; & is a water additive that promotes strong teeth. Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones, and children may get mottled teeth. Fremont has added fluoride to its water since the early 1970's; we are the only community in Newaygo County to do so. The MDEQ has set 1.1 ppm (or mg/l) as an ideal level of fluoride for teeth. We try to achieve this level, although natural fluoride present in our groundwater may vary.

Nitrates – Are caused by run-off from fertilizer use: leaking from septic tanks; sewage; or erosion of natural deposits. Infants below the age of six months, who drink water containing nitrates in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and if untreated may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. The level of nitrates in this table should not cause concern.

Lead – Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. Major sources of lead in water are the corrosion of household plumbing systems (materials & components associated with service lines & home plumbing) and the erosion of natural deposits. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced. It is possible that lead levels in the water in your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. Lead levels in drinking water are likely to be highest in homes:

- With lead service lines connecting the watermain to the house
- With lead indoor plumbing
- That have copper plumbing with lead solder
- That have brass fixtures.

Pregnant women, Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the Action Level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested. Consider flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water, or until it runs as cold as it will get. Use water from only the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead. Additional information concerning lead in your water, or if you wish to have your water tested and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL's) – The highest level of a substance that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG (see below) as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The level of a substance in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant (such as chlorine) is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND) – Laboratory analysis indicates that the substance is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – The equivalent of one ounce in 7,813 gallons or one minute in two years or one penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l) – The equivalent of one ounce in 7,813,000 gallons or one second in 32 years or one penny in \$10,000,000.

Pico curies per liter (pCi/L) – A measure of radioactivity in water.

RAA – Running Annual Average – Is the average of free chlorine in the distribution system over a one year period.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) – A by-product of chlorine, which is a water disinfection additive used to control microbes.

Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a substance in water below Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL's).

CERTIFICATION:

WSSN: 2490

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the MI Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

Signature: 
Rusty Boeskoool, Water Supervisor

Date Distributed: 3-8-17

GARAGE SALES:

A Fun and Thrifty Summer Pastime

The City will be enforcing its' regulations on garage sales again 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.

Understanding that garage sales are important to many people, the City organizes a community

garage sale twice a year, one in May and one in August. The more people that participate in the community garage sale, the more energy the event will create, thus increasing the success of the program and turnout. 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. The dates for this event are:

May 11th – 13th, 2017 and August 10th – 12th, 2017

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.

FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSES SINKING FUND

Since 2002, the Fremont Public School District has had access to Sinking Fund monies as a result of an election in that year in which the community approved an additional tax for the direct purpose of maintaining and repairing its buildings and facilities. The original Sinking Fund allowed the school district to tax the community for a period of 10 years through 2012. Since that time, the District has carefully used the remaining money that was left in the fund at the end of 2012. For the past five years, we have only been making the absolute necessary repairs. As of this coming May the final dollars from the original Sinking Fund will be gone.

The majority of buildings across the district were built in the 1960's or earlier. (Fremont Middle School in 1965, Daisy Brook in 1964, Pine Street School in 1954, and Quest in 1954.) Even Pathfinder is now more than 20 years old. These buildings are exceptionally well built, but we still must make continual upgrades, repairs, and fixes to maintain what we have. The demands of maintaining these buildings are stretching our limited resources, and beginning this summer, we will need to use general fund (classroom) dollars to make repairs to roofs, mechanical controls, boilers, parking lots, flooring, doorways, and other need-to-be-taken-care-of fixes.

We want to provide the best opportunities for our kids. At the same time, we are committed to providing them with a warm, safe, and dry environment in which they can grow and learn. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please call Ken Haggart, Superintendent at FPS at 231-924-8261. Please vote on May 2nd and thanks for considering Fremont Public Schools.

Flushing of Fire Hydrants

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, May 5th 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.



IRRIGATION METERS/OUTSIDE WATERING

Looking toward spring, the City wanted to take this opportunity to remind residents who water their lawn, sprinkle flowers, etc. that they can purchase a second meter from the City that would be used strictly for outside watering.

The resident would then receive a second bill for water only, but would only receive this bill if the meter had usage during the City's quarterly billing cycle.

Having a separate meter would require separation of water lines between the domestic meter and irrigation meter that service the home. This separation would be done by either the homeowner or a certified plumber; the City Water Department Supervisor would inspect the separation upon completion.

Even though there will be costs involved for purchasing the meter and installation by a plumber, having a second meter could greatly reduce your utility billings during the watering season; residents would realize the savings in a very short time.

If you feel your summertime billings are high due to watering, you can contact Joyce Winchel at 231-924-2101 to have an estimate done to see if a 2nd meter would be beneficial for your home before the watering season begins.



MAY 2, 2017 UPCOMING ELECTION

The Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency (NCRESA) has requested a Special Election for an increase of 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 7 years, 2018 to 2024, on May 2, 2017 to be used for the education of persons with disabilities. If the millage increase is approved, the first year of levy is 2018 from local property taxes and is approximately \$1,328,800.



Fremont Public Schools has requested a Sinking Fund Millage Proposal of 2.50 mills (\$2.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2017 to 2026 on May 2, 2017. This sinking fund proposal would allow for the construction or repair of school buildings, school security improvements, the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law. If the millage is approved, the levied amount for 2017 is approximately \$1,075,000.

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.

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!"★



2017 UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Every year, the City works to maintain and improve its roads and utilities. Drivers may experience inconvenient detours, but you can rest assured that the final product will be worth it.

The following projects are expected to begin during the 2017 construction season:

New Construction:

- ✓ Downtown Beautification – Begin Darling/Sheridan Streetscape project to replace existing streets with new enhanced streetscape. Project may not begin till 2018 if funding is not secured in time.
- ✓ Cedar Street Extension – Complete final phase of the extension of Cedar Street, from Gerber Avenue to Stone Road. Once complete, this project will alleviate a majority of the west/east bound traffic traversing Oak & Pine Streets, as well as provide a more direct access to the Industrial Park.



Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- ✓ Locust Avenue/Industrial Drive: in their entirety. Project will take place fall 2017 or spring 2018

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.

2017 FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE

Dates and Times

Tuesdays: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Starting: June 17, 2017

Ending: October 7, 2017

Location:

The Fremont Farmers' Market is located downtown Fremont in the north-east 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.

RICHARD KURNAT JOINS FREMONT POLICE

On December 15, 2016, Richard Kurnat was hired for a full-time patrol officer position within the police department. Richard had been working part-time with Fremont PD and working full-time for the Newaygo County Jail prior to accepting the full time job. Richard is an Army veteran and still serves with the Army Reserves. Richard is a long time Fremont resident and much honored to have the opportunity serve his community.



“SHOP WITH A COP” 2016

On December 8, 2016, Fremont Police Department hosted the 4th Annual Shop With A Cop Program. This program provides holiday assistance to low income families that reside in Newaygo County. This year we were able to partner 101 of the county's less fortunate children with participating officers from the Fremont, Grant, Newaygo, White Cloud, and Hesperia Police Departments. As well as the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police – Hart Post, and an Ottawa County sheriff joined us.

Each child was partnered with a uniformed police officer and taken on a Christmas shopping trip and given the choice to buy Christmas presents

for themselves and family members. Seeing the children interacting with uniformed officers was an inspiring sight. The children gain so much by learning that people do care and the police officers are always here to help. The officers also gain so much by seeing and hearing the children during this time of year and seeing the joy in their eyes.

We would like to thank all the sponsors who make this day possible for the last 4 years. Without the generous support from businesses and individuals, this program would not be possible. It's great to see how much a community can come together to make a program like this happen and be such a big success!!



DEADHEAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

During past flower seasons, you may have seen people hard at work dead-heading flowers, pulling weeds, and picking up cigarette butts in downtown Fremont. The Dead Head Committee provides this service because they care about their community. All they ask in return is for the cooperation of the community. Please do not throw your cigarette butts on the ground, properly dispose of them.

If you see a Dead Head hard at work during the 2017 flower season, which is from June to September, please thank them for their community service. More Dead Heads members are needed; we would encourage students to consider joining the Dead Head Committee. Volunteer hours are determined based on your schedule. Please contact the City Office at 231-924-2101 if you have the time and motivation to serve as a Dead Head.

Dead Head Committee includes: Jim Rynberg, Norma Fikse, Marcia Eib, Ferris Ann Mangan, Bernie Mangan, Paula Meeuwenberg and Joan Vliem.

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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
Fremont Community Recreation 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 7:00 AM) – From December 1st - April 1st

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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

