



Fremont City Beat

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FREMONT, MICHIGAN:

“NOW & ALWAYS – A Fine City • A Great Community”

IN MEMORY OF

On Sunday, August 8, 2010, Larry Breuker, a member of the Fremont City Council and a downtown merchant, owner of Diversity Signs, passed away. In remembrance of our friend and public servant, on behalf of the other Council Members, I would like to include some of my comments shared at Larry’s memorial service:



Following my appointment as Mayor in November, 2004, I approached Larry to consider filling my former position on the Fremont City Council; I don’t think he was all that excited about the prospect – however, he, too, recognized the importance of public service and realized the potential of helping shape the City of Fremont for future generations. On December 6, 2004, Larry took the oath of office and quickly adapted to his “councilman” title, becoming an active, interested and contributing member.

Larry took the time - willing to listen – and, to share his thoughts about whatever the subject happened to be. He liked being in the downtown area and providing such great products and service to so many in this community. Always rather quiet about his abilities, I know he took great pride in having people enjoy his work.

Larry lived his life as he believed – first you worship God as your Lord and Savior; second, you devote yourself to your family and third, you build a lasting circle of friends. Larry succeeded on every level – it was apparent that Larry’s faith would and could sustain him; Laurie and family loved and supported Larry throughout their lives together and we, his friends, enjoyed the thoughtful, talented guy with the wonderful sense of humor and that great open laughter. A life well lived.

We gratefully acknowledge Larry’s dedicated service to this community; we will miss our dear friend.

James M. Rynberg
Mayor – City of Fremont



'10 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 following street improvements are still under construction and should be completed by November 1:

Reconstruction of deteriorated streets (full cross-section [new sand, crushed concrete & asphalt], new curb/gutter, some w/replacement of water, sewer & storm sewer lines and new sidewalk):

- Division Avenue between Daisy Brook School and Weaver Avenue
- Division Avenue between Sheridan Street to Pine Street
- Division Avenue up through the Cemetery and over to Apache Drive
- Oak Street between Mechanic Avenue and Division Avenue
- Oak Street between Southwoods Avenue and Iroquois Drive
- Oak Street – Connie Avenue to Lake Drive
- Pine Street – Gerber Avenue to Sullivan Avenue

The City appreciates how well our residents adjusted to alternate routes this past summer when so many of our street improvement projects were underway.



CITY OF FREMONT Fall Leaf Collection Program

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



The City's Curbside Bulk Leaf Collection Program begins on the third Monday of October and continues for four (4) weeks, weather permitting. 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 above collection map.

If you are interested in the full listing of the program guidelines, please come to the City Offices Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to pick up a copy of the rules.

TODD BLAKE NAMED "2010 CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR"



Todd Blake, Fremont City Clerk/Finance Director, was named 2010 City Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC). The MAMC presents the award to experienced clerks who display excellence in their position, service to their statewide associations, interest in professional development, work toward advancing their profession as well as dedication to improving their community. Todd, a Fremont City Clerk since 1996, served as President of MAMC in 2009 - in addition to many other leadership positions within his profession over the years.

OUR PANCAKES REALLY "STACK UP" ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 15th



The Fremont Fire Department will host its annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser on Friday evening, October 15th at the Fremont High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The event will be held at from 5 – 7 p.m. This is a very important fundraiser for the Department because the funds will be used to purchase necessary 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.

Look forward to seeing you!

WINTER 2010 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Winter taxes will be mailed on Wed., December 1st and due by Mon., February 14th, 2011. A 4% late penalty is added to any unpaid taxes on Tues., February 15th, 2011. 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 from the City Hall parking lot. The City accepts tax payments until Mon., February 28th, 2011; thereafter, all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office at PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

The City has set the “official” date for trick or treating for **Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 6:00 to 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 between 6 and 8 p.m. at the Fire Station, so come enjoy the community atmosphere and share Halloween with our local heroes.

2010 FREMONT FARMER'S MARKET SCHEDULE



Dates and Times

Tuesdays: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Ending Oct 5th)

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Starting: July 3, 2010 (Ending: Mid-October)

Location: The Fremont Farmer's Market is located downtown Fremont in the northeast public parking lot north of Main Street between Merchant Avenue and

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

SAFETY REMINDERS

The new school year has only just begun, but our Police Dept. & Crossing Guards have already noticed the following dangerous situations during drop-off & pickup times at the area's schools:

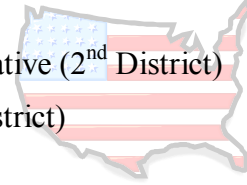
- ◆ Running or cruising through Stop signs at key intersections
- ◆ Not securing children in seatbelts or safety seats
- ◆ Speeding through School Crossing zones
- ◆ Discontinue the use of cell phones while driving

If you must drive your children to/from school without taking advantage of the District's busing program, then please leave for school 5 minutes earlier. We'll all be safer and the drive-time stress for both you and your children will be reduced.

NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, November 2 the Gubernatorial Election will take place and voters decide who will lead Michigan for the next four years. Voters will select candidates for the following offices on the upcoming ballot:

Governor	U.S. Congressional Representative (2 nd District)
State Senator (34 th District)	State Representative (100 th District)
County Commissioner (3 rd District)	



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 2010 election dates to remember:

- ☑ **October 4:** Last day to register for voting eligibility for the November 2nd General Election
- ☑ **November 2:** State General Election, 101 E. Main Street, Fremont. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

As a convenience to our City voters, if you or your spouse would like to be added to the City's permanent absentee voter (AV) list, please notify the City Offices at 924-2101. Those on the list are mailed an AV application before each election as a reminder and given the option to vote absentee or in person. Please exercise your right to vote at all elections. We should all live by the adage that "If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain!" ★



BRUSH CHIPPING COMING TO AN END- The City will continue to remove brush without charge, the first Monday of each month through 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/bush trimming and fallen branches. Residents throughout the City must have their brush placed curbside by 7 a.m. of each first Monday morning. 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.



Students at the Newaygo County Career Tech Center have created more art for the Fremont community. This Largemouth Bass sculpture was recently erected at the Fremont Lake Park boat launch, overlooking Fremont Lake. The idea transcended through Jeannie Caris, of the Fremont Town & Country Path Committee, and was produced and installed in a cooperative effort between the Newaygo County Career Tech Center, City of Fremont and Ted & Jeannie Caris. A similar bass sculpture has been proposed for placement at Sheridan Township's boat launch this fall, on the south side of Fremont Lake.



Refuse/Recycling Rate Adjustments

Effective July 1, 2010, the refuse increase will adjust the monthly 65-gallon refuse cart rate from \$8.57 to \$8.96 per month, and the 95-gallon refuse cart rate from \$10.03 to \$10.49 per month and the recycling bin rate from \$2.39 to \$2.44 per month, (which became effective April 1, 2010). Prices for the stickers, tags or bags not affected by the change and will remain the same.

HOUSE NUMBERS – NEED TO BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED

All houses or buildings within the City of Fremont should have their house or building number prominently displayed. Such numbers should be of sufficient size and displayed in such a manner that they are easily read from the street. This is important so in case of emergency the house or building can be found by police officers, firefighters or other emergency responders. The Zoning Code does require house numbering in town!



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.

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Fremont, MI 49412

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FREMONT, MI 49412

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS



The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual **Watermain Flushing Program** on Friday evening, **October 8th** 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.

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