



Focus on Fraser

33000 Garfield • Fraser, Michigan 48026



Hello Fraser,
Christmas lights, snow, hot chocolate, family and friends sharing holiday cheer—just a few things that define the holiday season in Fraser, however the holidays are about so much more. This is the time of year to give thanks for the family, friends, and neighbors and all of the things make our lives special.

This year, I'm grateful for many things, Tisha and I are anxiously awaiting our first grandson in the next couple of weeks. I am also honored and humbled for the privilege to serve as your mayor. With the long campaign trail behind us, the real work begins. We have many issues to tackle in the upcoming year, getting a clear and detailed report of our cities budget and finances, so we know as a community what we have inherited and where we are financially as a city? With that information as a new council we can work on implementing a long-term sustainable financial plan. We must begin finding a way to reform our water rates; those are going to be at the top of our task list in the upcoming year. I'm excited as Mayor to be a part of

our new city council, I look forward to working with the 6 other dedicated members, that I believe are committed to doing what's best for the city!

It will take every member putting their personal opinions or differences aside in favor of solutions that are right for Fraser. I have always said "this isn't about 1, it's about 15,000" My goal as Mayor is for council to work as a unified body, talk to each other instead of at each other, and listen to ideas and input from all sides. This type of teamwork will move Fraser forward in 2016 and beyond and I strongly believe we can accomplish that goal!

Living in Fraser, we have so much to be grateful for. We have, without question, the best public safety department in all of Macomb County, our DPW and Parks and Recs Departments are invaluable, and through dedication, hard work and the tireless efforts of many individuals, Fraser will soon be home to Southeast Michigan's first barrier-free park. Our Fraser Goodfellows and Optimist Clubs do so many great things that impact the lives of others. We are home to wonderful schools and we certainly can't forget Fraser Activities Center and all it offers the community.

Lastly, the best part of Fraser is you the people, our sense of community and the bonds that hold us together; this defines who we are as a community and city.

So from my family to yours, I'm wishing you and your families a safe and prosperous holiday season, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless you all...

Humbly Yours,

Mayor Joe

City Offices Phone List	293-3100
Assessing Department	press 1
Building Department	press 2
City Manager's Office	press 3
Clerk's Office	press 4
Finance Department	press 5
Public Works – D.P.W.	press 6

39th District Court	293-3137
Parks and Recreation	296-8483
Public Library	293-2055

Fraser Public Safety Phone List	
Emergency	9 1 1
Non Emergency Dispatch	293-1425
Police Records	293-2000

City Website: www.micityoffraser.com

Fraser Parks & Recreation

34935 Hidden Pine Drive • Fraser, MI 48026 • (586) 296-8483

Office Hours: M-Th 8-4:30 pm, F 8-2:30 pm • FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com

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Join our email updates by emailing FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com

Check out our latest news at www.MiCityofFraser.com

Don't let a good program get cancelled!

Don't wait till the last minute to register! At some point we need to make a decision about programs that have low participation. We reserve the right to combine or cancel classes if there is low participation. Cancellations will receive refunds.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers' ages 14+! Do you have a skill that you would like to share or are you looking to help enrich your community? Give us a call at (586)296-8483 or email us at FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com to be added to our volunteer list!

Seasonal Recreation Staff

We will be accepting applications for Seasonal Staff in April for our summer programs. Applicants must be 17+ years of age. Check www.MiCityofFraser.com in April for more up to date information.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Winter Basketball Clinic Grades K-1, 2-3

Wednesdays starting January 20th
Grades K-1 @ 6pm, Grades 2-3 @ 7pm.
Participants will have a ball learning early basketball skills! Program will be divided between practices, drills and scrimmages. Cost includes shirt and 6 weeks of play. Residents \$35/Non-Residents \$45

Little Kickers Ages 4 & 5

5:15pm Wednesdays, Starting January 20th
This six week program will help introduce your child to the game of soccer with drills that work on dribbling, passing, shooting, and playing goalie! The program will run for 40 minutes and will include both drills and games.
Residents \$35/Non-Residents \$45

Bowling League

Saturdays at 10am, Starting January 16th
Enjoy 12 sessions of youth bowling at Fraser Star Lanes! Teams will practice the first half of the season and have a tournament at the end of the season. This program is parent coached. Teams require a minimum of 3 participants. To volunteer as a coach, please contact the Fraser Recreation Department at (586)-296-8483. Cost is \$55 Residents and \$65 Non-Residents. Price includes shirt, admission, shoe rental, ball usage, and award.

Martial Arts

Grades K-6 on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7pm at Salk starting 1/18
Grades K-6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7pm at Disney starting 1/19
Grades 7-8 on Monday and Wednesdays 3pm at RMS starting 1/18
Cost is \$25 to register and \$5 drop in fee for each class paid to the instructor. Classes are instructed by Macomb Martial Arts and are 10 weeks long. Register by January 11th!

Parent and Tot Playschool

Wednesdays at 10 – 11am, Starting January 11th
This all new program for ages 2 1/2 to 5 years encourages parents and tots learn preschool routines, make new friends and enjoy quality time with each other! Weekly sessions are planned around different themes and will include stories, songs, music movement and fun! Cost for 6 sessions is \$45 resident/ \$55 non-resident. Sign up for both Early Childhood classes and get \$10 off your total for both!

Music and Movement

Wednesdays @ 10am, Starting January 20th
Come spend some quality time with your child while learning, playing, moving, and experiencing beginning school skills! Program is intended for one adult and one child only, ages 2-4. Sign up today for this wonderful class that will prepare your child for preschool. Cost for 6 sessions is \$55/Residents, \$65/Non-Residents Sign up for both Early Childhood classes and get \$10 off your total for both!

Indoor Playground

Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30pm
Is the weather getting too cold to play outside with your little one? Join us for some inside playtime in our gym at the Activity Center. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 18+. Drop in cost is \$1 per child. *This is not an instructed or supervised class.

Intro to Dance

Starting January 30th at Starlight Dance Academy
Ages 3-5 at 2pm. Class teaches 3 weeks of Ballet and 3 weeks of jazz. Cost is \$45 resident/ \$55 non-resident.
Ages 6-8 at 3pm. Class teaches 2 weeks each of Ballet, Jazz and Hip Hop. Cost is \$45 resident/ \$55 non-resident
Ages 9-13 at 4pm. Class teaches 2 weeks each of Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Lyrical. Cost is \$55 Resident/\$65 Non-resident.

Grades 4-8 Youth Dodgeball Program

Games are on Saturday Mornings beginning Saturday, April 2nd
Register now for Youth Dodgeball for grades 4-8! Dodgeball is a great way to keep active and have tons of fun. Drop in format will be used if there are less than 4 teams for each grade division. Cost is \$45/Residents, \$55/Non-residents and will include team shirt and instruction. Register by Thursday, March 24th.

K-1, 2-3 grade Floor Hockey Clinics

Wednesdays beginning March 30th
K-1 at 6pm, 2-3 at 7pm
Kindergarten through 3rd grade will have an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of floor hockey develop skills and play games. Program lasts 6 weeks. Register by Friday, March 18th. Cost is \$45/Res, \$55/Non and will include team shirt and instruction.

Summer Programs

Check back in March for more information on our Youth Summer Programs!

Adult Programs

Adult Yoga

Mondays at 6pm and 7:15 pm, Starting February 28th
Yoga helps calm the mind, body, and spirit and also has many health benefits! Our yoga class is taught by a master of yoga and is available for people of all abilities. Cost is \$90 for 10 sessions. Ages 16yrs and up are welcomed.

ZUMBA with CC Plus

Zumba Tuesdays at 7:30pm
Working up a sweat has never been so fun! Join us for our newest dance program- ZUMBA! Be ready for a fantastic workout, great music and fun! Dress comfortably, wear dance sneakers or tennis shoes; bring two bottles of water and a

face towel. Cost is \$8 per class, \$28 for 4 classes \$65 for 11 classes. Register with GC Plus when you come to the program.

Men's 18+ Adult Softball Leagues

NEW! Monday and Tuesday evenings starting in May Games are played at Steffens Park. Regular Season is possible 10 weeks (guaranteed 8 weeks). NEW Monday League has single headers, single elimination playoff tournament. Cost is \$225 per team. Tuesday League has double headers, double elimination playoff tournament. Cost is \$550 per team softballs included. Umpire fees will be paid by each team before game, \$15/game. Register now and reserve a team spot with \$100 deposit before League is filled. Registration deadline is April 15th, 2016.

18+ Co-Ed Kickball League

Wednesday OR Thursday Evenings, Starting in May Games are played at Steffens Park. Regular Season is 8 weeks of games and a single elimination playoff tournament. Cost is \$380 per team and includes games, balls, and winning team t-shirts or trophy. Umpire fees to be paid by each team before game, fees \$15/game. Register now and reserve a team spot with \$100 deposit before League is filled. Registration Deadline is April 15th, 2016

Special Events

Daddy Daughter Dance

Thursday, February 18th at the Fraser Vintage House

Doors at 5:30, Dinner at 6pm

Our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance is always lots of fun! Fathers and Daughters of all ages are welcome! Event includes dinner, dancing, and gift for the daughter. Dressy attire is recommended. Cost is \$18 resident/ \$23 non-resident. Must show ID at time of purchase.

Easter Egg Hunt

March 12th

10:30am, 1pm or 1:30 pm sessions

The Easter Bunny is coming to town! Children are invited to hunt for Easter eggs, make an Easter craft, and enjoy a hot dog lunch and more! Don't forget to bring a camera to take a picture with the Easter Bunny! Tickets are FREE but limited. Free tickets for Residents available starting Monday, January 25th for Residents, Non-residents starting Monday February 22nd. Tickets limited to six per household. ID required at time of pick-up.

Easter Coloring Contest

Coloring sheets for ages 2-8 and special needs will be available beginning Monday, February 2nd. Contest winners will be announced at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th. A first place and runner up prize will be given to each age. All submissions must be in by Friday, March 11th.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Saturday, April 23rd at 12pm

Children ages 3-10 can bring your favorite teddy bear for a fun picnic! We will have a picnic lunch, Teddy Bear games, Story Telling, and even cookie decorating! Cost for a child is \$6/Resident, \$8/Non-Resident, 1 adult included with each child's ticket. Children under 5 are required to have a parent attend with them.

Mom and Son Bowling

Saturday May 7th at 12pm

Have some Mom & Son bonding at our Bowling Party! Moms and sons of all ages are welcome! Event includes pizza, pop, shoes, 2 games of bowling and a special gift for mom! Tickets are available beginning Monday, February 1st. Cost per person is \$10 resident/ \$12 non-resident. Must show ID at time of purchase. Get your tickets before Friday, April 24th.

Rentals

Facility Rental

Looking for a place to host your next party or just want some time in our indoor gym? The Activity Center has rooms available for rent including a beautiful banquet room that seats 100 people, indoor gym that can be set up for basketball, volleyball or dodgeball, and a meeting room that can seat 35 people and has

a large flat screen TV and dry erase board for meetings. Call the Center for date availability and pricing.

Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion Rentals for the 3 pavilions in Steffens Park begin on Friday, April 1st at 8 am for Fraser residents, Friday, May 1st at 8 am for non-residents. Dates fill on a first come, first served basis. Rentals must be made in office during business hours. Must show ID upon reservation. Please check our website for rental policies.

Pavilion Rental Rates

	Resident	Non-Resident
Fort Fraser – 75 person capacity	\$80	\$90
Steffen's Shelter – 40 person capacity	\$55	\$65
Willow Tree – 30 person capacity	\$55	\$65
Bounce house/ tent addition	\$15	

Fraser First Booster Club

Fraser First Valentine Dance

Saturday, February 13th at Zuccaros in Clinton Township

Doors at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7pm

Take your sweetie out for wonderful dinner and dancing! Tickets are \$32 and include a full dinner and open bar. We will also have raffles and auctions. Proceeds will go towards supporting the Barrier Free Park. Tickets available at the Fraser Activity Center, no tickets at the door.

Fraser First Booster Club, Inc. is a non-profit organization to benefit parks in the City of Fraser. Currently, Fraser First Booster Club's is working with the Fraser Parks and Recreation to create a barrier-free park and playground at McKinley Park, located on Grove Street between Masonic and 13 Mile Road Just East of Hayes. What is a barrier-free park? A barrier-free park is a park which all of the design elements are accessible to all children and their families.

Breaking News - 12/15/2015 - The City of Fraser has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the next stage of McKinley Barrier-Free Park. Combined with \$50,000 in matching dollars from the Fraser First Booster Club, and an additional \$50,000 match from the City of Fraser, this grant represents a major step forward to our completion.

"This grant, along with the outpouring of support from the community, businesses, families and friends, means that we can begin planning for the final and most fun part of this project - building the playscape," said Vania Apps, President of the Fraser First Booster Club.

City of Fraser Public Safety

Because of the growing opiate abuse problem in the U.S., every public safety officer has been trained and will carry the drug Naloxone. In the event of an overdose, Naloxone will be administered via auto-injector and will immediately reverse the effect of an overdose. This will allow the victim to seek the necessary help they need. The Kaleo Corporation has supplied the department with 70 Evzio auto-injector units at no cost. Each unit has a shelf life of two years. According to Public Safety Director George Rouhib, he hopes that his officers never have to use the devices however it is just another valuable tool to save a life.

The Public Safety Department has been busy throughout the year. As of November 30, 2015, the following statistics reflect the work of the department. The 2015 department annual report will be completed sometime in February 2016.

Calls for Service	15,110	Ambulance Runs	1,345
Arrests	1,227	Fire Inspections	310
Citations Issued	7,156	Vehicle Accidents	327

The Public Safety Department is going for a new look. The department just recently purchased three Ford Explorers with all wheel drive. The vehicles have additional room compared to the Ford Crown Victoria's and Dodge Chargers. Additionally, they will be able to maneuver in the snow more effectively. All three vehicles were purchased with non-tax dollars.

Senior Activity Center • Senior Activities

Call us at (586) 296-8483 or e-mail us at FraserActivityCenter@live.com to be added to our e-mail updates

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9-4:30 pm, Friday: 9-2:30 pm

Weekly Events ~ Leisure

Cards

Double Pinochle- Monday and Wednesday at 12:30pm

Euchre - Thursday at 12:30pm

Duplicate Bridge - Friday at 10am

Drop in fee applies. Game entrance fee varies among groups and is paid out in prizes.



Wii Games

Every Wednesday at 1 pm

Join the Wii video game craze! This game is great to help improve hand-eye coordination and movement, and can be done while seated. This free, drop-in program is lots of fun! Drop in fee applies.

Bingo

Every Thursday at 9:30 am

Come and try your luck at BINGO! Cost is \$2 for 3 cards. Drop in fee applies.

18 + Euchre Tournament

First Friday of the Month, Sign in at 6:30 pm, Game at 7 pm

January 8th, February 5th, March 4th, April 1st

Come in and use your skills at the Euchre Tournament! Cost is \$5 per person, with an optional \$1 high game. Two 50/50 raffles available, water and coffee are provided.

Health and Wellness

Reflexology & Massage

Mondays by Appointment

Roberta Eggart has been a certified practitioner for 20 years. She uses pressure points on the hands, feet or back to massage, relax and promote good health.

Call for an appointment (586) 445-9944

Men's 55+ Volleyball

Mondays & Wednesdays at 10 am

Volleyball is drop-in. Drop in fee is \$1 members, \$2 non-members.

Seniors 55+ Pickleball

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 10 am

This fun program is co-ed drop-in and seniors from every community are welcome to play at the Activity Center. Don't know how to play? Call the Center to set up a lesson! Drop-in fee: \$1 members, \$2 non-members.

Low Impact Aerobic Exercise Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am

Meet up with friends and exercise along with the Richard Simmons Silver Foxes videotape. This class features a low impact, aerobic workout for the beginner or intermediate exerciser. Each session is designed to increase flexibility, stamina and balance. Drop in fee applies.

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays at 11am, Starting January 12th, February 23rd, April 5th

Chair yoga focuses on increasing movement and using a chair assures that people of all abilities are able to participate. Call (586) 296-8483 for more information. Cost for 6 sessions is \$24 members, \$30 non-members.

Learn to Play Duplicate Bridge

Tuesdays, 6-8pm starting January 26th for 10 Weeks

Have you always wanted to learn how to play Bridge, but have never had anyone to teach you? Well, we can! We will be holding a Duplicate Bridge class that will teach you everything you need to know over the course of 10 weeks. This class will begin after the New Year. Would you like more information? Call us at (586)-296-8483

"Matter of Balance" Fitness Classes

Beginning Thursday, February 4th, 12:30-2:30pm

A "Matter of Balance" class is an evidence based programs who want to learn

more about fall prevention. Group exercises are conducted to improve strength, flexibility and endurance. This program is brought to you by McLaren Macomb, Area Agency on Aging 1-B and Macomb County Community Services Agency. Cost is \$12 members, \$14 non-members for 8 weeks of program. Register no later than Friday, January 22nd!

Trips

Greektown Casino

February 1st, April 4th, June 6th 9am – 3:30pm

Cost is \$18 for members, \$20 for non-members for transportation and includes \$20 in reward play! Check with the Center for more up to date information. Trip fills very quickly. Register at the Fraser Activity Center the Monday after the previous trip.

Restaurant Rovers

Last Tuesday of the Month, Van Departs at 11am

January 26th, February 23rd, March 29, April 26th

Every month features a new restaurant. Cost is \$4 for transportation; cost of lunch is on your own. Menus will be available at the Center upon request.

Painting with a Twist

Tuesday, February 16th

Bus Departs at 10:30am, painting class begins at 11am (approx. 2 hours)

Looking for a fun day out? Unleash your creative side with Painting with a Twist! The talented team of instructors guides you step by step through the featured painting. Pop, water and wine are available for purchase. Cost is \$38 member, \$40 non-member.

Houses of Worship: A Tour of Historic Detroit Churches

Monday, March 7th. Bus departs at 9am and returns around 4:30pm. Cost: \$55 for members, \$58 for non-members (price includes guided tour and lunch).

Churches we will be touring: People's community, St. John Christian Methodist Episcopal Saint Moses the Black, Outer Driver Faith Lutheran and Christ the King

Magic Flute @ Detroit Opera House

Friday, May 13th

Bus Departs at 10am, Performance at 11am

Enjoy Mozart's famous opera The Magic Flute played at the Detroit Opera House! A handsome prince, with the help of a magic flute, a lovesick bird-catcher, and three child-spirits, searches for love, truth, and a kidnapped princess. Along the way he meets a giant serpent, an evil queen, and a secret brotherhood. Come see why Mozart's most fantastical opera is among his most beloved! Cost is \$30 members, \$35 Non-Members. Tickets Limited!

Special Events

Paczki Party

Tuesday, February 9th 9am - 12pm

We will have Paczki and coffee available for purchase, so stop by and visit with friends!

St Patrick's Day Party

Thursday, March 17th Doors at 11am Lunch at 11:30am

Enjoy a St. Patrick's Day meal and play some festive games! We will be enjoying corned beef sandwiches, soup, salad, and dessert. Cost is \$9 member, \$11 non-member and registration begins Monday, January 4th.

Services and Membership

Fraser Community Transit Service

Our van service is operated under a Community Partnership Program with SMART Transit Services. Cost is 25¢ each way within the City of Fraser, and \$1 each way for 5 mile radius or up to 10 mile radius for doctor appointments only. We are a curb to curb service and our vans are wheelchair accessible. To be eligible you must be a Fraser resident and unable to drive per a doctor's note. Call (586) 294-4611 for more information.

Senior Center Membership

Like what you see? Our Senior Center Members enjoy weekly events and discounts on trips and programs! Ages 50+ are eligible for membership. Lifetime membership and name badge is \$25 for Fraser residents, \$35 for non-residents. Call us at (586) 296-8483 for more information!

Senior Newsletter

We offer a senior newsletter, the "Gazette", which promotes all of our upcoming trips and events, a monthly calendar of events and even a birthday list! This is a monthly publication which comes out the first week of each month. You may stop into the Center or City Hall for a free copy, join our e-mail list at no cost, or we can mail all 12 issues to your home (one issue per month) at a cost of \$10 per household. To sign up to have the Gazette mailed to your home, please contact (586) 294-4611.

Greeting Cards and Books

The Senior Center offers a variety of Greeting Cards and Books for purchase! Cards are 25¢ each and proceeds go toward senior programs.

We need your help!

We can use donations of: unused greeting cards, DVDs, complete board games for all ages, craft supplies, party and holiday decorations and centerpieces, tea cups and saucers, serving trays, books, and puzzles. If we have a surplus of items and are unable to use your donation, we will make sure it goes to a place where it will be utilized.

Fraser Building Department/Code Enforcement

293-3100 Prompt #2

Do I Need a Permit?

Section 105.1 of the 2009 Michigan Building Code:

Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

A Few Examples...

Pool	Shed	Furnace
Roofing	Deck	Water Heater
Generator	Fence	



Code Enforcement Complaints

In order to best accommodate and act on code enforcement complaints, all complaints must be submitted with an exact address where possible violation (s) exists. Without an exact address, we cannot efficiently address a complaint in a speedy manner. The Code Enforcement process may at times be a lengthy process, but the end result promotes pride in our town and encourages a higher level of property maintenance. Forms are available at the Building Department or on the City of Fraser website to submit your complaint in writing.

Fee schedules, permit applications, and all city ordinances are available on our website: www.micityoffraser.com

Each owner or occupant of any premises abutting a sidewalk shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk and keep it free from obstructions, encroachments, encumbrances, filth, rubbish, and other substances likely to cause injury to a person.

No person shall deposit snow, ice, or slush onto any street roadway, highway, public sidewalk, or public right-of-way.

No person shall deposit, place, shovel, or plow snow in such a manner as to block passage of pedestrian traffic on public sidewalks, streets, or right-of-ways. Fraser Ordinance prohibits snow, ice, or other obstructions from remaining on the above-mentioned areas and requires immediate removal. Failure to comply will require the City to remove this obstruction at your expense. The actual cost of removal will be charged to you plus an administrative fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per parcel.

Many individuals, including the elderly, require these sidewalks for movement around the city for various reasons. Many children may depend on these walkways to get to school, and an obstruction may force them to avoid it by walking in the street. This could result in a very dangerous situation.

Your cooperation in complying with the Ordinance by removing the obstruction as soon as possible is appreciated.

Neighborhoods That May Experience a Rodent Problem

Rodents are a problem that could impact an entire neighborhood. This is usually a result of only one or two property owners doing something improperly that contributes to the situation. Usually, these people are not even aware that they are part of the problem. Please be a part of the solution. Help keep your neighborhood RODENT-FREE by:

- ~~ Keeping garbage bags with foodstuffs enclosed in covered containers that have no holes. Plastic bags are not rodent proof.
- ~~ Keeping firewood and other materials properly stored at least 12 inches above the ground.
- ~~ Cleaning up animal droppings daily.
- ~ Clearing vegetation from below decks and replacing ground cover with a thin layer of visqueen or weed fabric, covered with peastone.
- ~~ Keeping bird feeders elevated at least 48 inches above ground
- ~~ Not leaving pet food outdoors or storing in a garage or shed.
- ~~ Not allowing overgrowth of weeds, grass, or brush.
- ~~ Not leaving brush or rubbish piles on the ground. Dispose of grass clippings properly.
- ~~ Removing any sheds that were constructed without a ratwall. Don't leave anything directly on the ground that is large enough to allow tunneling below, creating harborage areas for rats.

If you see any signs in your neighborhood that could be a potential problem, please call the Fraser Building Department at (586) 293-3100 option #2.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Please note: The D.P.W. Clerical Staff is now located at the 31250 Kendall Address, Fraser, MI.
The Staff can be reached at (586) 293-3100 press 6, from 7:00 am — 3:30 pm.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Curbside recycling is continuing in the City of Fraser. The items that can be placed in the recycling bins are as follows: (#1 and #2) plastics (flattened), glass jars and bottles (clear, green and brown), household plastics (#3 through #7) empty containers only, kitchen cookware (pots and pans), metal and aluminum cans, steel & tin cans, empty cans only (flattened), newspapers (remove string and rubber bands, bundled or in brown paper bags), paperboard (no waxed coated paperboard i.e. cereal boxes), junk mail (envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards, etc.) office paper, plastic bags, phone books, magazines & catalogs (no glossy covers), cardboard (flatten cardboard and cut into pieces). Clear plastic bags can be used for additional items if your bin is full. Please remember to rinse out all containers and remove the labels if possible before placing them in your bin. *Styrofoam and batteries can be dropped off at the Department of Public Works, 31250 Kendall Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

New residents that have not received a recycling bin can call the office and the bin will be delivered to your home. Residents that need a replacement bin will be charged a \$10.00 replacement fee. **Residents can now receive a new 64 gallon recycling container from Rizzo Services at no cost. To obtain a recycling container or for more information contact Rizzo Services at 1-866-772-8900. The City of Fraser does not have them nor can we order them for the residents.** Unacceptable items are as follows: paper milk or juice cartons, Styrofoam containers/packing, garbage, propane tanks, paint cans (Latex paint can be placed out with regular refuse as long as the paint is dried up with sand or kitty litter. Oil base paint must be taken to the Hazardous Waste Division), colored glass, medical waste, flammable liquids, household cleaners and wood items.

BRUSH AND MISCELLANEOUS PICKUP

The Department of Public Works is making every effort to pick up all brush on Friday of each week. Therefore, any brush to be picked up must be called into the DPW office at (586) 293-3100 extension 126 before 3:30 p.m. on Thursday of each week. Any calls after 3:30 p.m. on Thursday will be held for pickup on the Friday of the following week. Because of the large amount of calls received, pickups that are **not** called in will **not** be picked up. Please do not place items out until the DPW has been notified and date has been set for pickup. All brush shall be neatly piled at the curb with the butts of the limbs all facing the street. This pertains to tree limbs up to 3" in diameter. There shall be no other rubbish, thorns or bushes in this pile; otherwise, it will not be picked up. **Effective April 18, 2011 there will be a \$35.00 fee for brush pickup for the first half hour and an additional \$35.00 for every half hour after.**

Small twigs and branches can be cut in 3' lengths, then place the bundles at the curb. Smaller bush trimmings can be placed in the brown compost bags or in garbage containers marked compost and placed out on your regular garbage day.

All brushes which are removed from the ground with roots must have the roots removed. Stumps will not be picked up by the DPW. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose of the stumps.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE AS STATED IN SECTION 2 AND 3 OF ORDINANCE NO.31 SHALL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY AND PURSUED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.

GARBAGE AND COMPOST COLLECTION

Rizzo Services is contracted by the city to pick up the garbage, compost and recycling. There is a separate truck for each collection. Rizzo Services also picks up the bulk items such as stoves, furniture, refrigerators, wood (50 lbs or less, nails removed or pounded down), carpeting (rolled and tied less than 4 ft). **If a problem arises with your pickup, please call Rizzo Services at (866) 772-8900.** Rizzo Services will automatically pick up the items as long as they are set out with your regular garbage before 7 a.m. that morning. Items that are not set out will not be picked up until the following week. Appliances must either have the doors removed or tied shut for safety.

If you do gather grass clippings for collection, please follow this guideline. Due to state regulations for compost pickup, the following procedures must be complied by. The

compost pickup program will start **March 21st, 2016** thru the end of **November 2016**.

- Place at curb on your regular trash collection day
- Place grass in open rubbish containers marked "**COMPOST**" or large **paper recycle bags**.
- Compost put in plastic bags will **not** be picked up – **no exceptions**.
- Place grass clippings separate from regular refuse collection.
- Make sure there is no other material mixed with grass, e.g. garbage or animal waste. If this material is present, grass clippings will not be collected.
- Rizzo will also take bushes **without roots** no longer than 3 foot. Place the bush at the curb on your garbage day.

The most cost efficient way to keep grass out of the waste stream is by mulching your lawns.

DISPOSAL OF UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS-

The following companies accept the items listed. Call the companies for their hours of operation and disposal fees as there is **NO DUMP** in the City of Fraser. Clean broken concrete may be taken to Clancy Concrete, 29950 Little Mack, Roseville, (586)-294-2900. Items such as brush, wood chips, sod, broken concrete, asphalt and dirt may be taken to Uni-dig., Inc., 21600 Quinn Road, Clinton Twp., (586)-791-4010. Wood and logs may be taken to Mid Michigan Recycle, 24935 21 Mile Road, Macomb, (586)-598-5807.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS

The Macomb County Health Department Household Hazardous Waste Program, located at 43524 Elizabeth Road, Mt. Clemens, will accept gardening, automotive and household products. Oil base paint must be taken to the Hazardous Waste Division. Call the hotline number at (586) 469-5236 in advance for disposal hours and for list of items accepted which also includes medication disposal. (Latex paint can be placed out with regular refuse as long as the paint is dried up with sand or kitty litter).

MATERIAL PRICES

Topsoil, slag and fill sand are available for purchase for Fraser residents. The cost of topsoil is \$30 per yard, the cost of slag is \$20 per yard and fill sand is \$16 per yard. There is a \$10 delivery fee. Call the DPW at (586)293-3100 extension 126 for delivery.

CULVERT

12" culvert is available at \$25/per foot installed and bands are \$20.00 each installed. The culvert can be ordered by calling the DPW office at (586) 293-3100 extension #126 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SANITARY SEWER BACK UP

If you experience a back up of a sewage disposal system, you must file a written claim with the City of Fraser Department of Public Works within 45 days after the back up was discovered. Notice should be mailed to City of Fraser DPW, 31250 Kendall, Fraser, MI 48026. Failure to provide the required notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Fraser DPW immediately upon discovery of backup (586) 293-3100 extension 126. The DPW will provide you with the necessary forms to make a claim.

SNOW REMOVAL

Please be advised no person shall park any motor vehicle on any residential street within the City of Fraser between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. between Monday and Friday if there is snow or ice on the ground to allow the department of public works to salt and plow the streets. This parking prohibition on residential streets for motor vehicles shall not apply to the Christmas holiday season from 12:01 a.m. December 24 through 12:01 January 2.

Your cooperation in moving your vehicles off the streets during inclement weather would be appreciated so that the entire street can be salted and/or plowed. Whenever a vehicle becomes disabled for any reason on any street during a parking prohibition or snow emergency, the owner or person operating the vehicle shall take immediate action to have the vehicle towed or pushed off the street. No person shall abandon or leave the vehicle on the street, except for the purpose of securing immediate assistance; in such cases the person securing assistance shall leave the vehicle

only for the time absolutely necessary to make contact for assistance and shall return to the vehicle immediately thereafter without delay.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Department of Public Works will be picking up Christmas trees on your garbage day. Please be sure to place your tree at the curb before this date.

ARBOR DAY

On Friday April 24th, 2015 Arbor Day was a great success. The D.P.W. planted a tree in Boris Park. There were 100 Red Maple seedlings available for Fraser residents.

The City of Fraser will celebrate Arbor Day 2016, on **Friday April 29th, 2016**. In honor of Arbor Day, the City will plant a tree in a city park. The Activity Center, Fraser Library and City Hall will have free seedlings available the week of April 25th through the 29th to residents that would like them. The seedlings are limited and will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Check out the cable station for further updates.

TREE CITY USA

Fraser was named Tree City USA for 2015. It is the twentieth year Fraser has received this national recognition.

FRASER SENIOR HOUSING

The City of Fraser has a Senior Housing Building. This is a 3 story, 75 unit building with one and two bedroom rental apartments for independent senior living. Each apartment has a refrigerator, electric stove, dishwasher, disposal, stacked washer-dryer and a patio or balcony. Each unit has individually controlled heat and air conditioning.

A one bedroom unit is 600 sq. ft. and the monthly rent is \$555.00. A two bedroom unit is 775 sq. ft. and the rent is \$635.00. Water and maintenance are included but tenant pays all other utilities. **There is a security deposit equal to one month's rent; this is returned to you when you move out. There could be an annual adjustment for the price of the apartments during the yearly budget.** Also, there is a non-refundable clean fee, equal to one month's rent. No pets are allowed. Rentals are not subsidized. On the second floor we have a community room where the tenants can gather to watch big screen TV, DVD movies, play cards, read, work puzzles or join in other activities with friends or family planned by the tenants.

We are located at 34950 Hidden Pine Dr off of 15 Mile Road and West of Utica. Currently there is a waiting list, but you are encouraged to submit your name as early as possible. The phone or fax number is (586) 792-3633. You may stop in or leave a phone message. You may also download an application from the City of Fraser's website. www.micityoffraser.com

Fraser Public Library 16330 Fourteen Mile (586) 293-2055

Fraser Public Library Closures

February 15, 2016 March 25-26, 2016

TAB: Teen Advisory Board

Wednesdays: First and Third Wednesday of every month, all at 6pm

TAB is an opportunity for teens to get more involved in their local library. They can use this group to have more input in teen programming, to gain leadership and communication skills, and to accumulate volunteer hours. Teens may also have the option of doing various projects around the library.

Family Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays: January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, all at 6:30pm

This is a storytime for children and families who cannot make the regular Friday morning sessions. We invite children and adults alike to come in their pajamas for stories and a craft. Various registration dates.

Winter Story Time

Fridays: January 15-March 18, all 10:30-11:15am

Children ages 3 to 5 will listen to stories, play games, and make an occasional craft in each story time session. The benefits of story time for children include: increase attention span, enhance visual discrimination skills, practice auditory processing, reinforce word recognition, examine social situations and behaviors, and instill a love of books!
Session ends: Friday, March 18th.
Sign up begins November 20th.

FPL's Downton Abbey Celebration - Tea and Fashion Fundraiser

Saturday, January 16, 2-5pm

Are you a Downton Abbey fanatic? Are you fascinated by British culture? Do you just want to wear a big hat? Join us at the Fraser Activity Center to celebrate the last season of *Downton Abbey* with this special fundraiser to help the Library replace its aging shelving! Lynn Anderson, a fashion collector, will present on the changing fashion of the early 1900's as seen through the show, bringing her collection and even having library staff help model it! The presentation will be accompanied by

an English-style tea (with scones!). There will also be a raffle of *Downton Abbey* products, such as wine, tea and other items. Period dress is encouraged! Tickets are \$25 and the proceeds will go towards new shelving for the library. Additional donations welcome. Buy tickets now!

Senior Coffee House

Tuesday, January 19th, 2-3pm

This low key gathering is for book lovers who want to sip something warm, to share their favorite books, and also to make and receive recommendations from others! Coffee and tea available. No registration required.

Kids Crafternoon

Tuesdays: January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, all 4-5pm

No registration required for this drop-in crafternoon. Families can show up anytime during this hour for a fun, seasonal craft!

Books on Tap

Tuesdays: January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, all at 7pm at Hof Brau Bar

Fraser Public Library's off-site book club meets monthly at Hof Brau Bar to talk books. Come to the club to help decide on next month's book! No registration required.

Billy Durant

Thursday, January 21, 6:30pm

Russell Dore returns to give a program about William Capo Durant. William Crapo Durant was a true entrepreneur. He was not a builder of cars but rather a builder of companies; a dreamer who put several automobile companies together into what became the world's largest corporation. Find out the roles that David Buick, Ransom Olds, Walter Chrysler, Charles Nash, and Louis Chevrolet played in the development of General Motors. Explore the life of this somewhat unknown icon of American industry. Learn about how this high school dropout became worth millions and yet died penniless. This presentation with visuals covers his successful life before entering the automobile industry, his creation of General Motors, his exit from the company and his attempts to begin again.

The strengths and weaknesses of his personality, his family life, and his contributions to American industry are all discussed.

Registration required and begins January 11th.

Teen Theatre

Saturday, January 23rd, 2-4pm

Educational Theatre Teacher Michelle Weiss invites teens in grades 7-12 to FPL to test their writing, directing, and acting chops! Teens will pick one of the three jobs and make it theirs for the afternoon, splitting into two groups to create two plays. Directors and actors will play theatre warm up games while the writers write and then all will come together to rehearse and put on their plays for the public at 4pm in the upstairs meeting room. Registration required and begins January 11th.

Beginner's Yoga

Mondays: January 25, February 29, March 28, April 25, all at 6pm.

Are you interested in low impact exercise? Improving your flexibility? Calming your mind? Find all of these things and more with yoga instructor Carol Ann Del Bel as she leads basic yoga sequences for beginners (though all abilities are welcome). She will also offer a variety of options for deepening poses and hands-on adjustment. Registration required as space is limited. **Please bring your own mat.** Various registration dates.

Squeaky Clean Make & Take

Saturday, February 6th, 2pm

Winter got you down? Dry air affecting your skin? Cheer up with some homemade products that smell great! FPL will be offering several stations for making homemade assorted soap products. Two option for body wash, one for each bath fizzies and sugar scrub. Cost is \$10. Registration required and begins January 25th.

Friends of FPL Monthly Meeting

Mondays: February 8, 22, March 14, April 11, all 6-8pm

All members of the community are welcome to come help plan events, such as fundraisers, that take place both in the library and in the community. Events benefit the library. No registration required.

Children's Valentine's Craft

Thursday, February 11, 6pm

Kids can come in to hear Valentine's stories and to make a fun Valentine's Craft for someone special in their life--Mom or Dad, Grandma or Grandpa, brother, sister, anyone! Registration required and begins February 1st.

Teen Unvalentine's Day Party

Saturday, February 13th, 6-8:30pm

Our annual unvalentine's day lock in comes around again! Teens in grades 7-12 can join us for sweets for your sweet (or not), very unvalentine's day games, and more! Registration required and begins February 1st.

Gone With the Wind

Thursday, February 18, 6:30pm

We welcome participants to come to look at Ms. Marcaccio's GWTW memorabilia starting at 6pm. Presentation starts at 6:30pm. Since 1994, Kathleen Marcaccio has presented her program on Margaret Mitchell and *Gone With The Wind* to hundreds of people in a variety of settings, including libraries, community colleges, retirement communities, historical societies, book clubs, women's groups, and Civil War Round Tables, as well as at GWTW events. Marcaccio's GWTW presentation provides background on author Margaret Mitchell and her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Gone With The Wind*; the 1939 film by the same name; Margaret Mitchell's post-GWTW life; and *Gone With The Wind* in popular culture.

Marcaccio holds a B.A. in English and Anthropology and an M.S. in Library Science, both from Wayne State University.

Registration required and begins February 8.

Hudson's: A History

Thursday, March 10th, 6pm

Join Michael Hauser of the Michigan Opera Theatre as we embark on a history of Hudson's department store. Hauser will share photos, advertising items, signage, and even a few videos! Come to share your memories and to learn more about the great store! Registration required and begins February 29th.

Teen ComiCon

Saturday, March 12th, 1:30-3:30pm

Make this comicon what you want! Teens in grades 7-12 can come in costume for our contest, talk comics, even learn how to draw one, and more! Registration required and begins, February 29th.

Spring Story Time

Fridays: April 1-May 27th, all 10:30-11:15am

Children ages 3 to 5 will listen to stories, play games, and make an occasional craft in each story time session. The benefits of story time for children include: increase attention span, enhance visual discrimination skills, practice auditory processing, reinforce word recognition, examine social situations and behaviors, and instill a love of books!

Session ends: Friday, May 27th. Sign up begins March 18th.

Great Islands Adventure

Monday, April 4, 6:30pm

Loreen Niewenhuis returns to talk about her *Great Islands Adventure*!

"One woman's epic journey exploring the diverse islands of the five Great Lakes!"
Registration required and begins March 21.

Friends Book Sale

Saturday, April 16th, 10am-4:30pm, \$2 entry

Monday, April 18th, 10am-7:30pm, no entry fee

Tuesday, April 19th, 10am-7:30pm, no entry fee, \$5 per bag of books

Semiannual book sale in the upstairs meeting room! Come support the Friends group and the library with your purchase!

Money Smart Week Storytime: Bunny Money

Thursday, April 28th, 6pm

Recommended for ages 3-6, this storytime is part of Money Smart Week that teaches children about smart money skills. Each child who signs up will receive a free copy of the book *Bunny Money*. Activities and craft to accompany story.

Registration required and begins April 18th. First 15 children who sign up get a free copy of *Bunny Money*.



City Clerk's Corner

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ~ Tuesday, March 8th, 2016

For the March 8th, 2016 election, you must indicate in writing which political party ballot you wish to vote. You must do so on the Application to Vote or Absent Voter Ballot Application form.

February 8th, 2016

Last day to register to vote for the presidential primary -you may register to vote at City Hall, the County Clerk's Office or the Secretary of State's Office.

March 5th, 2016 @ 2:00pm

Saturday Office Hours 10:00am - 2:00pm
Clerk's Office open to process absentee voter ballot requests. This is the last day to receive an absentee ballot by mail.

March 7th, 2016 @ 4:00pm

Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office.

March 8th, 2016

Polls will be open from 7:00am until 8:00pm.

- If you would like to vote in either of these elections and are not yet a registered voter, you must register by the deadlines listed above. Registrations are taken at the Fraser City Clerk's Office or any Secretary of State Office. In order to vote in any election in Michigan, a person must be 18 on or before Election Day and must be registered to vote 30 days prior to the election. A resident may register to vote at the Secretary of State's Office or the Fraser Clerk's Office.
- Absentee voter (AV) applications are available for eligible electors and may be obtained by calling the Clerk's Office at 293-3100 ext. 110 or 106.

ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED

The Clerk's Office is always looking for dependable citizens who are willing to work long hours at our polling locations on Election Day. These are paid positions and anyone interested may visit our website www.Micityoffraser.com, click on City Departments, Clerks Office to print an application, visit or call the Clerk's Office for an application. Actually it's a lot of fun!!!

Congratulations to our new Mayor Joe Nichols, and congratulations to our new council members; Kathy Blanke, Yvette Foster, Michael Lesich and Patrice Schornak. A special thanks to Doug Hagerty, Dan Accavitti, Barbara Jennings and Paul Cilluffo for their years of service on Council and dedication as a public servant.

Thank you to our Precinct Workers, Public Works employees, and Rose McKinney for their excellent performance throughout the 2015 Election process.

I wish you all a healthy, happy new year.

Kelly Ann Dolland
City of Fraser, City Clerk
586-293-3100 ext. 110

The Shop with a Hero was successful.

Thanks to Fraser Meijer, we were able to sponsor over 30 not so fortunate kids and provide them with gifts for themselves and family members for Christmas. We are also still looking for New Coat donations for the Coats for Kids program. Any new donations will be accepted at the station and dropped off either at the records window or dispatch.