

Focus on Fraser



I LOVE FRASER!

I grew up in St. Clair Shores but, when Kathy and I married in 1972, we moved into the yet to be completed Garfield Green Condominiums and I have been a Fraser fan ever since. Kathy got me involved with the Fraser Youth Soccer Club and insisted I apply for the opening on the Parks and Recreation Commission. I was immediately impressed by the commitment everyone had to the community they lived in and knew Fraser was a special place. Where else are you going to find people willing to voluntarily give up their garage to store soccer nets, or get up at 6:00 am on Saturday morning to line fields and work 16 hours at the City Picnic to sell ice cream bars so their kids could play soccer? Where else are you going to find people who work tirelessly to improve our parks, make sure the programs are first class and the seniors have transportation and recreation, or find people like the Politis' who take it upon themselves to build a Fort Fraser? I am

not sure we have the most exclusive homes in Macomb County; some of the surrounding communities have more and larger factories that provide a significant tax base and a few have access to Lake St. Clair, but Fraser has the people and a sense of community second to none.

2010 was another difficult year but when the going gets tough, the people of Fraser step up to the plate and open their hearts and wallets even more. The Valentine's Day Dance for the Boundless Park was a sellout, the community room was full at Hanover Grove for their Goodfellows fundraiser and all the tables were full at the Historical Commission's dinner show. Whether it's Lions selling white canes, fire fighters with boots, or football players with pink jerseys, the people of Fraser are always there. We have a Public Safety Department that collects coats and gloves for the winter, creates an organization to help families with substance abuse and now pays for their own fuel and purchases equipment and buildings for the City out of the Drug and Gambling Forfeiture Funds. We have a high school that raises over \$70,000 for cancer research and makes sure we know they care about our loved ones and are there for us. My wife worked part time at the Senior Center and when she passed away, they planted a tree and put up a plaque. Where else but Fraser do you find this kind of commitment and compassion?

Fraser benefits from being a small town. We really get very little newspaper coverage and there is virtually nothing on the t.v. or radio but you can find out anything you need to know shopping at Schotts, getting your car repaired at Fraser Auto or playing euchre at the Activities Center. I always go shopping before a council meeting just to make sure there are no surprises. You never really know how to answer "Are you the Mayor?" because while the person may have a question or a compliment, you can get your honorable head torn off over a water bill or a comment you made at last month's council meeting. As Mayor, you have to take the good with the bad and while I do not feel personally responsible for the water bill, I take the heat. I also get to announce that Faurecia has 64 new jobs available and would like Fraser residents to apply. I got a personal tour of the newly expanded Fraser Eye Care Center by Dr. Czajkowski, the facility is truly first class. It makes you feel good when international businesses like Faurecia and individual entrepreneurs like Dr. Czajkowski demonstrate this level of confidence in the community you serve with their expansion dollars.

We have our new Parks and Recreation Director in place so if you have the opportunity to stop by, I believe you will be impressed with Brian Kay's enthusiasm and professionalism. We have once again modified the parking ordinance to accommodate multiple car families this winter.

I am confident that our gravity sewer is on track for completion in the first half of 2011 and, barring any further geological anomalies, the costs should be contained. I know how Caesar felt about the aqueducts. 2011 will be our most challenging budget year because we have already cut 2.4 million dollars in expenses and even carrying that forward we will still need to reduce another 1.4 million dollars to avoid a deficit.

The best part of being Mayor of Fraser is the people you get to work with and having a great Council working with you. I hear daily about cities closing facilities, canceling events, council bickering over who is right and what should be done. In Fraser, I receive flyers about events at the Library, updates on the status of the buildings we are going to sell, reports from our City Manager, Rich Haberman on ideas he and his staff are looking at to save tax dollars. I want to thank Councilwoman Caloia for her commitment to the barrier free park, Councilwoman Jennings for knowing where every nickel goes before it is spent, Mayor Pro-tem Morelli for being me when I am unavailable, Councilman Carnegie for being everywhere every time, Councilman Accavitti for his work with the Lions Club and Councilwoman Blanke for her efforts with the seniors and insights from a former employee's perspective. We do not need three hour Council meetings because Fraser has an administrative staff, an abundance of committed employees and a City Council all working in the best interest of the city they serve.

The entire City Council wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor because I do love Fraser.

Mayor Moe

City Clerk's Corner

A Special School Election will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you would like to vote in this election and are not yet a registered voter, you must register by January 24, 2011. Registrations are taken at the Fraser City Clerk's Office or any Secretary of State Office.

To receive an application for absentee ballot, contact the Clerk's Office. The last day to receive an absentee ballot by mail is Saturday, February 19, 2011. The City Clerk's office will be open that day from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Anyone over the age of 60 may request to be placed on a permanent list to receive an application automatically. Voters on this list will receive an application for an absentee ballot approximately 45 days prior to the election. If you wish to participate in the election, simply sign the application and return it to the City Clerk's office and a ballot will be mailed as soon as they are available.

If you have any questions regarding the election, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 293-3100.

WINTER ORDINANCE ~ SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

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.

What is the Zoning Board of Appeals?

Public Act 207 empowers the City Council of the City of Fraser to establish a Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board functions as a quasi-judicial body with specific powers and limitations as outlined in the various sections of Chapter 32. (The Council adopted Chapter 32 of the Fraser Code effective October 23, 1975.) The ordinance sets the standards the Board must apply in making any decision. Only the courts may modify or reverse a decision of the Board. The major areas of authority of the board are: ordinance interpretation, appeals of administrative determination, use variances, and temporary structures, signs and uses. The ordinance regulations are designed to protect the rights of all property owners. The ZBA has authority to modify the requirements of the ordinance in situations where unusual conditions of the property would cause unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty to the property owner if the ordinance were strictly enforced. In addition, the ZBA may permit the erection of structures and signs and uses of land for which temporary use approval has been denied by the city. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members as provided in Article 19 of chapter 32 and act 207. Tentatively, the City of Fraser Zoning Board of Appeals meets the 1st Thursday of each month. Call to confirm scheduled meetings.

What is the Planning Commission?

The general purpose of the Fraser Planning Commission shall be to plan, guide, and promote the efficient, coordinated development of the City of Fraser for health, safety, and general welfare of its people. The Planning Commission was created by Ordinance No. 47, dated November 29, 1963, by the Fraser City Council, as authorized by Act 285, Michigan public Act of 1931, as amended. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members representing, insofar as it is possible, different professions or occupations, which shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. Tentatively, the Planning Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call to confirm scheduled meetings.

Pool Fill Credit

The City of Fraser offers "pool fill credit" for residents with large swimming pools. To obtain a credit, you must read your meter prior to filling your pool; and again after the pool has been filled. Both readings must be reported to the Finance Department (586-293-1877), along with information regarding the size of your pool. You will then be given a credit for the amount of the sewer rate, based upon the total number of units used to fill the pool. Credits will not be given on the basis of estimated usage. *Please note, to qualify for the pool fill credit, all pool permits must be approved by the building department.



Garage Sales, Rummage Sales, and the Like

No person shall be allowed more than two sales within a 12-month period. The sale or similar activity shall not be conducted for a period of more than 9 consecutive days. Over night outside storage of goods offered at said garage sale is prohibited. No signs shall be placed upon public property or within the public right-of-way. For more information, contact the Building / Code Enforcement Department at 586-293-3920.

BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- *POOLS
- *FENCES
- *SHEDS
- *SIDEWALKS
- *ROOF:
- *PORCHES
- *ALL SIGNS
- *INFLATABLE POOLS (OVER 24" DEEP)
- *HOT TUBS / SPAS
- *ADDITIONS
- *APPROACHES
- *TEAR-OFF
- *DECKS

Remember that permits are also required for the following: furnaces ~ air conditioners ~ water heaters and all electrical, plumbing & mechanical work.

Please contact the Building Department to check if a permit is required. Obtain required permits BEFORE work is started. Work started prior to issuance of a permit may result in double fees. Roof permits are required for all projects requiring a tear off. A third roof is not allowed on existing structures. VIOLATIONS of the above can result in the issuance of an ordinance violation with a court date, subject to the possibility of fines and other penalties.

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. Complaints can also be submitted via email. Email: fraserbuildingdept@yahoo.com

Fee schedules, permit applications, and all city ordinances are available on our website: <http://www.fraser.govoffice.com>

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.

Rodents need food and a place to nest. Without either of these, they will move away from the area. Proper, cautious applications of poisons are also effective means of elimination but please read the label and follow directions. If you see any signs in your neighborhood that could be a potential problem, please call the Fraser Building Department at (586) 293-3920.

Residents & Property Owners of the City of Fraser

Weeds, grass, wild growing brush, and/or underbrush exceeding one foot in height on your property will be considered a violation of city ordinances and may result in the issuance of tickets and fines.

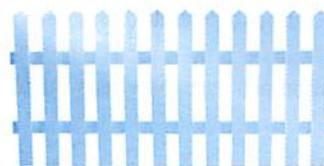


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FENCE PERMITS

Fence Permit applications and handouts are available at the Building Department counter and website: www.fraser.govoffice.com

Recreational Vehicle Permits

Are required for all trailers, Motor homes, campers, etc. that wish to park in the front setback area of a dwelling. There is no charge for these permits and they can be obtained, for up to a 72-hour period, at the Building Department. Improperly parked recreational vehicles and utility trailers will result in the issuance of an ordinance violation. Camper trailers, motor homes, and other recreational vehicles parked in a driveway MUST not extend into the front yard setback. All recreational vehicles must be kept completely behind the front line of the house. No parking of any vehicle/trailer is allowed on grass.



Strawberry Preserves

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2010

by Linda S. Champion, Historical Commissioner & Recording Secretary,
with the help of Marilyn Wright, Chair

Here I go again giving the citizens of Fraser a "laundry list" of what the Commissioners have been able to do to preserve & protect our beautiful & historical Baumgartner House & Museum. It takes a lot of work on behalf of the Commissioners, the City, residents, & friends to keep the House looking as good as it does for its age of 135 years!

New siding has recently been put on our back porch & gift shop. The gift shop will soon get new gutters, too. And, it had new windows installed in it. Wow!—the gift shop must be our favored room! (this year, at least).

As the curtains in the parlor had almost rotted away, they were taken down & new ones were purchased at a thrift shop for a grand total of \$10.60 & hung in the old ones' place. With the 2 extra panels remaining, we were able to hang those in the kitchen which never had curtains until now. The Commissioners have Betty Slominski to thank for finding these bargain curtains—which actually look like a million dollars!

The website, Google, came to the House and conducted a virtual tour of it & the grounds which should be on-line soon. This will be a great way for people who want to visit the House, but can't because of physical limitations or proximity problems, to view it from the comfort of their own homes.

Not too much was done around the grounds this year, but the grass was re-seeded where needed. The Commissioners also must thank the Master Gardeners for continuing to maintain our lovely & absolutely fabulous garden! It takes a lot of hard work & time to keep it looking as good as it does, and this fact is not unnoticed by the Commissioners.

As always, our money-making venues did well & made us a lot of money to help maintain the property. We had two flea markets with outside vendors which did well. Our annual October dinner show with the talents of "Sax Appeal" at the Vintage House was successful also. We thank all the attendees from these events for purchasing items, dinner show tickets, 50/50 drawings, as well as our other money-making endeavors, to make all 3 events worth our while. All profits go directly into our account for upkeep of our 3 buildings, property, & garden. Our other money-maker was the selling of insulated grocery bags that have zippered tops for only \$5/bag. They are a real bargain & made exceptionally well. They would make great presents for anyone, especially if you need a small token gift.

In 2011, I foresee an expansion of the Depot Center! Actually, this is a fact. More than likely, this will begin in the spring. An expansion to the Center is a necessity, due to the fact that we've run out of storage space—again! Hopefully the dust of this job will not deter anyone from coming to tour the House, so make it a point in the New Year to visit us! It's the best bargain in town!

As always, on behalf of the Fraser Historical Commissioners, I wish everyone in our fair City & our friends beyond the City, a very happy holiday season & a health-filled New Year.

DONATED PRIZES

Many thanks to the following people who donated prizes for our Dinner Show: Linda and Kay Champion, Christine and Joe Chimenti, Pamela Duncan, Dori Guoin, Fraser Library, Councilwoman Barbara Jennings, Susan Oipari, Betty Slominski and Jan Wilson.

BAUMGARTNER GARDENERS

Thanks to the following Master Gardeners and volunteers who have worked in the Baumgartner garden all throughout the long hot summer: Betty Slominski, Karen Small, Nancy Ehrke, Donna Grant, David Greer, Coleen Huntsman, Kurt Kleiner, John Palmer and Jeff, JoAnn Piechocki, Pam Pitts, Betty Schrein and daughter Rose, Sally Smogoh, and Lori Tiseo. The gardeners will be starting up again the first Wednesday in May at 6:00 P.M.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Mike Sassin, manager of Farmers Market on Gratiot, for the donation of flats of annuals that were planted around the museum.

Marilyn Giacobassi, for the donation of flats of flowers for the museum.

Ron Kohler of Oakridge Supermarket, for the generous donation of food for our Flea Market in September.

Kurt Kleiner, one of our Master Gardeners, for his very generous cash donation to the Museum.

Councilwoman Kathy Blanke and Councilwoman Sandy Caloia for their generous cash donations to our Dinner Show.

Fraser Flowers and Gifts for the donation of balloons for the Dinner Show.

Master Gardener, Lori Tiseo, who made all of the beautiful center pieces for our Dinner Show.

Jean Slivka, our Liaison, for the donation of potato chips for the food concession at our June Flea Market and for the donation of 2 cakes for our Dinner Show.

Judy Thomas for making the beautiful Log Cabin quilt for the raffle at our Dinner Show.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Barn Sale and supported all of our fund raisers in 2010. We were able to do many improvements at the museum thanks to all of you.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2011

January	Museum closed
February	Museum Closed
March 6	Museum Open 1:00 - 4:00, Easter Trims Sale
April 3	Museum Open 1:00 - 4:00, Easter Trims Sale
May 1	Museum Open 1:00 - 4:00
June 5	Barn Sale-Flea Market 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rain date June 12.
July	Museum Closed
August 7	Museum Open 1:00 - 4:00 Barn Sale
September 11	Barn Sale-Flea Market 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rain date September 18
October 2	Museum Open 1:00 - 4:00 Barn Sale Clearance Sale Dinner Show - date to be announced later.
November 6	Museum Open 1:00 - 4:00, Christmas Trims Sale
December 4	Christmas Open House 1:00 - 4:00 Santa, Cookies and hot chocolate.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The Commissioners are always in need of help during our Open House Sundays. We give tours of the House & its individual rooms from 1:00-4:00 p.m. the first Sunday of each month, excluding January, February, & July.

The Commissioners would be willing to train volunteers on what to say in each room. We usually station one person per room, so you could become an expert in a particular room. Seniors are more than welcomed to be docents - senior citizens, that is - but also high school seniors are encouraged to be tour guides as part of their community service hours for school or any of their extracurricular activities, like National Honor Society.

If you could donate some time (notice we're not asking for your money this time!), please contact Marilyn Wright, the Chair of the Fraser Historical Commissioners at (586) 293-7477. She can give you more information on what your volunteer duties would include.

Thank you so much for seriously considering this request.

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Programs and Events:



Floor Hockey

The Recreation Department is accepting registrations for this co-ed program for students grades K-8th The Floor Hockey program will start in late March on Saturdays at the Activity Center. The program cost is \$50 for residents. Program includes 6 games shirt and coaching/referees fees. Hockey sticks, puck and nets will be provided on game day for participant use.

Co-ed T-Ball Night League

This program is designed as a Little Sluggers continuation and for those new to T-ball that are 6-7 years old. Registration begins on Tuesday, February 1st at the Activity Center. This program is scheduled to start in the beginning of May on Thursday nights at Steffens Park. The first two weeks will be instructional and next four weeks games will be played. Cost is \$60.00 for residents and includes shirt, cap, and award. (Parent volunteer coached.) *Baseball pants available for additional purchase.



Daddy Daughter Dance ~ "Under the Sea" will be this year's theme for this event.

This event will take place on Thursday, February 17, from 6:30pm-9pm at the Vintage House. Doors open at 6:00pm. Seating is on a first come first served basis. The cost for this event is \$17 per person for Fraser residents and \$22 for school district and non-residents. Tickets are on sale now at the Activity Center and are limited due to the popularity of this program. Must show proper I.D. Event includes dinner, dancing, and gift for child. Photos are optional for additional charge.

Sports Equipment Sale & Swap ~ Saturday, May 14th 10:00am-3:00pm

Did your child grow out of their sports equipment or last season's pair of cleats? Is your garage and shed filled with your used sports and athletic equipment? This is your opportunity to find a great deal on some gently used sports equipment or swap with another family. You can also use this Saturday to register for one our many summer recreation programs. Admission is free for this event. Cost is \$15 for a 4x4 Table and 6ft of space. Register at the Fraser Activity Center no later than Friday, May 6.

All New! Adult Yoga at the Activity Center

This all new program for ages 16+ is perfect for beginners and intermediates. This 5-week class will teach you the techniques to help you tone and strengthen, improve circulation, flexibility, stamina and balance...not to mention reduce stress! Cost is \$55 for Residents, \$60 for Non-residents. Session I will be held on the following Mondays: January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and February 7th. Session II will be held on the following Mondays: February 21st, 28th, March 7th, 14th, and 21st. All classes are held in the Activity Center Banquet Room at 7:00pm. Registration is now open. Please register at the Activity Center Recreation office.



Coming soon to the Recreation Program Lineup:



Jr. Golf- Leagues & lessons ~ Adult Tennis Lessons- evening ~ Youth Tennis Lessons- evening

Building Usage and Facility Reservations

The Fraser Activity Center is a great place for a social event! We are hosts to many meetings, family and friend gatherings, wedding/ baby showers, and birthday parties during the year. If you have not found a venue for your next meeting or event give us a call to check for availability. We have birthday party specials that include gymnasium and banquet room rental to meet your needs.

Our banquet room holds 110 people. • Our Gymnasium is available for basketball, volleyball, and dodgeball rentals. (Equipment for these sports is available for rental as needed.)

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Volunteer & Sponsorship Opportunities

Let's get involved to help out the City, with events and programs! Any individuals or organizations in need of volunteer hours or providing community goodwill will be put to good use on an as needed basis. This includes: retirees looking for something to do with their extra time, college/high school students in need of volunteer hours for graduation or specific school groups (NHS, Leadership, Boy/Girl Scouts etc.)

Volunteer & Sponsorship Information located on City of Fraser website
Click on City Departments → Parks and Recreation:
<http://www.ci.fraser.mi.us/>

*For more information on getting involved with our Parks and Recreation Department please give us a call at 586-296-8483 or send us an e-mail at fraseractivitycenter@live.com

Fraser Activity Center Weekly Schedule:

Monday-	Pinochle 12:30pm Reflexology (by appointment only) Blood Pressure Checks every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at noon
Tuesday-	Exercise 10-11am Red Hats Meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11am Wii Games 1pm
Wednesday-	Pinochle 12:30pm Pinochle Tournament every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm
Thursday-	Exercise 10-11am Euchre 12:30pm Bingo every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30am
Friday-	Bridge 10:30am Movie 12:30pm Euchre Tournament every 1st Friday of the month sign in at 6:45 pm

Reflexology and Massage

Everybody can use a little relaxation! Reflexology by Roberta is every Monday by appointment. Call 586-445-9944 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Movies at the Center

Each Friday we show a movie at 12:30pm. Movie suggestions can be given to the Senior Activity Center staff members.

Free Blood Pressure Checks

Every 1st and 3rd Monday at Noon

Senior Co-Ed Volleyball

Come join us at the activity center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am-12pm for a friendly game or two of drop-in volleyball.

Coming Soon

Pickle-Ball is gaining momentum as a favorite recreational activity amongst many in the 50 & up crowd. We are looking to offer this sport to our participants as well. Pickle-Ball combines the basic aspects and strategies of tennis and ping-pong (racquet, net, ball). Pickle-Ball is played within the boundaries of a badminton court indoors and can be played in a doubles or singles format.

Bocce Ball courts are going to be installed this spring at the Fraser Activity Center. They will be available for recreational use and for league play. Leagues will be offered by the Fraser Parks and Recreation Department.

Check back this spring for more program information!

Trips, Tours and Events

Please check with us on a regular basis for fun affordable trips, tours, parties and more! These activities change on a monthly basis so there's always something for everyone. Call 586-296-8483 for more information, or pick up a copy of the "Gazette", our senior newsletter at the Activity Center, Library or City Hall.

Pavilion Rental

On Friday, April 1st the Recreation Department *will begin* taking reservations for Steffens Park Pavilions during regular business hours 8am-4:30pm for Fraser Residents Only. Dates fill on a first come, first served basis and remaining pavilion reservation dates will be released to non-residents on May 2nd. Please visit our website for updated pavilion rental rates.

Fort Fraser Pavilion- 100 person capacity
Willow Tree Pavilion- 35-40 person capacity
Steffens Pavilion- 35-40 person capacity

SUMMER PROGRAMS REGISTRATION

Monday, April 11th at 8:00am we will officially start the registration process for summer programs. Please visit our website and school flyers in March for the variety of activities and programs we will have to offer. If there are any additional program offerings you would like our department to offer please let us know and we will see what we can do for you!

Tentative summer program offerings back by popular demand:

Summer Playground Program	Co-Ed T-Ball
Little Kickers	Co-Ed Tennis
Little Sluggers	Boys and Girls Basketball
Swimming	Girls Sand Volleyball

**Please don't forget the annual City Picnic & Parade along with the Fraser Lion's Carnival on Sunday July 17th!!!
Parade begins at noon; fireworks at dusk.**



Each year the Fraser Parks and Recreation Department receives generous contributions in a variety of forms. Our Parks and Recreation Department and program participants benefit greatly because of volunteers and organizations donating their time. In addition, we are also supported by local organizations providing services and facility usage, corporate sponsorships, grant assistance programs, and special individuals going the extra mile to help out to make our Department successful.

Many Thanks to:

Mayor Moe Geromette and Fraser City Council
State Farm Insurance- Dan Stawinski
Vintage House Banquets & Catering
Fraser First Booster Club
Fraser Parks and Recreation Commissioners
Fraser Recreation Youth Sports Staff
Parent Volunteer Coaches
Fraser Public Schools
Brad Robinson, Fraser High School Athletics Director
Greg Dalida, Fraser High School Varsity Tennis Coach
Fraser High School Band, Director Jim Rodgers
Fraser High School, Fraser Singers, Director Pat Pascaretti

Don Schroeder
Josie Albu
Marie Cilluffo
Kelly Dolland
Christa Turzak
DPW Staff
Jewell Photo
Fraser VFW
Fraser Buddies
Fraser Lions Club

Recreation 5-Year Plan

Your thoughts are important to us! Please help us complete our 5-year plan by assisting us with a short survey on our webpage: www.fraser.govoffice.com

This survey will help us define what is needed on our part to make our parks a better place! Your input and support is greatly appreciated. Forms will also be available at the Recreation Office, City Hall and Library.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WINTER AND SPRING
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE IS LOCATED AT CITY HALL IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

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 - #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, ect.) 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. Used motor oil, Styrofoam and batteries can be dropped off at the Department of Public Works, 31250 Kendall on 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.

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 under 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.

BELOW ARE THE HOLIDAYS THAT FALL ON A WEEK DAY FOR 2011 THAT COULD CHANGE YOUR TRASH PICK UP TO A DIFFERENT DAY. THE REST OF THE YEAR RIZZO TRASH PICKUP WILL BE THE NORMAL SCHEDULE DAYS:

Memorial Day: May 30th Monday

Rizzo will be one day behind and will be picking up trash on Saturday.

Independence Day: July 4th Monday

Rizzo will be one day behind and will be picking up trash on Saturday.

Labor Day: September 5th Monday

Rizzo will be one day behind and will be picking up trash on Saturday.

Thanksgiving Day: November 24th Thursday

Thursday will be picked up on Friday and Friday will be picked up on Saturday.

If a holiday falls on a week-end day, trash will be picked up on your scheduled day.

COMPOST

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 28, 2011** thru the end of **November 2011**.

- 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.

Items such as concrete, bricks, sod and dirt may be taken to Marsack Sand and Gravel, 20900 14 Mile Road, Roseville, 586-293-4414. 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., 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) 469-7923 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).

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) 293-1977. The DPW will provide you with the necessary forms to make a claim.

BRUSH AND MISCELLANEOUS PICKUP

The Department of Public works is making every effort to pick up all brush on Thursday and Friday of each week. Therefore, any brush to be picked up must be called into the DPW office at 293-1977 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 Thursday and 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.

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. There will be a charge rendered to any contractor for any of the above services.



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.

CITY FINANCE REPORT

We have completed an assessment of the city's finances. A report will be available on the city website: fraser.govoffice.com. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the City Manager, Richard Haberman, at richh@fraser.govoffice.com.

A Town Hall meeting is being planned for January 2011. Date to be determined.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WINTER AND SPRING

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE IS LOCATED AT CITY HALL IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

The City Council, at their November 2010 City Council meeting, voted to continue a change in the traditional snow removal procedure for the 2010-2011 winter season.

In the past, the City Ordinance banned parking on any street between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am from November 15 through March 15. The trial method does not ban parking on the street except when either a snow emergency is declared and/or between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday through Friday if snow is on the ground.

A snow emergency will likely be called if 4" or more of snow is forecast over a 24 to 48 hour period. Once declared, cars must be removed from the street for 48 hours or the city has completed snow plowing on that street.

The most common sense approach is IF THERE IS MORE THAN 3 INCHES OF SNOW ON THE GROUND, MAKE SURE YOU REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE FROM THE STREET UNTIL YOUR STREET HAS BEEN SALTED AND/OR PLOWED. Your cooperation in moving your vehicles off the street during inclement weather will make this new process succeed or fail.

Detailed information regarding our snow/ice control program is available at the city offices and on our website.

READING YOUR WATER METERS

Please be kind to your water meter readers. Remove hoses and keep the meter accessible to read during the winter months.

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

The City of Fraser will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 29, 2011. In honor of Arbor Day, the City will plant a tree in a city park. The Activity Center 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.

AVAILABLE MATERIALS:

Topsoil, slag and fill sand are available for purchase for Fraser residents. Call the DPW at (586)293-1977 for pricing.

CULVERT

12" culvert is available at \$18.00/per foot installed and bands are \$17.00 each installed. The culvert can be ordered by calling the DPW office at (586) 293-1977 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Water Leaks...Increase Your Water Bills



(Based on pressure of 60 pounds per square inch)

WHY ARE MY SUMMER BILLS SO HIGH?

Summer bills are always higher, we physically use more water. We water our grass, flowers and gardens. In the summer months we launder more clothes, we bathe or shower more and we consume more drinking water.

HOW TO CHECK FOR INVISIBLE LEAKS...

First turn off all water taps in the house and outside.

Then watch the red dial on your water meter. If it moves you have a costly hidden leak.

By timing the movement of the indicator with the sweep hand of your watch or clock, you can determine how many units or gallons are being wasted each minute. One unit equals 748 gallons of water.

MAKE A CHECK TODAY

Check all faucets from basement to attic. Watch hot water faucets particularly; the heat affects them and you lose both water and heat.

Check the flush tanks of toilets by placing laundry bluing in the tank and watch the bowl to see if it leaks through.

Check outside water taps to see if they are turned off when not in use. Don't depend on the hose nozzle; use the faucet.

Check faucets on lines connected to washing machines and other water-using equipment. Close the faucets when the machines are not in use. This avoids leaks and preserves the equipment.

Check humidifiers on furnaces and air conditioners for small drips and leaks that aren't normally present. Make any necessary repairs.

Check all sump pumps and back up sump pumps to make sure they are working correctly. Make any necessary repairs.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL GUIDELINES

PLEASE SAVE THESE GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Cardboard & Paper Bags Flatten cardboard & cut 1/4 pieces No wax coated cardboard	Paperboard No wax coated paperboard	Magazines & Catalogs Any size magazines	Junk Mail Envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards etc.	Office Paper All types and sizes
Phone Books All types and sizes	Newspaper Remove bags, straps and rubber bands	Pots & Pans Kitchen cookware	*Steel & Tin Cans Empty cans only	*Clear Glass Empty, clear glass only
*Aluminum Cans Empty cans only	*Plastic Jugs/Bottles (#1 & #2)	*Household Plastic (#3 - #7) Empty containers only	*Plastic Bags Most retail and grocery bags	RECYCLING BIN FULL? Clear plastic bags can be used for additional items if your bin is full.

Thank You For Recycling!

We wish to thank you for doing your part to protect our environment. Your efforts truly do make a difference! Please follow these guidelines when gathering and preparing your materials for curbside recycling.

PLASTIC REFERENCE GUIDE

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| Plastic soft drink & water bottles, canteen, mouthwash and salad dressing bottles. Peanut butter, mayo, pickles, jelly and jam jars. | Canteen bottles, yogurt containers, margarine tubs, medicine and vitamin bottles, etc. |
| Milk, water, juice, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent bottles, yogurt containers, cereal liners, grocery trash and retail bags. | Compact disc jackets, food service applications, grocery store, egg containers, aspirin bottles, cups and plates. |
| Clear food and non-food packaging, medical tubing, electrical cable insulation, plastic pipes, fittings and carpet backing. | Three and five gallon reusable water bottles, some citrus juice and canteen bottles. |
| Dry cleaning, bread and frozen food bags, squeezable bottles e.g. honey, mustard, BBQ sauce, etc. | <p>* See bottom of container for plastic type </p> |

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Paper Milk or Juice Cartons
- Styrofoam Containers/Packaging
- Garbage
- Propane Tanks
- Paint Cans
- Colored Glass
- Medical Waste
- Flammable Liquids
- Household Cleaners
- Chemicals (Dry or Liquid)
- Wood Items

Please visit www.followtherecycling.com for more information about recycling and how you can help.

* Please inspect/containers before putting into recycling bin.

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2011 Will prove to be an exciting and informative
New Year at the Library!

Book Discussions

Saturday morning book discussions will be on the 1st Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. The discussions will be led by facilitator Kerri Dettmer. The first session will be January 8th with the book "A Study in Scarlett". More titles to be announced.

Winter Pre-School Story Time Ages 3 ½ -5:

Stories, fingerplays, games and an occasional craft for the independent listener, ages 3 ½ -5. Choose either Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. or Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Pre registration is required and will begin January 3rd.

Knitting Classes

Rosemary & Doreen's knitting class will be held on Saturday, January 15th from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 noon. Adult knitting class to be held January 29th at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is not required. Contact person Rosemary Anderson 586-293-2055.

Photography Class ages 14-adult

A beginning photography class will be held by Thomas Dean, on January 18th at 6:45 p.m. Pre-registration is required and will begin January 3rd. Learn about Mr. Dean's techniques and how to tweak your pictures.

Hunters of the Sky "Birds of Prey"

The naturalists from the Leslie Science and Nature Center in Ann Arbor will once again present "Birds of Prey" An owl, a peregrine falcon and bald eagle will be on display. This is one of Fraser Library's favorite exhibits and will occur on January 22nd at 1:30 p.m. this activity is for Ages 5 years and up and requires pre-registration that will begin January 3rd. *NO ONE UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE, PLEASE.*

REGISTRATION DATES

January 3rd	January 20th
Winter Story Time	Lavender & Chocolate
Hunters of the Sky	January 28th
Photography Class	Valentines Craft (ages 5+)

Lavender & Chocolate

Join us for an evening of recipes and sampling of various chocolate delicacies. This tasty event will be at 6:45 p.m. on February 10th. Pre-registration is required along with a \$3.00 fee. Registration will begin January 20th.

Valentines Craft Class

Children ages 5 + will enjoy making a craft for their favorite valentine or for themselves on February 12 at 1:30. Pre-registration is required and will begin January 28th.

Magnets and Science Demonstration

Children in 3rd grade and up will enjoy a hands on demonstration of science activities exploring the fascinating world of magnets and electrical power. This exciting activity will be at 11:30 a.m. on February 19th. Pre-registration is required and will begin February 1st.

Canine Kids Go to the Circus

Children ages 3 1/2 and up will enjoy a dog show with a circus theme on March 19th at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is not required.

Pysanky Class

This class is geared for those age 16 years and up. Participants will learn the ancient Ukrainian art of egg decorating. Pre-registration and a \$5.00 fee are required. Registration begins March 1st. Program is on March 23rd.

Big Band Memories

Adults will enjoy a blast from the past as the Fraser Library presents Big Band Memories with Bill Hart. Take a step back in time with many of the favorite tunes and musical styles of years gone by. Please join us at 6:45 p.m. April 5th.

Watch for many more exciting events including:
Annual Spring Fling • Children's Crafts
Children and Teen Summer Reading Programs

Library board meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

AUTO-PAYMENT FOR WATER BILLS

The City continues to offer customers the opportunity to pay their monthly water bill through our AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT service. By enrolling in this program, your monthly bill will be automatically deducted from your specified checking or savings account on the due date. The City offers this program to you at NO CHARGE.

An enrollment form is available at the City of Fraser Finance Department or on the city's website. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at 586-293-1877.

WAYS TO PAY YOUR MONTHLY WATER BILL

- Water bills may be paid in person at the Finance Department during regular working hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.
- You can deposit your CHECK or MONEY ORDER payments in our green drop box located in front of City Hall. It is emptied daily, Monday through Friday.
- Enroll in the city's "Automatic Bill Payment Program."
- Water bill payments may be mailed. Refer to your bill for mailing address. Make sure you return the payment stub along with your check and write your account number on your check. Checks made payable to City of Fraser.

24-HOUR DROP BOX

Our 24-Hour Drop Box is in front of City Hall. You can use this drop box for water bill payments, miscellaneous invoice payments, absentee ballots, and payments to the 39th District Court. NO CASH.

2010 PROPERTY INFORMATION

- 2010 Winter Tax Bills were mailed out on December 1, 2010. Payments for the winter taxes must be received by February 28, 2011.
- If you do not receive your tax bill, call our office immediately. We will send you a duplicate copy.
- Read your entire tax bill (front and back). It contains important information.
- Partial payments are accepted.
- As of September 1, 2010, any unpaid summer tax balance was assessed a flat penalty of four percent.
- On March 1, 2011, any unpaid tax balances will be turned over to Macomb County for collection.

UTILITY BILL AND PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

The City offers the ability to pay utility bills and property taxes with a credit card. A service fee will be applied to your total when using this service.

Please visit the City's website:
www.fraser.govoffice.com

PROPERTY TAX INFO AVAILABLE ONLINE

You can access important property tax information via the City's website. The City's website is www.fraser.govoffice.com. To access this information, please follow the link entitled "Tax & Assessment Information" located on the Finance Department's page.