



# Focus on Fraser



## Some of The Little Things That Make Living in Fraser "AWESOME"

Getting help at Reindel's when you know, and they know, that you don't have a clue. \* Watching a four-year-old swinging and sliding at Fort Fraser \* Seeing a Dad hold his little girl tightly at the annual "Daddy/Daughter Dance" \* High-fiving your child after getting a base hit at Steffens Park \* Walking into Nino's Barbershop and reading the sign above the door which said, "You are a stranger here but once" ... and realizing that they meant it \* The smell of El Charro's when they begin to cook their tortilla chips in the morning \* Being seated at the first table to get called up for the dinner buffet at the Vintage House \* When your wife wears your old Fraser High School sports jersey to paint the new babies bedroom \* Hitting all green lights going north on Utica Road \* Playing at Warfield's Golf Course, where you can get a quick 9 in after work \* The sound of scissors cutting construction paper and the smell of an open box of crayons in a Fraser elementary classroom \* The Fraser crossing guards standing their posts \* Watching the faces of the children as Santa arrives on the top of the firetruck during our city's holiday tree-lighting event \* When the waitress brings us free refills at Pepi's, without asking \* When you are really tired and in that "pre-nap mode", someone throws a Fraser historical blanket on you \* Still getting your ID checked at the Hof-Brau, even though they know that you are way over the legal age \* Pulling into Ernie's for a fill-up, knowing that you don't have to get out of your car \* Watching your neighbors cheer on their child as they ride their new two-wheeler bike from the Fraser Bicycle Shop for the first time \* Seeing the "Welcome to Fraser" sign, after a long business trip \* Getting your first raspberry milkshake of the season from the Dairy Maid \* Getting that perfectly glazed donut from 7-11 with your morning coffee \* Many friends and neighbors who look forward to greeting you at the Fraser Lions beer tent \* Ordering a pizza from Fred's when you "just gotta" have a pizza \* Snow angels in our city parks \* Watching the Fraser Youth Soccer players chew on huge orange slices and seeing a sea of huge orange smiles \* The smell of freshly cut grass as the DPW workers pull away \* A long hug at the Faulman-Walsh Funeral Home, just when you needed it the most \* The feel after a great teeth cleaning at Tooth Booth \* Dangling your feet in the water at Somerset Pool as you watch your children during their swimming lessons \* Filling all the squares of your waffle with just the right amount of melted butter and syrup at Ram's Horn \* The shampoo and scalp massage that you get just before your haircut at Golden Shears \* Enjoying the fireworks display at the annual Fraser City Picnic \* Watching the children's excitement as they visit the firehouse for the first time \* Snow falling on the Fraser City's light display on Christmas Eve \* Someone driving through Fraser and stopping in front of the home that they grew up in \* Taking your grandchildren to the VFW to show them the helicopter and explain the many sacrifices that men and women have made for them \* Tucking our children in at night with the full confidence that our Public Safety has our backs \* Hearing the snow plow come down your street to clear the way, even before your morning alarm clock has gone off \* Knowing that the Activity Center is a place that welcomes the young and the young-at-heart to socialize, play and gather \* Still being able to hear the church bells on Sunday mornings \* ... and the list is endless.

In this New Year, let's all take a moment to remember how lucky we are, right now, to be living here in Fraser ... Happy New Year!

Doug Hagerty, Mayor

*Best Wishes  
for a healthy &  
prosperous  
New Year!*

*From the Mayor and  
City Council*

**Check out the city's  
new website  
[www.micityoffraser.com](http://www.micityoffraser.com)**

### 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

<b>39th District Court</b>	<b>293-3137</b>
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>296-8483</b>
<b>Public Library</b>	<b>293-2055</b>

### Fraser Public Safety Phone List Emergency 9 1 1

Police Services	293-1425
Criminal Investigations	294-8904
Fire Administration	294-8904
Police Records	293-1614



# Fraser Parks & Recreation

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

Office Hours: M-Th 9-4:30 pm, F 9-2:30 pm • [FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com](mailto:FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com)



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Join our email updates by emailing [FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com](mailto:FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com)  
Check out our latest news at [www.MiCityofFraser.com](http://www.MiCityofFraser.com)

### 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](mailto: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 16+ years of age. Check [www.MiCityofFraser.com](http://www.MiCityofFraser.com) in April for more up to date information.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Crafternoon

First Saturday of the Month at 1 pm  
January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th  
Each month will feature a new craft! For ages 6-10. Must register by the Monday before the program. Cost is \$6 resident, \$8 non-resident. All supplies will be provided.

### K-2nd Grade Co-ed Floor Hockey Clinic

Wednesdays at 6 & 7 pm, Starting January 16th  
At the Fraser Activity Center  
Grades K-2 5 week Floor Hockey Clinic is designed to teach the basics of Floor Hockey. Cost is \$35 Resident, \$45 Non-resident and will include instruction, games and shirt. Registration ends January 9th.

### Teen Dance

Friday, January 18th and Friday, March 8th at the Fraser Activity Center  
Doors at 5:30 pm, Dance starts at 6 pm  
Students of Richards Middle School are invited to come to our Teen Dance. Tickets will be sold during lunches starting Monday, January 14th and Monday, March 4th. Limited amount of tickets available for each grade. First come, first served. Tickets are \$4 per person. School dress code enforced. Concessions available for purchase. Parent volunteers welcomed, please call (586) 296-8483.

### Dodgeball

Grades 2-3 at 6 pm, 4-6 at 7:15  
Wednesdays, Starting March 6th  
At the Fraser Activity Center  
Dodgeball is a fun sport and a great way to stay active! This program will feature instruction and games. Cost is \$35 Resident, \$45 Non-resident and will include a shirt. Registration ends February 27th.

### Night T-Ball

Thursdays at 6 pm Starting May 9th  
This Spring Night T-Ball is for ages 6-8. During this 6 week program, participants will practice drills and play scrimmages. Cost is \$65 Resident, \$75 Non-resident and includes practice, games, shirt and hat. Register before Friday, May 3rd.

### Self Defense Class for Children Ages 7-12

Saturday January 19th or March 9th at the Fraser Activity Center  
1 hour class from 1-2 pm  
Staying safe should be a priority no matter what age! Our safety instructor will provide real-life scenarios and teach effective strategies to staying safe! Participants will also learn self-defense maneuvers and be able to practice one-on-one with an instructor. Cost is \$15 for a 1 hour class. Class sizes are limited so register soon! Classes taught by Live Safe Academy

### Summer Programs

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

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Adult Drop-In Pickleball

Tuesdays 7 pm – 9:30 pm  
Pickleball is gaining popularity all over the US! This sport is a mixture between tennis and table tennis. This is a 2 hour drop-in program for ages 18+. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you! This is a great sport for everyone! Drop-in fee is \$5 resident, \$7 non-resident.

### Adult Yoga

Mondays at 6 pm and 7:15 pm,  
Starting January 7th, March 25th  
At the Fraser Activity Center  
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 \$80 for 10 sessions. Ages 16yrs and up are welcomed.



### Self Defense Class for Adults 13+

Saturday January 19th or March 9th at the Fraser Activity Center  
2 Hour class from 2:30 – 4:30 pm  
Staying safe should be a priority no matter what age! Our safety instructor will provide real-life scenarios and teach effective strategies to staying safe! Participants will also learn self-defense maneuvers and be able to practice one-on-one with an instructor. Class sizes are limited so register soon! Cost is \$30 for a 2 hour class. Minors must be accompanied by participating adult. Classes taught by Live Safe Academy

### Adult Night Casino Trip

Friday, February, 8th to Motor City Casino  
Van departs at 5:15pm, Returns about 10:30 pm  
Have a night out with us! Adults ages 21+ are invited to go on our Adult Night Casino Trip to Motor City Casino! Cost is \$20 resident, \$25 non-resident for transportation and \$25 in free play. Spaces are limited so register soon!

### Men and Women 18+ Adult Softball Leagues

Men's Softball Tuesday evenings, Women's Softball Thursday Evenings  
Games are played at Steffens Park, season to start late April. Regular Season is 7 weeks of double headers and one day double elimination tournament. Cost is \$576 per team, ASA fees and softballs included. Umpire fees will be paid by each team before game, fees TBD. Reserve a team spot with \$100 deposit before League is filled.

### 18+ Co-Ed Kickball League

Wednesday Evenings – Games are played at Steffens Park, season to start late April. Regular Season is 7 weeks of double headers and playoff tournament. Cost is \$375 per team and includes forfeit fee, games, balls, and winning team t-shirts or trophy. Umpire fees to be paid by each team before game, fees TBD. Reserve a team spot with \$100 deposit before League is filled.

### Couch to 5K

Beginning in May – The Couch to 5K is a great program for anyone who has wanted to take up running but didn't know how! Culmination will be running in the Families Against Narcotics 5k in Fraser to support drug abuse prevention in our community! Call in February for more information! (586)296-8483

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Daddy Daughter Dance

Thursday, February 21st at the Fraser Vintage House  
Doors at 5:30, Dinner at 6 pm

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. Tickets are available beginning January 2nd. Cost is \$18 resident/ \$23 non-resident. Must show ID at time of purchase. Photos will be available for an additional charge.

## Mom and Son Bowling

Saturday, May 11th at 12pm At Fraser Lanes

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, March 18th. Cost is \$13 resident/ \$16 non-resident. Must show ID at time of purchase.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23rd at the Fraser Activity Center  
11:00 am or 1:30 pm sessions

The Easter Bunny is coming to town! All Fraser children are invited to hunt for Easter eggs, make an Easter craft, 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. Tickets available starting Friday, February 1st. Tickets available to Fraser residents, 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 Friday, February 1st. Contest winners will be announced at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd. A first place and runner up prize will be given to each age. All submissions must be in by Friday, March 22nd.

## Fraser Fun Fest

Sunday, April 14th 1-3 pm at the Fraser Activity Center  
Cost is \$1 per resident, \$2 per non-resident

Come out to the Fraser Activity Center for an afternoon of fun! We will have a bounce house, spring craft, face painting, storytelling, magician and more! Concessions will be available at a reasonable price. Get your tickets starting February 1st. Must show ID at time of purchase.

## Art in the Park

Check back for more information on this special event in Steffens Park. We will have art, music, performances and crafts for kids. More information to come in February!

## Look for our Upcoming events!

Strutt your Mutt Dog Show

City Parade, Picnic, and Fireworks • City Picnic Vendor Show

# 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 Monday, April 1st at 8 am for Fraser residents, Wednesday, May 1st at 9 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.

### 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

# Senior Activity Center

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Join our email updates by emailing [FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com](mailto:FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com)

Check out our latest news at [www.MiCityofFraser.com](http://www.MiCityofFraser.com)

## Senior Activity Center • Senior Activities - Weekly Events

### Monday

Volleyball 10 am (Starting October)  
Reflexology by appointment – Call Roberta at (586) 445-9944  
Blood Pressure Checks every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 11:45 am  
Blood Sugar Checks 3rd Monday of the month at 11:45 am  
Pinochle 12:30 pm  
Wii Games 1 pm  
Mexican Train Dominos 2 pm

### Tuesday

Casino – First Tuesday of the Month  
Exercise 10 am  
Pickleball 10 am  
Red Hats Meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11 am  
Bunco 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm  
Chair Yoga – 11 am, Check for starting dates  
Restaurant Rovers – Last Tuesday of the Month

### Wednesday

Volleyball 10 am  
Pinochle 12:30 pm  
Pinochle Tournament – 2nd Wednesday of the month 12:30 pm

### Thursday

Bingo 9:30 am  
Exercise 10 am  
Euchre 12:30 pm  
Pickleball 10 am  
Bridge 10 am  
Senior Social Group 10:30 am

### Friday

Movie 12 pm  
Euchre Tournament – First Friday of the month, 6:30 pm sign-in



## 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

## Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Checks

Blood Pressure checks are provided every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 11:45 am, and blood sugar checks are every 3rd Monday of the month at 11:45am. This service is brought to you by New Century Home Health Care.

## Wii Games

Every Tuesday 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!

## Seniors 55+ Pickleball

Tuesdays & 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.

## Men's 55+ Volleyball

Mondays & Wednesdays at 10 am

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

## Bunco

3rd Tuesday of the Month at 12:30 pm

February 19th, March 19th, April 16th

Bunco is a fun dice game that anyone can play! Cost is \$2 and you must register the Friday before the Bunco game (February 15th, March 15th, April 12th)

## Bingo

Every Thursday at 9:30 am

Come and try your luck at BINGO! Cost is \$2 for 3 cards. Snack donated by American House Sterling II.

## Senior Social Group

Fridays, Starting January 4th 10:30 am

Come to the Center to meet up with friends or meet new ones! Coffee and snacks will be provided. You can chat with friends, put together a puzzle, bring your knitting or crocheting or play a game of cards. Snacks donated by American House Sterling II.

## Motor City Casino

First Tuesday of the Month, Departs 9 am and Returns 3:30 pm

January 8th, February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd

Cost is \$15 for transportation and includes \$20 in reward play! Check with the Center for more up to date information. Trip fills very quickly. Please register in advance. Waiting list is offered once filled.

## Restaurant Rovers

Last Tuesday of the Month, Van Departs at 11 am

January 29th, February 26th, March 26th, April 30th

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.

## Russian Adventure

Tuesday, January 15th • Departs 9:45 am, Returns 5:30 pm

Enjoy a day experiencing the history, culture and tradition of early Russia! We will tour St. Sabbas Monastery and enjoy a 3 course meal with dessert, followed with a trip to the DIA to see the famous exhibit "The Rise & Fall of Faberge." Cost is \$69 per person and includes transportation, lunch at St. Sabbas Monastery and admission to the DIA. Please make check payable to: Capital Tours Worldwide.

## Toledo Historic Church Tour

Tuesday, February 19th Departs at 7:45 am, Returns at 6:30 pm

Come see the beautiful historic churches in Toledo in this day trip! We will visit Most Holy Rosary Catholic church, Trinity Episcopal, and St. Patrick Irish Catholic church. Included are church tours, lunch at Tony Packo's and transportation. Cost is \$59 per person. Please make check payable to: Capital Tours Worldwide.

## Movies

Every Friday at 12 pm – Relax and watch a new feature movie on our big screen tv! This is a free program! Movies donated in part by Family Video in Sterling Heights.

## Chair Yoga

Tuesdays at 11 am, Starting January 8th, February 12th, March 19th

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 5 sessions is \$20 members, \$25 non-members.

## 18 + Euchre Tournament

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

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

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.

## Senior Valentine Party

Thursday, February 14th • Doors open at 11:30 am, Lunch at 12 pm

Get together to enjoy some music, good food and great friends! We will have a special Valentine Bingo with prizes! Cost is \$10 members, \$13 non-members

## Senior Spelling Bee

Tuesday, March 5th at 10 am

Put on your thinking caps for our first ever Senior Spelling Bee! A word list will be available at time of registration with the words used in the spelling bee. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and a continental breakfast will be served for all. Cost is \$5 member, \$6 non-member and registration begins Monday, January 14th.

## Firekeepers Casino

Monday, March 18th, Departs at 8:15 am, Returns at 6 pm

Have some fun at Firekeepers Casino! Trip includes motorcoach transportation, 5 hours at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek, and \$25 back for food and play! Cost is \$32 per person. Please make check payable to: Capital Tours Worldwide.

## The Giver Presented by the Fraser Performing Arts Center

Sunday, April 21st, Van departs at 1:15 pm

The astonishing actors at the Fraser Performing Arts Center will be presenting the play The Giver based on the novel by Lois Lowry. The Giver is written from the point of view of Jonas, an eleven-year-old boy living in a futuristic society that has eliminated all pain, fear, war, and hatred. But is it really as wonderful as it seems? Cost is \$9 and includes transportation and ticket. After the show, dinner at Rams Horn will be on your own. Sign up soon as spaces are limited.

## Fraser Community Transit Service

Our van service is operated under a Community Partnership Program with SMART Transit Services. Cost is free within the City of Fraser, 50¢ each way for 5 mile radius, and \$1 each way for 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 info.

## Senior Center Membership

Like what you see? Our Senior Center Members enjoy weekly events and discounts on trips and programs! Ages 55+ 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

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

## We need your help!

We can use donations of: unused greeting cards, craft supplies, decorations, 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 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, microwave, 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 \$510.00. A two bedroom unit is 775 sq. ft. and the rent is \$585.00. Water and maintenance is 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. 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. 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](http://www.micityoffraser.com)

## City Clerk's Corner

The November 6th Presidential Election is now history and I would like to thank the 7,736 Fraser residents who voted. I would also like to extend my appreciation to our precinct workers, DPW employees and City staff for their professionalism and diligence in making the voting process as smooth as possible.

Best wishes to all for a healthy, happy new year.

Kathy Kacanowski  
City Clerk

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE IS LOCATED AT CITY HALL IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
THE OFFICE CAN BE REACHED AT (586) 293-3100 EXTENSION 126.

### 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, 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. Used motor oil, 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. 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 Thursday and 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 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. **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 bushes 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.

### 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.

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 run **March 25, 2013** through **November 2013**.

- 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.

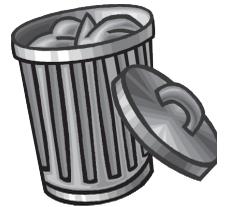
### DISPOSAL OF UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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. (586) 791-4010. Wood and logs may be taken to Mid Michigan Recycle, 24935 21 Mile Road, Macomb (586) 598-5807.

### 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 \$15 per yard. There is a \$10 delivery fee; call the DPW for delivery.



## 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.

## CULVERT

12" culvert is available at \$20.00 per foot installed and bands are \$17.00 each installed. The culvert can be ordered by calling the DPW office.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 27, 2012 Arbor Day was a great success. The D.P.W. planted a tree in Boris Park. There were 200 Red Maple seedlings available for Fraser residents.

The City of Fraser will celebrate Arbor Day 2013 on Friday April 26, 2013. 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 22nd through the 26th 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 2012. It is the eighteenth year Fraser has received this national recognition.



# Fraser Building Department/Code Enforcement

## 293-3100 Prompt #2

### 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 likes 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 (\$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.**

### 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) exist. 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: [buildingdept@micityoffraser.com](mailto:buildingdept@micityoffraser.com)

Fee schedules, permit applications, and all city ordinances are available on our website: <http://www.micityoffraser.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) 293-3100, OPTION #2.**





# Fraser Public Library

16330 Fourteen Mile (586) 293-2055



## Winter 2013 Activities

### January 2nd

FRASER LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

### January 12th (Saturday)

Knitting Group meet upstairs.

### January 16th (Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.)

Certified canine massage provider Theresa Randolph will at FPL to demonstrate the benefits for both you and your canine companion. Adults only, NO pets.

### January 19th (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.)

The Leslie Science and Nature Center will visit with an owl, a peregrine falcon, and a bald eagle for the Hunters of the Sky program. Ages 5 and older.

### January 22nd & 25th (Tuesday @ 1:30 p.m. & Friday @ 10:30 a.m.)

Winter Preschool Storytime consists of stories, games, fingerplays, and an occasional craft in each weekly 45 minute session. Sign-up begins January 2nd. Ages 3 to 5 years old.

### January 26th (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.)

Meet antiques dealer Sue Kane during the What's Collectible Now? program. She will discuss what is valuable and what's not. No individual appraisals will be done at this time. No pre-registration needed.

### February 6th (Wednesday @ 6:45 p.m.)

Join the Clinton River Watershed Council and learn how to protect water quality, how to test your soil, how to make a rain garden, and more. No pre-registration needed.

### February 9th (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.)

Play Valentine Bingo and make a simple valentine craft. All materials provided. Ages 5 and older.

### February 16th (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.)

Learn about magnets and electricity from Oakland University Professor Dominic Crea. This program is designed for 1st graders with parents or older children. No pre-registration needed.

### February 27th (Wednesday @ 6:45 p.m.)

Join Helen Pattskyn as she discusses her book Ghosthunting in Michigan.

### March 9th (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.)

Meet the "Animal Guy" and some of his live creatures at the Around the World with Animals. Ages 5 and Older. No registration needed.

### March 14th (Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.)

Join Loretta Vitek for An Evening of Tarot. Adults 18 years or older. Registration begins February 28th.

### March 23rd (Saturday @ 3:00 p.m.)

Join Jennifer Ackerman-Haywood in creating spring crafts. Learn about Craft Sanity Magazine. All materials provided. Registration begins March 1st.

### April 13th (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.)

Tentative program will be the Lake St. Clair Metro Beach Nature Center Activity for ages 5 and up. No registration is necessary.

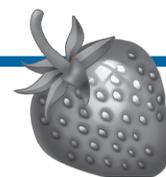
### May 11th (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.)

Mother's Day craft for children ages 5 and up. Sign up starts April 25th. All materials will be provided.

### May 18th (Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

Our annual Spring Fling will have a petting zoo, bake sale, silent auction, face painting and more.

## STRAWBERRY PRESERVES



### BAUMGARTNER GARDENERS

Thanks to the following Master Gardeners and volunteers who have worked in the Baumgartner garden throughout the long hot summer: Betty Slominski, Karen Small, Karen Arendall, Nancy Ehrke, David Greer, Harry Hodgson, Colleen Huntsman, Kurt Kleiner, Shannon McCalley, Jeff Meiorow, Diane Moshaluk, John Palmer, JoAnn Piechocki, Pam Pitts, Diane Reynolds, Terry Ryder, Sally Smogoh, Lori Tiseo, Sara Lynn Hodges, Robert & Erik Rudaitis and Tia Sam. The gardeners will be doing their spring clean up on Saturday April 27th and Saturday May 4th at 11:00 a.m. They will be meeting on Wednesdays throughout the summer beginning with May 8th at 6:00 p.m.

### DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR FOOD CONCESSION AT FLEA MARKET:

Schott's Supermarket, Oak Ridge Market, Donald Covney and thanks to the Vintage House for the nice lunch they provided us with.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Thanks to Robert Rudaitis, who is working towards the rank of Eagle Scout, for all the work he did in the garden, museum, depot, berm and at the Flea Market. We especially want to thank him for the train depot bench and the 2 wooden book cases that he made for us and for his cash donation to the museum.

Thanks to Vania Apps and Councilwoman Kathy Blanke for their generous cash donation to the museum.

Thanks for the donation of Dinner Show prizes: Councilwoman Kathy Blanke, Councilman Michael Carnegie, Kay & Linda Champion, Joe & Christine Chimenti, Councilwoman Barbara Jennings, Fraser Public Library, Carol Martin, Lori Tiseo and Jan Wilson.

A big Thank You to everyone who donated to our Barn & Flower Sale and supported all of our fund raisers in 2012. We were able to do many improvements at the museum thanks to all of you.



# What's Been Happening, 2012

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



Your Fraser Historical Commissioners have been busy at work and have accomplished a number of noteworthy items. In December of 2011, we welcomed back Lori Bargowski to the Commission, and recommended both Dee Laramie and Nancy Ehrke for reappointments to the City.

We held four Christmas Resales which netted us \$463.75, \$39.50 of that being from a special Resale held by Commissioner Don Covney who is now looking after our finances. Our January holiday celebration had many Commissioners attending, along with Master Gardeners, Friends, & Elected Officials. Everyone enjoyed the warmth of friendship and good food!

Although a Depot expansion project was proposed as early as February, we weren't able to finalize all the plans for such a big undertaking in 2012. It is now on hold until April of 2013.

Along with the Library, the Museum hosted "Art in the Garden," a project of garden tiles designed by Fraser elementary school-age children, supervised by high school juniors. The tiles were in our garden for all to see in May and added a lovely touch to it.

Councilman Paul Cilluffo mentioned an historic house/business plaque project the Commission could do to raise money. St. Clair Shores is beginning it, and he shared its information with us. The Shores has modeled its program from that of Mt. Clemens. The Commission is still researching this and will probably begin the plaque project sometime in 2013.

Also in February, we were approached by an Eagle Scout concerning a project he would like to undertake to earn his badge. As it turns out, he not only built an old-time train depot bench (which now sits outside our Depot building, facing Kelly Road), but also built two wooden bookcases that are in the Depot. The final project ended at our November meeting, where the Scout, Robert Rudaitis of Sterling Heights, presented us with a check from the excess money he had raised for this project to the Commission, and we presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

We were able to purchase a brand new computer and printer for the Depot Office and had it up and running by early April. Ram's Horn allowed us to have

a fundraiser at its Fraser restaurant in May, along with a lottery board and other fundraising functions. At the Macomb County Heritage Alliance meeting in late April, Linda Champion received blueprints of our old Fraser Train Depot as well as a booklet. She presented these items to the Commission in May. Harry Hodgson represented the Historical Commission in the July City Parade with one of his antique cars. Our annual dinner show entertainment was set at this May meeting, too. Dr. Bill Hart, a trumpeter, and his "Big Band Memories" program was approved. Nancy Ehrke was honored as a volunteer for her 150+ hours of volunteer work by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

Florida resident, Ken Houghton, sent the Commission an antique photo book previously, but then also sent us two quilt pieces made by Samantha Baumgartner's grandmother! They are 9x9 & 25x25, and are 187 years old. Mr. Houghton put in a grant worth \$250 to the Fraser Historical Society from his parents' estate which we received and thanked him for his generosity. PNC Bank (formerly the State Bank of Fraser) made donations to us of a huge American stand-up flag; a commercial-size Christmas wreath; a framed photo of the old Bank; and a framed State Bank of Fraser Stock Certificate, dated October 31, 1910! We thank both PNC and Ken Houghton for their contributions making for a better Museum in Fraser.

The Historical Commission has a page on the City's new website which went "live" in mid-November. We received some good and lengthy newspaper coverage, especially on the Eagle Scout Project, which we are ever grateful for it. And, through Nancy Ehrke's relentless effort with the Fraser History Project, it now has a signed contract with Arcadia Publishing, which will publish our written history of Fraser in 2013. Be on the watch for it!

Although I only mentioned a few of the Commissioners by name in this article, all have given freely of their time (and sometimes money!) to keep the Museum up and running. Check their names and when you see them, thank them for their service to your community.

As always, the Commissioners wish you the best in 2013. We hope you come to an Open House (or more) in this year, or attend at least one of our fundraisers or special events.



**Commissioners, from L to R,**  
Standing: Joe Chimenti; Lori Bargowski (hidden); Jean Slivka, City Liaison; Nancy Ehrke; Betty Slominski; Chair, Marilynn Wright; Harry Hodgson; Beverly Kucharski; Eagle Scout, Robert Rudaitis; Linda Champion. Seated, L to R: Donald Covney and Bob Buffa. Photo taken by Councilman Bill Morreli, 11/5/12. (Missing: Commissioner Dee Laramie & Dori Guoin, Member-at-Large)