



Focus on Fraser

33000 Garfield • Fraser, Michigan 48026



Successful Cities

This is a unique time in the history of our city. We are seeing fundamental changes all around us. We need to begin to reinvent our city and remake our brand; not by pretending that the new realities do not exist – but rather by pulling together and facing our new environment here in Macomb County and in southeastern Michigan.

There is no doubt that we are a city being transformed. This is not a choice ... it is a fact. Our choice, as a city, is whether we will control

these changes going forward or whether these changes will control us. I note this truth, not to scare or discourage you, but in the firm belief that if we are to take charge of our future, we need to be honest about our present.

One of our key risks during this transformation is not to allow these changes to isolate our city, the taxpayers and our leadership. In the past, there has always been a temptation by Fraser to turn inward as a city and to define ourselves through isolation to the rest of the county. I can assure you that there have been numerous cities that have followed this practice over the years and have failed.

If we just look toward cities that are moving forward and prospering in southeastern Michigan during this period, we will find some key traits of highly successful cities ...

- 1) **Successful cities** ... have a clear focus of what their goals and visions are.
- 2) **Successful cities** ... have a “growth-based” mindset and do not limit their future to a set of fixed beliefs from the past.
- 3) **Successful cities** ... have the political will to ask the right questions.
- 4) **Successful cities** ... have a culture which demands high levels of productivity.
- 5) **Successful cities** ... have a lasting ability to carry a positive self-image of their city.
- 6) **Successful cities** ... have the ability to focus their energy on their own unique sets of strengths, while not spending much time trying to turn their weaknesses into strengths.
- 7) **Successful cities** ... have made public safety, public education, and public services “Job One”.

As your Mayor for almost two years now, I know that no single decision, memo, report or email will bring us fully into a successful city model. Rather, it will be a host of cumulative decisions that are made void of political chaos, that will transform us and take us to this new level. Being proactive, resilient, and unafraid of change is what will keep us strong and independent, as a small city, in a region drenched in change. Together, we are the difference!

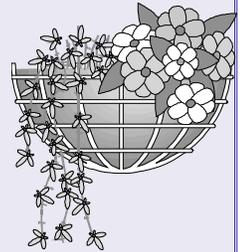
Respectfully, your Mayor

Doug

Hanging Flower Baskets

The Downtown Development Authority truly appreciates your support of the 2013 Hanging Flower Basket Project. Donations for these baskets were received from:

- Barbara Jennings in memory of her husband, John
- Jan Wilson in memory of her husband, Bob
- Charles Valdez/Marrs Management & Realty, Inc.
- Albert & Gerry Kremer
- McCalley Family
- Connie Welch
- Hanover Grove Cooperative
- Rodney & LaRue Berkley
- Matt Berger/Integrity Steel
- Lowell & Diane Mitchell
- Jan Hooper in memory of her husband, Chuck
- Fraser Garden Club
- Terry Dobbelaer in memory of Fred, Betty & Linda Dobbelaer



THANK YOU

City Clerk's Corner - (586) 293-3100

Upcoming Election Information & Dates to Remember



Tuesday, November 5, 2013 is the City's General Election.

The positions of three (3) City Council seats will be open for the Election.

Absentee voter (AV) applications will be available for eligible electors and may be obtained by calling the Clerk's Office.

• **October 7, 2013** Last day to register to vote for the City Election-you may register to vote at City Hall, the County Clerk's Office or the Secretary of State's Office.

• **November 2, 2013** Saturday Office Hours - Clerk's Office will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to process absentee voter ballot requests. This is the last day to receive an absentee ballot by mail.

• **November 5, 2013 Election Day** Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The Fraser City Clerk's Office maintains a list of voters who are interested in receiving absent voter ballot applications prior to every election. There are no requirements to be placed on this list.

If you have any questions regarding the election process, or any other Clerk's Office services, please contact our office or visit the city's website at www.micityoffraser.com click on city departments tab and select Clerk's Office.

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

Keep Connected!

Add us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Fraser.ActivityCenter
Add us on Twitter www.twitter.com/FraserActivityC
Join our email updates by emailing FraserActivityCenter@MiCityofFraser.com
Check out our latest news at 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 to be added to our volunteer list!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Crafternoon

First Saturday of the Month
September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd
Each month will feature a new craft! Ages 5-7 at 1 pm, ages 8-13 at 2:30 pm.
Must register by the Monday before the program. Cost is \$6 resident, \$8 non-resident. All supplies will be provided.

Halloween Teen Dance

Friday, October 18th Fraser Activity Center
Doors open 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, October 14th. 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.

Self Defense Class for Children Ages 7-12

Saturday September 21st 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

Little Kickers

Wednesdays at 6:00pm or 7:00 pm, Beginning on September 25th at the Activity Center Gym
Ages 4 & 5 will learn the basics of soccer in a fun environment and play small games to reinforce skills taught. Cost is \$35 resident, \$45 Non-resident and includes 5 weeks of instruction and T-Shirt. Register before September 18th.

Youth Flag Football

Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 24th
1st & 2nd Grade Clinic at 5:30 pm
Grades 3 & 4, Games at 6:30 pm
Grades 5 & 6, Games at 7:30 pm

Games are Tuesdays and Thursdays in Steffens Park. Drop-in format will be used if there are not enough for at least 4 teams. Practice will be determined by the volunteer coach's availability. Interested in coaching? Call the Recreation Department to let us know! Cost is \$55 residents/\$65 non-residents.

Youth Cheerleading

Tuesdays September 10-November 19th At the Activity Center
Grades 3-5 will practice from 6-8 pm
Grades 6-8 will practice from 7-9 pm
Learn the basics of cheer and tumbling! Each session will have 1 hour of cheer practice and one hour of tumbling practice. Register at the Activity Center before Friday, September 6th. Cost is \$55 resident/\$65 non-resident. Included is practice and shirt.

Basketball Leagues for Grades 3-8

Girls -OR- Boys Leagues for Grades 3&4, 5&6, 7&8
Games on Saturdays beginning in January 2014
This program is based on separate girls and boys leagues according to grade. All leagues are volunteer coached. Program will consist of 8 games and practices determined by coach. Cost is \$55 resident/\$65 non-resident. Would you like to coach? Call or stop into the Activity Center to leave your information for the Director! Parent volunteers needed!!

Youth Floor Hockey League

Games to begin in February 2014
This program is for Kindergarten through 8th grade and is intended to learn and practice Floor Hockey. Games are on Saturdays at the Activity Center. Cost is \$55 resident/ \$65 non-resident and includes shirt, games and award.

Youth Bowling Leagues

Grades 3-4, 5-6 - Saturdays, beginning September 28th 10 am-12pm
Enjoy 12 sessions of youth bowling at our very own Fraser Star Lanes! Teams will practice for the first half of the season and have a tournament at the end. Cost is \$55 resident/\$65 non-resident and includes shirt and bowling admission, shoe rental, ball usage and award. This program is parent coached, contact the Recreation Office if interested.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Yoga

Mondays at 6 pm and 7:15 pm 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 16 yrs and up are welcome.

Zumba

Zumba Thursdays at 6:30 pm
Zumba Tone N Tighten Thursdays at 7:45 pm
Working up a sweat has never been so fun! Join us for our newest dance program- ZUMBA! Be ready for a fantastic workout, great music and fun! Dress comfortably, wear dance sneakers or tennis shoes, bring two bottles of water and a face towel. Cost is \$7 per class, \$25 for 4 classes \$48 for 8 classes. Register with CC Plus when you come to the program.

Belly Dancing

Tuesdays, Starting August 20th, September 17th, October 15th,

November 12th

This class is designed to teach Belly Dance combinations and drills for Beginners and Intermediate dancers, ages 16 and up. This is a wonderful way to build self-confidence, strengthen your core, and build agility while having a great time with friends! Cost for 4 sessions is \$40 or drop-in for \$12/session

Self Defense Class for Women

Saturday September 21st at the Fraser Activity Center
2 Hour class from 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Can you defend yourself against a violent attack? You don't have to spend years training in an expensive program. Learn valuable, lifesaving skills from programs designed to increase your safety after only one class! 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. Classes taught by Live Safe Academy

Intro to Tasers

Saturday October 5th at the Fraser Activity Center
2 Hour class from 2:30 – 4:30 pm
New law makes Tasers legal in Michigan! Now what? Learn the legal requirements to obtain a Taser, the legal guidelines for using a Taser in self-defense, how Tasers work, common myths that could get you hurt when protecting yourself with a Taser, and how to select the best product for your needs. Cost is \$30 for a 2 hour class. Classes taught by Live Safe Academy

Fraser Buddies

On scheduled Wednesdays, 6-8pm beginning in September
The Buddies Club is for adults with cognitive impairment. We get together 14 times during the year to play games, socialize, make crafts and have fun! Cost is \$60 for the year. A schedule will be provided once registered. Call the Activity Center for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fraser Fun Fest

Saturday, September 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, craft, face painting, magician and more! Concessions will be available at a reasonable price. Get your tickets at the Fraser Community center. Must show ID at time of purchase.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, September 30th from 9:30 – 2:30 pm
Give the gift of life! Donate blood to help save lives. Walk-ins welcome or call (313) 549-7053 for an appointment

Mom-to-Mom Sale

Saturday, October 12th from 9-3 pm at the Fraser Activity Center
Stop by for some good deals at our Mom-to-Mom Sale! No door fee for shopping. Concessions will be available for purchase. Interested in holding a table? Cost is \$15 for a 10x10 ft. space, one 8 ft. table included. A maximum of two big-ticket items allowed at a time. Contact the Activity Center for more information or for a registration form.

Children's Halloween Party Sponsored by the Fraser Lions Club

Sunday, October 27th at 11:30 & 1:30
at the Fraser Lions Hall (34540 Utica in Fraser)
This yearly event is available for FREE to Fraser Residents! Tickets are free of charge but limited to 6 per household. Fraser Residents only please. All adults must show proof of residency; tickets available beginning September 9.

Superhero and Princess Party

Saturday, November 9th 1-3 pm
Kids ages 3-8 are welcome to attend our first ever Superhero and Princess Party! There will be games, a craft, lunch, some special visitors and a goodie bag for each child. Cost for children is \$10 resident/\$12 non-resident, and for adults \$5 resident/ \$6 non-resident.

Christmas in Fraser

Saturday, December 7th at 5:30 pm at Fraser City Hall (14 Mile & Garfield Rd.)
Mark your calendars! We'll kick off the holiday with music, tree lighting, a visit from Santa Claus and refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

Rentals

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 dodge ball, 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.

Ladies Night Out Fundraiser to Benefit Special Needs Programs

Saturday, November 23rd 5:30-9 pm at the Fraser Activity Center
Gather your girls and come for a great night of everything fabulous! We'll have vendors, demonstrations, raffles, food and more! Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Activity Center for \$5/person, or at the door for \$7/person. Proceeds to help fund Special Needs Programs in Fraser and the Fraser Force Special Olympics team.

Senior Activity Center • Senior Activities - Weekly Events

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

Monday

Volleyball 10 am (starting in Oct.)
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

Tuesday

Casino – First Tuesday of the Month
Exercise & Pickleball 10 am
Red Hats Meeting 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 (starting in Oct.)
Pinochle 12:30 pm

Thursday

Bingo 9:30 am
Exercise 10 am
Euchre 12:30 pm

Friday

Pickleball 10 am
Bridge 10 am
Movie 12 pm
Euchre Tournament-
First Friday of the month,
6:30 pm sign-in



Daily Drop In Fee

Effective August 1st, 2013 we will have a daily drop-in fee of 25¢ for the following programs: Pinochle, Euchre, Bridge, Bunco, Wii, Exercise and Scarlet Ladies of Fraser. This small amount will help us to cover items such as coffee, supplies, room set-up, copies, staffing, etc.

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 Monday 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!

Men's 55+ Volleyball

Mondays & Wednesdays at 10 am, Starting in October
Volleyball is drop-in. Drop in fee is \$1 members, \$2 non-members.

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.

Bunco

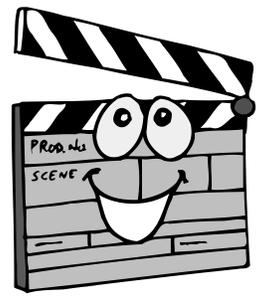
3rd Tuesday of the Month at 12:30 pm
September 17th, October 15th, November 19th
Bunco is a fun dice game that anyone can play! Cost is \$2 and you must register the Friday before the Bunco game.

Bingo

Every Thursday at 9:30 am
Come and try your luck at BINGO! Cost is \$2 for 3 cards. Snacks donated by American House Sterling II.

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.



TRIPS AND TOURS

Motor City Casino

First Tuesday of the Month, Departs 9 am and Returns 3:30 pm
September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd
Cost is \$17 members/\$20 non-members for transportation and includes \$25 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
August 27th, September 24th, October 29th, November 26th
Every month features a new restaurant. Cost is \$4 for transportation; cost of lunch is on your own. Menus will be available at the Center upon request.

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays at 11 am, Starting September 17th, October 22nd
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
September 6th, October 4th, November 1st
Come in and use your skills at the Euchre Tournament! Cost is \$5 per person, with an optional \$1 high game. Two 50/50 raffles available, water and coffee are provided.

Fraser Community Transit Service

Our van service is operated under a Community Partnership Program with SMART Transit Services. Travel within Fraser will be \$.25 each way, and outside of Fraser will be \$1.00 each way. There will be no charge between your

residence and the Activity Center. Limitations on distance still apply (5-10 miles out of Fraser for doctor's appointments only). We are a curb to curb service and our vans are wheelchair accessible. To be eligible you must be a Fraser resident and unable to drive per a doctor's note. Call (586) 294-4611 for more information.

Senior Center Membership

Like what you see? Our Senior Center Members enjoy weekly events and discounts on trips and programs! Ages 55+ are eligible for membership. Lifetime membership and name badge is \$25 for Fraser residents, \$35 for non-residents.

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.

Antiques Road Show Came to Detroit and I Was There! by Sharon Rose, Fraser Resident

I am a PBS aficionado! When it was announced that Antiques Road Show was coming to Cobo Hall June 1st, I secured two tickets by donating cash to my favorite station. When the show comes to a city, the local PBS station receives 250 tickets, to be offered in trade for donations. All the other tickets are given away by lottery.

My friend, Kay, and I were excited about going. I took my Dad's antique shelf clock. Its all glass front is etched at the bottom with a green and black drawing of Boston Harbor, complete with tall ships, and old buildings. I thought the clock was circa 1880. The old buildings etched in the clock are still there, used as fish canneries or as restaurants, serving fish. I get a kick out of knowing that I've been in some of those buildings on various trips to Boston, one of my favorite places to visit.

We got to the event early and were amazed at the organization! Cameras were strictly forbidden. Patrons had timed tickets. Hundreds of people milled around with their treasures. Guides, in blue T-shirts, helped everyone get to their destinations. Expert appraisers waited, under signs noting "Paintings," "Textiles," "Glass," "Porcelain," "Pottery," and so forth. Mark Walberg looked cool in a suit and tie, under hot camera lights. We spotted the Keno brothers by the furniture, as we headed toward "Clocks."

My Dad's clock, bundled beneath layers of bubble wrap, sat straight up on a wheeled gurney. Its two weights, visible, were secured at the bottom. Two appraisers took one look at those weights and knew immediately what I had! Imagine! They hadn't even seen the clock!

They excused themselves, and went to whisper to each other a little ways off. Was the clock worth thousands? Could I retire in luxury in the Caribbean? Nope. I knew its worth was about \$500.

The two men returned and invited me to be interviewed by my Dad's clock, with a potential of being on the show! (By the way, you can look me up by going to YouTube, and clicking on "Antiques Road Show Behind the scenes in Detroit.")

While interviewed, I was pleased to learn that the clock was made in 1836! The type of clock is called an ogee, which has to do with the S curve of the cabinet. The ogee was mass produced, using brass and wood inner workings. The appraisers told me that my clock is in pristine condition. Over a million OGs were sold by Connecticut clock makers from 1837, and for the next twenty years.

Folks, who ventured westward in the 1800s, took OGs with them, bundled in down feathers and cloth, secured in wooden boxes. And, to add insult to injury, after inaugurating its first President, the newly independent country, which defeated the British, virtually disseminated clock making in England, by exporting, from the Port of Massachusetts, the popular OG!

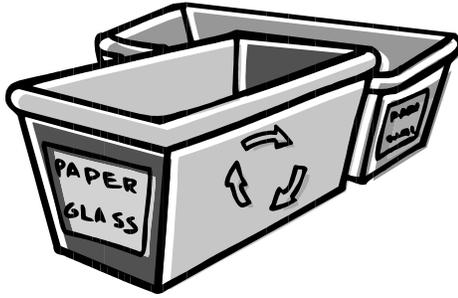
My Dad's clock was handed down to me from generations. I know little about the German immigrants, who treasured the clock, and on whose shelves it sat; those who wound the springs, set its weights and gently tapped the brass pendulum to start its movements. I don't consider it mine. It is my Dad's, and it will continue to be passed down through generations of our family in days to come. I am happy to share its story and mine from The Antiques Road Show.

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.



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 started March 25th, 2013 and will continue through the end of 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.

TRASH PICKUP - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Labor Day: September 2nd Monday- Rizzo will be one day behind and will be picking up trash on Saturday.

Thanksgiving Day: November 28th Thursday- Rizzo will collect garbage on the

regular scheduled days Monday through Wednesday - Thursday will be picked up on Friday and Friday will be picked up on Saturday.

The weeks of Christmas and New Years – Rizzo will pick up garbage on the Mondays and Tuesdays and will be one day behind and will be picking up trash on Saturday of each week.

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

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.

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.

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 backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to City of Fraser DPW, 33000 Garfield, 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.

BRUSH AND MISCELLANEOUS PICKUP

The Department of Public Works is making every effort to pick up all brush on Friday of each week. Therefore, any brush to be picked up must be called into the DPW office before 3:30 p.m. on Thursday of each week. Any calls after 3:30 p.m. on Thursday will be held for pickup on the Friday of the following week. 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 and no longer than 6 foot long. 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.

LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

The 2013 leaf pickup program will begin on Monday October 7th, 2013 and will continue until Friday, December 6th, 2013. The leaves can either be raked into the street or placed in open garbage containers or paper recycle lawn bags. We would urge the residents to use containers or recycle bags to help our program run smoothly and efficiently. Each container or bag must not exceed 50 lbs.

MATERIAL PRICES

Topsoil, slag, crushed stone and fill sand are available for purchase for Fraser residents. The cost of topsoil will be \$30 per yard, slag will be \$20 per yard, crushed stone will be \$13 per yard and fill sand will be \$15 per yard. There will be a delivery fee of \$10.00 with each delivery.

12" culvert is available at \$25.00/per foot installed and bands are \$20.00 each installed. The culvert can be ordered by calling the DPW office at (586) 293-3100 extension #126 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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.

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. **IF YOU ARE LEAVING YOUR HOME FOR THE WINTER, PLEASE CALL 586-3100 EXT 132 TO HAVE YOUR WATER METER SHUT OFF FOR THE WINTER.**

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.

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 \$535.00 a two bedroom unit is 775 sq. ft. and the rent is \$615.00. Water and maintenance is included but tenant pays all other utilities. **There is a security deposit equal to one months' 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.

Department of Public Safety

293-1425

Fraser Department of Public Safety Drug Disposal Program

Many users of street drugs like heroin start with prescription drug abuse. Unused and expired medications can be properly disposed of at the Fraser Dept. of Public Safety at no cost or questions asked. A secure collection box has been placed in the lobby.

Accepted Items:

- Unused Medications - No Liquids
- Expired Medications
- Medicated Ointments/Lotions
- Over-The-Counter Medications
- Inhalers

Prohibited Items:

- Liquids
- Needles/Syringes
- Thermometers
- Aerosol cans
- Any packaging
- Infectious Waste

Items can be disposed of at the Fraser Public Safety Department
33000 Garfield Rd. 24hrs/ 7 days a week.

October 26 is National Drug Take Back day!

Our disposal box is available 24 hours a day in our police lobby.

Drug test kits are available for purchase at the records window:

Single panel for (Marijuana, Opiates, Cocaine, Alcohol, Nicotine)	\$6
4 panel kits	\$16
8 panel kits	\$21
K-2	\$11

For more information contact Nicole at (586) 293-2000 ext. 209

ACCIDENT REPORTS

If you need a copy of an accident report you can log onto: <https://payments.clemis.org/extservices/> You must have your case number to obtain the report. (i.e. 13-1234).

Crime Prevention Tips:

- Remember to lock your vehicle doors at all times when it is parked.
- Keep porch and garage lights on at night to deter trespassers.
- Keep garage doors shut when not outside.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- If you observe an erratic driver call the police. Be ready to give the make and model of the vehicle, license plate number, color, direction of travel. We apprehend many drunk drivers because of citizens calling.
- Call in any suspicious activity to our main line 586-293-2000. If it is an emergency call 911!

With the start of school approaching please be cautious when driving in school zones. Yield to pedestrians and always obey the crossing guards. Many children walk to school and have to cross streets. Their safety is the most important thing.

Be proactive and watch your neighborhoods for any suspicious activity. If you see something do not hesitate to call the police. Community involvement is a key to crime prevention in our city.

2013 ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Our department will be hosting our coat drive beginning November 1 thru December 20. We will be collecting New Coats, Hats and Gloves for children in need.

Monetary donations or gift cards are also being accepted and are helpful for buying specific sizes.

Items can be dropped off at the Department of Public Safety.

Any questions contact Officer Renee Campion at (586) 293-2000 ext. 214.



Fraser Building Department/Code Enforcement

293-3100 Prompt #2

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: 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 pea stone. ~ ~ 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 rat wall. 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.

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.

Building Permits are Required for the Following:

POOLS	INFLATABLE POOLS	FENCES	HOT TUBS / SPAS
SHEDS	ADDITIONS	SIDEWALKS	APPROACHES
ROOF: TEAR-OFF	PORCHES	DECKS	ALL SIGNS

Permits are also required for the following:

FURNACES	AIR CONDITIONERS
HOT WATER HEATERS	ALL ELECTRICAL 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.

Historical Commission

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

After receiving a unanimous vote of approval from the Fraser City Council members on Thursday, June 13, 2013 and based on their recommendations for it, the Fraser Historical Commission began proceeding with its Depot expansion plan almost immediately! To date, the addition, which will be used for storage for our equipment and items for the House or our various fundraisers, is already up. A "shout-out" goes to our fabulous electricians, Tom Loy (of the Fraser Planning Commission) and Bill (William) Apps, of the Fraser Lions Club, who volunteered their time and services to "electrify" this area. Because of this, Loy and Apps saved the Commission (and thus the City) the added expense of having this contracted out. The new door to the addition still needs to be hung, and the outside bricking of the addition still needs to be done, but by early Fall, all should be completed. We invite everyone to come to an Open House on the first Sunday of the month (next one is October 6, 1-4 p.m., followed by November 3 & December 1) to see the completed project. We're sure you will approve of the addition. The contractor has blended everything to match the original Depot structure--see if you can tell where the "old" Depot began and the "new" begins! Again, the Historical Commissioners tip our proverbial hats to the City Council members, as well as Tom Loy and Bill Apps, for helping the Commission make this needed improvement a reality.

After about two years of intense work, the Fraser History Project

(FHP--the small committee appointed and supervised by the Fraser Historical Commission) announces that the book on the history of Fraser has a publishing date! Our book, which will be published by Arcadia, a well-known company of historical texts, is slated for publication on the week of October 7, 2013! Although the FHP is a bit disappointed that the book will not be available at the Commission's annual Vintage House fundraiser dinner on Wednesday, October 9, we will be taking advance orders for the book there which can then be picked up at one of our Open Houses (see above article for those 2013 dates & time.) The books will definitely be available well in advance of the holiday gift giving season, so plan on buying not just a copy for yourself, but for your friends, relatives, and anyone interested in the history of our area! It is loaded with historic pictures of our fair City--who knows?- you may even be in one of the pictures or one of your relatives may grace the picture, be mentioned in the text, or have been donated by someone you know--just the many reasons why you will need to buy a copy (or copies!) of the book!!!

The FHP/Commission plan on having some book signing sessions, but no dates have yet been set. Please check with the Commission, the City, or the Library (our liaison) for further information. We thank you in advance for supporting this project. It was a much requested item from our residents to have a recorded history of Fraser. Now show that you meant it by purchasing the book!!! Many thanx!

Fraser Public Library 16330 Fourteen Mile (586) 294-2055

Labor Day Closing: Saturday, August 31st through Monday, September 2nd.

September 3rd - Grief Counseling (Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.)

September 7th - Classic Book Discussion (Saturday @ 11:00 a.m.): Book to be determined.

September 14th - Knitting/Crocheting Group (Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.)

September 17th & 20th – Fall Preschool Storytime (Tuesday @ 1:30 p.m. or Friday @ 10:30 a.m.): Children ages 3 to 5 will listen to stories, play games, and make an occasional craft in each 45 minute story time session. Sign up begins September 3rd. Storytime lasts 6 weeks.

September 18th – Paws with a Cause (Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.): Linda French will discuss the organization and talk about the need for puppy raisers. NO children.

September 21st – Friends of the Fraser Library Fall Luncheon (Saturday @ 12:30 p.m.): Located at the Vintage House. Speaker: Tim Skubick. Tickets cost \$25.00 and are available at the Fraser Library.

September 25th – Busy Mom’s Seminar (Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.): Mary Miodowski will share quick tips, recipes, and fun ideas from her blog, Dashing Elements. Sign up begins September 3rd.

September 28th – Science Magic (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.): Professor Dominic Crea will entertain and educate children about science. Ages 5 and Older. Sign up begins September 6th.

October 1st – Grief Counseling (Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.)

October 2nd – UFOs Over Michigan (Wednesday @ 6:45 p.m.): William Konkolesky, state director of Michigan MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) will present an interesting program for adults. No registration needed.

October 5th – Classic Book Discussion (Saturday @ 11:00 a.m.): Book to be determined.

October 5th – Little Red Riding Hood (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.): Join Nancy Henk and her Puppets-to-Go for the puppet show, Little Red Riding Hood. Ages 3 and Older. No registration necessary. NO strollers.

October 12th - Knitting/Crocheting Group (Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.)

October 12th – Used Book Sale Preview Day (Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.): Admission charge \$1.00 per person. An ongoing white elephant sale will benefit the Library

October 14th – October 19th – Used Book Sale (Open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

October 23rd – Tales from Grandmother’s Trunk (Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.): Learn how to preserve your family’s unique history from professional story teller Loretta Vitek. Sign up begins October 7th.

October 26th – Pumpkin Decorating (Saturday @ 11:00 a.m.): Bring your own pumpkin for decorating. Children ages 5 and Older. Sign up begins October 5th.

October 26th – Art Lessons (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.): Taught by Cynthia Rindt for children ages 10 and Older. Classes held three Saturdays October 26th, November 2nd, and November 9th at 1:30 p.m. Call for more information. Sign up begins October 5th.

November 2nd – Classic Book Discussion (Saturday @ 11:00 a.m.): Book to be determined.

November 5th - Grief Counseling (Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.)

November 6th – “Chocolate” (Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.): Caterer Jan Dolland presents the history of chocolate with samplings of 10 kinds of chocolate. Adults only. There’s a charge of \$5.00 per person – payable upon in person registration. Sign up begins October 15th.

November 9th – Knitting/Crocheting Group (Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.)

Veteran’s Day Closing: Monday, November 11

November 16th – Vampire Bats (Saturday @ 1:30 p.m.): A Cranbrook Center program for ages 5 and older. Sign up begins October 22nd.

Thanksgiving Closing: Wednesday, November 27th @ 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 28th through Saturday, November 30th.

December 3rd – Grief Counseling (Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.)

December 6th – St. John Lutheran School children’s choir (Friday @ 2:00 p.m.)

December 7th – Christmas Caper (Saturday 10:00 a.m.--5:00 p.m.): Santa and Mrs. Claus, silent auction, Face painting, Christmas corner, vendors, etc.

December 14th – Knitting/Crocheting Group (Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.)

STRAWBERRY PRESERVES

FALL FLEA MARKET

Our Fall Flea Market/Barn Sale will take place on September 8th, with a rain date of Sept. 15th. Spaces to rent are \$20.00 for a 10’ X 10’ area. For an application to participate in the Flea Market, please call Marilyn Wright at 293 - 7477.

WELCOME VINCE

We have a new member on the Historical Commission – Vince Calabrese. Everyone is pleased to have him join us. Beverly Kucharski has decided to give up her place on the Historical Commission and will help to get the Historical Society back up and running again. She still will be helping us at the Flea Market by running our Food Concession. Last year Beverly set a record of cooking 166 hot dogs.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to Vania Apps and Kathy Blanke for their cash donations to the Historical Commission. Many thanks to Tom Loy and Bill Apps for donating their services by doing all the electrical work on our new storage addition. We all appreciate the work you have done for us.

DINNER SHOW

The Historical Commission’s 22nd annual Dinner Show will be held at the Vintage House on October 9th. Tickets can be purchased at the Fraser Library or from any Historical Commission member. Call Betty Slominski at 293 – 8753 for more information.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Christmas Open House will be held on December 1st from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Santa will be on hand to greet everyone. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. We will be selling new and gently used Christmas decorations on November 3rd and again on December 1st at our Open House.



Families Against Narcotics

Your **connection** for information, resources, and support.

The 2013 annual FAN run was a huge success. Families Against Narcotics has hosted Run Drugs Out of Town for the past 5 years. This was our biggest year yet with over 1060 participants and over \$80,000 collected.

FAN’S MISSION:

To raise awareness of the prescription opiate drug abuse epidemic, to reduce the stigma and change the face of addiction, to educate about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and its potential to lead some to illegal narcotic use and to support those affected by drug abuse or addiction.

Monthly FAN meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at Christ United Methodist Church located at 34385 Garfield in Fraser. Everyone is welcome! For more information on FAN visit their website at familiesagainstnarcotics.org or call (586) 438-8500