



# Focus on Fraser

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## LOCAL ROAD MILLAGE 2014



An analysis was completed of the condition of Fraser’s local streets and it was determined that nearly \$20 million was required over the next twenty years to repair all of our failing local roads. As a result, the City Council and Administration met several times to review our options and to plan a course of action. After many lengthy discussions, the Council agreed to place a modest proposal on the ballot seeking approximately \$5 million in a new millage over five years to start the repair and preservation process. This ballot measure appeared on the November 4, 2014 ballot and was passed by the voters of the City of Fraser.

Now, the hard work begins. We know that there is a great deal of need throughout our city, but the approved measures by the voters provides only limited funds at this time. So, the question becomes, where do we spend these limited funds and for what work? Per the Administration, major local road reconstruction projects will likely not be done with these limited monies. Their focus at this time will be on what is called “Pavement Preservation”. Under this strategy, we will be replacing bad sections of our local streets while leaving the good parts of our local streets untouched. It is Council’s understanding that this strategy will allow our taxpayers the best return for their tax dollars, given current financial conditions.

The question that arises at this stage is ... What will be the criteria that establishes which streets will be worked on over the next several years? The Administration has assured Council that they will be using a standardized state approved computer program and analysis to evaluate and prioritize the work to be done each year. Their starting point will be to focus on local streets that provide entrance and exits to our subdivisions (due to the large volume of traffic), as well as school bus routes and emergency and/or snow routes.

We understand that the results of this millage will not satisfy all of our local road needs, but will give us a quick jump-start in some of our most critical areas. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

Your Mayor,  
Doug Hagerty



### City Offices Phone List

**293-3100**

Assessing Department	press 1
Building Department	press 2
City Manager’s Office	press 3
Clerk’s Office	press 4
Finance Department	press 5
Public Works – D.P.W.	press 6

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

### Fraser Public Safety Phone List

Emergency	9 1 1
Non Emergency Dispatch	293-1425
Police Records	293-2000

City Website: [www.micityoffraser.com](http://www.micityoffraser.com)

# 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)

## Keep Connected!

Add us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/Fraser.ActivityCenter](http://www.facebook.com/Fraser.ActivityCenter)

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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)

### Seasonal Recreation Staff

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

### 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!

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Crafternoon

First Saturday of the Month at 11 am  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Each month will feature a new craft! For ages 5-13. Must register by the Monday before the program. Cost is \$4 resident, \$6 non-resident. All supplies will be provided.

### Winter Basketball Clinic 1st & 2nd Grade

Wednesdays at 7pm beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Participants will have a ball learning early basketball skills! Program will be divided between practices, drills and scrimmages. Cost includes shirt and 6 weeks of play. Residents \$55 / Non-Residents \$65

### Little Kickers for Ages 4-6

Wednesdays beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Ages 4-6 at 6 pm  
Participants will learn a different sport each week in this fun, interactive program! This program will run for 6 weeks and children will learn the basics in soccer! Cost is \$55 Residents / \$65 Non-Residents and includes shirt.

### Parent and Tot Playschool

Wednesdays at 10:15 - 11:15 am, Starting January 28<sup>th</sup>  
This all new program for ages 2 1/2 to 5 years encourages parents and tots learn preschool routines, make new friends and enjoy quality time with each other! Weekly sessions are planned around different themes and will include stories, songs, music movement and fun! Cost for 5 sessions is \$45 resident/ \$55 non-resident

### All By Myself

Wednesdays at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Starting January 28<sup>th</sup>  
All By Myself Playschool is a special class designed just for your big boy or girl ages 3.5 to 5 years old! Kids will have fun playing with their peers and learning from our early childhood teacher. Each hour long class includes circle time, music and movement, play time, and story time. This class is a wonderful bridge to preschool or kindergarten, or a great addition to preschool. Cost is \$55/Residents, \$65/Non-residents

### Self Defense for Kids

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 5:30pm  
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 \$15 for a 1 hour class. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Classes taught by Live Safe Academy

### Game Crazy Minecraft Camp ages 10+

Monday-Friday April 6-10<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm  
Keep your brain active over spring break at our Minecraft Camp! Students will learn to program computers, monitors, modems and turtles in Minecraft with the easy-to-learn LUA computer programming language. Students will start by programming Turtles to carry out tasks using a simple drag and drop interface. As they progress through the class, they will review the underlying code to get an understanding of LUA programming constructs. They will then start writing LUA code to solve simple to moderately complex tasks using variable, loops and

functions. By the end of the class, kids will have built a bank where they can use computer tellers to make deposits and withdrawals, create password protected safety deposit room and much more! All equipment will be provided. Students will not need to bring anything from home. Two students will be assigned to a laptop and each child will switch periodically to get enough play time. Game Crazy will only accommodate 30 kids in this class. So make sure you sign up soon - this class will be sold out! Cost is \$70/Resident, \$75/Non-Resident, register by March 28<sup>th</sup>

### Game Crazy Robotics Camp ages 6+

Monday-Friday April 6-10<sup>th</sup> 12-2 pm  
Keep your brain active this spring break at our Robotics Camp!  
Kids ages 6-8: Does your child love to play soccer? Now, using Game Crazy's LEGO robots, your kids can build out all the components of a soccer game and play LEGO soccer matches against other kids! On the first day, kids will learn how to build and program a kicker and goalie robot using axels, levers, wheels and more. In subsequent days, they will build cheering fans who will jump up and down and make cheering sounds when the ball passes by them by making use of motion sensors and more. Using simple drag and drop programming, kids will learn to bring these robots to life and put them together to play soccer matches while learning to keep score, work in teams and much more. Highly fun and educational LEGO camp for your little soccer player. Cost is \$70/Resident, \$75/Non-Resident, register by March 28<sup>th</sup>

Kids ages 9-13: Using LEGO NXT Robots, we transport kids to a far off planet where they build autonomous robots to make the planet habitable by humans. Young campers learn to build and program these robots to navigate challenging terrain and carry out various complex missions like excavating lake water, transporting rocks and more. In the process, campers will learn Science, Technology, Engineering and Math concepts in a "minds-on hands-on" environment. Campers will use a variety of sensors like sound sensors, ultrasonic sensors, color sensors and touch sensors to make their robots self-aware. Using an easy to learn drag and drop programming, campers will learn to make their robots autonomous. Will your child be able to solve the missions that await? This is one camp that your child will not want to miss out on! Cost is \$70/Resident, \$75/Non-Resident, register by March 28<sup>th</sup>

### Grades 4-8 Youth Floor Hockey Leagues

Games are on Saturday Mornings beginning Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Register now for Youth Floor Hockey Leagues for grades 4-8! Practices for leagues will be based on volunteer coach's availability. Drop in format will be used if there are less than 4 teams for each league division. No additional practice times for clinic or if we do not have enough teams for a league. Cost is \$55/Residents, \$65/Non-residents. Register by Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to coach, please call 586.296.8483.

### K-1, 2-3 grade Floor Hockey Clinics

Wednesdays beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>  
K-1 at 6 pm, 2-3 at 7 pm  
Kindergarten through 3rd grade will have an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of floor hockey, develop skills and play games. Program lasts 6 weeks. Register by Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$55/Res, \$65/Non and will include team shirt and instruction.

### Summer Programs

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

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Adult Yoga

Mondays at 6 pm and 7:15 pm, Starting January 26<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Yoga helps calm the mind, body, and spirit and also has many health benefits! Our yoga class is taught by a master of yoga and is available for people of all abilities. Cost is \$90 for 10 sessions. Ages 16yrs and up are welcomed.

## Rockstar Bootcamp

Tuesday nights at 6:30, Starting January 13<sup>th</sup>  
A 50 minute circuit-based workout that integrates speed and agility exercises with full body strength training that will be sure to transform your body. Cost is \$75 for 6 weeks. Class minimum of 10. Register by January 9<sup>th</sup>.

## M.O.M Bootcamp

Wednesday Morning at 8:30 am starting January 14th  
Thursday Night at 6:30 pm starting January 15th  
Are you a mom looking to get back in shape but feel guilty leaving your baby at home? This workout is specifically designed for mom's looking to get strong and lean while spending time & playing with their little one! B.Y.O.B (Bring Your Own Baby – Up to Age 4) as well as a stroller. Cost is \$75 for 6 weeks. Class minimum of 10. Register by January 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Self Defense Class for Women

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9 pm  
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

## Men's 18+ Adult Softball Leagues

Tuesday evenings starting in May  
Games are played at Steffens Park. Regular Season is possible 10 weeks of double headers (guaranteed 8 weeks) and double elimination playoff tournament. Cost is \$580 per team, ASA fees and softballs included. Umpire fees will be paid by each team before game, \$15/game. Register now and reserve a team spot with \$100 deposit before League is filled. Registration deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 18+ Co-Ed Kickball League

Wednesday OR Thursday Evenings, Starting in May  
Games are played at Steffens Park. Regular Season is 8 weeks of games and a single elimination playoff tournament. Cost is \$375 per team and includes games, balls, and winning team t-shirts or trophy. Umpire fees to be paid by each team before game, fees \$15/game. Register now and reserve a team spot with \$100 deposit before League is filled. Registration Deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Couch to 5K Meetup

Beginning April 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday and Thursday at 6 pm, Saturday at 9 am at the Arts Academy in the Woods Track  
The Couch to 5K is a great program for anyone who has wanted to take up running but didn't know how! This is a FREE community group! To join, submit your email address to [christinaw@micityoffraser.com](mailto:christinaw@micityoffraser.com) to be added to the group. All participants are encouraged to register for the Families Against Narcotics 5k in July to support drug abuse prevention in our community! This is a great way to stay motivated and get in shape for summer!

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Daddy Daughter Dance

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$18 resident/ \$23 non-resident. Must show ID at time of purchase. Photos and corsages will be available for an additional charge.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fraser Activity Center  
10:30 am, 12 pm or 1:30 pm sessions  
The Easter Bunny is coming to town! 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. Free tickets for Residents available starting Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> for Residents. Non-Residents can purchase tickets for \$2/ each starting Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets limited to six per household. ID required at time of pick-up.

## Easter Coloring Contest

Coloring sheets for ages 2-8 and special needs will be available beginning Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contest winners will be announced at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. A first place and runner up prize will be given to each age. All submissions must be in by Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Teddy Bear Picnic

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 12pm  
Bring your favorite teddy bear for a fun picnic! We will have a picnic lunch, Teddy Bear games, Story Telling, and even cookie decorating! Cost

for a child is \$8/Resident, \$10/Non-Resident, 1 adult included with each child's ticket.

## Mom and Son Bowling

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cost per person is \$10 resident/ \$12 non-resident. Must show ID at time of purchase. Get your tickets before Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8 am for Fraser residents, Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

## **Fraser First Booster Club**

### **6th Annual Fraser First Booster Club Valentine Dance**

Friday, February 13th at Zuccaros in Clinton Township

Doors at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7 pm

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

Fraser First Booster Club, Inc. is a non-profit organization to benefit parks in the City of Fraser. Currently, Fraser First Booster Club's is working with the Fraser Parks and Recreation to create a barrier-free

park and playground at McKinley Park, located on Grove Street between Masonic and 13 Mile Road Just East of Hayes. What is a barrier-free park? A barrier-free park is a park which all of the design elements are accessible to all children and their families.

In December of 2012 the Fraser First Booster Club facilitated a \$300,000 dollar infrastructure Grant from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for the City of Fraser. Construction on the first phase has begun. We anticipate that Phase I will be completed by spring 2015, which will include major improvements to the park, including a new 1 mile walking path, parking lot, pavilion rest rooms, and all underground plumbing and electrical representing an investment in the community of over \$400,000 so far. To learn more, visit [www.fraser-first.com](http://www.fraser-first.com) or check us out on facebook at Fraser First Booster Club, Inc.

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## **Senior Activity Center • Senior Activities - Weekly Events**

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

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### **Weekly Events ~ Leisure**

#### **Wii Games**

Every Wednesday at 1 pm

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

#### **Bingo**

Every Thursday at 9:30 am

Come and try your luck at BINGO! Cost is \$2 for 3 cards. Snacks donated by American House Sterling II. Drop in fee applies.

#### **18 + Euchre Tournament**

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

January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd

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

#### **Health and Wellness**

##### **Reflexology & Massage**

Mondays by Appointment

Roberta Eggart has been a certified practitioner for 20 years. She uses pressure points on the hands, feet or back to massage, relax and promote good health. Call for an appointment (586) 445-9944

##### **Blood Pressure Checks**

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

##### **Men's 55+ Volleyball**

Mondays & Wednesdays at 10 am

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

##### **Seniors 55+ Pickleball**

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 10 am, Mondays at 1pm

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

##### **Low Impact Aerobic Exercise Class**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am

Join us as we exercise along with the Richard Simmons Silver Foxes video-tape. This class features a low impact, aerobic workout for the beginner or intermediate exerciser. Each session is designed to increase flexibility, stamina and balance. Drop in fee applies.

##### **Chair Yoga**

Tuesdays at 11 am, Starting January 6<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>

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

##### **"Matter of Balance" Fitness Classes**

Beginning Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 3:30

A "Matter of Balance" class is an evidence based programs who want to learn more about fall prevention. Group exercises are conducted to improve strength, flexibility and endurance. This program is brought to you by McLaren Macomb, Area Agency on Aging 1-B and Macomb County Community Services Agency. Cost is \$12 members, \$15 non-members for 8 weeks of program.

##### **Trips**

###### **Greektown Casino**

Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 3:30 pm

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

###### **Restaurant Rovers**

Last Tuesday of the Month, Van Departs at 11 am

January 27<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>

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

###### **Senior Day at the Auto Show & Greektown casino**

Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am – 6 pm

This tour includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation to the North American Auto Show where you will have two hours to view the cars, then off to Greektown for 5 hours of gaming! Cost is \$36 and includes \$20 back in reward play from Greektown.

###### **The Great Gatsby**

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 9:15am – 2 pm

This classic play will be performed at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Cost is \$18 Member, \$20 Non-Member. Lunch will be on your own at the Center Stage Restaurant. Register by March 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Special Events**

### **Winter Tea**

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

Join us for a fun filled early afternoon full of a variety of different teas, desserts and pinwheel sandwiches! Please bring your favorite place setting to use and show off (small plate, tea cup and saucer). We will enjoy a great session with Goldfish Tea Royal Oak, great friends, yummy food, and make a take home craft. Please register by Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the senior office. Cost is \$6 members or \$9 non-members.

### St. Patrick's Day Spelling Bee

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Doors at 11 am, Lunch at 11:30 am  
Enjoy a St. Patrick's Day meal and use the "luck of the Irish" during the spelling bee! We will be enjoying corned beef sandwiches, potato soup, salad, and dessert. For the Bee we will be using a mixture of Irish and English words, all of which will be available at time of registration so you can study! Prizes will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Cost is \$9 member, \$11 non-member and registration begins Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Senior Spring Swing

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Doors at 4:30, Dinner at 5 pm  
Shake it up at our Spring Swing! We'll have entertainment, door prizes, and great food! Wear semi-dressy attire as this will be a fun night out! Get your tickets before Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$12 member/\$16 non-member

## **Services and Membership**

### Fraser Community Transit Service

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

### Senior Center Membership

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

### Senior Newsletter

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

### Greeting Cards and Books

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

### We need your help!

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

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## ***Fraser Historical Commission Achievements, 2014***

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

It was a fairly quiet year for the Commission. At our April meeting, we welcomed our new Library Director & the Historical Commission's Liaison, Lorena McDowell. Our Liaison takes the Commissioners' concerns to the City to have them acted upon officially. The Historical Society became more active. Lorraine Fradle, President, "burned" DVDs of the history of Fraser DVD that was made in the early 1980s to have available for residents or others for a small donation fee. They are still available inside the Depot during our Open Houses, as are our Fraser history books and cookbooks.

Our biggest accomplishment was writing and being awarded a competitive Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) grant to have the Baumgartner House's basement waterproofed. This big job was completed in July, just before the big rains and flooding in early August. We are VERY happy to report that our basement remained "high and dry!" The DAR footed half the bill, the Historical Society paid the other half. We can't thank our local Macomb Chapter of the DAR enough, who orchestrated our efforts with the National Chapter,—we couldn't have done it without them. Our meeting room swivel chairs were also made safer by putting rubber wheels on them so they wouldn't slide out from people trying to sit down on them.

Five Commissioners' term expired at the end of June. Happily, all five were reappointed to their seats. This means the City has experienced Commissioners making wise decisions for the good of the Baumgartner House and its properties.

We once again held two successful Rummage & Plant Sale Flea Markets, one in June, the other in September. Besides our annual autumn dinner show, these flea markets are our major fundraisers for the Museum. We thank our vendors for returning again this year, and welcome the new ones, hoping they were also successful and will continue to return.

The By-Laws under which we operate needed some major revisions which were addressed this year. Our new "Laws," first approved by the Commissioners & then City Council, are now filed away with the City and are in action. It's always good to review policies and procedures and see what is no longer valid or is out-dated.

Because of some vandalism around the Baumgartner property, Barn locks were changed and more "drive-bys" were enacted upon by the City for security. If residents see any suspicious activity as they walk or drive by the House, please alert the Police immediately, as this is your City property to protect and preserve. The Commissioners would appreciate your help immensely.

The Arcadia-published Fraser history book continues to sell and make a profit for us. In this current year, 2015, the Baumgartner House will celebrate its 140th year of being a presence in the City of Fraser. Watch the local papers, the City's electronic bulletin board, its Website and other media-based sites, and special flyers and literature announcing special activities and events that will be planned for this commemorative anniversary. As for our fundraising dinner show, Rennie Kaufmann & his "One Man Band" (but actually included his daughter!) was a BIG hit! If it all works out in 2015, we hope to have him back in a "command performance," as he & his daughter were that good! If you missed him last year, you won't want to miss him this year. The dinner show is usually scheduled in early October, with tickets available for purchase

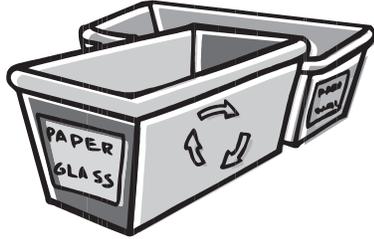
As always, the Commissioners want to wish everyone a great 2015. We also wish to acknowledge you, our residents and friends of the City's Museum, for attending our fundraisers, buying our products, and donating items and cash for our activities. Alone, we are small, but together we are invincible! Thanx!

# 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 through #7) empty containers only, kitchen cookware (pots and pans), metal and aluminum cans, steel & tin cans, empty cans only (flattened), newspapers (remove string and rubber bands, bundled or in brown paper bags), paperboard (no waxed coated paperboard i.e. cereal boxes), junk mail (envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards, etc.) office paper, plastic bags, phone books, magazines & catalogs (no glossy covers), cardboard (flatten cardboard and cut into pieces). **Clear plastic bags can be used for additional items if your bin is full.** Please remember to rinse out all containers and remove the labels if possible before placing them in your bin. 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. **Residents can now receive a new 64 gallon recycling container from Rizzo Services at no cost. To obtain a recycling container or for more information contact Rizzo Services at 1-866-772-8900. The City of Fraser does not have them nor can we order them for the residents.** Unacceptable items are as follows: paper milk or juice cartons, Styrofoam containers/packing, garbage, propane tanks, paint cans (Latex paint can be placed out with regular refuse as long as the paint is dried up with sand or kitty litter. Oil base paint must be taken to the Hazardous Waste Division), colored glass, medical waste, flammable liquids, household cleaners and wood items.



Clean broken concrete may be taken to Clancy Concrete, 29950 Little Mack, Roseville, (586) 294-2900. Items such as brush, wood chips, sod, broken concrete, asphalt and dirt may be taken to Uni-dig, Inc., 21600 Quinn Road, Clinton Twp., (586) 791-4010. Wood and logs may be taken to Mid Michigan Recycle, 24935 21 Mile Road, Macomb, (586) 598-5807.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS

The Macomb County Health Department Household Hazardous Waste Program, located at 43524 Elizabeth Road, Mt. Clemens, will accept gardening, automotive and household products. Oil base paint must be taken to the Hazardous Waste Division. Call the hotline number at (586) 469-5236 in advance for disposal hours and for list of items accepted which also includes medication disposal.

## BRUSH AND MISCELLANEOUS PICKUP

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

## MATERIAL PRICES

Topsoil, slag and fill sand are available for purchase for Fraser residents. The cost of topsoil is \$30 per yard, the cost of slag is \$20 per yard and fill sand is \$16 per yard. There is a \$10 delivery fee.

## CULVERT

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

## SANITARY SEWER BACK UP

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

## SNOW REMOVAL

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

## 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). Rizzo Services will automatically pick up the items as long as they are set out with your regular garbage before 7 a.m. that morning. Items that are not set out will not be picked up until the following week. Appliances must either have the doors removed or tied shut for safety.

If you do gather grass clippings for collection, please follow this guideline. Due to state regulations for compost pickup, the following procedures must be complied by. The compost pickup program will start **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** thru the end of **November 2015**.

- 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.

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.

### **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 25th, 2014 Arbor Day was a great success. The D.P.W. planted a tree in Harrington Park. There were 200 Red Maple seedlings available for Fraser residents.

The City of Fraser will celebrate Arbor Day 2015, on Friday April 24th, 2015. In honor of Arbor Day, the City will plant a tree in a city



park. The Activity Center, Fraser Library and City Hall will have free seedlings available the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2014. It is the nineteenth year Fraser has received this national recognition.

### **FRASER SENIOR HOUSING**

The City of Fraser has a Senior Housing Building. This is a 3 story, 75 unit building with one and two bedroom rental apartments for independent senior living. Each apartment has a refrigerator, electric stove, dishwasher, disposal, stacked washer-dryer and a patio or balcony. Each unit has individually controlled heat and air conditioning. A one bedroom unit is 600 sq. ft. and the monthly rent is \$555.00 a two bedroom unit is 775 sq. ft. and the rent is \$635.00. Water and maintenance 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 in the building. Rentals are not subsidized. On the second floor we have a community room where the tenants can gather to watch big screen TV, DVD movies, play cards, read, work puzzles or join in other activities with friends or family planned by the tenants. We are located at 34950 Hidden Pine Dr off of 15 Mile Road and West of Utica.

Currently there is a waiting list, but you are encouraged to submit your name as early as possible. The phone or fax number is (586) 792-3633. The office hours are from 10AM to 2PM, Monday through Friday. 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).

## **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](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.

If you see any signs in your neighborhood that could be a potential problem, please call the Fraser Building Department.

**Due to liability issues the Fraser Building & Code Enforcement Department will no longer provide rat poison to its residents and businesses.**

## **BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED FOR:**

- \*FURNACES
- \*CENTRAL AIR
- \*SHEDS
- \*WATER HEATER
- \*SIDEWALKS
- \*DECKS
- \*ROOF: TEAR OFF
- \*RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL SEWER REPAIR

## **Good Neighbor Snow Removal City Sidewalks**

Clearing the ice and snow from the sidewalk in front of your home or business will make it safer for everyone. Fraser Ordinance prohibits snow, ice or other obstructions from remaining on city sidewalks and requires immediate removal.

Many children 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.

*City Ordinance, Article VII. – Snow and Ice Sec. 25-66. – Removal of obstructions; deposit of snow and ice.*

*Failure to comply will require the City to remove this obstruction at your expense. The actual cost of removal will be charged to you plus an administrative fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per parcel.*

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

**TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 6pm:**

**January 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Fridays starting January 9th until February 27th at 10:30am**

## **Winter Story Time**

Listen to stories, play games, sing songs and make an occasional craft during each 45 minute session. Ages 3 to 5. Registration required.

**Saturdays, January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, April 18th from 1-4pm**

## **Teen Book & A Movie**

Every third Saturday of the month teens take over the upstairs meeting room to watch a movie based on a popular YA book. Teens spend the first weeks of the month reading and then come together to watch the movie with warm drinks (hot chocolate and tea) and popcorn. Afterwards, teens can discuss the differences and similarities between the two!

**Saturday, January 10th from 1-2pm**  
**Story Time by the Fire**

Children ages 3-8 will come for a special story time downstairs by the fireplace. Stories will feature winter weather and activities. Hot chocolate to follow upstairs. Registration required and begins January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00pm**  
**Self Defense Workshop for Teens**

Join teacher Lee Shaykhet as he teaches teens basic self defense techniques. Perfect for the teen headed off to college and for those grades 7-12. Please wear comfortable clothes. Registration required and begins January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30pm**  
**Changing Retirement Landscape with Sammy Amine**

The changing retirement landscape focuses on inflation, increased life expectancy, corporate retirement plans that are moving away from the pension system, and various retirement income sources including social security. It then follows up with an action plan.

**Saturday, January 24th, 1-3pm**  
**The Sights & Sounds of Winter**

Children ages 8-12 will explore the sights and sounds of winter through various activities. We will take a stroll around the grounds of the library, observing winter. There will be hot chocolate and other winter things. Children will hear winter stories and then can write a poem or make a drawing based on their observations. Please have children dress in warm layers because we will be going outside briefly. Registration required and begins January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00pm at Hof Brau Bar**  
**Books on Tap**

Not your average book club, this group meets to talk books and to enjoy food and drink (we hear the cheese balls are excellent) available at Hof Brau Bar.

**Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00pm**  
**Every Animal Has a Heart**

Every animal has a heart and it shows! Children ages 3-12 come in to make an animal craft using heart shapes! Registration required and begins January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday, February 13th from 6-9pm**  
**Un-Valentine's Day Party**

Grades 7-12 celebrate (or don't) Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Valentine's Day with an Un-Valentine's Day shindig. Jason meets romance. Think broken heart crafts, sugary sweet candy, horror movies, and more. Registration required and begins January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30pm**  
**Henry Ford: His Life and Times**

Join Russell Doré as he presents on Henry Ford's life and accomplishments. Coffee and cookies to accompany program. Registration required and begins February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Fridays starting March 13th until May 8th at 10:30am**

## **Spring Story Time**

Listen to stories, play games, sing songs and make an occasional craft during each 45 minute session. Ages 3 to 5. Registration required and begins February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, March 14th from 1-2:30pm**  
**St. Patrick's Craft**

Feeling lucky? Come make a craft, wear green, and be merry! Children ages 5-12 may also find a four leaf clover somewhere in the library for a special prize. Registration required and begins February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30pm**  
**Raising Money Savvy Kids with Sammy Amine**

Sammy Amine returns for a presentation aimed at money handling skills. He will discuss saving early, the power of compounding, knowing basic terms, and providing perspectives on instilling children with sound financial values and teaching them how to manage wealth responsibly. Teens are encouraged to attend with their parents, although parents can attend themselves. Registration required and begins March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Saturday, April 11th at 1:00pm**  
**Bats in the Library**

Learn the truth about bats and how they live in this exciting and interactive presentation. Meet bats from across the world and learn why they are so important to ecosystems and you! You will meet four bats from around the world, including the Stellaluna bat! This program is appropriate for all ages. Registration is required (please let us know the total number of family members attending) and begins March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday April 22nd at 6:30pm**  
**"Dollars & Sense": Money Smart Week Story time**

Join us for a reading of the Berenstain Bears' book *Dollars & Sense* for Money Smart Week 2015! Each child will receive a copy of the book. Children ages 5-12. Registration required and begins April 8<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited.

**Library will be closed**  
**December 24-January 4, 2015**  
**February 16, April 3 & April 4.**

## STRAWBERRY PRESERVES

At our Dinner show in October everyone enjoyed the music of Rennie Kaufmann and his lovely daughter Esther. Thanks to the following people for their donations to the Dinner Show: Vania Apps, Karen Green, Lori Bargowski, Linda Champion, Christine and Joe Chimenti, Councilman Paul Cilluffo, Nancy Ehrke, Fraser Historical Society, Councilwoman Barbara Jennings, Carol Martin, Schott's, Dot Smith and the late Jan Wilson.

Thanks to Oakridge Supermarket and Middleton Auto Parts for their generous cash donation to the Fraser Historical Commission. We appreciate your support.

Thanks to the following Master Gardeners and volunteers who have worked in the Baumgartner House garden this year: Betty Slominski, Karen Small, Karen Arendall, Nancy Ehrke, David Greer, Karen Hodges, Harry Hodgson, Colleen Huntsman, Kurt Kleiner, Shannon McCalley, Diane Moshaluk, John Palmer, Diane Reynolds, Terry Ryder, Sally Smogoh and Lori Tiseo. We appreciate all the hard work you did to make the museum grounds and garden look nice