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# City of Fremont NEWSLETTER



## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Hello Fremont residents, and hello summer!

It's finally time to soak up the sunshine and enjoy the outdoors. Once again the city has a great line up of outdoor events to offer during the summer months. We are excited about the upcoming Mayor's Concert Series, Community Cookouts, Farmers Markets, and Car Shows to name a few. Additionally, the city-wide garage sale returns as does scheduled brush drop-off at Universal Farms and weeklong curbside pick-up in September.

The city recently collaborated with the Sandusky County Visitors Bureau to provide residents and business owners with an updated, up to the minute, Community Events Calendar. Now everyone can add their community wide events for all to see. Stay up to date on the top things to see, do, and eat in Fremont. Visit the Events tab on the city's website or scan the QR code below.




Mayor Sanchez



## CITY NEWSLETTER

### The City of Fremont

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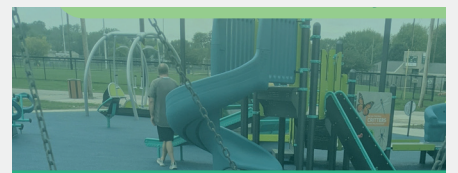
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# 2022 MAYOR'S CONCERTS

Location: Birchard Park 7:00 pm

live  
music



June 5 - Terra Brass Choir & Jazz Band  
Sponsored by: Fremont Federal Credit Union

June 12 - Northcoast Concert Band  
Sponsored by: Valley View Health Campus

June 19 - Dana Dorsey & The "Blue Notes"  
Sponsored by: Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc.

June 26 - Jim Sleet & The House Band  
Sponsored by: Blue Heron Villa and Mosser  
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July 3 - Saints & Sinners  
Sponsored by: Republic Services

July 10 - Andrew Dean Band  
Sponsored by: Elmwood Assisted Living &  
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July 17 - Sea Jamz 7  
Sponsored by: Motion Controls

In case of rain, concerts will be canceled before 4:00 p.m. This information can be found on the City of Fremont social media accounts.





## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**323 S. Front St., Fremont, OH 43420**  
**419.334.5900**

The City of Fremont is excited to announce plans for the development of a new industrial park that will be approximately 150-acres located off SR 412 just northeast of Fremont. This project would not be possible without the partnership of the Sandusky County Commissioners and the Fremont Development Corporation (FDC). FDC is a non-profit organization that consists of leaders from the community who work in the construction, financial, industrial development, local government, and business community.

In 2019, the City of Fremont released its economic development plan to the community. This plan is available on the city website under the Economic Development tab. “Think Fremont” emerged after several public meetings, including the participation of residents, business leaders, and many others within our community that included specific goals and timeframes. Our goal for a new industrial park was a 5-year goal, which we are on track to meet.

This industrial park will be the largest industrial park within the city limits in the last three decades. We are very confident there is the potential to create anywhere from 500 to 1,000 new jobs and upwards of 100 million dollars in capital investment. This land will be for local retention, expansion, and attraction. We are committed to attracting higher-wage jobs to increase our median household income within our community.

When you read the city’s “Think Fremont” plan, you will learn that our priorities within the city include continued efforts in new housing, commercial and retail growth, lifestyle, education, Historic Downtown Fremont, and health and wellness initiatives. We have seen many

positive changes in these areas over the past several years and this industrial park will help us continue to meet these goals.

This positive work has occurred during some of the most trying times. More specifically, during the COVID-19 pandemic and now record rising inflation. My administration will continue to work hard despite these challenges to make the City of Fremont the best place to work, live, and play!

### **MasTec Network Solutions Comes to Fremont**

MasTec Network Solutions is the new occupant of 800 Hagerty Drive. MasTec serves the telecommunications industry Verizon, AT&T, Frontier, and Charter Communications. The distribution-communication of this fiber-rich intensive project is affecting Greater Columbus and northern Ohio cities governing Cleveland, Akron-Canton, Youngstown, and Toledo. It’s Fremont location will serve the Toledo area. MasTec Network Solutions will create 40 new jobs with aerial and underground labor positions starting at \$20 per hour, and experienced linemen making up to \$35-40 per hour.

### **New Housing**

The development of the Blue Heron Villas, Sunset Meadows, and Meadow Creek is full steam ahead as crews work long hours building as many new homes as possible. It is exciting to watch these projects unfold and realize the value new homes will bring to our community. In addition to these three sites, the City continues to work with other developers looking to launch housing projects in other locations around town. The City Planning Commission and Fremont City Council recently vacated a small portion of a city right of way off Brush Street with the hope of clearing the way for a new subdivision to develop soon.

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

# INCLUSION

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Did you know June is a time to celebrate African-American Music Appreciation Month, LGBTQ+ Pride Month, the Juneteenth National Holiday, and more! To learn more about monthly awareness celebrations please follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FremontDI>.

Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) officially became a Federal holiday in the United States on June 17, 2021, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture, education, and achievement. Since 1865, Juneteenth has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States.

The City of Fremont participated in “Leadership Day” hosted annually in March by the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Self-advocates discussed Direct Support Professionals to support them, fair wages, and increased access to meaningful work.

The City of Fremont hosted a Faith Based Community meeting with Faith Leaders to discuss community involvement with our youth. The next meeting is scheduled on August 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Terra State Community College regarding community engagement.

## WATER TREATMENT PLANT

1113 S. Tiffin St., Fremont, OH 43420  
Tel : 419.332.3581



The Fremont Water Treatment Plant would like to welcome Jason Dulaney as the new Operations Assistant Superintendent. Jason holds a Class III License in both water and wastewater treatment and has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Two of the plant's operational staff, Mike Hrupcho holds a Class I Water Supply License, and John Custer holds a Class II Water Supply License, passed their bacteria survey on May 12. This allows them both to perform bacteria analysis on Fremont's distribution system samples along with numerous

other outside private and public water systems. Fremont's Laboratory Technician Ray Moreno did an excellent job preparing these two operators for the bacteria survey and will continue training operators in specialized laboratory procedures for future succession planning. Congratulations to Mike and John!





# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**323 S. Front St., Fremont, OH 43420**  
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The Auditor's Office maintains the financial records for the City which includes, but is not limited to, the central collection of all revenues, the issuing of non-payroll checks to vendors for goods and services received, the payroll function for all City employees, and maintaining the City's general ledger and cash fund balances. Detailed financial reports are prepared for City Council monthly and are available for the public on the City's website, [www.fremontohio.org/departments/finance/](http://www.fremontohio.org/departments/finance/)

A summarized schedule of financial activity for the City's major operating funds are listed below:

## **CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO CASH BALANCES REPORT – MARCH 2022**

	Balance	Year to Date	Year to Date	Balance
	1/1/2022	Revenues	Expenditures	3/30/2022
101 General	3,754,470	1,880,737	3,749,692	1,885,515
201 Municipal Income Tax	3,861,076	3,164,007	1,264,710	5,760,373
211 Public Recreation	171,267	242,748	244,510	169,505
222 Street Maintenance	599,451	262,219	280,365	581,305
510 Water Operating	3,821,176	2,146,119	1,906,346	4,060,949
570 Sewer Operating	18,479,767	2,264,066	1,854,650	18,889,183

# ZONING DEPARTMENT

**323 S. Front St., Fremont, OH 43420**  
**Tel: 419.334.8963**



The City of Fremont has scheduled its 2022 City-Wide Garage Sale from June 24 to June 26. No permit will be required for residents during this weekend. Residents are asked to call the Office of Engineering and Zoning, at 419-334-8963, in order to register their garage sales.

The cutoff for registration will be June 22 and the list will be made available to the public on June 23. Be reminded that signage for sales are not permitted to be placed in the city right of way.

## WATER & SEWER MAINTENANCE

**1111 Oak Harbor Rd. Fremont, Ohio 43420**  
**Tel : 419-332-3181**

The Fremont Water/Sewer Maintenance Department will be starting unidirectional waterline flushing in the Southeast quadrant of the city. The work will continue through the summer with anticipated completion in August.

Over time, solids can settle on the bottom of the water main pipes. This reduces the amount of water that can easily flow through

the pipes. Unidirectional flushing is a systematic and controlled procedure that uses water at a high velocity to remove sedimentation, improve water quality, and increase the flow efficiency within the waterlines of the distribution system. This preventative maintenance technique is endorsed and encouraged by the Ohio EPA.

This cleaning and maintenance

process can potentially cause a temporary change in water color, odor, or taste. This is due to sediment being stirred up in the pipes. Any changes in water quality should be flushed out after 5–10 minutes of running water inside your home. Please call the Water/Sewer Maintenance Department at 419-332-3181 if you have any questions or concerns.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

**1145 W. State St., Fremont, OH 43420**  
**Tel: 419.332.4131**



**Captain Mike Mezinger**

Fremont Fire Department is pleased to announce Mike Mezinger as the city's new Community Affairs Officer (CAO).

Captain Mike Mezinger is a 25-year veteran of the Fremont Fire Department; Captain Mezinger has been extremely active in the community not only professionally but also during his time as a wrestling coach and ACE Mentor. Captain Mezinger's long-standing relationship with the community youth and affiliation with the school system makes him the ideal individual for this specialized position.

The purpose of this new role is to enhance community fire protection, education, and employee recruitment for the FFD. This is done by monitoring through fire inspection, prevention activities, and youth recruitment. In addition to performing the regular duties of a firefighter, the CAO also responds to alarms for scene staffing, operates fire suppression equipment, and provides EMS functions. The CAO plans, schedules, and conducts fire safety programs, such as extinguisher demonstrations, youth safety talks, and local school/business fire safety education. The CAO also leads the department's community relations, public speaking, and recruitment events as assigned. We wish Captain Mezinger much success in his new role within the department!

The Fremont Fire Department is once again joining forces with the National Fire Safety Council and local community leaders to provide the citizens with informational tools and education to keep everyone safe in 2022. The Fire Pup program, combined with our Community Affairs Division, provides us the avenue to reach not only the children of our community but also adults and senior citizens. Our goal is to enhance community fire protection for all residents through education and prevention activities.





## TAX DEPARTMENT

**323 S. Front St., Fremont, OH 43420**  
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### What is Rita?

The Regional Income Tax Agency, known as “RITA” was formed in 1971 to administer the income tax ordinance of any Ohio municipality (city or village in Ohio) that joins the Agency through the Regional Council of Governments (RCOG). Although not every Ohio municipality is a RCOG member, currently nearly 400 cities and villages (approximately 50% of Ohio municipalities with an income tax) utilize RITA to assist with their municipal income tax collection and enforcement efforts. RITA is authorized to administer and enforce the income tax laws of each of the participating municipalities. Each municipality retains the right to administer and enforce its own income tax laws concurrently with RITA.

### Why am I paying Rita tax?

RITA is not a “municipality,” and cannot levy its own income tax - there is actually no such thing as the “RITA Tax.” Rather, the municipal income taxes that RITA collects belong to each of the Ohio cities and villages that have joined with RITA. The income tax is created by the laws of each municipality, and RITA collects these taxes on their behalf.

### What are the advantages of Fremont being a Rita member?

-RITA is a shared service provider enabling member municipalities to share the cost of a wide range of professionally administered services.

-RITA provides cutting edge technology and tools like electronic filing via FastFile, online real time access via MyAccount, the latest security best practice standards, and the RITAX custom built tax software system designed to handle multi-jurisdictional tax collection, distribution and reporting.

-RITA members are eligible to participate in the exclusive IRS Data Exchange Program. The IRS Data Exchange Program identifies non-filers, underreported income, address updates and finds businesses required to register.

-RITA members enjoy discounted costs for mass mailings of tax filing reminders, billing statements and delinquent notices.

-RITA provides year-round taxpayer registration to ensure compliance from all taxpayers.

-RITA’s integrated call center provides crucial and timely customer service. RITA’s Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) is used to identify callers for person-to-person contact and for around-the-clock automated self-service. Taxpayers seeking forms or payment information can call day or night to access the system. RITA’s call center displays taxpayer account history at the time calls are answered by RITA agents. Taxpayers reach the appropriate agent who is ready to assist with detailed account information within a single contact session.

-RITA’s document imaging services scans the millions of pieces of paper associated with tax returns, W-2s, bills and related documentation. Scanning paper documents not only reduces storage costs, it also provides tighter security of records and improves customer service through fast and easy retrieval of tax documents.

-RITA’s Compliance, Collections, and Legal Services departments provide appropriate actions to ensure taxpayers pay their tax liabilities. The Compliance Department notifies delinquent taxpayers of their pending tax liabilities and the possible ramifications through the non-filer and subpoena programs. Payment plans are established and monitored by the Collections department. When necessary, lawsuits are prepared by the Legal Services department on behalf of RITA members.

-RITA’s Disaster Recovery Plan is designed to safeguard RITA’s technology and to plan for natural or man-made disasters. RITA has instituted processes and procedures to restore critical applications within two to three days.

Have additional questions about RITA? Contact the Fremont City Income Tax Department at 419-334-8969, or visit the Regional Income Tax Agency website at [ritaohio.com](http://ritaohio.com).



2022  
FREMONT  
COMMUNITY  
COOKOUT



HANG OUT WITH THE FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT—  
ENJOY A FREE MEAL AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!

**Wednesday  
June 22**



Biggs Kettner Memorial  
East Side Park



**11am-1pm**

**Wednesday  
July 20**



Rodger W. Young Park  
Basketball Court Shelter House



**6pm-8pm**

**Tuesday  
August 2**

National Night Out



Ozzie Rauch Park  
Second Street



**6pm-8pm**

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST OR ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Additionally, the department celebrates the careers of the following officers who have retired and those that have recently joined the ranks at FPD.

- Police Chief Dean Bliss retired after 22 years as a Fremont Police Officer. Bliss worked as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, and chief. Bliss had many assignments while with FPD including officer with the DEA Task Force, D.A.R.E., SWAT, and Detective. Bliss's public service career spanned 32 years.
- Patrol Officer James Burkin retired after 28 years with the Fremont Police Department. Burkin spent most of his time as a Patrol Officer but also taught D.A.R.E. and was a School Resource Officer. Burkin ran shift operations as an Officer in Charge.
- Three new Patrol Officers, Chevy Farmer, Cage Roby, and Jackie Smith began field training in the spring. A fourth prospective officer, Olivia McGowan, is enrolled in the Police Academy and is expected to start her field training in the fall. The recruiting, hiring, and training of new officers is an ongoing process and will ensure that the ranks of the FPD remain fully staffed with professional law enforcement officers.

The men and women of the Fremont Police Department are thankful for the support of their community and truly appreciate the kind words, cards, and treats that are brought to the station. Without their support, they would not be able to do the work they do! We look forward to engaging with our community members this summer at the upcoming Community Cookouts. Click [here](#) for dates, times, and locations!



**Police Chief Derek Wensinger**

The Fremont Police Department (FPD) is under new guidance with the naming of a new police chief. Detective Sergeant Derek Wensinger was promoted to Chief when Chief Dean Bliss announced his retirement after almost 32 years in law enforcement. A 12-year veteran of the FPD, Wensinger will oversee a staff of approximately 25 sworn officers. Throughout his tenure in Fremont, Wensinger has served in various roles in the department including patrol officer, detective, and detective sergeant. Wensinger, a Fremont Ross High School graduate, attended Ohio Northern University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice in 2003.





## FOOD DRIVE



Our community had another amazing show of support for the Pontifex with the city's spring food drive. Food and monetary donations were accepted throughout the day and we were able to fill shelves, even if only for a short time. Everyone involved from the drop-off of donations, loading and unloading the truck, and delivering to fill the shelves at the Pontifex did an outstanding job!

A huge thank you to Cheryl Wendt, Jamie Ritchie, and the entire Wendt Key Team of Realtors for organizing the spring food drive and collaborating once again with the city. Additional thanks to Fremont Police Department, Fremont Fire Department, and Alanna Hasselbach from the city's Administration office for all that they did to support this event.

If you find yourself still wanting to help PLEASE stop by the Pontifex here in Fremont with any and all food or monetary donations!





# WATER RECLAMATION CENTER



**1019 Sand Rd., Fremont, OH 43420**  
**Tel: 419.334.3876**

The next processes to be discussed in our virtual tour of the Fremont Water Reclamation Center (FWRC) are the tertiary and disinfection processes. Tertiary treatment at the WRC consists of a fine screen filtration system. This process removes fine solids that do not settle out in the secondary clarifiers. This also aids in the removal of phosphorus that is associated with the solids. This helps in reducing the amount of phosphorus that is discharged into the Sandusky River, which eventually reaches Lake Erie and could result in promoting algal blooms. After tertiary filtration the water flows through the ultra violet (UV) disinfection system. The UV system eliminates pathogenic organisms such as E. coli. From there the clean effluent flows to the Sandusky River.

The City will be participating in the Sandusky River Watershed Coalition's Sandusky River Clean Sweep to be held June 18 in the downtown and Rodger Young/Walsh Park areas. Trash will be picked up along the river banks and properly disposed of resulting in a cleaner area for residents to enjoy and prevent trash and debris from being washed into the river.

If you would like to participate in this event, please check the website of the Sandusky River Watershed Coalition (<https://sanduskyriver.org/>) for details and registration information.

Notice: Crews will be conducting maintenance activities throughout the coming months on the floodwall and surrounding areas. These activities will include application of herbicides, mowing, replacement of rip-rap, and removal of logs from the river. Please stay clear of these crews for everyone's safety.





# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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600 St. Joseph St., Fremont, OH 43420  
Tel : 419.334.5906

## VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

*3rd and 4th grade - Pink Lemonade*



*5th and 6th grade - Team Extreme*





# Parks Ambassador Volunteer Program



**The City of Fremont is launching a new Parks Ambassador program for City Parks! Ambassadors are community volunteers who serve as information and support specialists for our community parks in an effort to create positive and family friendly facilities.**



**Park Ambassador training and volunteer shirts are provided by the City of Fremont.**

**\*Ambassadors work alongside City of Fremont Staff. Ambassadors do not act in place of staff, or police.**

**Please direct questions to:  
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