

Downtown Development: Building a Downtown from Scratch



Photo courtesy of Fremont Bank. Image credit: Ron Essex Photography

Since the Downtown Community Plan was put into place in 2012, the City has worked earnestly to facilitate development to transform the 110-acre area into a central hub where our community can come together to live, work, and play.

In June, the community celebrated the opening of Fremont Bank’s new 6-story headquarters and flagship retail branch with a family-friendly block party on Capitol Avenue, featuring food trucks, vendors, and giveaways. In addition, the first 11 ground floor retail spaces on Capitol Avenue are now leased by locally-owned businesses and franchises: Aura Skin ‘N’ Beauty, Banter Bookshop, Deka Lash, Din Ding Dumpling House, Fremont Food Hall, Honest Indian Restaurant, iCode, Pints of Joy Ice Cream, Paradox Barbers, RawASF, and Sliver Pizzeria. Over time, we expect more new retail spaces to be built and occupied as the district begins to take shape.

In addition to a growing number of retail and food options for the community, these Downtown efforts allow for new housing production in areas that are walkable and closer to jobs and transit, creating places to live for our growing workforce and the next generation of Fremont residents. Noteworthy projects in the pipeline include a planned new townhome and affordable housing development on the former Wells Fargo property at Liberty Street and Walnut Avenue, and a mixed-use apartment project on Capitol Avenue and Paseo Padre Parkway.

The Fremont City Council also recently approved two development projects located within the Fremont Hub shopping center and the Gateway Plaza shopping center, providing over 500 units of multi-family housing, community amenity space, and an anticipated “restaurant row” to complement the businesses sprouting along Capitol Avenue.

If you would like to keep up with what’s happening on Downtown, including new developments and businesses, please visit city.fremont.gov/downtown.



Gateway Plaza Apartments Project



Fremont Hub Mixed-Use Project

In This Issue



City Budget
3



Data Dashboards
4



Homeless Response
9-12



My Climate Ready Fremont
13



Letter from **FREMONT'S CITY MANAGER**

As we mark the middle of 2024, I'm inspired by the significant achievements and investments that have already occurred this year to support Fremont's continued growth.

In April 2024, the City Council held its annual retreat to affirm this year's priorities, including addressing and preventing homelessness, ensuring public safety, and prioritizing environmental sustainability.

In May 2024, the Council adopted the City's first Homelessness Response Plan, which provides a 5-year framework to develop policies, make investments, and take action to address homelessness in our community. I encourage you to read the City News articles on pages 9-12 to learn more about the steps we're taking to make a difference.

The Council also adopted a balanced, sustainable budget in June, maintaining the City's longstanding history of fiscal health. In this year's budget, Council addressed a near-term revenue shortfall caused by the State's overpayment of sales tax revenue in FY 2022/23. The Council's policy direction to maintain healthy reserves, has ensured the City's ability to manage unexpected obstacles, such as this one. The General Fund forecast indicates that ongoing revenues will be sufficient to cover expenditures without the further use of reserves beginning in FY 2025/26.

Most recently, the Council approved Phase 1 of a new Community Center project at Central Park. The need for a new multi-use community center was identified as a high priority in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This phase includes a new 12,000-square-foot community center with rooms for fitness, dance, arts and crafts, and community meetings, an expanded parking lot, and an "outdoor living room." The project

is estimated to cost \$33 million and will be funded by City, State, and federal sources. Construction is proposed to start next summer and will be completed in 2027.

To further deliver on our accomplishments and provide more efficient service delivery to the community, we've recently done some internal restructuring. This included creating a new City department called Maintenance Operations that maintains City streets, parks, buildings, and the City's fleet of vehicles. (These functions were previously shared by multiple departments.) Our Environmental Services Division has also moved from the Community Services Department to Community Development to better align with the City's sustainability efforts.

Summertime is always my favorite season in Fremont, with special events happening throughout the community. This year, there were some new additions, as we partnered with the Fremont Main Library to host Fremont's first-ever Pride Fair in June and we celebrated the progress in Downtown Fremont by co-hosting a community block party with Fremont Bank, commemorating the opening of their 6-story headquarters and flagship retail branch. Continuing long-held community summer traditions, the community hosted the Fremont Fourth of July Parade, while the Fremont Chamber of Commerce produced the 40th Annual Festival of the Arts.

As summer winds down and kids head back to school, Fremont is preparing for more progress in the fall and until then, I wish you all well!

CITY OF FREMONT

The City Council

meets the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave. Meetings are broadcast over Cable TV Channel 27 or webcast online at city.fremont.gov/webcasts.

Sign up for our news at city.fremont.gov/subscribe

City Council

city.fremont.gov/citycouncil

Mayor Lily Mei
Vice Mayor Desrie Campbell
Councilmember Teresa Keng
Councilmember Jenny Kassar
Councilmember Yang Shao
Councilmember Raj Salwan
Councilmember Teresa Cox

City Manager

Karena Shackelford

Fremont City News

Cheryl Golden,
Managing Editor

Fremont City News is printed on recycled paper with soy inks.

City Address

3300 Capitol Ave.
P.O. Box 5006
Fremont CA 94537

City Phone

510-284-4000

City Email

cof@fremont.gov

City Website

www.fremont.gov

Animal Services

AnimalServices@fremont.gov
510-790-6630

Building and Safety

blinfo@fremont.gov
510-494-4400

City Attorney

attyoffice@fremont.gov
510-284-4030

City Clerk

cclerk@fremont.gov
510-284-4060

City Manager

cof@fremont.gov
510-284-4000

Code Enforcement

code_enf@fremont.gov
510-494-4430

Economic Development

econdev@fremont.gov
510-284-4020

Engineering

eng@fremont.gov
510-494-4700

Environmental Services

environment@fremont.gov
510-494-4570

Finance

finance@fremont.gov
510-494-4610

Fire Department

fire@fremont.gov
510-494-4200

GIS

gis@fremont.gov
510-494-4800

Housing

housing@fremont.gov
510-494-4500

Human Resources

jobs@fremont.gov
510-494-4660

Human Services

hs@fremont.gov
510-574-2050

Maintenance Operations

maint@fremont.gov
510-979-5700

Planning

planinfo@fremont.gov
510-494-4440

Police Department

police@fremont.gov
510-790-6800

Recreation Services

RegeRec@fremont.gov
510-494-4300

Transportation Engineering

traffic@fremont.gov
510-494-4745



NEW! MY FREMONT

Get involved - MyFremont gives you the opportunity to provide feedback and receive updates on priority City projects, events, and initiatives. Scan the QR code to find out more today!

MyFremont
my.fremont.gov



SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the City and many of our departments on social—we will keep you posted on community events, new business openings, traffic updates, and much more!

City Social Media
city.fremont.gov/socialmedia



Building a Resilient Budget for Fremont

At the annual retreat in April 2024, City Council agreed upon priorities for FY 2024/25, including addressing and preventing homelessness, ensuring public safety, and prioritizing environmental sustainability. Guided by fiscal sustainability, the City budget ensures our service level aligns with our resources. To mitigate the impact of temporary revenue shortfalls or unexpected expenditures, the Council has set aside the General Fund Budget

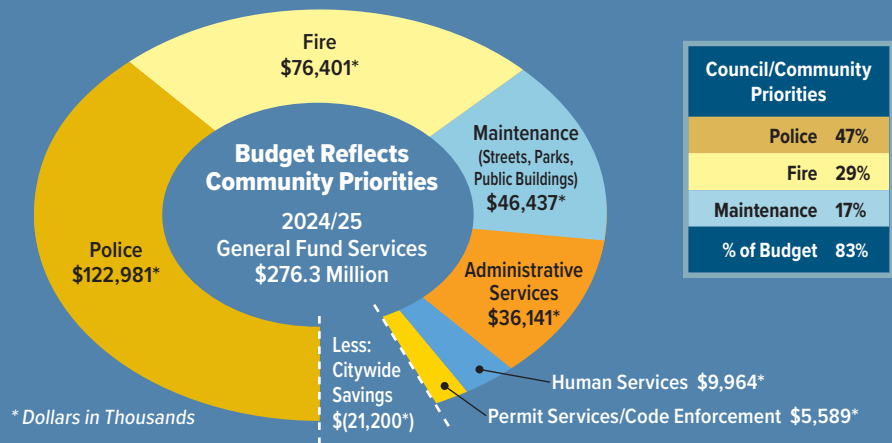
Uncertainty Reserve, designed to act as a fiscal shock absorber.

The FY 2024/25 adopted budget addresses a near-term revenue shortfall that stemmed from the overpayment of sales tax revenue to the City by the State during FY 2022/23. The State’s reallocation of the overpayment will reduce our sales tax revenue in FY 2024/25 and require one-time funds to maintain the current level of services.

Fremont residents actively shape the budget planning process by participating on Council-appointed boards and commissions, providing feedback on the MyFremont community engagement platform such as our recent proposed operating budget survey, attending budget presentations and public hearings, and sharing feedback directly with City staff.

The General Fund

largely supports police and fire services, as well as the maintenance of streets, parks, and public buildings. The remaining resources fund human services activities, debt service payments on the City’s bonds, community development, affordable housing and homeless services, social service grants, and capital projects.



IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS

- The Council set aside the General Fund unreserved ending fund balance from FY 2022/23 and increased the General Fund Budget Uncertainty Reserve to offset the revenue shortfall.
- Used reserves specifically established to address temporary revenue shortfalls, ensuring our FY 2024/25 budget maintains essential services.

FUTURE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

- Once the State has recovered its overpayment, our sales tax revenue will return to its normal ongoing level in FY 2025/26.
- Our ongoing revenues will again be sufficient to cover our ongoing expenditures without the further use of reserves.

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

- City Council Meetings: Review presentations about the City’s budget and discuss relevant policy issues during regular meetings. All Council meetings are televised on the local cable access channel (Ch 27) and streamed online.
- Public Hearings: Participate in budget hearings, which are typically held in early June. Speak about budget issues at these hearings or during any City Council meeting throughout the year.

CONSIDERING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

In addition to listening to everyday feedback, the City Council and City staff have identified the following checkpoints to review residents’ thoughts related to the City’s budget:

- Biennial: Community Survey
- February: City Council Retreat
- March: Midyear Budget Report
- May: Proposed Budget Presentation
- June: Public Hearings and Budget Adoption



Introducing Our New Data Dashboards

As we continue to increase our City's transparency initiatives, Fremont has debuted new tools to provide up-to-date data to help our community visualize and stay informed on how we are tracking toward Citywide goals.

The Fremont App Data Dashboard features information on the top ten service request types, the number of open and closed requests, a map of where requests are being made, the number of times the mobile app was downloaded, and more. The Climate Action Data Dashboard focuses on our sustainability efforts including Fremont's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, while our Drone as First Responder Dashboard provides flight data. Planning is also underway to add additional dashboards on topics such as our homelessness response.

View our new data dashboards at city.fremont.gov/dashboards.

Fremont Increases Minimum Wage

The City of Fremont increased its minimum wage to \$17.30 per hour on July 1, adhering to Fremont City Council's ordinance to continue adjusting the minimum wage based on inflation. Employers are required to pay at least the minimum wage to hourly employees who perform work within the geographic boundaries of the City of Fremont. Employers must also post the official City of Fremont Wage Bulletin in the top five languages spoken in the city (Chinese, Tagalog, Spanish, Hindi, and Vietnamese) in a conspicuous place at each work site. The Official Bulletins, including translated versions, are available for download on the City's Minimum Wage webpage at city.fremont.gov/minimumwage.

Extreme Heat Causes Fish Die-Off at Lake Elizabeth

During the first week of July, the Bay Area experienced an unprecedented heat wave, during which, the water in Lake Elizabeth in Central Park increased to 83 degrees, causing low dissolved oxygen (DO) concentrations. The low oxygen levels and elevated temperatures were beyond what some fish species could tolerate and triggered a fish die-off. On July 4th the City's consultant, Applied Marine Science, conducted water sampling to check for potential microcystins, to determine if an algae bloom was also a contributing factor.

In late July, the City received the test results, which supported the initial assessment that the excessive heat caused the low dissolved oxygen (DO) concentrations and a harmful algae bloom was not present.

City staff from several departments worked collaboratively to remove and dispose of approximately 1000 dead fish. It's estimated that approximately 90% of the die-off were carp, which the City had never introduced to the lake. Since the initial die-off was reported, the City has provided regular updates on the clean-up efforts and posted

water testing results on Fremont.gov.

Lake Elizabeth is owned by Alameda County Flood Control (ACFC) and the City has an agreement to operate the lake as a recreational amenity. The City has provided ACFC with a copy of a recent bathymetric survey (measures the depth of the lake and maps its underwater features) and will use this data to determine next steps in water-quality testing, aeration aides, depth changes, vegetation opportunities and other mitigation efforts prior to reintroducing fish to the water.

Tri-City Animal Shelter Enhancements



The Tri-City Animal Shelter plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of our beloved pets across Newark, Union City, and Fremont. With leadership from

the Fremont City Council and implementation by our dedicated Police Department, the City has recently approved new initiatives to further enhance our efforts to provide essential animal services to our community.

To supplement its appointment-based hours of operation (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday–

Thursday), the Tri-City Animal Shelter is now open to the public for unscheduled drop-in services from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and has additional plans to expand drop-in service hours as more staff are hired. Other significant improvements include recruiting front desk staff to better respond to the shelter's high call volume and converting a previously part-time veterinary technician position to full time.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating the hiring of the City's first full-time veterinarian, who will provide enhanced

care for our shelter's found animals and a dedicated spay/neuter services for community cats. We also have plans to add programs aimed at attracting first-time dog owners as adopters and offering more outreach programs to engage with the community.

For more information on these initiatives and future changes, as well as pet adoptions, please visit TriCityAnimalShelter.org or follow the shelter on social media @TriCityAnimals.



PHASE ONE APPROVED New Community Center at Central Park

In July, the Fremont City Council approved Phase 1 of the new Community Center project at Central Park. The need for a new multi-use community center was identified as a high priority in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which the Fremont City Council adopted in March 2022.

The Phase 1 project is projected to cost \$33 million and will be funded by City, State, and federal sources. Construction is proposed to start in Summer 2025 and will be completed in 2027, which includes:

- A new 12,000-square-foot community center building with rooms for fitness, dance, arts, community meetings, and more
- An "Outdoor Living Room" to support outdoor social and relaxation spaces
- An expanded parking lot

Proposed future phases of the project may include an event hall, gymnasium, and outdoor amphitheater. Thank you to the over 2,600 community members who shared feedback to help determine desired programs, activity spaces and amenities, and the preferred architectural style.



Fremont's Pickleball Scene is Growing – And So Are Our Courts!

Across the nation, the pickleball phenomenon has taken over – and Fremont is no exception.

To meet increasing demand, the Central Park Knoll Pickleball Courts officially opened for play in June, with eight new courts overlooking scenic views of Lake Elizabeth and Mission Peak now available for drop-in use.

To guarantee space will be available on a given date and time, Fremont Tennis Center courts can be booked for a fee at www.RegeRec.com or by calling 510-790-5510.

As a City, we are actively exploring ways to prepare our facilities to address future parks and recreation needs. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you on the courts!



Fremont Is **Speeding Towards Safety**

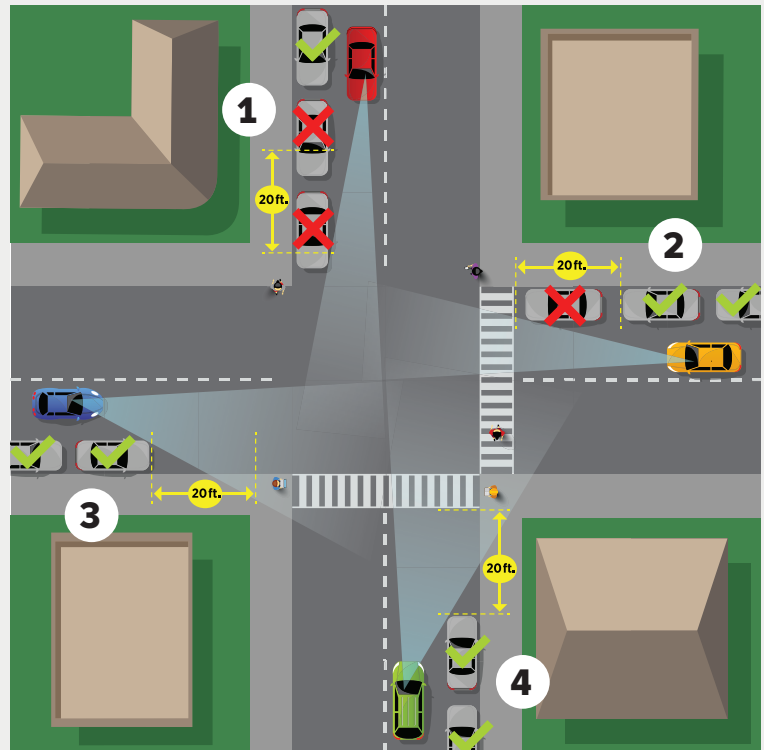
Speed is an essential aspect of traffic safety, as higher speeds increase both the likelihood and the severity of crashes. National research shows that lowering the speed limits in urban areas saves lives because it gives drivers more time to react to the unexpected. And drivers need that time to react because the unexpected comes in all shapes and sizes. Driving more slowly allows drivers to avoid children darting into the street to chase after a ball or an elderly neighbor taking a bit longer to cross the road. The chance of a pedestrian being killed when hit by a vehicle increases dramatically when vehicle speed is higher than 35 mph. Based on new State legislation on setting speed limits, the Public Works Department conducted a survey of posted speed limits along the City's major streets, and as a result 30 out of the 171 roadway segments were recommended to be decreased by 5 mph. In alignment with its commitment to public safety and to eliminate traffic fatalities, the City Council adopted an ordinance on February 20, 2024 to lower speed limits on these 30 City street segments and in May, signs were installed with the lower speed limits. This reduces the chance of our loved ones being struck and killed by a vehicle, and it is just one of many efforts that the City of Fremont has undertaken in order to enhance traffic safety since the Vision Zero program was adopted in 2016 and renewed in 2021.

To learn more about the Council action and impacted street segments, visit city.fremont.gov/impactedstreetsegments.

To learn more about the City's work towards zero traffic fatalities, visit city.fremont.gov/safetyvisionzero.

California's New Daylighting Law Provides Another Tool for Safer Streets

The new Daylighting Law (AB 413), which was implemented at the beginning of this year, makes it illegal to park within 20 feet of the approach of any marked or unmarked crosswalk, even if there are no signs or curb markings. The goal of the new law is to improve the safety of all roadway users by increasing visibility at intersections. Removing the obstruction of parked vehicles will allow drivers to have a clear view of pedestrians waiting to cross the street while at the same time allowing pedestrians to see approaching cars without having to step into the intersection to see past a parked vehicle before crossing. Forty states currently have similar laws in place, and while this new law won't be enforced in California until January 1, 2025 (unless signs already restrict parking), there's no reason not to start leaving at least 20 feet (or the length of one large car) between your car and a marked/unmarked crosswalk. To learn more about the law, visit city.fremont.gov/daylightinglaw.



How It Works Leaving a clearance of 20 feet provides a greater field of visibility for all roadway users (as shown in scenarios #3 and #4), whereas not providing that clearance greatly reduces the visibility (as shown in scenarios #1 and #2).



New Exterior Elevated Elements Laws for Multifamily Buildings

Fremont is implementing new State laws applicable to multi-unit buildings with exterior elevated elements located more than six feet above the adjacent grade, such as balconies, walkways, decks, landings, railings, and stairways. These laws require multifamily property owners and condominium homeowner associations (HOAs) to hire a licensed professional for inspections to determine whether exterior elevated elements are in safe and functional condition. The deadline to complete the first safety inspection is January 1, 2025. For more information, visit city.fremont.gov/elevatedelements.

2023 FPD Annual Report and FFD Annual Report Are Now Live

Discover what both the Fremont Police Department (FPD) and Fremont Fire Department (FFD) have accomplished over the past year by reviewing their 2023 Annual Reports. Our public safety departments are committed to transparency and providing as much information to our community as possible, including funding information, special deployments, personnel composition, equipment, and more.

FPD highlights include:

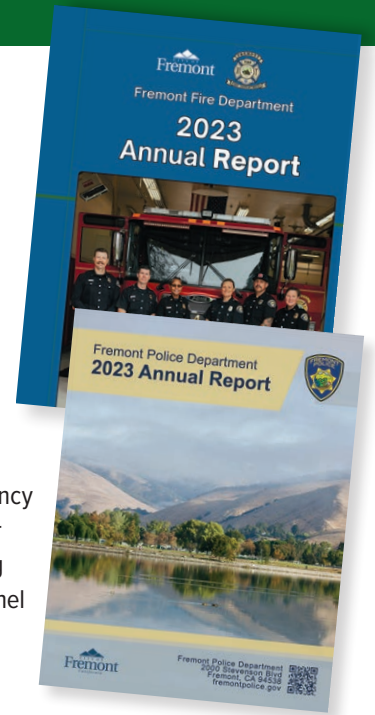
- Answering 297,302 calls in 2023 – averaging 815 calls answered per day
- Logging 48,044 hours in training
- Documenting 16,889 original police reports

In the FFD report, you'll find data on how the Department:

- Responded to 18,334 incidents in 2023
- Fire Prevention personnel completed 1,147 Hazardous Materials Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) inspections
- Sent personnel to 61 mutual aid responses, including deployments to Bishop (California), Riverside County (California), and Eugene (Oregon)

To view the FPD Annual Report, visit fremontpolice.gov/annualreport.

To access the FFD Annual Report, visit city.fremont.gov/ffdannualreport.



Join us at the Fremont Police Safety Fair

Learn about public safety services, crime prevention, and traffic safety at the Fremont Police Department's Safety Fair on **Saturday, October 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at 2000 Stevenson Blvd. in Fremont.

Community members of all ages are welcome to attend and interact with a police vehicle showcase, FPD K-9s and drones, arts and crafts, a dunk tank, giveaways, public Q&A sessions, food trucks, and more. In addition, kids can participate in the Safe Moves Bike Rodeo — a hands-on way to learn about traffic safety tips as they bike or scooter through the "Safe Moves City" exhibit.

FPD's Safety Fair will also give community members an opportunity to meet with police personnel and provide feedback on the issues that matter to our community. For more details, check out fremontpolice.gov/safetyfair.





Fremont Unified School District Updates

The outstanding staff in Fremont Unified has welcomed students back to classrooms for the first day of school on August 14, 2024! Learn more about Fremont Unified and its award-winning schools at fremontunified.org.

WELCOMING OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT



In June, the Fremont Unified School District Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of Erik Burmeister

as the next FUSD superintendent. Mr. Burmeister has two decades of professional experience in Bay Area school districts and brings a wealth of experience in educational leadership to the District. Learn more about Mr. Burmeister at fremontunified.org/superintendent.



SHARING THE ROAD

As students, staff, and families walk and roll back to school, please take extra care on Fremont's roadways as traffic increases around schools, especially during drop-off and pick-up times.

The City of Fremont offers safety tips, resources, and recommended walking and bicycling routes for



Fremont Unified school sites on its Safe Routes to School webpage at city.fremont.gov/saferoutestoschool.

PARTNERING TO SERVE STUDENTS

All Fremont Unified elementary schools offer extended daycare (before and after school) and enrichment programs for enrolled students through partnerships with community programs, including the City of Fremont's After School Academy.

Fee-based services are available, though students who are designated in one or more specific categories (English learners, foster youth, homeless students, migrant students, and students who are free or reduced-price meal eligible under the National School Lunch Program) may apply to participate at approved locations at no cost.

Find out more about extended day offerings at fremontunified.org/elop.

INVOLVING OUR COMMUNITY

The Fremont Unified School District Board of Education and the City Council host regular joint meetings open to all community members, with opportunities to learn about and comment upon collaborative efforts to support our students and schools. The District also hosts a number of advisory groups that provide oversight or recommendations on topics ranging from expenditure of bond funds to review of curriculum. Find agendas, apply for open seats, and more at fremontunified.org/committees.

ENROLLING NOW

New student enrollment applications are open now! Children turning 5 years old by September 1, 2024, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten, and children turning 5 between September 2, 2024, and June 2, 2025, are eligible for transitional kindergarten.

Students enrolled in Fremont Unified can also apply to join special programs for Mandarin or Spanish language immersion, or our elementary science magnet school. Find all enrollment information at fremontunified.org/enroll.



CONGRATULATING THE CLASS OF 2024

Fremont Unified schools prepare students to adapt and succeed in the classroom, and in their bright futures ahead. Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

Fremont Unified is celebrating 60 years of excellence in 2024. Thank you to the City of Fremont for supporting our learning community since 1964!



Fremont's Point-in-Time Homeless Count Results

The 2024 Alameda County Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count was conducted on January 25, 2024. This comprehensive count of those experiencing homelessness takes place every two years and provides a “snapshot” of both sheltered and unsheltered community members. The results are used to better understand and respond to homelessness in Fremont and beyond. Fremont’s count was made possible due to the participation of 180 volunteers.

High-level findings for the 2024 count were shared earlier this spring. Fremont experienced a significant 21% reduction in homelessness since the last count in 2022. This accomplishment is a result of the City’s strong partnerships with federal, state, and regional agencies; participation in county-wide coordination to reach the most vulnerable in the community; and our investments in prevention, shelter, and housing programs.

Detailed findings for Fremont are expected later this year. Stay tuned for this information.



NEW Homelessness Response Plan for Fremont

On May 21, the Fremont City Council took a significant step towards addressing homelessness in Fremont. The Council adopted the City’s first Homelessness Response Plan, which will guide the development of policies, investments, and actions over the next five years to address homelessness in Fremont. The plan identifies five strategies that are based on expert recommendations from leaders in the field and were refined through an extensive engagement process with the community. The new plan will guide the City’s approach to funding and conducting programs with a focus on helping Fremont residents on the verge of becoming homeless and housing currently unsheltered community members.



THE FIVE GUIDING STRATEGIES IN THE PLAN INCLUDE:

1. Enhancing investment in homelessness prevention
2. Creating and facilitating additional housing solutions
3. Enhancing efforts to connect unhoused people to housing and other resources
4. Further investing in activities that will reduce the environmental and health impacts of encampments on Fremont residents and businesses
5. Strengthening coordination and capacity within the city and among regional homelessness resource providers

The next steps for implementing Fremont’s Homelessness Response Plan include evaluating current and prospective activities, funding, and resources addressing homelessness in Fremont and determining how to best bring them into alignment with the newly adopted homeless response strategies. Mitigation efforts, such as enforcement and trash removal, will continue to be an important part of the City’s work to address the impacts of homelessness, but the plan includes a stronger focus on addressing the root causes of homelessness as well.

During the meeting on May 21, the Council and City staff listened to many community members’ concerns about vehicular homelessness and its impact on neighborhood character. The City will continue to evaluate parking, intervention, and enforcement options. We are committed to working collaboratively with the community to find solutions.

We encourage the community to stay up to date on the City’s response to homelessness by visiting our award-winning website at city.fremont.gov/homelessresponse or signing up for the City’s Homelessness Interest List at city.fremont.gov/homelessinterestlist.

The City would like to thank everyone who participated in developing the Homelessness Response Plan. From community members to businesses, service providers, and those with lived experience, your feedback was instrumental in shaping the plan. We look forward to implementation and being able to make a difference.

To read Fremont’s Homelessness Response Plan and learn more, visit city.fremont.gov/hrp.



Homeless Response Programs

The City recognizes the importance of providing support to our most vulnerable residents. Working with our partner agencies, we offer a range of programs designed to address the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness, while also helping them find a path towards housing stability. The information on this page describes some key programs that provide individuals and families essential services like shelter, meals, and hygiene facilities, along with additional resources to help them navigate the path towards stable housing and a more secure future. There are many more programs that serve low-income and housing insecure residents. For more information, visit city.fremont.gov/humanservices.

HOUSING NAVIGATION CENTER

As part of the City's strategic approach to addressing homelessness, the City partnered with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) to open the Housing Navigation Center (HNC) in September 2020. Located adjacent to City Hall buildings, the HNC is an innovative approach to help those experiencing homelessness find stable housing while providing a clean, safe, and calm environment. The program is funded through a combination of Alameda County and state funding, foundation/corporate grants, and private donations. For more information, visit city.fremont.gov/hnc.

HOUSING RESOURCE CENTERS (COORDINATED ENTRY)

The City's Human Services Department and Abode Services operate Housing Resource Centers (HRCs) within Fremont. HRCs serve as access points to Alameda County's Coordinated Entry System, which provides resources and linkages, housing problem solving, crisis assessments for shelter referrals, and housing assessments for available permanent supportive

housing opportunities. Services are funded by the City, Alameda County, and state funding. For more information, visit city.fremont.gov/housingresourcecenter.



MOBILE EVALUATION TEAM (MET)

Fremont's Mobile Evaluation Team (MET) is a co-responder team of Fremont Police officers and Fremont Human Services clinicians. MET responds to mental health service calls, provides crisis intervention and de-escalation, and conducts outreach to community members needing assistance with local mental health and homeless services. MET is funded by the City. For more information, visit fremontpolice.gov/met.

SAFE PARKING

The City's Safe Parking Ordinance is one of many initiatives that Fremont adopted to help address homelessness in Fremont. The Safe Parking Program is made possible by our faith-based partners who have permitted their site to serve as a safe, transitional space for individuals living in their vehicles. The program is currently a monthly rotational model, serving up to 15 passenger vehicles. The program is funded by the City and private donations. For more information, visit city.fremont.gov/safeparking.

SOUTH COUNTY WELLNESS CENTER

The City partners with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) to operate the South County Wellness Center. Now open every day, the Wellness Center offers social and enrichment activities, healthy meals, essential supplies,

showers, laundry services, and housing education and assistance. Services are funded by the City and Alameda County funding. For more information, visit bayareacs.org/wellness-centers.

SUNRISE VILLAGE SHELTER

For nearly 30 years, Abode Services has operated the Sunrise Village (SRV) shelter in Fremont. SRV is a 66-bed facility that serves single adults and families. Service coordination is offered on site. The program is funded through a combination of City, Alameda County, and federal funding; foundation/corporate grants; and private donations. For general shelter information, call 510-252-0910.



WINTER RELIEF PROGRAM

The Fremont Winter Relief Program shelters adults and families in motel rooms from December through April. During the 2023-2024 season, the program served 125 individuals, utilizing 60 rooms. Participants are connected to a service coordinator to assist with a variety of support needs, including housing case management. Meals and essential items are provided. The program is funded through a combination of City, Alameda County, and federal funding; foundation/corporate grants; and private donations. The program also relies on partnerships with local motels, health and support service providers, and local restaurants. For more information, visit city.fremont.gov/winterrelief.



NEW Affordable Housing for Fremont

More affordable housing is coming to Fremont! Refer to the table for a list of developments that will include new affordable rental units for low-income households, including those experiencing homelessness. The income limits for these developments will vary. For more information, visit city.fremont.gov/upcomingunits.

If you are interested in receiving information when these new affordable housing opportunities become available, sign up for the City's Affordable Housing Interest List at city.fremont.gov/affordablehousinginterest. You can sign up to receive information by email or text message.

Affordable Housing Development	Type of Units	Developer/Sponsor	Anticipated Leasing Date
 Bell Street Gardens 38889 Bell St.	126 rental units in Central Fremont	Resources for Community Development	Fall 2024
 Osgood North Apartments 41829 Osgood Rd.	111 rental units near future Irvington BART Station	The Pacific Companies and Maracor Development	Fall 2024
 Osgood South Apartments 41911 Osgood Rd.	99 rental units near future Irvington BART Station	The Pacific Companies and Maracor Development	Spring 2025
 3900 Thornton Affordable Housing 3900 Thornton Ave.	126 rental units in Centerville District	Resources for Community Development	Summer 2026
 Affordable Housing on Osgood 41965 and 42021 Osgood Rd.	230 rental units near future Irvington BART Station	MidPen Housing	Fall 2026

Encampment Response Efforts

The City has mobilized time and resources to address the impact of homelessness on Fremont. Unsheltered homelessness has grown and continues to outpace available local resources such as shelter, housing options, and abatement services.

Part of the City's homeless response includes addressing encampments throughout Fremont by conducting legal and humane clean up and abatement activities, administering guidelines, and overseeing relocation efforts. For more information about these efforts, visit city.fremont.gov/encampmentresponse.

In late June, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling in the City of Grants Pass case

that centered around a local jurisdiction's ability to enforce a ban on public camping when sufficient shelter is not available. The ruling reverses the Ninth Circuit decision in Grants Pass that held local prohibitions on public camping constitute a cruel and unusual punishment, prohibited by the Eighth Amendment, unless the person has access to adequate temporary shelter. City staff is reviewing the practical implications of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling and discussing the strategies that will work best for Fremont.



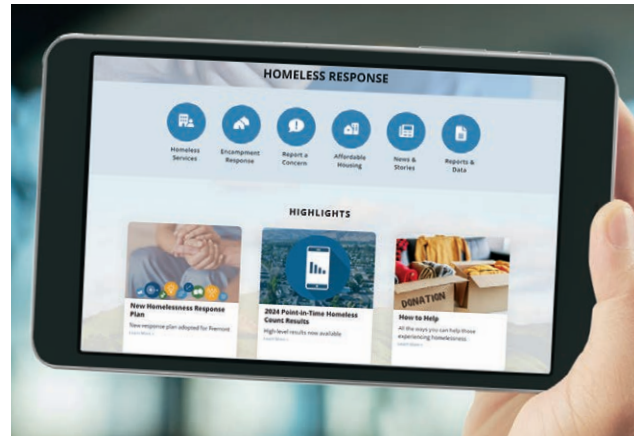
To report an encampment, please complete a service request at city.fremont.gov/reportissues or send an email to homelessness@fremont.gov.



Staying Informed about Homeless Response in Fremont

Homeless response remains a top priority for the City. To keep the community informed, we offer the following tools.

Use these tools to stay engaged regarding homelessness in Fremont. Together, we can make a difference and help improve the quality of life for the entire community.



► **Information** about the City's homeless response is readily available on our City website, including services and programs, the latest news, an interest list to sign up for information, reports and data, and instructions on how to report a concern. Check it out at city.fremont.gov/homelessresponse.



► An **interest list** is available for community members to receive the latest homeless response information. To sign up to receive information by email or text message, visit city.fremont.gov/homelessinterestlist.



► A **storytelling series** called *Fremont Cares* shares the real-life experiences of Fremont's unhoused residents and highlights the homeless response services provided by dedicated City staff and partner agencies. Read the latest stories at city.fremont.gov/homelessnews.

How You Can Help

There are many ways to make a difference in the lives of our unhoused neighbors. You can donate financially, donate essential items, or volunteer your time. Every little bit helps! Get involved today at city.fremont.gov/howtohelp.



To access the homeless response information

included in this section and more, visit city.fremont.gov/homelessresponse or scan the QR code below.





Fremont's Fight Against Illegal Dumping



Illegal dumping poses a persistent challenge in Fremont, but the City is actively addressing it with a multifaceted strategy:

Responsible Waste Disposal for Residents: Republic Services offers two free bulky item pickups annually. Additionally, the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station allows up to four mattresses and/or box springs to be dropped off for free each year and provides free Household Hazardous Waste drop-off services to all Alameda County residents.

Preventative Measures: The City encourages proactive measures such

as maintaining property cleanliness and deploying signage to deter dumping. Public trash cans have been strategically positioned to minimize littering.

Illegal Dumping Cameras: The City has deployed surveillance cameras throughout Fremont to monitor and enforce regulations effectively. These cameras serve as a deterrent and aid in identifying and prosecuting offenders.

Enforcement and Penalties: The City imposes strict fines, ranging from \$100 to \$10,000, for illegal dumping violations.

Reporting Illegal Dumping: The City makes it easy for the community to report illegal dumping. Most incidents can be

reported online. For information on reporting illegal dumping, visit city.fremont.gov/illegaldumping.

Building a Cleaner Community Together: Through education, resources, and enforcement, Fremont is committed to fostering a cleaner, more sustainable environment for all residents.

The City's proactive stance against illegal dumping underscores our dedication to environmental preservation and community well-being. By encouraging collaboration and employing diverse strategies, we aim to uphold Fremont's natural beauty and enhance the quality of life for residents.

Fremont Green Challenge Evolves into My Climate Ready Fremont



Get ready to take climate action to the next level with My Climate Ready Fremont! We have rebranded our Fremont Green Challenge platform with this new name to align with Fremont's recently updated Climate Action Plan, Climate Ready Fremont.

For years, our Fremont Green Challenge platform has empowered residents to adopt sustainable practices and reduce their environmental impact. Now, as My Climate Ready Fremont, the

platform will continue this objective while seamlessly connecting to the City's larger climate action goals. The platform has a fresh new look, while still offering all the familiar actions, tools, tips, and resources for residents.

To check it out and get started, visit myclimatereadyfremont.gov.

Together, we can create a clean, healthy, and resilient Fremont for generations to come!



Maintaining Swimming Pools, Spas, and Fountains



Sunny days ahead mean it's time for priming and prepping pools and spas. Since these water systems go untreated, it is illegal to discharge these waters to gutters or the storm drain, which lead to our local creeks and the San Francisco Bay. Follow these best practices to keep our watershed clean and protected!

DRAIN PROPERLY

- Remember – ONLY RAIN TO THE DRAIN. Don't drain other water into the street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Using a hose, direct water to landscape areas large enough to accept the flow and volume of water.
- If no landscape areas are available, direct the flow from the hose to a sanitary sewer cleanout with prior approval from Union Sanitary District (USD). Filter rinse water or backwash must be screened before draining into the sanitary sewer system.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

- Regular maintenance can reduce the need for draining pools, spas, and fountains.
- Never clean filters in the street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Minimize the need for chemicals by maintaining a balanced pH. If needed, select products with reduced phosphate and avoid using copper-based algacides.

It is your responsibility to ensure that water from your pool, spa, or fountain is disposed of properly. When constructing a new pool, hot tub, or fountain, installing a sanitary sewer cleanout within 10 feet of the new facility is required. You must contact Union Sanitary District (USD) for connection and discharge requirements. If using contractors to service your pools, spas, and fountains, please ensure these practices are maintained.

For more information, contact the City of Fremont's Environmental Services Division at (510) 494-4570 or Union Sanitary District (USD) at (510) 477-7500.

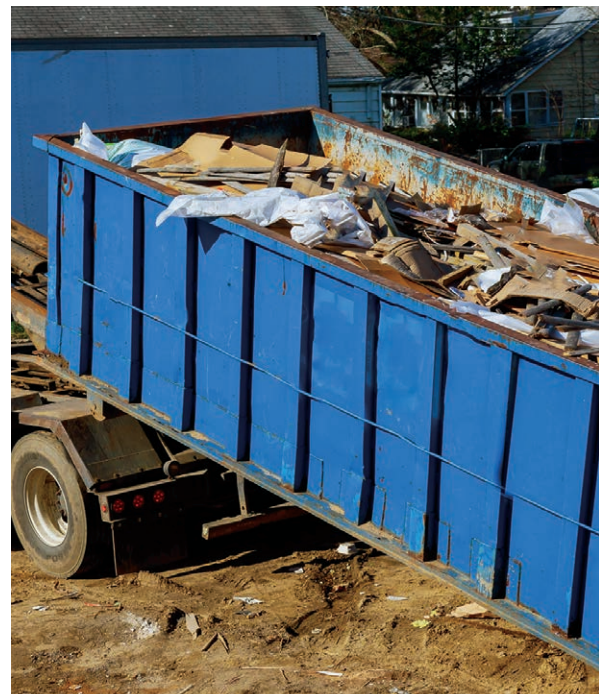
Paving the Way for Sustainable Development Through Recycling

Construction and demolition (C&D) projects are constant in Fremont's urban landscape, driving the need for better debris management. Through initiatives like CALGreen, the nation's first mandatory green building standards code, Fremont promotes responsible waste management, reducing the environmental impact of C&D debris, including wood, metal, and drywall.

Here are a few sustainable practices to keep in mind on construction sites.

SOURCE SEPARATION: This involves sorting materials on-site and diverting recyclables such as concrete, asphalt, wood, and metal from the rest of the materials to minimize waste sent to landfills.

CONCRETE AND WOOD RECYCLING: Old concrete can be crushed and transformed into aggregate for new construction projects. Wood waste can be chipped and mulched for landscaping, erosion control, and energy production, extending its usefulness and minimizing its environmental impact.





Celebrating Four Decades of Coastal Cleanup Day

Thank you to our community volunteers who have joined us over the last four decades to keep our creeks free from litter and debris! Fremont will participate in its **40th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day** on Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. The City will host various cleanup locations where volunteers are invited to join. We also encourage families, businesses, and community groups to participate by organizing their own cleanup events.

Litter from pedestrians and businesses, along with overflow from garbage containers, can directly flow into creeks, streams, and, ultimately, to the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean. Since Fremont’s storm drain system is specifically designed to handle only rain and stormwater run-off, intercepting litter before it enters storm drains is critical in preventing marine pollution.

To get started, download the Ocean Conservancy’s Clean Swell app on your smartphone or tablet for inspiration on tools to use and to track which locations are being cleaned. For more information on how to get involved, visit city.fremont.gov/coastalcleanupday.



Adopt-a-Drain Program for Fremont

Want to make a difference in your neighborhood and help protect the environment? Adopt a storm drain! Adopt-a-Drain is a community-driven program that encourages residents to take responsibility for maintaining storm drains in their neighborhoods.

Participants “adopt” a local storm drain and commit to keeping it clear of debris like leaves, trash, and other blockages to prevent flooding and protect local waterways from pollution. By regularly cleaning and monitoring a Fremont drain, you can help our ecosystems and improve stormwater management.

This is a great way to make a difference and help Fremont become a climate ready community! To learn more and sign up, visit city.fremont.gov/adoptadrain.



*****ECRWSSDDM*****

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER



UPCOMING EVENTS IN FREMONT



Whether you enjoy fun in the sun or a pumpkin patch on a cloudy day, Fremont has endless activities regardless of the season! Need help figuring out where to start? Here are some of our favorite end-of-summer and fall activities you can do while hanging out with friends, on date nights, or for family fun!

- Get your lawn chairs, snacks, and blankets ready because outdoor movie nights will continue through early fall. Join us for **Movies Under the Stars** in Central Park for family-friendly movies that begin after sunset. Upcoming dates and movies include:

September 27:
Migration

October 25:
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

- Ever thought about dabbling in digital photography, trying your hand at ceramics, or taking a Bollywood fitness class? Now's your chance! Are you interested in enrolling your child in sports, coding, or dance? You're in luck! A complete list of **Fall Classes, Events, Camps, and Workshops** is available now. Register today: <https://bit.ly/RecGuideFall24>.
- When it comes to public safety, knowledge is key! On **Saturday, October 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Fremont Police Department (FPD) will provide tips on crime prevention and traffic safety at the **Fremont Police Safety Fair**. During this free event, FPD will showcase police vehicles and equipment, kids can practice safe bicycling and scooter riding, and food trucks will be onsite. Meet our command staff from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and provide feedback on community issues.

- Gather your family, friends, and little trick-or-treaters for a night of spook-tacular fun at the Fremont Downtown Event Center! Hosted by the City of Fremont and the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, this year's **Trick-or-Treat Event** will be held on **Friday, October 18, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Tickets sell out quickly each year, so be sure to purchase them while you can at city.fremont.gov/trickortreat.
- Shedding its reputation as "the best kept secret in Fremont," our Family Resource Center is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with **A Frolicking Speak Easy Affair** and fundraiser! **From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 24**, dress up in 1920s fashion and join us at the Fremont Downtown Event Center for an evening of fun and help raise funds to support individuals, families, and children in need. Purchase tickets here: city.fremont.gov/frc25event.

Access a complete list of events in Fremont by visiting city.fremont.gov/calendar.