Fremont to Create New Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The City of Fremont is embarking on an exciting journey of creating a new Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which will guide the City's park development and recreation services for the next 15 years. With a team of parks and recreation planning experts, the City will be taking inventory of the current park facilities and recreational programs. The newly-gathered information will guide other Master Plan topics, such as analyzing the park development and maintenance standards; mapping the inventory to more effectively locate new parks and amenities; informing and prioritizing upcoming capital improvement projects (park development and rehabilitation projects); creating new recreation programs; and recommending new financial strategies.

As part of a comprehensive outreach program, residents will be asked how they like to interact with their parks and how they want to see parks and recreation evolve in the future. Stay tuned for future announcements of how everyone can participate in the process, including community meetings in your area. To learn more and join the mailing list for periodic updates, please visit www.Fremont.gov/ParksPlan.



Fremont Trails Strategy Plan Underway

The City of Fremont has begun the development of a Trails Strategy Plan. The Trail Strategy Plan seeks to promote the use of trails and pathways as safe, convenient, healthy, environmentally friendly, and congestion-reducing transportation options accessible to all Fremont residents and visitors.

The Trails Strategy Plan was a key recommendation of the City's Pedestrian Master Plan (2016) and Bicycle Master Plan (2018). The Trail Strategy Plan will identify opportunities to upgrade existing trail corridors and expand the city's trail network; prioritize trail improvement projects; and develop design standards and a funding and implementation plan.

For more information about the Trails Strategy Plan and to receive a schedule of upcoming project outreach events, please visit the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program webpage at www.Fremont.gov/BikeandPed, or contact Rene Dalton at rdalton@fremont.gov or 510-494-4535.





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The City of Fremont has started 2020 with clear goals and new initiatives.

In January, the City held a City Council retreat where I joined Councilmembers and Executive staff in reviewing the progress made in the past year and setting priorities for 2020. This year's priority actions are aligned with those identified last year, with an enhanced focus on addressing homelessness in Fremont. The top three priorities identified by the Mayor and Councilmembers are:

- Managing growth and incentivizing affordable housing
- Reducing traffic congestion
- Finding solutions to mitigate the City's homeless population while implementing the temporary Housing Navigation Center

The City has been making strides toward these goals, especially in the transportation sector. We've appointed a Mobility Commission, completed road safety projects outlined in the Vision Zero and Mobility Action Plans, begun the traffic signal modernization process, finished the affordable housing project Central Commons, and started construction on the temporary Housing Navigation Center (HNC).

As an important part of the City's multi-pronged strategy to tackle homelessness, the HNC will offer a variety of resources to our community and is a vital measure to actively reduce homelessness by serving people with diverse needs.

The HNC is designed to provide a clean, safe, calm, and flexible environment that will accommodate up to 45 homeless participants at a time as they rebuild their lives and intensely focus on finding stable permanent housing. It will not be a homeless drop-in center, but rather intended for housing case management.

On the City budget front, City staff recently provided City Council with an update on the current year's budget, as well as a preliminary budget forecast for the next three years. Construction activities in Warm Springs, Ardenwood, and other parts of Fremont are supporting healthy growth in property tax and business tax revenue, but sales tax revenue from new auto sales has fallen well below the budgeted estimate.

Anticipated expenditure savings will offset the revenue shortfall this year. Our priorities as we develop the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget, which runs July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, will be maintaining our current level of services and the City's facilities and infrastructure within our available resources.

As we move forward, the City is looking to identify and provide additional incentives for more affordable housing options, increase communication in regard to housing developments, continue carrying out the Mobility Action Plan, explore new homelessness solutions, provide continued support to promote vibrant commercial districts, and successfully implement the temporary Housing Navigation Center. Mark



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As concerns about the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) increase, the City of Fremont is continuing to monitor the outbreak's progress in close coordination with local agencies, and regional public health and emergency medical services personnel. View our coronavirus webpage for more information at www.Fremont.gov/Coronavirus and be sure to check webpages noted in this newsletter to view up-to-date info about City events planned as of press time.

City of Fremont Budget Hearings to Be Held in June

The City's proposed operating budget for the next fiscal year, running from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, will be presented to the City Council at the Council meeting on May 12 at 7 p.m. The first public hearing to comment will be held on June 2, and the second hearing and adoption is on June 9. Both public hearings are part of the regularly scheduled Council meetings and will begin at 7 p.m.

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 Fremont.gov/Webcasts.

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Mobility Focus

City of Fremont Hosted First Annual Mobility Summit

On February 6, the City of Fremont held the first annual Fremont Mobility Summit at the Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley. About 80 stakeholders from various government and transportation agencies gathered to compare notes and answer questions such as: How do we use technology, policy, and funding to address our current transportation challenges and meet the mobility demands now and of the future?

As part of the City's effort to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety, the Summit included an overview of the City's Mobility Action Plan that guides local implementation priorities and regional advocacy efforts over the next five years. The Alameda County Transportation Commission Executive Director also presented on mobility initiatives in Alameda County and the countywide plans and priorities to address transportation trends.

To read the Fremont Mobility Action Plan in full, visit www.Fremont.gov/MobilityActionPlan.





New Ride-On Tri-City! Program Provides Subsidized Lyft Rides

The Ride-On Tri-City! Program, administered by the City's Human Services Department, provides eligible seniors and people with disabilities access to a maximum of 30 subsidized Lyft rides per month from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 7 days a week for rides to and from destinations in Fremont, Newark, and Union City.

Participants pay the first \$4 of each one-way trip and the Ride-On Tri-City! Program will cover the next \$16 of the ride. If the total cost of the trip is over \$20, participants pay the rest.

Eligible seniors or persons with disabilities who wish to use Lyft must submit a Ride-On Tri-City! Transportation Services Application in person, by mail, or by email. The form is available for download at www.Fremont.gov/TransportationSvcsAp.

For more information on the new Lyft service or other mobility and transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities, contact the Ride-On Tri-City! Program at 510-574-2053.

Ride-On Tri-City! is funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (www.alamedactc.org) through Measure B/BB sales tax revenues.

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Public **Safety**

Let's Continue to **Reduce Crime Together**

Auto burglaries have become a more widespread problem throughout the Bay Area in recent years; Fremont is also battling this crime. From November 2018 through November 2019, the City of Fremont has seen a 25% increase of reported cases compared to the same timeframe in the previous year. Most law enforcement agencies in the Bay Area have seen a similar or worse spike.

Most of the crimes have been occurring in retail parking lots, where there is a higher likelihood of valuables being left in cars

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while people patronize shops, restaurants, movie theaters, and gyms. However, the community has recently experienced incidents of vandalism and auto burglaries in high-density residential communities. Remember, this is not a

sophisticated crime and it only takes a couple of seconds to commit. Suspects drive or walk around parking lots as they look through car windows to identify bags believed to contain any valuables, especially electronic devices such as a laptop or phone. Then, they smash the window and grab the item.

The Fremont Police Department has prioritized auto burglaries in an attempt to reduce their impact on our community. We are actively working with surrounding agencies, investing in new technology, conducting extra patrol checks, and educating our community about the issue. Patrol officers and detectives are spending hundreds of hours a week working on these crimes and will continue to do so. The Fremont Police Department, along with four other local agencies, were awarded \$750,000 from the State of California to help combat these crimes. Our outreach component for community members and visitors







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is a collaborative effort put forth by multiple agencies. The "Remove it or Lose it" campaign will include educational videos, social media posts, fliers, and more. We strongly encourage all community members to be on alert and remove valuables from your vehicles.

Help us prevent crime by sharing this message with your friends and family. For more information on this campaign and auto burglaries in Fremont, please visit www.Fremontpolice.gov/crime-prevention/auto-burglary.

Top 3 Crime Prevention Tips:

1. If You See Something, Say Something

Always call the Fremont Police Department to report any suspicious activity. Dial 9-1-1 to report a crime in progress; use the non-emergency number 510-790-6800 option 3, to report a non-emergency.

2. Start a Neighborhood Crime Watch Group

For more information, visit www.Fremontpolice.gov/ crime-prevention/neighborhood-crime-watch-ncw.

3. Follow Us on Social Media

Follow us on NIXLE, Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, and Instagram to learn about what is happening in the City of Fremont.

City of Fremont Urban Forest Tree Inventory and Tree Canopy Assessment

Who is in front of my property looking at my tree?

In December 2019, the Fremont City Council awarded PlanIT GEO with a contract to complete a citywide inventory of all street and public trees and a tree canopy assessment. In January 2020, the PlanIT GEO staff started conducting physical inspections of all street and public trees throughout the city. Certified Arborists, Tree Inspectors, and GIS Specialists are logging all tree details such as the exact location, species, and size. This inventory and canopy assessment will continue for the next six to nine months.

PlanIT GEO staff members are easily identifiable by their orange safety vests, hard hats, and name badges. For more information about Urban Forestry, please visit the City Urban Forestry webpage at www.Fremont.gov/Trees or call 510-494-4730.





See "Abandoned" Kittens? Wait First.

During kitten season in the spring and summer, it's not unusual to discover kittens seemingly abandoned by the mother. Before intervening, wait. Mama Cat may be searching for food, sometimes for hours. She may also be in the process of moving the kittens from one location to another. You may need to leave the area completely and come back in 4 to 6 hours to check whether the kittens are healthy (dry, sleeping/quiet, appear fed, etc.). Feral mother cats will stay away if there is human presence. Healthy kittens can survive several hours without food as long as they are warm. Questions? Want to be a kitten foster? Visit www.TriCityAnimalShelter.org for more information.



50-50 Street Tree Program

The City of Fremont is offering a 50-50 Street Tree Program that provides financial help to property owners to care for their street trees, including street tree pruning, removal, and replacement. If the street tree has caused sidewalk damage, property owners may be eligible for financial help to partially cover sidewalk repair and replacement through the 50-50 Sidewalk Program.

To find out if you're eligible and learn more about the programs, please visit www.Fremont.gov/Trees or call 510-494-4730.





























Our Community



to Stimulate Housing Development

Housing costs in California have always been high in comparison to the rest of the nation. In the past ten years, as the economy has rebounded from the Great Recession, the housing cost increase has been especially dramatic. In the 2018 Community Survey of Fremont residents, 84% felt that housing costs were an "extremely" or "very" serious problem. A recent statewide poll found that 78% of Californians believe the state faces a housing crisis.

Why are housing costs so high? The causes are complex, but are ultimately driven by an imbalance between supply and demand. A 2017 study found that 180,000 new residential units are needed each year statewide to keep up with demand, yet only 80,000 are being built.

Because state government officials believe that local jurisdictions are partly to blame for the shortfall in new housing, numerous state laws have recently been passed that limit local control over development. These laws apply equally to Fremont—where new housing was planned for in the City's General Plan and is now being built—as they do to other cities where minimal new housing has been constructed. Such laws include limiting the time City staff has to review new development proposals; requiring the City to approve projects that meet certain basic standards; and superseding City planning authority on projects proposed on BART station parking lots.

The City will continue to work with our legislators to retain as much local control as possible over planning decisions, but we anticipate that further measures intended to stimulate housing development will be forthcoming from the state in the near future.

Fremont's Temporary Housing Navigation Center Under Construction

On September 10, 2019, the Fremont City Council voted unanimously to repurpose a large portion of Fremont City Hall's rear parking lot to build a temporary Housing Navigation Center (HNC). The HNC will accommodate 45 unsheltered community members, with each participant staying up to six months while they are focused on finding stable, permanent housing. Bay Area Community Services (BACS) will operate the HNC and has a long-standing history in Fremont as the operator of the Wellness Day Center located on Grimmer Boulevard in Irvington. BACS will provide 24/7 staffing and supportive services to the residents of the HNC.

Construction on the HNC started this February and will continue throughout the spring with an anticipated completion date this summer. We invite community members to join us in addressing the homelessness issue and support the HNC through monetary or in-kind donations. The City has already received \$22,000 in donations and many in-kind contributions. Volunteer service days will also be held in late spring 2020. For more information on construction updates and how to support the HNC, visit www.Fremont.gov/NavigationCenter.





Kids 'n' Kites Festival is Back

The Recreation Services Division is hosting the Kids 'n' Kites Festival on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Fremont Bank, Washington Township Medical Foundation, and Unitek College, this event is open to the public and will offer over 4,000 free kites for kids. Don't miss out on this fun-filled family day that will feature activities, performances, sponsor booths, games, tasty treats, and summer camp information. On the same day, you can also experience a sneak preview of Aqua Adventure Waterpark from 2 to 5 p.m. Learn more at www.Fremont.gov/KiteFestival.



Part-time Job Opportunities with Recreation Services

The Recreation Services Division is looking for motivated individuals who are looking for a fun and exciting summer job. With more than 100 positions available, this is an excellent opportunity for college-bound students, future educators, and young adults looking to make a difference, strengthen college applications or resumes, and acquire useful life skills. As a part of the Recreation Team, individuals will gain valuable experience, develop critical skills, and create lasting friendships. Apply today at www.Fremont.gov/RecJobs.



The Adventure Begins This Summer

The Recreation Services Division has your children covered this summer with hundreds of camps with different themes at over 20 locations. If your children love nature, science, or cooking, Recreation Services offers camps that will help them explore these areas and try new activities. Additionally, Recreation offers traditional, aquatic, and sports camps that emphasize playing and making friends. Whether your child is a hacker in training, arts enthusiast, the next top chef, or an athlete, the City of Fremont has something for everyone.

The adventure starts June 15! To learn more about camps and scholarships for Fremont residents, visit www.Fremont.gov/Camps.

Fremont's New Tobacco Retail License Program

In October 2019, the Fremont City Council voted unanimously to establish a Tobacco Retailers Licensing program for Fremont, joining over 150 California municipalities with similar programs. This program was implemented to ensure that retailers comply with tobacco control laws to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Fremont residents and to limit youth access to tobacco products.

As part of the program, a new City ordinance became effective November 8, 2019 and includes the following requirements:

- Any retailer who sells tobacco products needs to acquire an annual no-cost Tobacco Retailer's License from the City.
- Flavored tobacco products are banned in Fremont.
- Cigarettes must be sold in packs of 20, at a minimum price of \$8.
- Cigars must be sold in packs of 5, at a minimum price of \$8.
- Single cigars already sold at \$5 are permitted.

All state-licensed tobacco retailers in Fremont were notified of the new program and provided with information.



The City's Code Enforcement team is currently monitoring the program and handling enforcement issues.

To learn more about the Tobacco Retail License program, please visit www.Fremont.gov/TobaccoRetailLicense.





























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FUSD Partners with City of Fremont for Census 2020

In an effort to ensure 'Fremont Counts' when it comes to accurate representation in local, state and national issues, the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) is proud to partner with the City of Fremont for Census 2020.

The Census is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The census provides critical data that lawmakers. business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

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While living in a community as diverse and unique as Fremont has many benefits and brings many opportunities, our city is also home to historically undercounted populations. Language barriers and other obstacles can lead to underrepresentation of certain groups and can undercut the true diversity of our community. FUSD's nearly 35,000 students and their families make up a large portion of Fremont's population and the District is committed to ensuring all are represented.

"Fremont is such a special place where people from all over the world can come together to live, work, learn and thrive," said FUSD Superintendent, Dr. Kim Wallace. "We want everyone in our community to feel supported and have a voice in what Fremont will become. The Census is an important tool in reaching that goal and we are happy to contribute to its success."

Over the coming weeks, FUSD

and the City will work together to distribute information to the community regarding the Census. Residents can expect to receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail—in early March. Both FUSD and the City have pages dedicated to Census 2020 on their respective websites and will have information available at a variety of school and City events throughout the winter and spring. Details will be announced on FUSD's website at www.fremont.k12.ca.us and the City of Fremont's website at www.Fremont.gov/Census2020.

FUSD looks forward to working with the community to be sure that Fremont Counts!

Environmental Services

Earth Day Fair 2020

For most up-to-date event info visit www.Fremont.gov/EarthDay





We're celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! Join us for the Fremont Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Washington West Building located at 2500 Mowry Ave. The event is free and fun for the entire family!

Meet with eco-friendly experts and learn new ways to go green. Learn about recycling and waste reduction, saving energy at home, local sustainability programs, healthy eating, and more. You are encouraged to ride your bicycles to the Earth Day Fair and use the free bicycle valet parking. Free basic bicycle tune-ups will also be provided by CentriPedal Bikes, one of our local bike shops.

If you have old eyeglasses or sharps (must be in approved sharps container), stop by the free drop-off station. Older, hazardous mercury thermometers can also be exchanged for a mercury free thermometer at no charge.

There will also be fun activities for the whole family, such as arts and crafts, face painting, eco-entertainment, games, a bicycle rodeo, educational booths, and more! The Earth Day event is brought to you by the City's Environmental Services Division and Washington Hospital. For more information, please visit www.Fremont.gov/EarthDay or call the Environmental Services Division at 510-494-4570.

Saddle Up at Fremont's **Earth Day Fair**

Bike East Bay will be providing a Family Cycling Rodeo at this year's Fremont Earth Day Fair. The rodeo will provide children with fun and interactive lessons on road awareness and bicycle safety skills including:

- How to Perform a Bicycle Safety Check
 - Scanning Ahead
- Proper Helmet Fitting
- Shoulder Checking
- Signaling and Communication
- Obstacle Avoidance

Bicycles and helmets will be provided for children, or they can bring their own and join the fun!































Environmental Services

Prevent Pollution at Home with Fred and Izzy

Wherever you may live in Fremont, how you choose to care for your home matters to creeks, wetlands, and the Bay. Routine washing of driveways, sidewalks, roofs, and other structures can push pollutants to the nearest storm drain and eventually to our waterways. Because this runoff flows through the storm drains located throughout the city without treatment, it is important to prevent waterway pollution from litter and pollutants at home.

Luckily, there are many simple ways we can prevent pollution in our home maintenance routines! The Clean Water Program's Fred and Izzy have shared several simple routines you can adopt at your own home at https://www.cleanwaterprogram.org/residents/ home-maintenance.html.

What You Can Do

Sweep, don't hose, your driveway! Sweep up debris and dispose of it in the garbage. This will keep gutters unclogged and prevent the residue from automotive fluids and other pollutants from getting washed into storm drains.

Dispose of wash water in sanitary sewers.

Never pour wash water into storm drains. Always use a sink or floor drain connected to the sewer. If this is not possible—for example, when rinsing out a garbage can—pour wash water onto a lawn where it can trickle into the ground.



Control pests with less-toxic alternatives.

Keep your home safe for children and pets by fighting ants, fleas, and cockroaches without toxic chemicals. Explore our fact sheets at www.cleanwaterprogram.org, including tips for specific pests and how to hire a pest contractor that uses less toxic methods. Many local hardware stores and nurseries offer less-toxic pest control products and have been trained by Our Water Our World experts. Find a location near you at www.ourwaterourworld.org.

Dispose properly of unused paint, thinners, cleaners ...

... and other household chemicals at a household hazardous waste facility listed at www.stopwaste.org.

Hire responsible companies. Ensure that home maintenance contractors, such as carpet cleaning, painting, and remodeling services,

store and dispose of materials properly,

not in a gutter, storm drain, or roadside ditch. Download our carpet cleaning fact sheet at www.cleanwaterprogram.org to share with your contractor.

If you need to hire a pest control company, please see the list of Ecowise Certified Integrated Pest Management Contractors at www.ecowisecertified.org.

Clean up spills properly. Clean up outdoor spills with a broom, not a hose.

Use absorbents such as kitty litter, sawdust, or cornmeal as needed. Once absorbed, sweep up and dispose of these absorbents in the garbage.

Drain pools, spas, and fountains to sanitary sewers. Never empty into a street, gutter or storm drain. Download our pool maintenance fact sheet at www.cleanwaterprogram.org to learn more.

Pick up after your dog!

Pet feces contain high concentrations of pathogens such as bacteria, parasites, and viruses. When rain and sprinkler water washes pet feces into storm drains, these pathogens end up in lakes and creeks posing a health risk to humans and wildlife.

All resources mentioned in this article and many more are available at www.cleanwaterprogram.org.







Compost Giveaway 2020

Are you planning to refresh your garden and grow your favorite plants? Don't miss out on the compost giveaway on Sunday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to noon or while supplies last at the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station located at 41149 Boyce Road, rain or shine.

If your household participates in the City's curbside organics program, you can pick up two free bags of quality compost that was made from the community's yard trimmings and food scraps. Please bring your current Republic Services garbage bill as proof of participation. If your neighbor or a family member is unable to attend, you may bring their Republic Services bill and pick up their compost for them.

Follow the event signs and watch for

traffic controls directing you to the loading area where crews will place bags of compost into your vehicle.

The Compost Giveaway event is sponsored by the City of Fremont, in partnership with Republic Services and the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station. For more information, contact Republic Services at 510-657-3500.



Fremont's Plans to Become Cleaner, **Healthier, and Carbon Neutral**

Under the City's first Climate Action Plan adopted in 2012, we have worked to make our community a more sustainable place to live, work, and play. Efforts have included programs to encourage residential and business energy efficiency upgrades; citywide infrastructure upgrades such as LED streetlights, solar energy systems, and safe and connected streets; and policies that reduce reliance on fossil fuels and require more sustainable development.

An updated Climate Action Plan is currently in the works and will help Fremont move towards our new carbon neutrality goal: a net zero carbon footprint for our community. This can be achieved by conserving resources, using clean and renewable energy power for buildings and vehicles, and drawing down atmospheric carbon emissions through trees, plants, and healthy soils.

How do you think we can create a cleaner, healthier future for our community? Visit www.Fremont.gov/ClimateActionPlan to learn about upcoming community events where you can be part of the solution!





















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☆☆☆ Census 2020 is here! ☆☆☆



Between March 12 and 20, the Census Bureau will be mailing all residents a letter with a 12-digit code to complete the Census form online. Residents can also submit the form via phone or mail. The Census data is critical in determining the distribution of billions of dollars in federal funding for important services such as healthcare, education, and safety. Therefore, the City urges all residents to be on the lookout for any mail from the Census Bureau.

To make the process easier, the City will offer a Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC) beginning March 12 at the Family Resource Center, located at 39155 Liberty St., Building EFGH in the lobby, where residents can ask questions regarding the Census and receive assistance in completing the form. The QAC will operate on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please note QAC hours will change beginning April 15.

The City is currently recruiting volunteers to staff the QAC center. Volunteers will be trained to assist clients in completing the Census form. For more information regarding Census volunteering, events, or to see QAC hours after April 15, please contact Ashleigh Howick at census2020@fremont.gov or 510-284-4014, or visit www.Fremont.gov/Census2020.

Fremont Counts! CENSU 2020

Get Counted Starting March 12

Fremont is relying on a complete count to continue providing resources for our community. Every adult, child, and baby gets counted. Young and old, native born and immigrant, every neighborhood, every race, every nationality, every religion. You Count!

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For more information, go to: www.fremont.gov/census2020

