

SISTER CITY

We recently marked the 50th Anniversary of our Sister City relationship with Gunzenhausen Germany. Private donations were raised to construct the Gunzenhausen Platz Fountain in the 700 block of S. Main Street. The Sister City Committee continues its tireless efforts to maintain this very important partnership highlighting the Frankenmuth Community's German heritage.

BEAUTIFICATION

Tax-deductible contributions to the City's Beautification Fund can be made at the City office. The City's Beautification Committee has been in existence for 60 years. Since 1955, citizens of the Frankenmuth Community have been dedicated to keeping Michigan's Little Bavaria beautiful. When asked by visitors and officials from other towns and cities about how we keep Frankenmuth so beautiful, we boast that our citizens have a strong desire to keep things neat and clean which makes enforcement of ordinances rare. Here is what you can also do to help. In keeping with the civic pride displayed in our Community by the appearance of our properties, your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated in following these regulations.

Address Postings. All buildings that have been assigned a street address **MUST** have the address posted in a conspicuous location on the front of the building with numerical symbols only. Numbers must be a minimum of four inches in height.

Curbside Collections. Please see the section on *Guidelines for Residential Curbside Collection of Waste* herein. We ask for your cooperation in following all of the guidelines.

Decks/Fences/Sheds require a zoning permit. Contact the City office for information.

Grass Growth/Weed Control. For developed property, grass/weed height must not exceed an average of six inches in height. For all other properties, grass shall not exceed 12 inches. Please keep grass trimmed back along public sidewalks.

Home Occupations. Certain home-based uses are permitted; however, a review and permit is required prior to establishing said use.

Lawn Debris. After mowing your lawn, please remove grass clippings from the street and sidewalks. Grass clippings in the street are unsightly, clog storm drains and pollute our watershed.

Open Burning. All open burning is prohibited within the City, except within licensed campgrounds or by special approval from the Fire Chief.

Overnight Parking on Streets. From Nov. 1st through April 30th, overnight parking is prohibited on the streets between the hours of 2 AM & 6 AM, for snow removal.

Parking of Commercial Vehicles. It is unlawful to park any commercial vehicle such as a truck, semi-trailer, or tractor truck, having a rated capacity of twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds gross vehicle weight or more, in any residential zone, except for the purposes of loading or unloading, or during the course of construction. Parking applies not only to public streets, but also to private property, driveways, and parking areas.

Pet Regulations. (1) Pets are *not* permitted to roam at large. Pets are at large when the animal is in any public street/sidewalk, *right-of-way*, park or other public grounds, or when off the premises of the owner/person who has direct control of said animal. (2) No person shall keep more than two dogs/two cats or any combination thereof, six months or more of age, on that person's premises within the city. (3) An owner/person having custody of any dog or any other animal shall not permit said dog/animal to defecate on property within the city, other than the premises of the owner/person having custody of said dog or other animal, unless said defecation is immediately removed and properly disposed of.

Placing Snow on Streets. Depositing snow from your property onto the City street is prohibited by State law.

Storage/Parking of Vehicles. Recreational vehicles (including campers, trailers, watercraft) and utility trailers may be parked in driveways for no more than a maximum of seven continuous days or 21 cumulative days per calendar year.

Sidewalk Obstruction. Tree branches & shrubs must be trimmed so as not to grow into the path of the sidewalk and obstruct clear passage. Please keep sidewalks edged so the uncontrolled growth of grass does not cause a hazard. Parked vehicles & piles of snow may not obstruct sidewalks.

Soliciting. Most door-to-door solicitors/peddlers must have a City issued permit. To register on the "No Solicit" list go to frankenmuthcity.com or Contact the City office.

Water Conservation Period. Every June 1st – August 31st, a Water Conservation Program is implemented to meet customer's demands during the dry season. For further information, contact the City office.

Public Meetings of Boards & Commissions

- City Council.** 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
- City-Township Commission.** Contact the City office.
- Beautification Committee.** Call the City office.
- Board of Review.** The 4th Monday in February and the following day from 12:30 PM-6:30 PM.
- Downtown Development Authority.** The 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:45 PM
- Economic Development Corporation.** The 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 AM
- Historic District Commission.** Contact the City office.
- District Library Board.** The 2nd Monday of each month at 4:00 PM
- Parks & Recreation Commission.** The 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM
- Planning Commission.** The 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
- Sister City Committee.** Contact the City office.
- Zoning Board of Appeals.** Call the City office.

All City government meetings are held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and City Charter requirements. Contact the City office for details on specific dates, times and meeting locations. Notices are posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Frankenmuth at least five (5) days prior to a scheduled public meeting by writing or calling the following: City of Frankenmuth, 240 W. Genesee Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734-1398, (989) 652-9901.

**Visit the City's Website at
www.frankenmuthcity.com**

2015-2016 MUNICIPAL SERVICES GUIDE

to
Michigan's Little Bavaria



CITY OF FRANKENMUTH

City & Township Government Center
240 W. Genesee Street
Frankenmuth, MI 48734-1398
Information: (989) 652-9901
E-mail: cityhall@frankenmuthcity.com

CITY OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday (excluding holidays)

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor.....	Gary C. Rupprecht
Mayor Pro Tem.....	Arthur A. Loeffler
Councilmember.....	Joseph M. Cramer
Councilmember.....	Michael A. Grossi
Councilmember.....	Vickie J. Schmitzer
Councilmember.....	Carl H. Schoenow
Councilmember.....	Gary W. Zeilinger

CITY STAFF

City Manager.....	Charles B. Graham
City Treasurer/Assessor.....	John P. Deterding
City Clerk.....	Phillip W. Kerns
DDA Director.....	Sheila G. Stamiris
Parks & Recreation Director.....	Daren W. Kaschinske
Police Chief.....	Donald C. Mawer
Public Works Sup't.....	Randy L. Braeutigam
Wastewater Trmt. Sup't.....	Birt D. McKendree
Water Superintendent.....	Kenneth J. O'Brien

TAXES

Property Taxes. Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are collected as follows:

Summer Taxes (mailed near July 1st) for the State Education Tax, Delta College, Saginaw Intermediate School District, Saginaw County operations, City of Frankenmuth and Special Assessments are due and payable at the City office, without penalty, until July 31st. A 1½% late fee will be added to any unpaid balance (18% per annum).

Winter Taxes (mailed near December 1st) for Frankenmuth School District and Saginaw County extra voted millages are due and payable at the City office, without penalty, until February 14th. After March 1st, Real Estate (Property) Taxes are payable at the Saginaw County Treasurer's office, Saginaw County Courthouse. A late fee will be applied.

Deferments. Eligible senior citizens, veterans, blind persons, paraplegics, quadriplegics, and totally and permanently disabled persons who meet a pre-established income requirement, may defer the summer taxes on a homestead until the following February 15th, by filing an intent to defer with the City Treasurer by September 15th.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Code Red 911 Emergency Notification. Receive important weather/emergency notifications by phone/text, visit www.frankenmuthcity.com or call the City office for additional information.

Emergency Medical Services. MMR advanced life support ambulances serve Frankenmuth area 24/7 by calling 911. For information call (989) 758-2900.

Fire. The Frankenmuth Fire Department, jointly owned/operated by the City and Township, may be reached 24/7 for an emergency by calling 911. For business information contact the City office.

Police. The Frankenmuth Police Department may be reached 24/7 for emergencies by calling 911. For business related information call (989) 652-8371. Police officers are also medical first responders.

CITY SERVICES

Water/Sewer Emergencies. For water/sewer emergencies outside normal business hours, call the Frankenmuth Police Department at (989) 652-8371.

Permits & Inspections. It is necessary to obtain the proper building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing

and/or zoning permits prior to starting a construction project. New buildings, alterations, remodeling, additions, demolitions, swimming pools, signs, window header modifications, decks, fences and sheds require a permit. Necessary inspections must also be made. For permits or other information, contact the City office.

Cemeteries. The City & Township jointly operate two public cemeteries located on W. Tuscola Street & the Dixie Hwy., north of Townline Rd. For info contact the Twp. Supervisor at (989) 652-6741.

Library. The Frankenmuth James E. Wickson District Library collection includes a large variety of popular and reference books as well as many important on-line databases. For additional information call (989) 652-8323 or www.wicksonlibrary.org.

Parks & Recreation. The Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of different programs and park areas for enjoyment by the public. For additional information contact the Parks & Recreation office at (989) 652-3440.

Public Works. The DPW is responsible for the maintenance and general up-keep of the City streets & streetscapes, storm sewer drains and detention basins, buildings, public grounds, street trees, sidewalks and water and sewer mains. Contact the City office for information.

Street Lights. Those street lights that are not in proper working order can be reported to www.frankenmuthcity.com/city-services/street-lights or the City office at (989) 652-9901. Please provide the address by and the closest intersection to the malfunctioning light.

Voter Registration, Election Information & Political Districts. To be eligible to vote, you must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election. You may register to vote at the City office. School, Primary and General Elections are held at two precincts located in the City/Twp Bldg.

County Commission: 8th District.
State House of Representatives: 94th District.
State Senate: 32nd District.
U.S. Congress: 4th District.

Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Plant is responsible for treating raw wastewater to MDEQ specifications and protecting the water quality and health of the State's water resources and the people who use it. Contact the City office for information.

Water. The water system distributes treated water purchased from the City of Saginaw. Two Frankenmuth water towers are used to pressurize the system. For information call the City office.

Zoning. In order to either change the use or add to the use of your property, it is necessary to ensure that proper zoning approvals are obtained. Contact the City office.

PUBLIC UTILITIES, OTHER

Cable Television. Service is provided by Charter Communications. Call (888) 438-2427.

Electric & Natural Gas. Services are provided by Consumers Energy. Call (800) 477-5050.

Telephone. Landline telephone services are provided by AT&T. Call (800) 288-2020.

GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF WASTE

In the spirit of Community pride, your help and cooperation is requested in following these regulations in order to maintain Frankenmuth's reputation as a clean and beautiful Community.

A. **Refuse Collection.** An unlimited number of waterproof, plastic type bags, no greater than 33 gallons, may be placed at the curbside by 7:00 A.M. every Wednesday morning. Bags shall not exceed 50 pounds when filled and shall be tightly sealed. Plastic or metal receptacles are not permissible unless disposal of the receptacle is requested. For the disposal of household furniture, appliances or refuse too bulky to place into a bag, residents are allowed up to two large items placed at the curb each week.

It is greatly appreciated that your weekly refuse/recycling collection be placed at the curb no earlier than 7:00 P.M. on the evening before collection. Refuse must be placed in plastic bags and not trash cans/containers. Recycling bins must be removed by the evening on collection day.

B. **Recyclables Collection.** Eliminate refuse volume by recycling and help reduce the cost of service. Clean or rinsed paper products & cartons, plastics, tin, aluminum and glass can be recycled. Weekly curbside collection of recyclables is every Wednesday at 7:00 A.M. A

preparation guide is available at the City office. Recycling bins and brown grocery type paper bags are the only containers to be used for the collection of recyclables. Plastic bags are prohibited. The City office has additional recycling bins available for \$10 each. For more specific recycling information go to the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority website @ recyclademotion.org (the City is a member).

C. **Yard Waste Collection.** (Yard waste must be kept separate from refuse.) Grass clippings, hedge trimmings, leaves, vegetation, or smaller twigs that can be bagged, may be placed into a plastic bag(s) no greater than 33 gallons. Bags will be collected every Tuesday and must be placed by the curbside before 7:00 A.M. Requests for this collection must be pre-arranged. Please contact the City office for collection dates and additional information.

Each bag must have a "City of Frankenmuth **Yard Waste Tag**" attached in order to be collected. Each tag costs **\$4.25** and may be purchased at the City office, Gill-Roy's Hardware, Kroger, and Satow's Drug Store. This service is available from April through November.

Fall Leaf Collection. A special fall leaf collection announcement will be in the Frankenmuth News listing the specific dates of the DPW's fall curbside collection program – typically mid Oct. thru Nov.

D. **Tree Limb Collection.** Tree limbs will be chipped by the D.P.W. beginning the first Monday of every month - April through December. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO FIRST MONDAY TREE LIMB COLLECTION for the months of JANUARY, FEBRUARY and MARCH.

Tree limbs must be no greater than 5" in diameter and must be neatly stacked behind the curb, not in the street. Tree stumps, smaller twigs, and/or hedge trimmings are not acceptable for this collection. The first 5 minutes of chipping are free. Thereafter, residents will be billed \$16 for every 5 minute period or fraction thereof. Christmas Trees can be placed next to your weekly refuse during the 1st two Wednesdays in January each year.

It is the City's policy that in the event the DPW chipping crew returns/responds to a location outside of their normal route/schedule, the property owner will be billed for the entire time it takes the crew to respond to and complete this special collection.