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Fremont Issues Call for Artists for Downtown Temporary Art Installation

The City of Fremont recently issued a Call for Artists for a temporary installation as part of its Downtown Fremont Public Art Program. The City is seeking one sculpture to display for a period of two years, from May 2019 through May 2021, at its gateway location to Downtown Fremont. This temporary installation opportunity is to focus on *Community: Sharing Energy and Collaborating* as its theme.

The selected piece will replace the *Space Glow* sculpture, which is located at Capitol Avenue and Fremont Boulevard, a main gateway into Downtown Fremont. *Space Glow* is currently on display through May 2019.

Artists can receive more information and apply online at www.Fremont.gov/TempArtDowntown. Submissions are due Friday, January 11, 2019.

The Downtown Fremont Public Art Program is a result of an art fund that was established from framework set forth by the Downtown, Warm Springs, and City Center community plans. The art fund is financed through development fees and will focus on showcasing interesting pieces of artwork to support the arts and create a sense of identity for these areas. The Art Review Board is responsible for administering the fund and making art selection recommendations to the Fremont City Council.

Fremont to Launch Shared Bike and Scooter System

The City of Fremont is partnering with Lime to bring a bike and scooter sharing system to Fremont. Shared bicycles and scooters will offer a convenient new form of mobility for Fremont residents, workers, and visitors for accessing transit and for short trips. The system will feature a fleet of 500 pedal bicycles, electric assist bicycles, and electric



scooters. The system is a “dockless” model in which users locate bicycles or scooters via a mobile application, and then may end their trips by locking the bike or scooter at any location that meets parking rules. The City has received a grant which it will use to mark parking zones in high demand locations such as transit hubs and commercial centers. Lime bikes and scooters will be available throughout the city.

The planned system launch is February 2019. The City’s agreement with Lime is for a one-year pilot program. At the end of this period, the City will evaluate the program and develop a longer-term permit program for shared “micromobility” devices.

Stay tuned for additional information, including opportunities to test ride Lime bikes and scooters leading up to the system launch. For more information, please visit www.Fremont.gov/BikeShareProgram.

Sign up for a Free Personal Emergency Preparedness Class

The City of Fremont’s Fire Department is offering a free Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) class in 2019 that will teach you how to take care of yourself and your family before, during, and after a disaster.

In just a single three-hour class, you will become an expert in:

- Earthquake and Disaster Awareness
- Gas, Electric and Water Shut-off
- Hazardous Material Awareness
- Fire Extinguisher Types
- Smoke Detector Placement
- Sheltering In-place



Community members can attend any one class that works for their schedule. Classes are offered during the week and on a couple of Saturdays. Weeknight classes are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will take place at the Fremont Fire Administration Office, 3300 Capitol Ave. in the back of Building A on the following dates:

- Tuesday, January 22
- Tuesday, March 19
- Wednesday, May 22
- Tuesday, July 16
- Tuesday, October 15
- Monday, November 18

Saturday classes are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Fremont Fire Training tower, 7200 Stevenson Blvd. (west end) with hands-on training beginning at 12:30 p.m., on the following dates:

- Saturday, April 13
- Saturday, August 17

To register for a PEP class within the Fremont Fire Department's Disaster Preparedness Training Program, please call 510-494-4244 or send an email to FirePubEd@fremont.gov.

If you are part of a group and would like to schedule your own personal group PEP class at your location, please contact Chuck Guaraglia, Public Education with the Fremont Fire Department, at 510-792-3473 or guaragliac@comcast.net.

Christmas Tree Composting Guidelines

Every year, thousands of Christmas trees end up in landfills because they are not properly composted. The negative environmental impacts of the holiday season can be reduced by planting a living tree, purchasing a reusable tree, and/or ensuring proper disposal of live Christmas trees. Trees are only compostable if they are free of all decorations, tinsel, nails, and tree stands (including wooden stands that are nailed to the bottom of the trunk). Additionally, any tree that is flocked with artificial snow contains fire retardant and cannot be composted. Trees that have decorations or tinsel cannot be composted and will be disposed of in the landfill.



The various ways to properly dispose of a Christmas tree in Fremont are listed below:

Gutter (Single-family homes only)

- Republic Services curbside collection from December 31, 2018 to January 11, 2019.
- If your tree is less than 6 feet in length, place the whole tree in the gutter on your collection day.
- If your tree is over 6 feet in length, cut the tree in half and place both halves in the gutter on your collection day.
- Make sure your tree is in the gutter, not on the sidewalk.
- Check that your tree is free of all decorations when placed in the gutter to keep our storm drains litter-free.

Green Organics Cart

- Cut the compostable tree so that pieces fit loosely in your organics cart with the lid closed.
- Place the cart at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

Garbage Cart

- Please use this option as your last resort; compost your tree first, if possible.

- Cut up your tree containing flocking or decorations so that pieces fit loosely in your garbage cart with the lid closed.
- Place the blue or black garbage cart at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

Drop-off at Republic Services

- Between December 26, 2018 and January 11, 2019 take your Christmas tree to the Republic Services customer center located at 42600 Boyce Rd. in Fremont (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.). Compostable trees may be dropped off for free. Non-compostable trees may be dropped off at a \$5 charge.

If you live in a multifamily complex, please contact your property manager to learn how your tree can be properly composted.

For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/Environment or contact the Environmental Services Division at environment@fremont.gov or 510-494-4570.

City of Fremont Holiday Closure Scheduled for Dec. 24, 2018 - Jan. 1, 2019 *Police, Fire Services Not Affected*

The City of Fremont is implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City services from Monday, Dec. 24, 2018 through Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019. The Holiday Closure is scheduled for Dec. 26, 27 and 28, 2018, while City holidays are observed on Dec. 24, 25, and 31, 2018 and Jan. 1, 2019. City offices participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019. This closure will not affect police and fire services.



Offices that are taking part in the Holiday Closure include:

- City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A and Building B (Administrative offices)
- Fire Administration, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A
- Development Services Center, 39550 Liberty St.
- Maintenance Center, 42551 Osgood Rd.
- All Community Centers and Recreation Buildings

During the Holiday Closure:

- Parks and Recreation Registration Desk, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building B will be open for walk-in registration of recreation programs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 26 through Dec. 28, 2018.
- All Community Centers and Recreation buildings will be closed Dec. 24, 25, and 31, 2018, and Jan. 1, 2019.

- Human Services will provide limited services for Youth & Family Services, Family Resource Center, and Healthy Start Program.
- Life Eldercare will provide limited services. Clients should contact 510-574-2090 for additional information.
- Afghan Elderly Association will provide limited services. Clients should contact their caseworker for additional information.
- The Fremont Police Department and Fremont Fire Department will continue to provide public safety services.
- A minimum number of City staff will be available in an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to storm-related issues.
- Regularly-scheduled street sweeping will occur on Dec. 26, 27, and 28, 2018; weather permitting; no street sweeping on City-observed holidays. (We will make every effort to provide service on a different day. Contact the City's Maintenance Division at 510-979-5700 prior to the closure for your street's make-up street sweeping date.)
- The Tri-City Animal Shelter, located at 1950 Stevenson Blvd., will be closed on City-observed holidays Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 and open regular hours Dec. 26 through Dec. 29. Animal Field Services will be available limited hours on Dec. 24 through Dec. 31, 2018 and Jan. 1, 2019.
- The Human Services Department will have one or two crisis counselors at the Fremont Family Resource Center, located at 39155 Liberty St.
- Garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection by Republic Services will be provided one day later than normally scheduled during the closure. Call 510-657-3500 for more info.
- The Parks and Recreation Division will offer camps and other programs at some facilities. Visit www.RegeRec.com for more info.
- Community members with active building permits can coordinate building inspections with their building inspector at least one week prior to the closure. For questions, call 510-494-4400.
- The Fremont Tennis Center will be open for public play, weather permitting. There will be some limited holiday public hours; call 510-790-5510 for more info.

Historically, demand for many City services during the December and January holiday season is low. It is anticipated that the Holiday Closure will have little or no impact on service delivery efficiency.

For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure or call 510-284-4093.

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