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Fireworks are banned in Fremont

Fremont's public safety departments would like to remind Fremont residents, businesses and visitors that the sale, possession, and use of all fireworks are banned within the City of Fremont. This ban includes the "safe and sane" variety of fireworks that are legal in some other cities. The ban, in effect since December 1986, has helped reduce the number of injuries, wildland fires, and structure fires caused by fireworks in the city of Fremont.

Fire and Police resources will be on patrol in Fremont during the peak times of concern to maintain an active vigilance against fireworks use.

In California, possession of illegal fireworks is considered a misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment in a county jail for up to one year. If you are found to be in possession of a sufficient amount of illegal fireworks, you may be guilty of a felony and punished by a fine up to \$5,000 and/or imprisonment in a state prison or county jail. Parents may be held liable for any damages or injuries caused by their children's use of illegal fireworks.

To report illegal fireworks use, call the Fremont Police Department Dispatch Center at 510-790-6800 and select option 3.

Please be extremely careful during the Fourth of July holiday season and throughout the summer months with all outdoor activities. The abundance of dry grass and brush in the area has created an extremely dangerous fire condition.

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Fremont to Activate City's First Pedestrian Signal at Mowry Avenue/WaterSide Circle

Fremont's first pedestrian signal will be activated the week of June 17th at the intersection of Mowry Avenue/WaterSide Circle. The pedestrian signal will offer pedestrians a protected crossing for this busy arterial intersection, enhancing access to the Fremont BART station and City Center area.

Pedestrian signals are a newer type of traffic control device. A Federal Highway Administration study found that pedestrian signals can reduce vehicle/pedestrian crashes by 69%.

Pedestrian signals feature a unique type of operations, as illustrated in the graphic above. For more information on how to use pedestrian signals and other new traffic control devices (including instructional videos), please visit www.Fremont.gov/VisionZero2020.

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Attend the Education Workshop for Fremont Renters and Landlords

The City of Fremont Human Services Department and Housing Division are hosting a free education workshop that will cover The City of Fremont Rent Review Ordinance and New Source of Income Discrimination amendment. The workshop will be held on Thursday, June 27 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd., in the Fukaya A Room.

All Fremont renters and landlords are encouraged to attend. To RSVP, visit www.Fremont.gov/EducationWorkshop, email RentReview@Fremont.gov, or call 510-733-4945.

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Calling All Older Adults in the Fremont Community

Are you 55 years or older and a member of the Fremont community? If so, the City of Fremont is looking for your input!

Fremont residents can help inform the City of Fremont and the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) about the needs of older adults and the best way to create a better community for adults 55+.

Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/City_Fremont or pick up a paper copy at the Fremont Senior Center located at 40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy.

You may also download a printed version of the survey in Cambodian, English, Farsi, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese at <http://seniorservicescoalition.org/what-you-can-do/alameda-county-older-adult-survey-toolkit/>

Survey participants will be entered into a raffle for a free regular lunch at the Fremont Senior. Also, to receive a prize for participating in the survey, please bring proof of filling it out to the Fremont Senior Center main window during normal office hours from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to pick one up.

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Fremont to Hold Special Meeting-Work Session on June 18 to Discuss Homelessness Efforts and Establish Criteria to Evaluate Locations for a Housing Navigation Center

The City of Fremont is holding a Special Meeting-Work Session on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. for City staff to go before the City Council and provide an overall update on the City's homeless efforts and present and establish criteria to evaluate possible locations for a housing navigation center. (A housing navigation center is a facility that transitions those experiencing homelessness into permanent housing, stabilization, and self-sufficiency through coordinated services.) This Special Meeting-Work Session begins at 5:30 p.m. at Fremont City Hall, located at 3300 Capitol Ave., and is open to the general public. The regularly scheduled Fremont City Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m., will follow the Special Meeting-Work Session.

The Special Meeting-Work Session agenda is available at http://fremontcityca.igm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1708. To subscribe and receive Fremont Council Agendas and Minutes, as well as Special Meeting-Work Session agendas, notifications by email and/or text visit www.fremont.gov/SubscribeCouncilAgenda. All Council meetings are available to watch live or rebroadcast via Channel 27, The Fremont Government Channel, or the City's website. Learn more at www.Fremont.gov/Channel27.

The June 18 Special Meeting-Work Session will mark the third time City staff has presented extensive background defining the scope and urgency of the homeless issue in Fremont and some proposed strategies for Council consideration. Prior to this upcoming meeting, staff presented a homelessness study update at both the City Council Study Session on April 17, 2018 and at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on July 17, 2018.

To learn more about the City's multi-pronged approach to homelessness visit <https://fremont.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1550>.

Fremont Minimum Wage Ordinance to Become Effective July 2019

On February 5, the City Council approved a minimum wage ordinance that increases Fremont's local minimum wage to \$15/hour two years earlier than mandated under State law.

Large employers with 26 or more employees will be subject to a \$13.50/hour minimum wage beginning July 1, 2019. On July 1, 2020, the local minimum wage for large employers increases to \$15.00/hour. To prevent inflation from eroding its value, the minimum wage for large employers will be adjusted beginning on July 1, 2021 by the local consumer price index.

Small employers with 25 or fewer employees will continue to be subject to the State minimum wage until July 1, 2020, at which time the City's higher requirement of \$13.50/hour will become effective, increasing to \$15.00/ hour on July 1, 2021. On July 1, 2022, the small employer minimum increases to the large employer level. From that point on, both large and small employers will be subject to the same minimum wage increase defined by the local consumer price index.

The ordinance exempts non-profit corporations and incorporates feedback received from residents, the business community, non-profit organizations, and low-wage workers.

For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/MinimumWage or contact the City Manager's office at minwage@fremont.gov or 510-284-4000.

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