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Fremont City Council Approves Salary Increases for City Manager

After a thorough performance evaluation of Fremont City Manager Mark Danaj on December 10, 2019, including the use of a professional facilitator to gather feedback from each Councilmember, the Fremont City Council unanimously approved the following increases at the regularly scheduled January 14, 2020 Council meeting: a 4% merit increase for superior job performance over the course of Mr. Danaj's first year of employment with the City of Fremont and a 4% cost of living increase in June of this year. This increase is reflective of merit, while the cost of living increase will be provided to all represented City employees as a result of recently concluded labor contract negotiations. Additionally, the availability of funds that have already been allocated to address moving expenses for Mr. Danaj was extended for another 12 months.



"The Council has been impressed with Mark's job performance during his first year on the job," said Mayor Lily Mei. "Mark brings innovative solutions to Fremont's unique challenges, opportunities, and culture."

Mr. Danaj's new annual salary effective September 10, 2019 will be \$323,398. Effective June 21, 2020 his annual salary will be \$336,334 when the cost of living increase goes into effect.

Community Meeting to Discuss Real Estate Open House Sign Requirements

Community invited to learn about proposed changes to existing policy and provide feedback

Last year, the Fremont City Council directed City staff to review the City's real estate sign regulations. In recent years, community complaints regarding real estate signs in Fremont have increased. The community is concerned with the number of open house signs at the same location, the amount of time signs are left out, and the intention of the signs to advertise for realtors rather than direct people to open houses.



In November 2019, City staff provided an informational update to the City Council, which included researching regulations and enforcement policies from other cities and engaging with the local realtor community and other stakeholders. Staff plans to return to City Council in March 2020 with a recommendation to update the existing policy.

To learn about the updates the City will be proposing to City Council and provide feedback, the community is invited to attend a public meeting. Please see the details below:

Community Meeting: Real Estate Open House Signs

Monday, January 27

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

City Council Chambers

3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont

For questions, please contact Leonard Powell, Code Enforcement Manager, at 510-494-4521 or by email at lkpowell@fremont.gov.

Age-Friendly Community Engagement Resource Fairs

The City of Fremont Human Services Department is hosting free Community Engagement and Resource Fairs to educate participants about available resources for adults 55+ and their families, including Ride-On Tri-City! transportation services, health and wellness services, benefit eligibility, learning opportunities, housing, dementia specific support, civic engagement, emergency preparedness, and more. The three fairs will be held at the following times and locations:

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Cottonwood Place

3701 Peralta Blvd., Fremont

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Warm Springs Community Center

47300 Fernald St., Fremont

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Fremont Senior Center (at Lake Elizabeth)

40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont



For more information contact the Human Services Department at 510-574-2050 or send an email to AFS@fremont.gov.

Call for Student Artists for Fremont's boxART! Program

Calling all student artists! Help Fremont paint the town by submitting an art design for the City's boxART! program. The City is kicking off a student-only phase of the program and looking for student artists to paint several of Fremont's traffic signal control boxes.

This is a tremendous opportunity for forward thinking student artists to let the community see their work. Hundreds of people will drive or walk by the boxes daily. In addition, photographs of the boxes and the artist's contact information will be displayed on the City's website.



- **Eligibility:** All Fremont Students Grades K-12
- **Theme:** Kindness! What is kindness? How is it expressed? What actions are kind? What environment is kind? Who/what benefits?
- **Stipend:** Up to \$200 for materials reimbursement plus community service hours
- **Application Deadline:** Monday, March 9, 2020

For more information and to download the application, please visit www.Fremont.gov/boxART or email Susan Longini, boxART! Program Manager, at boxart@fremont.gov.

Upcoming Fremont Recreation Services Programs and Opportunities in 2020

Fremont residents and families interested in details on this season's programs, camps, and more can view the Winter 2020 Recreation Guide by visiting www.Fremont.gov/RecGuide. Register today to reserve a spot in courses such as Abracadabra Kids, Hands Together Ceramics, Creative Chefs, and ABC Ballet.

Looking ahead to the summer season, Recreation Services is hosting the annual Summer Camp Fair at the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd., on Tuesday, March 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Recreation Services' Summer Camps, Teen Volunteer Program, Aqua Adventure Waterpark, and more. Camps take place June 15 to August 25 with full-day, half-day, and extended care options. Registration for 2020 Summer Camps is underway at www.RegeRec.com. Residents interested in learning more can visit www.Fremont.gov/Camps.



Those looking for job opportunities in the summer season can save the date for Recreation Services' Summer Job Fair on Thursday, March 5 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Centerville Community Center, 3355 Country Dr. This event provides an excellent opportunity for anyone looking for a seasonal or year-round part-time job. Learn more at www.Fremont.gov/RecJobs or call 510-494-4300.

Finally, the best deal of the Aqua Adventure Waterpark 2020 season is happening now until January 31. Purchase season passes for \$59.99 each and single day admission tickets for \$14.99 each at www.GoAquaAdventure.com.

Clean Cars for All Grant Program

Are you interested in trading in your old car for a new electric vehicle? The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is inviting income qualified Bay Area residents to apply for the Clean Cars for All grant program, which provides incentives to retire older vehicles and replace them with a clean air vehicle or Clipper Card for public transit.



Residents may choose one of the following clean air transportation options to replace their scrapped vehicle:

- **Battery Electric Vehicles** operate solely on their electric motor. Electric vehicle batteries recharge by plugging into an outlet or charging station.
- **Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles** combine an electric motor with a gasoline engine. Plug-In Hybrid batteries are recharged by the gasoline-powered motor during braking and by plugging into an outlet or charging station.
- **Hybrid Electric Vehicles** combine an electric motor with a gasoline engine. These vehicles cannot be "plugged-in" to be "recharged." The gasoline-powered motor also acts as a generator to recharge batteries on hybrids.
- **Clipper Cards** can be used for public transportation on all major Bay Area transit systems.

The average Clean Cars for All incentive is \$7,500 but up to \$9,500 is available for eligible applicants. Applicants must live in the Bay Area and their household income must fall under a specified limit based on their household size. Furthermore, the vehicle to be scrapped must be at least 15 years old and registered in California.

For more information, including eligibility requirements and application information, please visit www.baaqmd.gov/cleancarsforall.

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