

Clementimes

Important Numbers:

Emergency

9.1.1

Sheriff's Office

586.469.5151

Fire

586.469.6840

City Hall

586.469.6800

Utilities

586.469.6889

Animal Control

586.469.6847

Dial-A-Ride

586.469.RIDE

DDA

586.469.4168

Public Housing

586.468.1434

Public Services

586.469.6847

41B District Court

586.469.9300

Upcoming Commission Meetings:

- April 4th
- April 18th
- May 2nd
- May 16th
- June 6th
- June 20th

Meetings start at 7:00pm in the commission chambers at city hall

Mayor Kropp's Update

During this quarter, the federal government recognized the addition of the Mount Clemens Library (Carnegie) building to the National Register of Historic Places. This designation is an honor bestowed upon very few buildings in Macomb County. Congratulations to Director, Phil Ghilchrist, and the entire Anton Art Center on this designation.

Happy Birthday to one of our uptown businesses. Ardis Music turns 50 years old, watch for a fun birthday party this summer!

Congratulations to Gumbo's on the opening of their expansion project. Along with their terrific creole style food, patrons can now enjoy alcoholic beverages from their newly installed bar.

During the second quarter the commission and I will continue working on the following initiatives - The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget, City Manager Evaluation, and the Marijuana Ordinance.

Make sure to take special notice of all the events scheduled for the second and third quarter listed in this edition of the Clementimes. It is going to be an incredibly fun spring and summer here in Mount Clemens.

Coffee Talks

- 4/14 at 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- 4/16 at 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- 5/10 at 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- 5/12 at 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- 6/14 at 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- 6/16 at 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee

Meet Your Neighbor



Junia (Dalman) Querio grew up in Holland Michigan to descendants of Dutch immigrants and later went to Hope College where she got her teaching degree.

Junia moved with her husband, Gus, into their house on Lincoln in 1967. Both teachers, they spent their summers traveling and fixing up their 100+ year old home. Over the years they bought two more houses next door and continued to fix them up during their summers. The rent from these houses helped to put their two daughters through college.

Junia gave up teaching to raise Jennifer and Meribeth and during that time became a "professional volunteer" in Mount Clemens. The March of Dimes, the Newcombers Club, Girl Scouts plus volunteering at First United Methodist Church and at Macomb Elementary, kept her busy while the girls were at school.

Later, watching her grandchildren, Martin and Annica, and being a part of the church quilting group and Mount Clemens Beautification Committee, completed her days.

Now you can see Junia at FUMC, working in the city flowerbeds, walking through the neighborhoods, and leaving notes to homeowners showing her appreciation for their landscaping or decorations. If you do not find her doing any of those, you can find her volunteering at Seminole school and collecting goodies for the MCHS students. Folks on Lincoln often find goodies, books and projects left for their little ones thanks to Ms. Junia.

She loves the history and sense of family that the community in Mount Clemens has to offer. Junia sees the children of Mount Clemens as our future and never misses a chance to teach and interact with the young ones in the neighborhood.

Spring has sprung! Time to spruce up for Yard of the year 2022. If you would like to nominate a neighbor, submit their name and address by June 30, 2022 and drop it off at City Hall addressed to the Mount Clemens Beautification Committee

For more than one hundred years, the Mount Clemens Kiwanis Club has supported our community through service. Focused on supporting kids, the Club hosts annual programs like our Bike Rodeo advocating for bike safety and mounting fundraising efforts to help support local organizations through the Mount Clemens Kiwanis Club Foundation. We are looking to increase our impact in the community by increasing our membership! You can help to support local kids by becoming involved. Join us for lunch to learn more about Kiwanis, and how you can help! We meet each Wednesday at noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 38900 Harper Ave., Clinton Twp. MI 48036; RSVPs are requested to Jill at 586-943-3393.



Anton Art Center

Visit the Anton Art Center for new exhibits, classes, and experiences in art!

Exhibitions - Free admission open to the public from 10am-5pm, Tues-Sat., Select Sundays 11am-3pm

'Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show' March 12 - April 12, 2022

'Macomb County Biennial Primary Student Show' April 23 - May 24, 2022

'Mighty Real/Queer Detroit' June 1 - June 30, 2022

Classes

We offer a variety of art classes for all ages and skill levels. Visit us online to register or for more details.

Adult Painting - Oil & Acrylics, Art for Kids & Art For Teens, Teen Figure Sculpting, Mixed Media, Loom Weaving, Acrylic Flow, Ceramics, Watercolor

Events

Super SatARTday, June 11, 2022, 11am-3pm

Violin Concert, May 22, 2022



125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, MI 48043
586.469.8666 | www.theartcenter.org

Department of Public Services

Yard waste pickup is scheduled to begin the week of March 21, 2022. A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the city until December 9th.

Beginning March 21st, please do one of the three following things to eliminate yard waste:

1. Compost your yard waste at home
2. Place all compost at the curb in a 32 gallon or smaller refuse container marked "compost" or "yard waste". These containers will not be emptied if they contain anything other than yard waste.
3. Place yard waste in a large 30-gallon brown paper bag

Compost must be placed at the curb for collection with your household refuse by 7 a.m. on your regular pickup day. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Brush must be cut into four feet lengths and tied in bundles. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 pounds each or measure over 18" in diameter. Large logs over 3" in diameter, as well as stumps or roots, will not be picked up.

We recommend that residents comply with the city's composting guidelines to help us with our efforts in keeping up with constantly changing environmental standards and still provide efficient and economical refuse collection service within the City of Mount Clemens.

Please remember, raking leaves or grass into the street is strictly prohibited.

Holiday Refuse Calendar

Good Friday – Friday, April 15, 2022
Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of April.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 30, 2022
There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 30th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Tuesday, May 31st through Friday, June 3rd. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 6, 2022.

Independence Day – Monday, July 4, 2022
There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, July 4th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Tuesday, July 5th through Friday, July 8th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Clerk's Corner

State Primary is Tuesday, August 2, 2022

The next election in Mount Clemens is the State Primary on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The purpose of this election is to select candidates for the general election in November. To participate in this election, voters will be given a ballot with a column listing each qualified party's candidates. Voters then decide which party primary they wish to participate in by voting only in the column of their party choice (i.e., voting only for Democratic candidates or voting only for Republican candidates). Voting for candidates in more than a single party's column will void the entire partisan section of the ballot. As a result, please do not "split your ticket" by voting for candidates in more than one political party. The winners of the primary will then run against each other in the general election in November.

Important Deadlines

Last day to register to vote by mail or online – July 18, 2022. In-person registration at city clerk's office with proof of residency – July 19, 2022 through August 2, 2022 (Election Day)

Absent Voter Ballots

Absent voter applications will be mailed to voters on the permanent absentee voter list in May. Voters who promptly return their completed absent voter applications to the city clerk's office can expect their ballots to be mailed to their homes in mid-June. If you would like to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list, or have any questions about the election, please call the city clerk's office at 586.469.6800, option #4.

Treasurer's Office

Property Taxes

All 2021 property taxes with balances remaining have been transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. Payments must be made to: Macomb County Treasurer, 1 S. Main St, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. The phone number is 586-469-5190, and the website is: <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer/index.htm>.

The 2022 summer taxes will be sent out July 1, 2022, and will be due on September 15, 2022.

Tax Deferment

Senior Citizens, veterans, and permanently disabled individuals may apply for a tax deferment starting July 1, 2022. In order to qualify, seniors must be 62 or older and have an income that does not exceed \$40,000. All applications must be returned by September 15, 2022. If you cannot come into the treasurer's office to complete a form, please call us and we will mail one to you.

General Tax Information

To ensure accurate tax billing, please notify the following departments of any changes in your personal information such as:

Spelling errors: Contact Assessing
Transfer of ownership: Contact Assessing
Change of mailing address: Contact Assessing
Principal Residence Information: Contact Assessing
Mortgage company changes: Contact Treasury

Website Updates

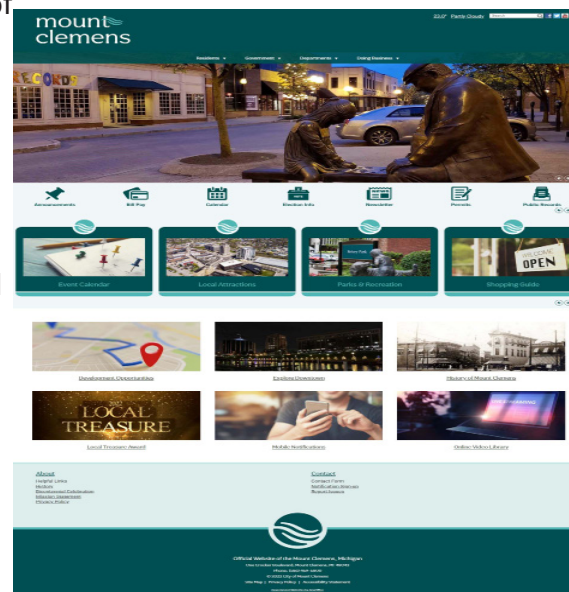
Utilizing the new city logo and color scheme, the redesigned city website launched in February of 2022.

We have updated our address too, you can find us at: www.MountClemens.gov The original address: www.CityofMountClemens.com still works and will redirect you to the new address. However, the old address will go offline in a year or so. The site keeps much of the same features of the previous site, but in a cleaner, more resident-focused way. It is easier to navigate on your mobile device too!

The main navigation has only four menus: Residents, Government, Departments and Doing Business. It uses a “slab style” approach, where the menu extends across the site instead of extending down. We hope this improves your ability to find what you’re looking for quickly. Lesser used menus can be found at the bottom of the site.

The website features many of the original quick link icons, as well as picture-oriented short-cuts to the most visited pages on the site. Websites are a work in progress, we are updating it regularly and would like to hear from you. If you cannot find what you are looking for, or if you have suggestions to improve the site, please contact Cable TV Senior Producer, Patrick Linabury at: LinaburyP@mtpcs.org or 586.461.3751.

We hope you enjoy and take pride in the new website as much as we do.



Uptown Mount Clemens Announcements

Farmers Market Opens for Season

Saturday, May 7 – 7AM – 1PM
Open Every Saturday through November 21 – 7AM – 1PM
North River Road Parking Lot

Made in Michigan Show

Friday, May 6 – 11AM – 8PM
Saturday, May 7 – 10AM – 6PM
Downtown on Macomb Place

Mount Clemens Drive-In Movie Night

Saturday, May 21
Movie TBD Macomb Parking Lot

Bud Light Classic Car Registration Night

Featuring Live Music Stage
Friday, June 3 – 5PM – 9PM

Annual Bud Light Classic Car Show & Cruise Night

Featuring Live Music Stage
Saturday, June 4 – 9AM – 9PM

Mount Clemens Drive-In Movie Night

Dinosaur Experience
Saturday, June 11
Movie TBD Macomb Parking Lot

Riversight & Sound Concert

Friday, June 24 – 7:30PM
Band - Beachkatz
Mount Clemens Riverfront

Independence Day Celebration Fireworks

Friday, June 24 – Dusk
Mount Clemens Riverfront

We have expanded our entertainment schedule this summer to include a Jazz Fest, the return of the Riversight & Sound Concerts, and additional month of Uptown Friday Night Concerts. We are pleased to announce several new businesses in Downtown Mount Clemens.

- Cherry Street Nutrition – 52 Cherry Street – Coming Soon
- Capture A Moment Photography – 50 New Street – Coming Soon
- Mount Clemens DDA Office and Pop-up classroom/retail space – 48 Cherry Street – Coming Soon
- Sweet Dee's Antique Boutique – 105 Cass Ave. – Open
- Kitty Kafe – 73 N. Main Street – Coming Soon
- Escapology Escape Room – 82 Macomb Place Coming Soon
- Black Tusk Tattoo – 33 N. Walnut Street – Open
- Farm Bureau Insurance – 70 Macomb Place – Open

National Small Business Week is May 1 – May 7, 2022. Be sure to get out and support the local business that supports your local economy all year long.

Spring Cleaning & Housing Programs

As the warmer weather approaches, many of us begin our spring cleaning. It is important to remember that it is not just the inside of our homes that need a good cleaning, but the exterior as well. The Homeowners Blight Guile will help as you take a walk around your property and begin your spring clean-up. The city wants to work with residents to enhance the quality of life in the community by protecting the character and stability of residential and commercial areas. Maintaining your property helps to maintain property values for not only your own property, but for the community as a whole. Macomb County also has several resources that homeowners can utilize to help maintain their properties through Macomb Community Action:



- **Comprehensive Housing Rehabilitation Program** exists to help eligible homeowners with repairs to their homes to achieve decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing as defined by Macomb County Housing Rehabilitation Standards. The program limit for repairs is \$40,000, funded through a zero-interest deferred payment loan. For more information contact 586-466-6256 or steve.schuster@macombgov.org.
- **Limited Housing Rehabilitation Program** is a grant-funded program that exists to help eligible homeowners make essential qualified repairs to their home as defined by program guidelines. The program limit for repairs is \$10,000. Because the program is grant-funded, the homeowner does not have to pay anything back. For more information contact 586-466-6256 or steve.schuster@macombgov.org.
- **Weatherization Assistance Program** performs the installation of energy efficient items to conserve energy in Macomb County homes. Weatherization improvements reduce energy use and can save an average of 30 percent on heat/utility bills. A home energy audit determines which items will be installed. For more information contact 586-469-6329 or steve.schuster@macombgov.org.
- **Minor Home Repair** provides assistance up to \$1,000 to persons age 60 and older, severely disabled or a mobile home owner-occupant for plumbing, electrical, or heating and cooling repair and/or replacement. For more information contact 586-469-6329 or steve.schuster@macombgov.org.

Juneteenth

On January 5th, 1863, A Union commander would write a notice of the Emancipation Proclamation to the citizens of Winchester, Virginia titled "Freedom to Slaves!" four days after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free." Despite this expansive wording, it was limited in many ways. It applied only to states that had seceded from the United States, leaving slavery untouched in the loyal border states. It would be two and a half years after the signing of the emancipation proclamation that federal troops would arrive in Galveston, Texas to take control of the State and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. That day was June 19, 1865. A century and a half later, people across the United States in large and small communities, celebrate that day as Juneteenth.



It goes by many names, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, the country's second Independence Day, and most recognized Juneteenth. Juneteenth is one of the most important anniversaries in our nation's history, and one of the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery. According to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, and read out General Order No. 3 which reads "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer"

General Order No. 3 was the final execution and fulfillment of the terms of the Emancipation Proclamation. The people to whom this order was addressed were the last group of Americans to be informed that all formerly enslaved persons were now free.

When Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger issued general Order No.3, he had no idea that in establishing the Union Army's authority over the people of Texas, he was also establishing the basis for a holiday. Many former slaves and their descendants would travel to Galveston annually in honor of Juneteenth. It was a day to bring families together, inform newly freed people about their rights, and through readings of the emancipation proclamation, religious sermons, and spirituals, give the values of self-improvement. In 1872, Juneteenth celebrations reached new heights as group of former slaves had the desire to have a place to honor the anniversary of their emancipation and purchased 10 acres of land in Houston, Texas. This is significant, not only as a ritual of remembrance and celebration, but also as an early act of exercising the new right of property ownership. Today Emancipation Park is the oldest park in the city of Houston, Texas.

After decades of activists campaigning for change, Juneteenth became a federal holiday when President Joseph Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act. The holiday commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. In its celebration of freedom, Juneteenth is a day that communities should take time for reflection and rejoicing, self-improvement and for planning for future generations. As stated in the Proclamation on Juneteenth Day of Observance, "Juneteenth is a day of profound weight and power. it is a day that also reminds us of our incredible capacity to heal, hope, and emerge from our darkest moments with purpose and resolve. On Juneteenth, we recommit ourselves to the work of equity, equality, and justice. And we celebrate the centuries of struggle, courage, and hope that have brought us to this time of progress and possibility."

New Around the Fire Department

In 2021 the Mount Clemens Fire Department received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This grant was used to purchase new radios for the department. Radio communications is a big part of our job. Having clear communication is of the utmost importance to the department. These radios will aid us in helping to protect the citizens of Mount Clemens.

Fire Safety Tips

Spring has Sprung! Here are a few tips to keep you and your family safe.

- Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in case of emergency.
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do if a smoke alarm is activated.
- Talk with your family about a meeting place outside and away from the home in case of an emergency.
- If you are planning to have a bonfire outside be sure fire pits must be smaller than 6 square feet in area, the fire needs to be at least 25 feet from any structure, only dry, clean firewood can be burned, there must be a means of extinguishing the fire available at all times, and fires must be constantly attended.



From our family to yours:

Day light savings time does not just mean summer is around the corner. It also means it is time to check the operation of your smoke detectors. If a smoke detector is not working, replace the battery or the detector itself. If you are a homeowner in the city of Mount Clemens and you do not have smoke detectors, you can take advantage of our smoke detector program! Contact the station during business hours for more information.



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