

# 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:**

- February 6th
- February 21st
- March 7th
- March 6th
- April 3rd
- April 17th

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

**Mayor Kropp's Update**



Happy New Year! I hope this new year brings each resident good health, great adventure, and prosperity! This time of year, I take an opportunity to sit down and write personal and professional goals. Like many of you, I try to focus more effort on eating healthy and moving more. This year, for the first time since 2007, Mount Clemens residents can take advantage of the many programs offered by our newly formed Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation department. Led by recreation coordinator Amanda Bowers, the department is now housed at the Groesbeck Community Center (300 North Groesbeck, next to the ice arena). Check out the many offerings at [www.mountclemensrecreation.org](http://www.mountclemensrecreation.org) or drop by the Groesbeck Community Center Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. I would like to thank the City Commission for their commitment to recreation for all in Mount Clemens! The role of the City Commission is to develop the priorities of the city. Those priorities must be communicated to city staff so they can implement them and serve the citizens of Mount Clemens. Since 2020, the city commissioners, city staff and myself have annually met to create a strategic plan. I am proud to say that we have taken the plan one step further and aligned our budget to match the goals of the strategic plan. You can read our current strategic plan in the beginning of our budget document that is posted on the city's website, [www.mountclemens.gov](http://www.mountclemens.gov). The city commission and I will meet again on February 13th to discuss and develop this year's plan. This is an open meeting and will take place at Cairn's Community Center at 6 p.m.

I would like to congratulate former City Commissioner Denise Mentzer on winning the State Representative seat for Mount Clemens. Denise Mentzer's new role creates an open seat on the Mount Clemens City Commission. The commission now has sixty days to appoint a new commissioner to fill the vacancy. For information on the appointment process, please contact City Clerk Cathy Martin at 588-469-6800 ext. 309. The city commission and I have a full first quarter planned to include: appointing a city manager, creating a strategic plan, begin the 2023-24 budget process and complete the adult use marijuana ordinance. I hope that your first quarter is just as productive and successful as ours!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at [Lkropp@mountclemens.gov](mailto:Lkropp@mountclemens.gov)

**Winter Tax Bills**

Residents should have received a winter tax bill in the mail around December 1, 2022, and it is due by February 28, 2023. Any 2022 tax amount that remains unpaid after that date will be transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. You may call their office at 586-469-5190 for more information. Every resident receives a tax bill, even if their taxes are paid by a mortgage company. Please keep this tax bill for income tax purposes. All delinquent bills that are moved to the property taxes will now incur a 15% fee, effective with the Summer 2023 tax bill. This fee will not apply to sidewalk invoices.

**Fee-Free Option for Paying Water Bills**

The Treasurer's Office now offers an option to pay your water bill by ACH check for no fee. You will be required to fill out a form in our office, providing your routing and bank account information. Your water bill balance will automatically be drafted from your bank account on the due date each month. For more information, stop in or call 586-469-6800 x2. You can also email [Lshipman@mountclemens.gov](mailto:Lshipman@mountclemens.gov)

To pay your bill, scan this QR code



## 2023 Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

### February

Presidents Day – Monday, February 20

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month.

### April

Good Friday – Friday, April 7

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month.

### May

Memorial Day – Monday, May 29

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 29th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 29th through Friday, June 2nd. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 5, 2023.

### July

Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4

There will be NO garbage pickup on Tuesday, July 4th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Tuesday, July 4th through Friday, July 7th. Garbage pickup for Monday, July 3rd will be picked up on schedule. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, July 10, 2023

### September

Labor Day – Monday, September 4

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, September 5th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Tuesday, September 6th through Friday, September 9th.

### October

Columbus Day – Monday, October 9

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during the entire month.

### November

Veteran's Day – Saturday, November 11

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during Veteran's Day week

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 23rd. Garbage pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Thursday, November 23rd. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 24th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 25th.

### December

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Monday, December 25th through Friday, December 29th.

#### Compost/Brush Pickup

Yard waste collection is picked up on your regular garbage day starting April until November. Place your yard waste loose in a 32-gallon or smaller refuse container labeled "yard waste" or "compost". Place yard waste in a 30-gallon brown paper leaf bag. Please do not blow grass or leaves into the street.



## Clerk's Corner

### City Election: Call for Candidates!

Application materials will be available in the City Clerk's Office in early March for the following races in the November 7, 2023, City Election:

*Mayor – One (1) to be elected for a 2-year term.*

*City Commission – Three (3) to be elected for a 4-year term.*

To qualify as a candidate, you must be:

- At least 18 years of age.
- A registered voter.
- A resident of the city for at least 365 days immediately prior to the last day of filing for office.

The deadline for application materials is Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office.

Please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6800, ext. 4, for more information about running for these vital offices

### Vote in 2023!

Residents who are unsure if they are registered to vote in Mount Clemens or wish to check the status of their absentee ballot, may call the clerks office at 586-469-6800 option #4, or visit the Michigan Voter Information Center online at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)

## Winter Snow Removal & Snow Emergency Information

The street department will be clearing all major streets first during a snow storm. We will, however, plow the side streets as quickly as possible once the major streets are clear. This winter during snowstorms, please park your vehicles at an off-street location. Parking in a driveway or parking lot will be greatly appreciated. On-street parking can resume after the city has plowed the streets.

Whenever there is an abundance of snow accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to extraordinary depths, the city may declare a "snow emergency" per City of Mount Clemens Ordinance #30.030. Local television and radio news stations will be alerted when a snow emergency has been declared and cancelled, so tune in for this information during snow storms or excessive snow falls.

After the initial notice of a snow emergency has been declared, please remove all vehicles within six (6) hours on any major streets and/or within twelve (12) hours on local streets or alleys. Vehicles not removed from the streets during a snow emergency may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense. Once the entire street has been cleared of snow from curb to curb and no additional snow has accumulated or is predicted to accumulate, or the snow emergency has been terminated, vehicles may then resume parking on that street.

As a very walkable community, with an extended network of sidewalks, it is also critical that residents and businesses do their part to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice for both safety and quality of life concerns.

City ordinances require that "the occupant of any premises, or the owner of any unoccupied premises, is required to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises cleared, so far as is practicable and reasonable, from snow and ice to facilitate pedestrian use. Where there are no sidewalks, the occupant or owner shall clear a path free from snow and ice where a sidewalk would otherwise be, to facilitate pedestrian use. Whenever any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared within 12 hours after it has fallen or accumulated."

Failure to remove the snow and ice accordingly may result in the city of issuing a violation notice or performing the task and billing the responsible property owner. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Services at (586) 469-6847. We all hope this winter season is not a harsh one, but in the event that it is, the city thanks you in advance for your diligence in keeping the sidewalks of Mount Clemens safe.

### Uptown Mount Clemens Announcements

#### 18th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

**Thursday, February 9th @ 6PM**

At participating Uptown Bars and Restaurants. Tickets can be purchased in advance at participating establishments.

Proceeds benefit Mount Clemens Goodfellows and the Anton Art Center.

#### 18th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Carving Show

**Saturday, February 10 –**

**Sunday, February 12**

Sculptures will be displayed on the Fountain Stage, Macomb Place and the Cherry Street Mall. Kids warming center is inside The Discovery Center of Macomb at 54 Cherry Street.

#### Valentine's Day

**Monday, February 14**

Shop & Dine Local – Shop, dine, and have a great time in Uptown Mount Clemens

\* For more information on these and other upcoming events, log on to: [cityofmountclemens.gov/dda/events](http://cityofmountclemens.gov/dda/events)

The Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2023. As we embark on the New Year, we will keep you informed on new businesses, exciting developments, special events and projects that are percolating within our Downtown district. Please shop local and help support our downtown business owners and businesses. Stop in, say hello, and support the local establishments that support our local economy.

Mount Clemens has several new businesses that have opened in the past several months.

Cherry Street Nutrition at 52 Cherry Street

Capture A Moment Photography at 50 Cherry Street

Delightful Donuts & Cupcakes at 58 Cherry Street

The Tiny Tree Gallery at 48 New Street

Yaya's Plant Shop at 36 New Street

Natural Healing Therapeutic Massage at 56 N. Walnut Street

Switalski Law, PLLC at 46 Macomb Place

Be sure to Visit our website: [cityofmountclemens.com/dda](http://cityofmountclemens.com/dda), like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens) and follow us on Twitter & Instagram @MountClemensDDA for the most up to date information on events and new happenings in Uptown Mount Clemens.



If you are interested in being a volunteer at the 2023 DDA special events or the Mount Clemens Santa Parade please contact Michelle Weiss at 586.431.6788 or email [weissii@msn.com](mailto:weissii@msn.com)



# Mount Clemens Recreation

Providing community-wide youth, adult & senior activities that enrich the quality of life through programs, parks, and services. We are excited to be building recreation together in this vibrant, vintage city promoting active living, and a livable community. Join us for purposes of leisure, entertainment, and recreational pursuits. Our priorities are people (YOU!), programs, parks, peace, and preservation. Visit our NEW WEBSITE at [mountclemensrecreation.org](http://mountclemensrecreation.org) for a snapshot of what our inaugural season looks like. You will find ways to stay fit, socialize, learn a new skill, or even take a road trip.

As of January 4th, recreation has relocated to the Community Center at 300 N. Groesbeck. Contact us to receive a copy of the winter season 'City Recreation' newsletter and to be placed on our email/ mailing list. Activities are planned for the months of January through April and new activities can "pop-up" at any time. Follow us on FACEBOOK at 'Mount Clemens Parks & Recreation' to stay up to date! Thank you to the City of Mount Clemens, our supporters, and the instructors who are committed to this journey. We are strong, confident, essential, driven, selfless and passionate; we are your PARKS & RECREATION team!

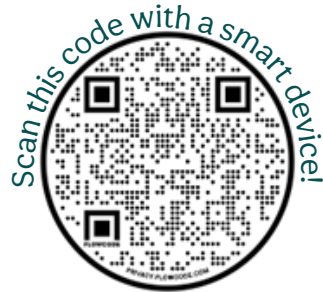
Fitness class dates, times, fees, and details can be found by visiting the Mount Clemens Recreation website at [mountclemensrecreation.org](http://mountclemensrecreation.org) or by calling 586-469-6800 ext. 520.

## New Year ~ New You!

Turn those New Year's resolutions into action and accomplishment by enrolling in our adult fitness classes. Group exercise programs are available for all fitness levels. We have evening, weekend, and daytime offerings.

The following programs are included in our line-up:

- Denise's Dance-n-Groove
- Fusion (Pilates/Yoga Mix)
- Line Dancing
- Prenatal Yoga
- Pound!
- Slow Flow Yoga
- Vinyasa Fusion
- Tai Chi
- Adult Zumba



## Adults 50+!

Specifically, designed with our 50+ friends in mind, we also have the following available during the day:

- Aerobics
- Cardio Drumming
- Chair Yoga
- Pinochle & Euchre
- Mahjong & Mexican Train Dominoes
- Book Club
- Flex & Focus Brain Game Fridays

## Elementary Aged Happenings!

It's five o'clock at Wilson Gym and the Community Center for these elementary aged happenings. TGA Junior Golf, Delightfully Dramatic & Mad Science Spy Academy debut this winter!

## Creative Art Activities & Classes!

Available for preschoolers, youth, and adults thanks to our cooperative partnerships with The Anton Art Center, Kam Komics, Art Box Studio and Angeles Pichette. Enjoy the following offerings hosted at the Community Center Class details and cost are available online at [mountclemensrecreation.org](http://mountclemensrecreation.org) or by calling 586-469-6800 ext. 520. Advance registration required for all programs.

## Exercise is Fun!

Fitness Stars, Zumba Kids, Kids Yoga and Free Play the Home-school Way activities are available this winter. Certified instructors Alma, Angeles & Stretch-n-Grow of Macomb have joined the Mount Clemens team and are ready to keep your little ones active. Daytime, evening, and weekend class details can be found on our website at [mountclemensrecreation.org](http://mountclemensrecreation.org). Sessions are available for boys and girls ages 3-11.

Kids Ages 6-13! Train your body the karate way. PKSA Karate of Macomb uses a curriculum that has been proven effective in teaching kids for decades. Classes take place January 19-February 23rd, Thursdays from 6-6:30PM.

## News from the Anton Art Center

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

**Adult Painting - Art for Kids - Mixed Media - Loom Weaving - Acrylic Flow - Watercolor-Ceramic**

Want to get involved in the arts but not sure how? Contact us today about volunteer opportunities.

With or without artistic skill, you can help build a community centered around the arts.

125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, MI 48043 | (586) 469-8666 | [www.theartcenter.org](http://www.theartcenter.org)

Exhibitions - Free admission open to the public from 10am-5pm, Tues-Sat

**'Small Works':** January 21 - February 25, 2023

Opening Reception & Awards Announcement: January 21, 2023 2:00pm

**'Michigan Annual L':** January 28 - February 25, 2023

Opening Reception & Awards Announcement: January 28, 2023, 2:00pm

**'Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show':** March 11 - April 13, 2023

Opening Reception & Awards Announcement: March 11, 2023, 2:00pm

**Education Open House** - February 12, 12-2pm

**Celebration of Black History** - February 19, 1-3pm

**Anton Art Center Annual Meeting** - March 21, 6-8pm

**Anton Art Market:** Valentine's Day Sales February 10th-12th Hours are Tues-Sat 10am-5pm. Shop the Art Market in the Anton Art Center or online to find unique art of all types. Get an unforgettable gift or a conversation piece while supporting local artists!



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