

Clementines

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:

January 18th
February 7th
February 22nd
March 7th
March 21st
April 4th

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

Mayor Kropp's Update

I hope you and your family had a very joyous holiday season! I am excited to see what 2022 has in store for our great city! Meanwhile, your city commissioners and I have been busy during the fourth quarter of 2021. I would first like to thank former City Commissioner Wanda Goodnough for serving last year to complete the term of Commissioner Sonny Ford. After the November 2nd election the commission welcomed Barb Dempsey to a commission seat. All of us look forward to working with Barb on the commission's ongoing mission to complete our strategic planning goals. Speaking of strategic planning, on January 8th the commission, staff, and I will hold a planning session. During this session, the intent is to evaluate our current goals and objectives, then decide if they still fit our city's vision. By the end of the session the commission will have a new list of priorities to begin aligning our budget. Budget season will begin mid first quarter of 2022. At the second commission meeting of January the commission will review the second reading of the recreational marijuana ordinance. As always if you have any comments or questions, feel free to email me at LKropp@gmail.com



Meet Your Neighbor

Theresa McGarity is a lifelong Mount Clemens resident and currently resides in the River Acres neighborhood. Theresa married in 1990 to her kindergarten sweetheart Mr. Clifton McGarity. Together they had four children two daughters and two sons. Theresa is a proud grandmother of soon to be three grandchildren (the latest grandson is due in January of 2022!). While holding down the fort at home, Theresa also works full-time as an office assistant for Macomb County Action. She is most proud of all her community work. Theresa believes in a life of service and has taken on many roles in the community. She is currently a Macomb Community Action Ambassador, a board member of Macomb County Chapter of National Council of Negro Women, City of Mount Clemens Traffic Safety committee, Macomb County Mental Health board, City of Mount Clemens Parade committee, State of Michigan Medicaid & Medicare agent, and most recently appointed to the Mount Clemens Housing Commission. Theresa enjoys celebrating worship every Sunday at the North Broadway Church of Christ. If you happen to see Theresa out and about take a second to say hello, I promise you won't be disappointed!



Winter Tax Bills

Residents should have received a winter tax bill in the mail around December 1, 2021, and it is due by March 1, 2022. Any 2021 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 your taxes are paid by a mortgage company. Please keep this tax bill for income tax purposes.

To pay your bill, scan this QR code



2022 Dog/Cat Licenses

You may now purchase 2022 animal licenses in the treasurer's Office. All renewals must be made during the months of January and February, or a penalty will apply. Please bring the rabies certificate that is signed by the veterinarian. The fees are: \$8.00/neutered and \$15.00/not neutered. All renewals after February 28 will include a \$10 penalty.

2022 Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

January

New Years Day – Saturday, January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. – Monday, January 17

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month.

Christmas Tree Pickup

A special yard waste collection truck is picking up Christmas Trees on your regular garbage day until January 28th. Please make sure that trees are bare or in a plastic bag when placed at the curb.

February

Presidents Day – Monday, February 14

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month.

April

Good Friday – Friday, April 15

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month.

May

Memorial Day – Monday, May 30

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.

July

Independence Day – Monday, July 4

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.

September

Labor Day – Monday, September 5

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 10

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during the entire month.

November

Veteran's Day – Friday, November 11

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

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 24th. Garbage pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Thursday, November 24th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 25th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 26th.

December

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month.

Clerk's Corner

Skip the Lines and Vote Absentee!

All Michigan voters may now vote by absentee ballot without a reason for every election! To make the process even easier, voters may register to be on the city's permanent absentee voter list. By doing so, voters will be automatically mailed an application requesting an absentee ballot for every election.

We hope that voters will take advantage of "no reason" absentee voting and enjoy the convenience of voting at home, while avoiding the lines on Election Day. To be placed on the permanent absentee list, please call the city clerk's office.

Unsolicited Voting Materials

Please note that the Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office does not send out unsolicited voter registration applications or absent voter ballot applications to residents. When residents receive these unsolicited voting materials, it is usually sent to them by political parties or voter interest groups. Because these third parties do not have access to any municipality's voter database, they do not know the status of voter registration and may send the applications to residents who are already registered--resulting in a great deal of confusion and frustration to voters. Similarly, these groups have been known to send absent voter ballot applications to voters who have already sent their completed application back to the city, prompting voters to believe that their original application was never received.

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 clerk's office at 586-469-6818, option #4, or visit the Michigan Voter Information Center online at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Elections in 2022

Mount Clemens voters will head to the polls for the State Primary on August 2, 2022, and for the State General Election on November 8, 2022. The offices to be elected in 2022 include the following:

- Governor/Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- US Representative in Congress
- State Senate
- State Representative
- State Board of Education
- University of Michigan Regents
- University Trustees Wayne State University Governors
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the District Court
- Judge of Probate

Voting precincts will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, option #4 for questions.

City of Mount Clemens

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 according may result in the city of issuing a violation notice or performing the task and billing the responsible property owner. 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

17th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, February 10 @ 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.

17th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Carving Show

Saturday, February 11 –

Sunday, February 13

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

The Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2022. The past several months has been challenging for many of us, and 2022 is the perfect time to reflect and reset. 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 Uptown 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.

Black Cat Coffee Shop at 40 Macomb Place - Clementine's Pastries at 57 Macomb Place -

The Bohemian Goat at 69 N. Walnut Street - 2 Girls and a Shoppe at 40 New Street -

Discovery Center of Macomb at 54 Cherry Street - The Urban Naturopath at 99 S. Main Street

An additional five new businesses will be opening in Uptown Mount Clemens in early 2022!

Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram 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 2022 DDA special events or the Mount Clemens Santa Parade please contact Michelle Weiss at 586.431.6788 or email weissii@msn.com

News from the Anton Art Center

Come see what's happening!

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

'Flora & Fauna': January 22 - March 1, 2022

'Michigan Annual XLIX': January 29 - March 1, 2022

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

Community Conversation: How Art Creates Conversations: Thursday, January 29, 2022, 4pm-5:30pm

Tired of your voice not being heard in the arts? All are welcome to join the conversation. Art is for all. Community Conversations focus broadly on under-representation of particular population groups in the arts sector, with special arts-related topics selected for each conversation. The Community Conversations are in partnership with the Anton Art Center IDEA Council.

Anton Art Market: Opening January 22, 2022! Hours are Tues-Sat 10am-5pm. Shop the Art Market in the Anton Art Center or on-line to find unique art of all types. Get an unforgettable gift or a conversation piece while supporting local artists!



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

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
Phone (586) 469-8666 | Web www.theartcenter.org

Improvements to Your Cable Access Channels

This past fall, both Comcast Xfinity and WOW! TV+ made significant investments in Mount Clemens by improving the signal quality for the Government, Education and Public Access Channels. Both companies replaced old, analog equipment with digital signal encoders. These encoders have the capacity for high definition (HD) channels. WOW TV+ customers currently receive all three cable access channels in their HD channel lineups. Comcast Xfinity customers are still receiving cable access in standard definition signals, but the quality has improved dramatically. When Comcast moves cable access to their HD channel lineup, our station is ready and will require no further equipment upgrades.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Senior Producer, Patrick Linabury at 586/461-3751 or

Email: LinaburyP@mtcps.org

Meet Your Firefighter

Mount Clemens Fire Lieutenant Tony Kirkum not only comes from a long line of Mount Clemens firefighters but is one of the city's favorite native sons as well. Born and bred in Mount Clemens, Tony graduated from Mount Clemens High School in 1990. He attended Western Michigan University as an English major and returned to Mount Clemens to attend the fire academy. He became a member of the Mount Clemens Volunteer Fire Department in 1993, just as his grandfather, father and brothers had done before him. The fire service is a rich family tradition in the Kirkum family, as Tony's father, Ken, and brother, Chris, both held the title of Mount Clemens Fire Chief.

Tony began his service to the city of Mount Clemens by working in the Department of Public Service, until 2001 when he was hired as a full-time member of the Mount Clemens Fire Department. Tony received a promotion to Fire Lieutenant in 2019 but was diagnosed with cancer that same year. He has been bravely fighting cancer ever since, while still working for the fire department.

Tony and his wife, Michelle, have made their home in Mount Clemens and are raising their daughters, Alyson and Maggie here in the city. The family attends Trinity Lutheran Church, where the couple were married in 1995.

Tony continues to give back to the community by volunteering his free time to the Mount Clemens Old Crowd and the Mount Clemens Goodfellows. The Goodfellows is an organization that is very dear to the Kirkum family, as Tony's father and brothers also were members.

The Kirkum family's dedication to the city of Mount Clemens was forever memorialized by the renaming of Wilson Park to Ken Kirkum Memorial Park in honor of Tony's father. Tony and the entire Kirkum family will always be committed to serve and protect the city that they have come to love so much.



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