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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:

October 17th
November 7th
November 21st
December 5th
December 19th

City Hall, Commission Chambers at 7:00pm

Mayor Kropp's Update

As summer ends, I want to thank the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the incredible concerts they coordinated! Also, a big thank you to the businesses who contributed to the concert series. The DDA is already beginning the planning phase for next year's events. If you have any suggestions, they would love to hear them. Please contact the DDA Coordinator Micki Weiss, at 586-469-4168.

Over the past few months Mount Clemens has received two grants. These grants will enable the city to make much needed improvements to our Downtown. The first grant was from the Macomb County Placemaking Grant program. In addition to money from the DDA, this grant will enable more lighting on our Downtown streets. The second grant is from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's RAP program. MEDC awarded Mount Clemens up to \$813,000 for our Cherry Street Mall revitalization project.

Coming up this quarter, I will present the State of the City address. Hosted by the Macomb County Chamber, the State of the City will take place on Friday, October 14th, 7:30 a.m. at Cairns Community Center located at 58 Orchard St, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. To purchase tickets please visit their website www.macombcountychamber.com.

For the first time ever, the City of Mount Clemens will present the State of the City address in the evening that will be free and open to the public. This event will take place Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 p.m. at Cairns Community Center.

During the fourth quarter your city commission will continue working on the following topics: Marihuana ordinance, water plant feasibility study, administrative hearing bureau, and many other important topics.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at Lkropp@mountclemens.gov

Coffee Talks

October 11th 9:30 a.m.
John's Family Grill

October 13th 6:30 p.m.
Black Cat Coffee

November 8th 9:30 a.m.
John's Family Grill

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Winter Snow Removal & Snow Emergency Information

Please keep in mind the Street Department will be clearing all major streets first during a snow storm. We will 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". Local television and radio news stations will be alerted when a snow emergency has been declared and cancelled.

After the initial notice of a snow emergency has been declared, please remove all vehicles within six hours on any major streets and/or within twelve hours on local streets or alleys. Once the entire street has been cleared of snow from curb to curb and no additional snow has accumulated or is predicted to accumulate, vehicles may then resume parking on that street.



Clerk's Corner

General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022

The next election in Mount Clemens is the general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Important Primary Election Deadlines

- Last day to register to vote by mail or online – October 24, 2022.
- In-person voter registration at city clerk's office with proof of residency is October 25, 2022, through November 8, 2022 (Election Day).
- Public accuracy test of voting equipment at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall
- Last day to have an absent voter ballot mailed to a voter – November 4, 2022.
- Last day to receive an absent voter ballot in person at the city clerk's office – November 7, 2022, by 4:00 p.m.

Extended Hours for City Clerk's Office

The Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist voters with voter registration and absentee ballots.

Keep the Campaign Shirts and Buttons at Home on Election Day!

Michigan election law stipulates that "a person shall not post, display, or distribute in a polling place, in any hallway used by voters to enter or exit a polling place, or within 100 feet of an entrance to a building in which a polling place is located any material that directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question" (MCL168.744). This prohibition includes campaign clothing, campaign buttons and campaign literature. Please abide by the law and do not enter any polling place with these items.

DO DEAD VOTERS STAY ON THE ROLLS?

Deceased voters' ballots are not counted in Michigan. If a person cast an absentee ballot and the clerk confirms they died before Election Day, that vote will be rejected and the person will be removed from the voter rolls. Those who claim otherwise are spreading harmful misinformation. Learn the facts at Michigan.gov/SOSFactCheck.

Michigan.gov **VOTE**

Election Day Notes

The polls will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The city of Mount Clemens has six precincts at the following locations:

- Precinct 1 – Turner Chapel Church (125 Clinton River Drive)
- Precinct 2 – Wilson Gymnasium (58 South Wilson)
- Precinct 3 – Community Center (300 Groesbeck Hwy)
- Precinct 4 – Community Center (300 Groesbeck Hwy)
- Precinct 6 – City Hall (1 Crocker Blvd)
- Precinct 9 – Seminole School (1500 Mulberry)

Welcome to Mount Clemens Recreation!

We are eager to set the foundation for a successful all-age recreation program that embraces celebrating the past and building the future. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Do you have a unique talent or skill that you can share with others?

We are on the lookout for instructors to teach classes, host workshops, hold seminars, offer instructional sports, direct fitness sessions, and lead camps for residents of all ages. If you are interested in sharing your talent and knowledge, we are excited to hear your ideas! Partner with us and earn income while doing what you love. We are regularly recruiting talent and are looking forward to connecting with you! Class ideas, descriptions and proposals can be sent to abowers@mountclemens.gov If you enjoyed a class or workshop elsewhere and would like to see it in your community, let us know. Help us create an appealing and diverse recreation program in your hometown!

For further information contact Mount Clemens Recreation at 586-469-6800 ext.1027. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-3:30PM.

Skeleton Contest 2022

The theme this year for the Skeleton Contest is MONSTERS! Starting October 14th you'll be able to find a number of ghouls hiding out in shops, museums and places of business. You might even see a monster or two running around at the fire station.

If you'd like to be to judge for the contest please contact sherrigavie65@gmail.com

Come join us for a spooktacular Halloween!

Fire Safety Month Tips

October is fire safety month, here are a few tips to keep your family safe.

- Test smoke detectors every month. If you are a homeowner in the city, you can get new smoke detectors at the station through our smoke detector program.
- Keep burning candles away from drapes & other flammable objects, & never leave them unsupervised.
- If you are going to have a fire outside, make sure you get a copy of the Mount Clemens burn policy.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from heating equipment like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or space heater.
- Consider using a small flashlight or a glow stick to light your pumpkins instead of a candle.

On behalf of everyone at the MCFD, we wish you a safe & happy fall!

Finance Department

Monthly Water Billing Notice

On September 6th, 2022, The City Commission approved a resolution that established monthly water and sewer rate billing. This change will be beneficial to the city's water customers, as well as reduce the volume and frequency of delinquent water bill payments. Monthly water billing implementation will begin early 2023. If you have any questions, please contact our Finance Department at 586-469-6800 ext. 303 or ext. 304 *Your 1st monthly bill may include more than one month of water reads*
 Water rates are to be charged and collected monthly in accordance with the following schedule

Retail Water Rates		Sewer Rates	
Consumption Charge: Per 100 Cubic Feet	\$ 3.59	Consumption Charge: Per 100 Cubic Feet	\$ 5.57
Fixed Service Charge: Per Quarter	\$ 29.44	Fixed Service Charge: Per Quarter	\$ 22.54
Fixed Service Charge: Per Month	\$ 9.82	Fixed Service Charge: Per Month	\$ 7.52

Please Note

- Failure to receive water bill does not waive late fee obligations.
- Unpaid bills become lien on property and will be added to the Summer, and/or Winter tax bills.
- Account delinquency may result in water shut off.

New Fees

The following fees are effective October 1, 2022

Water turn-on	\$ 55.00
Water turn-on (after 2:30pm)	\$ 132.00
Final Water Bill	\$ 16.00

Please be sure to pay your water bill on-time or call our office to set up payment arrangements. Once we initiate a water shut off, the water turn-on fee applies.

Community	Rate Est.	Water Cost	Sewer Cost	Total Cost	Price/Gallon
City of Roseville ²	Jul-21	\$ 20.45	\$ 33.68	\$ 54.13	1.41 ¢
Harper Woods ²	Sep-19	\$ 25.19	\$ 37.63	\$ 62.81	1.63 ¢
Mount Clemens¹	Aug-22	\$ 28.30	\$ 36.20	\$ 64.50	1.67 ¢
Clinton Township ²	Jan-21	\$ 24.64	\$ 40.62	\$ 65.26	1.69 ¢
Grosse Pointe Woods ²	Jul-21	\$ 31.62	\$ 34.92	\$ 66.54	1.73 ¢
St. Clair Shores ²	Jul-22	\$ 32.49	\$ 38.75	\$ 71.24	1.85 ¢
Eastpointe ²	Jul-19	\$ 41.70	\$ 46.34	\$ 88.04	2.29 ¢
Fraser ²	Jul-22	\$ 43.38	\$ 63.86	\$ 107.25	2.78 ¢
¹ Costs Based on Proposed Rates					
² Costs Based on Existing Rates					

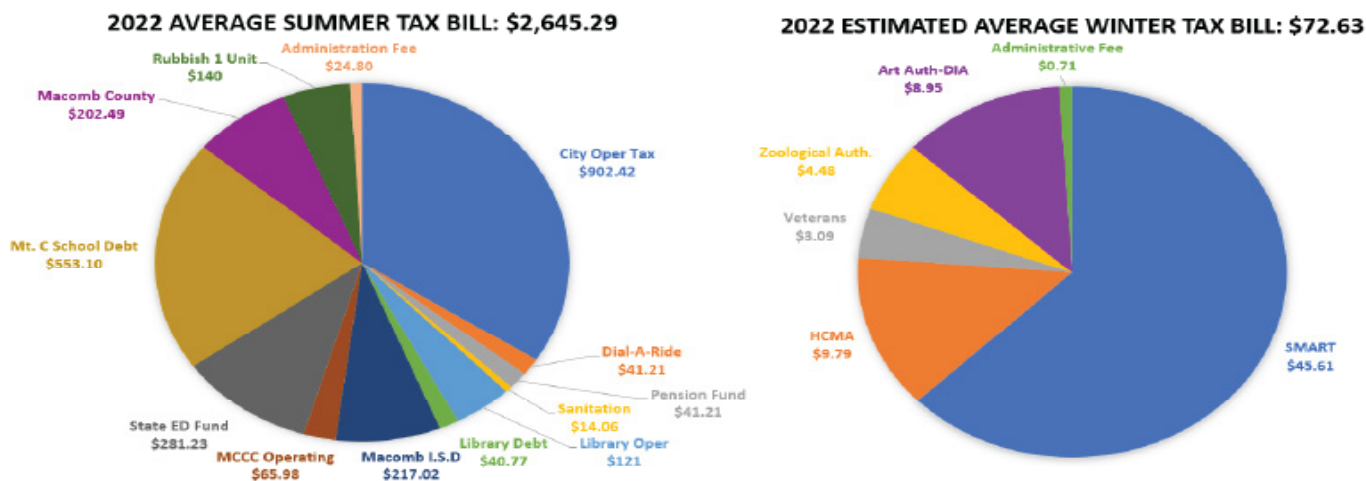
Winter Tax Bills

Residents will receive a winter tax bill on or around December 1, 2022, and it will be due on February 28, 2023. Every resident will receive a tax bill, even if your mortgage company pays them on your behalf. Please keep this copy for your records. Any balance remaining on 2022 taxes will be turned over to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office on March 1, 2023. All payments on or after that date will be payable to: Macomb County Treasurer, 1 S. Main St., Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Their phone number is 586-469-5190

* Please note: When writing a check, it must be the exact amount due or a partial payment. We cannot accept an overpayment on taxes.*

Where Do My Tax Dollars Go?

The Charts below reflect a Summer and Winter Tax Bill for an owner-occupied home¹, using the average 2022 Taxable Value² and an average of the 2022 Millage Rates (which vary by school and Downtown Development Authority district). Summer tax bills are mailed out by July 1st, and Winter tax bills by December 1st. Different millages are paid on each bill. While the Treasurer's Office collects all of these, we only keep those dollars due to the city and distribute the rest to the various taxing authorities



¹ Owner Occupied means eligible for the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE). Properties without PRE pay an additional 18 mills of school taxes.
² Taxable Value is the legal term reflecting the Assessed Value of a property, adjusted by provision of State Law referred to as Proposal A, which limits yearly increases to .5% or rate of inflation (whichever is less) during the duration of a person's ownership.



Treasurer's Office
 1 Crocker Boulevard
 City of Mount Clemens, MI 48043
 586-469-6800

Mark Your Calendars!

Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 22 at 12 PM – 3 PM
Fountain Stage and Macomb Place

Truck or Treat

Saturday, October 22 at 4 PM – 8 PM
In the Macomb Place Parking Lot

Uptown Events!

Downtown Christmas Open House

Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa
Friday, November 18 at 5 PM – 9PM
Downtown Mount Clemens

Mount Clemens Santa Parade

Saturday, November 19 at 10AM
Downtown Mount Clemens

Christmas Light Parade

Saturday, December 10 at 7PM
Downtown Mount Clemens

Mark Your Calendars!

Kids New Year's Eve Event

Saturday, December 31 at 4PM 9PM
Discovery Center of Macomb

Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala

Saturday, December 31 at 10:30PM
Main St. Downtown Mount Clemens

Holiday Refuse Calendar

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

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire months of **October, December & January**.

Questions, please call Department of Public Services at 586-469-6800 ext. 514

The City of Mount Clemens will again be enforcing its leaf pick up policy this fall. All leaves that do not fall into the street from the trees must be placed in 30 gallon paper waste bags or 32 gallon or smaller refuse containers marked "compost" or "yard waste".

Absolutely no raking or blowing leaves into the street. If you have a landscaping company, please make sure that they are aware of this policy.

Compost & leaf pickup season ends December 10th

Redevelopment Ready Community Designation

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities program is offered to municipalities across the state. This is a voluntary certification program promoting effective redevelopment strategies through a set of best practices. The program measures and then certifies communities that integrate transparency, predictability and efficiency into their daily development practices. The certification is a formal recognition that a community has a vision for the future and the fundamental practices in place to get there. Certified communities encourage business attraction and retention, offer superior customer service, and have a streamlined development approval process making pertinent information readily available. Once certified, communities are able to utilize additional marketing tools through the MEDC to promote development and redevelopment.

At the city commission's August 15, 2022 meeting, the city was presented with a plaque signifying its designation as the state of Michigan's 6th community to reach Essentials status. Although not an exhaustive list, some of the items that have been completed include:

- The adoption of the 2016 master plan update.
- The creation of a public participation plan.
- The creation of an online development guide.
- The updating of the city's boards and committees handbook.
- Accepting credit cards for payment of fees and permits.
- The creation of a training strategy for its development related boards.
- The creation of an economic development tab on the city website.
- The adoption of a capital improvement plan as part of its FY23 budget.
- The adoption of a new user-friendly zoning ordinance in 2021 which replaced a 2003 zoning ordinance.

I would like to thank all of the staff and local leaders, as well as our counterparts at the MEDC, for supporting this effort. With the Essentials designation, the city has now unlocked ongoing benefits, including continued technical assistance, marketing assistance and more.

Shop Small

We encourage you to shop small instead of the mall on Small Business Saturday and throughout the entire holiday shopping season. Patronizing small, independently owned local businesses helps support our local economy. Downtown Mount Clemens has numerous retail stores with great unique gift giving ideas for the most difficult people to shop for on your list. The Anton Art Center Holiday Market is another great holiday shopping opportunity, and nearly all of our downtown restaurants offer gift certificates. If you are looking for a place to hold your holiday party, there are over a dozen venues right here in Downtown Mount Clemens.