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CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS DEPARTMENTAL PHONE LISTING

The main phone number for the City of Mount Clemens is **586.469.6818**. For specific departments, please see the options/phone numbers listed below.

Accounting	x 1
Animal Control	.586.469.6847
Assessing	x 4
Cable Television	.586.461.3751
City Clerk	x 3
City Manager	x 7
Mayor/City Commission	
Community Development	x 2
Building/Inspections	
Community Relations	x 7
Dial-A-Ride	.586.469.RIDE
Downtown Dev. Authority	.586.469.4168
Finance	x 301
Fire	.586.469.6840
Human Resources	x 5
Parking Matters	x 909
Public Housing	.586.468.1434
Dept. of Public Services	.586.469.6847
Purchasing	x 6
Treasurer's Office	x 1
Tax/Water Bills	
Credit Card Payments	1.866.789.5536
Utilities	.586.469.6889
Water & Sewer/Water Filtration	

Macomb County

Sheriff's Office586.469.5151
www.macombsheriff.com

41B District Court586.469.9300

Mount Clemens City Hall
One Crocker Boulevard
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

www.cityofmountclemens.com

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Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

Happy New Year "2017"

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

- Goran Persson

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I wanted to make residents of Mount Clemens aware of a beneficial program available to eligible seniors. The Macomb Community

Action's Senior Citizen Chore Service assists senior citizens with home maintenance and minor repairs. The program is available to persons age 60 and older who meet eligibility guidelines.

Call 586.469.5228 or visit <http://mca.macombgov.org/MCA-Seniors-Chore> for more information or to request grass cutting, snow removal or odd job services.

Snow Removal

- Those interested in snow removal must make a new request every year.
- Each year, a new snow removal list is created for seniors based on social and economic need.
- Notification will be mailed in November to those who have been placed on the snow list.
- Snow removal is performed after a snowfall of two or more inches.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Tingley
Community Development Director

MacArthur Park – Kayak Launch

The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC), in partnership with the City of Mount Clemens and Macomb County, has kicked off of a crowdfunding campaign at the end of November to raise funds to install a universally accessible kayak and canoe launch at MacArthur Park.

"Our goal is to raise \$60,000 in 60 days," states Tara Beatty, CRWC Development Director. "If we reach our goal, the MSHDA and MEDC's Public Spaces Community Places will match our donations up to \$50,000 for the MacArthur Park project."

The park project will help create a link between the riverfront and downtown Mount Clemens, while enhancing MacArthur Park with improved facilities that will highlight a key recreational asset in the community and in the region. Additionally, the park will feature universally accessible restrooms, picnic tables, and kayak storage lockers, among many other amenities.

"Adding a universally accessible

kayak launch at MacArthur Park will allow users of all abilities the opportunity to experience all that Mount Clemens and the Clinton River have to offer," states Mayor Barb Dempsey.

MacArthur Park was one of twelve kayak and canoe launch locations identified by the Clinton River Watershed Council through a grant provided by the Coastal Zone Management under CRWC's WaterTowns program, which focuses on community-based placemaking initiatives to help towns and cities in the watershed leverage the assets of the Clinton River, its tributaries and Lake St. Clair for water-oriented community development. If the funding goal is reached, it will be the first universally accessible launch to be fully funded and installed. Donations of any amount are accepted and appreciated.

"Every donor will receive a reward



for their support, ranging from paddling accessories to onsite recognition at MacArthur Park, to naming rights or even an exclusive VIP paddle when the launch opens" states Beatty.

Recreational enthusiasts, residents and businesses alike can view the project video and help CRWC and the City reach their fundraising goal by making an online donation at www.patronicity.com/project/macarthur_park_river_access or by contacting CRWC at 248.601.0606. There is also a link on the City website at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

The deadline to make a donation is Saturday, January 28, 2017.

The Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2017. As we embark on the New Year, we will keep you informed on new, exciting developments and projects that are percolating within our Downtown district.

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

12th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, February 2
Starts at 6 PM

At Participating Bars and Restaurants Downtown
Tickets can be purchased in advance at participating establishments
586.469.4168

Proceeds benefit Mount Clemens Goodfellows and the Anton Art Center

12th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Carving Show

Friday, February 3 through Sunday, February 5
Show formally opens 4 PM Friday and runs through Sunday evening
Sculpture Displays on Macomb Place Kids Wonderland Warming Center at 70 Macomb Place – Open Saturday Noon – 4 PM, Sunday Noon – 3 PM.
Live ice carving will be taking place from midday Thursday to midday Sunday. The Family Warming Center features fun and activities for the entire family.

Interested in sponsoring a sculpture? Details are available at: DowntownMountClemens.com/events
586.469.4168

Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 14
Shop & Dine Local – Shop, dine, and have a great time in Downtown Mount Clemens

St. Patrick's Day Fest Downtown

Friday, March 17
Details to be announced
Sponsored by 94.7 WCXS, Petitpren Inc., O'Halloran's Public House, Mount Clemens DDA

Made in Michigan Show

Friday, May 12 through Saturday, May 13

Interested vendors can get forms online at: DowntownMountClemens.com/events

Stay tuned for our soon to be announced complete line up of events for 2017.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, log on to: DowntownMountClemens.com.

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Please help us welcome our new business owners and businesses to town! Stop in, say hello, and support the local establishments that support our local economy.

New Business Owners

- Ardis Music Store
49 North Walnut Street
- Champagne Chocolates
65 Macomb Place, Suite E

New Businesses

- Alley Cat Junktiques
52 New Street
- The Loft Fine Arts
81 Macomb Place
- Minha's Coffee Haus
56 Cherry Street
- O'Halloran's Public House
112 Macomb Place
- O'Halloran's Public Hall
110 Macomb Place
- Emerald Theatre
31 North Walnut Street

Opening Soon

- Sushi 'n More
55 North Walnut Street
- El Rays Mexican Restaurant
27 North Walnut Street

Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for the most up to date information on events and new happenings in Downtown Mount Clemens.

- Visit our website: DowntownMountClemens.com.
- Like the Official Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens)
- Follow us on Twitter: @[MountClemensDDA](https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA)

A Resident's Guide to Understanding Assessments

IMPORTANT ASSESSING DATES

- ASSESSMENT NOTICES SHOULD BE IN THE MAIL BY MARCH 4, 2017

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017: 9 AM – NOON AND 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017: 1 PM – 4 PM AND 6 PM – 9 PM

APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY

Proposal "A" of 1994

- On March 15, 1994, Michigan voters approved the constitutional amendment known as Proposal A. It was designed to limit the growth in property taxes by the Consumer Price Index until ownership in the property was transferred. Prior to Proposal A, property taxes were based on the State Equalized Value (SEV), which may fluctuate from year to year. With the implementation of Proposal A, property taxes are based on your property's Taxable Value (TV).

Taxable Value

- In 1994, all properties became "capped". The property's SEV then became the new Taxable Value. From that point forward, Taxable Value could increase in the following three ways: 1) A Transfer of Ownership 2) A physical change to the Property or 3) Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) not to exceed 5%, this is also referred to as the Inflation Rate Multiplier.

Transfer of Ownership

- When a transfer of ownership takes place on a property, the Taxable Value is uncapped to the Assessed Value for the following year. From that point forward, the Taxable Value is capped until the next transfer.

Physical Changes

- Any change in Assessed Value due to a physical change will also change the Taxable Value beyond the CPI increase. Any loss in value would be subtracted and any new value would be added after applying the Inflation Rate Multiplier (CPI). All assessments are based on what is physically on the property as of each December 31st. Most maintenance items such as

roofs, siding, windows, etc., are not considered as a physical addition to the property.

Inflation Rate Multiplier (CPI)

Every year the State of Michigan calculates the Inflation Rate Multiplier (CPI). The multiplier is calculated by statute, on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as measured by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics and is based on a two year average of the consumer price index based on the state fiscal year. All property in Michigan will have an average increase based on the Inflation Rate Multiplier or 5% (whichever is lower). The 2017 Inflation Rate Multiplier (CPI) is 0.900

Market Value

The Assessed Value represents 50% of a property's Market Value. The figure is calculated through a study of sales in the City for a one year period. The State regulated dates for the two year study time frame are 10/1/2014 through 9/30/2016. The City is divided into nine (9) different study areas and sales in each area are evaluated to establish the percentage that values will change.

Foreclosures

The State Tax Commission has issued specific guidelines regarding the inclusion of foreclosure sales in Assessor's sales studies. These guidelines require the Assessor to review each foreclosure sale utilizing the established criteria. The Assessor makes a determination based on the guidelines whether to include specific sales in the study.

For a list of **Frequently Asked Questions**, please visit www.cityofmountclemens.com and click on Assessing under the Services link.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

The City of Mount Clemens will be closed during the following holidays:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 16, 2017

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 20, 2017

Good Friday
Friday, April 14, 2017

Holiday Refuse Calendar

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 16, 2017
Garbage pickup will run **on schedule** January 16th through January 20th.

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 20, 2017
Garbage pickup will be **on schedule** during the entire month of February.

Good Friday
Friday, April 14, 2017
Garbage pickup will be **on schedule** during the entire month of April.

Christmas Tree Pickup

A special yard waste collection truck is picking up Christmas trees on your regular garbage day until January 27th. Please make sure that trees are bare and not in a plastic bag when placed at the curb.

Winter Snow Removal

Please keep in mind 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.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847.

Mount Clemens Promotional Items Are Available

The City of Mount Clemens has many new promotional items available for sale! Please stop into the City Manager's Office at City Hall to purchase any of the items below. Only cash or checks are accepted.

TEE SHIRTS		MICROFLEECE VESTS	
Navy blue w/white logo		Men's grey w/white logo	
SM-XXL	\$10.00	M-XL	\$22.00
		XXL-XXXL	\$25.00
POLO SHIRTS			
Navy blue w/white logo		Women's black w/white logo	
SM-XXL	\$18.00	M-XL	\$22.00
		XXL-XXXL	\$25.00
CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS		DRAW STRING BACKPACKS	
Navy blue w/white logo		Navy blue w/white logo	\$8.00
SM-XXL	\$18.00		
HOODIES		TOTE BAGS WITH ZIPPERS	
Grey w/blue logo		Navy blue w/white logo	\$10.00
SM-XL	\$22.00		
XXL	\$25.00	BASEBALL CAPS	
		Snapback	\$10.00
Navy blue w/white logo		Flex Fit	\$15.00
SM-XL	\$22.00	COFFEE MUGS	
XXL	\$25.00	Ceramic coffee mug	\$3.00
ZIP HOODIES		Travel coffee mug	\$5.00
Navy blue w/white logo			
SM-XL	\$25.00		
XXL	\$30.00		



CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk

Serve Mount Clemens by Running for City Office

If you're looking for a way to make a difference in Mount Clemens, please consider running for the office of Mayor or City Commission. The next City Election will be held in November, 2017. The Mayor is elected at large to serve a 2-year term. Three (3) City Commissioners are elected at large to serve a 4-year term. Candidate packets will be available around March 1, 2017. Included in this packet are:

- Nominating Petition Forms
- Affidavit of Qualifications
- Affidavit of Candidacy
- Affidavit of Identity
- Campaign Finance Information

A candidate must 1) Have been a resident of the City for at least 365

days immediately prior to the last day for filing original petitions for such office; 2) Be a qualified and registered elector of the City on such last day for filing; 3) Submit nominating petitions with a minimum of 40 valid signatures.

The deadline to return the petitions and forms is in mid-July 2017.

Boards and Committees

Make valuable contributions to the City of Mount Clemens by volunteering to serve on one (or more) of the City's many Boards and Committees. There are currently openings on the following boards: Beautification Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals-Alternate, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Harbor Commission, Historical Commission,

Historic District Commission, Housing Commission, and Traffic Safety Committee. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3 for an application.

No Knock List

As part of the City's Door-to-Door Solicitor's Ordinance, the City Clerk's Office has established a "No-Knock" list. This list is given to all solicitors upon issuance of a Door-to-Door permit. They are advised at that time, not to solicit at the addresses on the list. If you would like to add your address to the list, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3, or email at lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com. **Please note:** The "No-Knock" list is for residential properties only.

E-Mail Notifications

Get the most up-to-date information about the City of Mount Clemens by signing up for email notifications. Simply log on to www.cityofmountclemens.com, click on the Document Center icon, and then select Email Notifications at the top of the page. You will be asked to enter your email and then an email verification will be sent to you. From there, you can select what meetings you are interested in, as well as City events, and you will receive an email notification whenever agendas, minutes, meeting packets and upcoming City events are posted. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3.

**Important Information Regarding
Your Winter Tax Bills**

- Winter Property Taxes are payable December 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017
- Beginning March 1, 2017, delinquent bills must be paid to the Macomb County Treasurer
- If your taxes are paid by a mortgage company and you do not see a mortgage code, forward this bill to your mortgage company.
- Failure to receive a Tax Bill does not waive late payment penalty or fee.
- **Check Policy:** Checks are accepted only as conditional payment. If it is not honored by the bank, tax is unpaid and subject to penalties and interest. A fee is assessed each time a check is returned unpaid.
- **Errors and Omissions:** Examine your statement closely for corrections. If your principal residence exemption percentage is incorrect, contact the Assessor's Office at 586.469.6818 x4 to inquire about your appeal rights. Please return this bill if you no longer own this property.
- **Delinquent Bills:** Beginning March 1, 2017, delinquent bills must be paid to County Treasurer, including penalties and fees. Mail or deliver payment to:
Macomb County Treasurer
One South Main, 2nd Floor
Mount Clemens, MI 48043
586.469.5190

Did You Receive a Past Due Notice?

Contact the Treasurer's Office if you need to make payment arrangements for a past due water/sewer bill. If you are unable to pay your bill in full, you will need to sign-up to make monthly payments to prevent a service shut off. Once a shut-off is initiated, a \$25 service fee applies and the entire balance is due. You can prevent a shut-off by simply going to the Treasurer's Office at City Hall and making payment arrangements. Cash or money order is accepted.

If you are unable to make a payment towards your past due bill, contact an agency for help as soon as possible, by simply calling 211.

If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x1.

Payment Options**IN PERSON:**

- 8 AM to 4:30 PM
- Bring your statement with payment to City Hall Treasurer's Office
- Check or Money Order payable to: "City of Mount Clemens"

24-HOUR DROP BOX:

- West side of City Hall Parking Lot, across from Gazebo
- Use enclosed addressed envelope and include remittance stub along with Check or Money Order, no cash, payable to: "City of Mount Clemens"

MAIL:

- Use enclosed addressed envelope and include remittance stub along with Check or Money Order, no cash, payable to: "City of Mount Clemens"
- Send to One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

- Your cancelled check is your receipt.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD:

- This type payment is ONLY accepted online OR over the phone. A 2.75% processing fee applies to all credit/debit card payments.
- ONLINE:**
 - www.cityofmountclemens.com
 - Click Online Bill Payment box or click Make Online Payments link
- PHONE:**
 - 866.789.5536
 - Check or credit/debit card

Transparency

Taxpayers may view the Open Government Transparency & Accountability Data at www.cityofmountclemens.com, using the Transparency / Financial Reporting tab.

Riverfront Gazebo

Are you getting married in 2017 or know someone who is? The Treasurer's Office will start taking 2017 reservations for the gazebo on February 1, 2017. Fees are \$50.00 for the first hour and \$25.00 for each additional hour. This beautiful location provides a unique background for wedding pictures.

Dog/Cat Licenses

Purchase annual animal licenses for 2017 in the Treasurer's Office. New animal licenses are valid for one year and will expire 01/01/2018. All renewals must be made during the months of January and February or will be subject to a penalty charge. Bring Veterinarian signed rabies certificate when applying. Fees are \$8.00/neutered and \$15.00/not neutered.

For more information contact:

Chore Services/Home Injury Control
Phone: 586.469.5228
Fax: 586.469.7839
TDD: 586.469.5962
21885 Dunham Road
VerKuijen Building, Suite #6
Clinton Township, MI 48036
Email: mca@macombgov.org
When emailing questions regarding services, please include your name, phone number or other contact information, and city of residence.

**Commissioner
Coffee Talks**

City Commissioner Laura Kropp is hosting monthly Commissioner Coffee Talks, to inform residents on City information and hear residents' concerns. All Commissioner Coffee Talks are held at John's Family Grill, 304 Cass Avenue on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 17	9:30 AM
Tuesday, February 14	9:30 AM
Saturday, February 18	9:30 AM
Tuesday, March 14	9:30 AM
Saturday, March 18	9:30 AM



Your place for:

- Learn-to-Skate Classes
- Public Skating
- Youth/Adult Hockey
- Birthday Parties
- Group Outings/Field Trips

To obtain information regarding these programs, please call the arena at 586.307.8202 or visit www.mountclemensicearena.com.

Crocker House Museum**Children's Etiquette Class at
Crocker House Museum**

Sunday, March 5 1 PM

Learn the basics in every-day etiquette; including how to shake hands, how to introduce, common courtesy and table manners.

\$15 per student includes dessert.

Please call 586.465.2488 for tickets or for more information.

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Under normal conditions, snow is cleared within one to two days after snowfall has stopped.

Odd Jobs

Persons receiving Chore Service may be required to purchase materials. Labor costs are included in suggested cost sharing.

Typical odd jobs include:

- minor plumbing
- change storms and screens
- minor electrical

Seniors requesting Chore Service are expected to share in the cost of providing the service. For each service performed, the senior should make an appropriate contribution. No one will be excluded from receiving services if their income does not permit them to contribute at the recommended level.

- install window plastic
- change furnace filters
- clean gutters
- replace locks
- install smoke alarms

City Commission Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 17, 2017*
Monday, February 6, 2017
Tuesday, February 21, 2017*
Monday, March 6, 2017
Monday, March 20, 2017
* Dates changed due to holiday

Agendas and videos of past City Commission meetings are available on our website www.cityofmountclemens.com.