



A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mount Clemens

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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.

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/Accounting	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 Office	586.469.5151
www.macombsheriff.com	
41B District Court	586.469.9300

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

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS

The founder of our City, Christian Clemens, first came to this area in 1796 as part of a surveying venture. At the time the area was known as "High Banks" or "Big Springs" along the river, then-known as the Huron. Clemens was intrigued with the area, in 1801 bought some property along the river. He built a log house about where the County Court Building is today. In 1818, Clemens laid out lots and streets with names; plotting a village he named Mount Clemens. On January 15, 1818, Michigan Territory Governor, Lewis Cass, signed a proclamation establishing the County of Macomb, named after General Alexander Macomb, hero of the War of 1812. Three months later, Governor Cass named Mount Clemens the County seat and appointed Christian Clemens Judge of the County Court. On January 26, 1837, the little settlement was incorporated as a village, the same date that Michigan became the 26th state admitted to the Union. By 1879, the town had grown to over 3,000 souls and the people voted for the village to become a City.

During the 1870's, attempts to develop salt wells had proved unsuccessful but resulted in the discovery of the famed mineral waters. Soon a mineral bath industry flourished that made Mount Clemens famous throughout the world as a health spa. During the heyday of the mineral bath era, 23 major hotels and bath houses along with many smaller hotels and rooming houses prospered.

Around World War II, this thriving industry began to decline, and fewer and fewer people came to stay the three weeks required to obtain the curative powers of the baths. Reminders of the era can still be seen throughout the City, in the neighborhoods with the lovely old homes and in the downtown with its picturesque buildings.

As the mineral baths were bringing fame to the City, another industry was developing which brought national attention to Mount Clemens. Beginning in 1880, and for two decades after World War I, there were ten major rose growers with over 30 acres under glass. Mount Clemens was once known as the Rose Capital of the United States.

The Clinton River played a prominent role in the City's development. From the earliest settlement, through the 1800's and into the mid 1900's, our citizens fished, hunted and trapped along its banks. Boat building and repair establishments flourished along the river. Notable among the boat builders was the Hacker Boat Company, originator of the famous "Hackercraft." Mount Clemens built ships up to 190 ft. in length for the commercial trade.

After World War II, a group of forward-thinking citizens began what would become a nine-year struggle to reform the City Charter. Since 1919, the City had been governed by four elected

Commissioners and a Mayor. It took several attempts, but on April 5, 1954, a new City Charter calling for a City Manager form of government was passed. It also called for an elected Mayor and six Commissioners, elected at large.

The significance of this political reform became clear as a physical reform of the City followed quickly. Extensive urban renewal projects began in the 1950's and 1960's that greatly transformed the appearance of the Old City. Riverfront and downtown developments such as landscaping, a marina and a boardwalk enhance the City's attractiveness. As the County Seat and one of the oldest cities in Michigan, it remains as a financial and judicial center. Mount Clemens continues as a fine residential city and its citizens and business people are proud of its elegant, famous past and enthusiastically plan for its bright future.

*You're Invited
to visit the*

Hall of History

What: Each month the history of various residents, groups and businesses will be featured

Where: Mount Clemens City Hall
One Crocker Boulevard

When: All year long

Please visit throughout the year!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
1818-2018
LET THE
BICENTENNIAL
FESTIVITIES
BEGIN

The Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2018. As we embark on our bicentennial year, we will keep you informed on new and exciting events, developments, and projects that are percolating within our Downtown district.

Join us in 2018 as Mount Clemens celebrates 200 years of rich history and accomplishments over the years.

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

13th Annual Fire and Ice

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, February 1 Starts at 6 PM
At Participating Downtown Bars and Restaurants

Tickets can be purchased in advance at participating establishments
586.469.4168

Proceeds benefit Mount Clemens Goodfellows and the Anton Art Center

13th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Carving Show

Friday, Feb. 2 – Sunday, Feb. 4

Walk down memory lane and learn about our history through the ice carvings

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, Saturday 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 available at:
DowntownMountClemens.com/events

586.469.4168

Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14

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

St. Patrick's Day Fest Downtown

Saturday, March 17

Details TBA

Sponsored by 94.7 WCXS, Petitpren

Inc., O'Halloran's Public House, Mount Clemens DDA

Made in Michigan Show

Friday, May 11 – Saturday, May 12

Interested vendors:

DowntownMountClemens.com/events

Stay tuned for our soon to be announced complete line up of Bicentennial activities and events for 2018.

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

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

- Bath City Bistro – 75 Macomb Place

New Businesses

- The Fashion Factory – 54 Cherry Street
- The Sweet Shoppe – 55 N. Walnut Street

Opening Soon

- El Reys Mexican Restaurant – 27 North Walnut Street
- A soon to be named new deli – 64 Macomb Place
- The Elixir – 88 Macomb Place
- A soon to be named new restaurant - 27 N. Main 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)



Like the City's new Facebook page!

"City of Mount Clemens - Government"

Holiday Refuse Calendar

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 15, 2018

- Garbage pickup will run on schedule
- January 15th through January 19th.

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 19, 2018

- Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of February.

Good Friday

Friday, March 30, 2018

- Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of March and April.

Christmas Tree Pickup

- A special yard waste collection truck is picking up Christmas Trees on your regular garbage day until January 26th. 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.

Did You Know???

The riverfront property where the Gazebo and City Hall sit used to be an amusement park, complete with a roller coaster. In 1909 "Leap the Dips" opened for visitors to enjoy at the cost of 10 cents a ride.

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.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 15th

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 19th

Good Friday

Friday, March 30th

City Commission Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 *
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 *
Monday, February 5, 2018
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 *
Monday, March 5, 2018
Monday, March 19, 2018

*Date changed due to holiday

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



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.

TREASURER/ACCOUNTING

Linda Kunath
Finance Director/Treasurer

Winter Tax Bills

Winter Property Taxes are payable from December 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018. There are several convenient payment methods listed below. Beginning March 1, 2018, delinquent bills must be paid to Macomb County Treasurer. Their address is: Macomb County Treasurer, One South Main, 2nd Floor, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Their phone number is 586.469.5190.

Convenient Ways to Pay Bills or Parking Tickets

There are several easy ways to pay a tax bill, water/sewer utility bill, or parking ticket:

- 1) **MAIL** a check or money order payable to the City of Mount Clemens, include your remittance, and send to One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043.
- 2) **24-Hour DROP BOX** located on west side of City Hall parking lot, across from Gazebo, is available for you to place an envelope containing your remittance and a written check or money order payable to the City of Mount Clemens. Do not deposit cash.
- 3) **PAY IN PERSON** by going to City Hall Treasurer's Office. Cash, check or money order, credit/debit card are accepted and a receipt will be issued. A processing fee applies to credit/debit card payments. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays.
- 4) **PAY ONLINE** using MasterCard or Visa at City's website www.cityofmountclemens.com, click on the applicable link under Make Online Payments. A processing fee applies.

- 5) **PAY BY PHONE** by calling 866.789.5536 to pay by check, debit card or credit card. A processing fee applies.

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 2018 or know someone who is? The City's Treasurer's Office is taking 2018 reservations to rent the photogenic gazebo starting February 1, 2018. 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 2018 in the Treasurer's Office. New animal licenses are valid for one year and will expire 01/01/2019. 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.

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 \$35 service fee applies, \$70 fee after hours, and the entire balance is due. You can prevent a shut-off by simply going to City Hall Treasurer's Office and

making payment arrangements. Cash, Money Order, or Credit/Debit card are 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.

Parking Permits

Quarterly Parking Permits may be purchased at City Hall Treasurer's Office.



Parkmobile App

Use Parkmobile app when parked at a City meter to save time and money. This convenient app is quick and easy to use! Download the app, register your license plate, link a payment method, then this use app when parked at a City meter, and receive customizable parking expiration reminders.

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, Jan. 9th 9:30 AM
- Saturday, Jan. 20th 9:30 AM
- Tuesday, Feb. 13th 9:30 AM
- Saturday, Feb. 17th 9:30 AM
- Tuesday, Mar. 13th 9:30 AM
- Saturday, Mar. 17th 9:30 AM

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

- Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk

2018 Election Dates

- **State Primary** - August 7, 2018
- **State General Election** - November 6, 2018

Boards and Committees

- Make valuable contributions to the City by volunteering to serve on one of the City's many Boards and Committees. There are currently openings on the following boards:
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority,
- Construction Code Board of Appeals, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission and the Traffic Safety Committee.

E-Mail Notifications

- Get the most up-to-date information about the City of Mount Clemens by signing up for email notifications. Log on to www.cityofmountclemens.com, click on the Document Center icon, and then select Email Notifications. 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 further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, x3 or email at lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com.

PUBLIC HOUSING INFORMATION

Residents of Mount Clemens public housing are encouraged to bring their complaints and concerns to the Mount Clemens Housing Commission in order to resolve issues. The Housing Commission meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Second Floor Conference Room at City Hall. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, please call 586.468.1434.

CABLE TELEVISION

Patrick Linabury
Senior Producer

Throughout the year, your cable station highlights people and non-profit organizations that provide valuable services to Mount Clemens residents. We promote them on our message board, the A Minute of Your Time video series and our flagship program, Bath City Beat. This year, we will be focusing on those stories that play a big part of our cities' two hundred-year history. We

will be covering the bicentennial events that are planned throughout the year as well.

If you know of an organization, person, business or an event that you would like to see promoted, contact Senior Producer, Patrick Linabury, at 586.461.3751 or Bath City Beat Producer, Darin Roberts, at 586.461.3756 and tell us your story.



Reporter, Shayne Thomas, interviews Librarian, Debbie Larsen, about a book she recently published on the two hundred-year history of Mount Clemens.

Macomb Cable Network -

Government Access – Comcast channel 5, WOW! channel 10, AT&T channel 99
Educational Access – Comcast channel 20, WOW! channel 15
Public Access – Comcast channel 22, WOW! channel 18.

What's New?

The Mount Clemens Fire Department has enhanced the safety of our citizens by switching to a new state of the art dispatch system. Making this switch allows us to get vital information faster and helps us when we assist other fire departments for mutual aid.

Special Thanks

The Mount Clemens Firefighters would like to thank everyone who came to support our Annual Soapbox Derby Pancake Breakfast! All proceeds of the breakfast go to help local charities. A special thanks to Hefling's Amish Farm Market for their generosity.

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors help save lives! That statement is not exaggerated at all, it is simple fact. They should be in every sleeping room and outside each sleeping area. Also, they should be on every floor of the house as well. Testing of the alarms should be at least once a month to ensure they alarm properly along with a yearly change of the batteries.

What If The Smoke Detector Sounds?

Don't assume that this is a false alarm. If the detector alarms, it detected something in the air. Make sure your family has two escape routes pre-planned for an

emergency situation with a common meeting place such as a neighbor's house or mail box. When having a common meeting place it helps firefighters ensure your family is accounted for.

Additional Smoke Detector Information....

Did you know there are two types of smoke detectors? Ionization and Photoelectric are both smoke detectors that function different ways for a common goal. Ionization detectors function fast in detecting fires that have bigger flames and photoelectric detectors are quicker to function with smoldering fires. It's recommended to have both types of detectors in your home.

Quiz

How many smoke detectors do I need in my home?

- A: As many as the home came with when I bought it.
B: 1 on every floor and 1 outside the sleeping rooms.
C: 1 on every floor 1 inside each sleeping room and 1 outside each sleeping area.
D: 2 on each floor 1 in the basement and 1 in the hallway.

Correct answer is C. A smoke detector on each floor, one in each sleeping room and one outside each sleep area is the minimum requirements that are necessary.

Redevelopment Ready Communities® Program

- The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities® (RRC) program is offered to municipalities across the state. RRC is a voluntary, no cost 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 RRC certification is a formal recognition that a community has a vision for the future and the fundamental practices in place to get there.
- Certified Redevelopment Ready 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.
- In 2016, the City of Mount Clemens began working with the MEDC on obtaining RRC certification. The MEDC's initial report of findings identified 38 items for the City

to complete in order to achieve certification. Since then the City has been diligently working on these items and are nearly to the end of its certification process. Although not an exhaustive list, some of the items that have 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 an Economic Development tab on the City website, which houses several documents and website links related to development and redevelopment.

The last items remaining in order to complete certification include updates to the City's zoning ordinance and the preparation of a 6-year Capital Improvements Plan, both of which should be completed in 2018. For more information about the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities® program, please go to <https://www.miplace.org/communities/rrc/>.

Challenging Minds to Change the World

It is an honor to work with young minds and try to make a difference in their lives. I am proud to say that I still dedicate my life to teaching our wonderful students here in Mount Clemens.- Mrs. Linda Knopp - Over 50 Years of Teaching Excellence



The mission of the Mount Clemens Community Schools
is to teach ALL students so that they achieve beyond expectations
and meet the challenges of a diverse and rapidly changing world.

Mount Clemens Community Schools
Pre-K-12

167 Cass Avenue, Mount Clemens, MI 48043
586.469.6100
www.mtcps.org

