



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.

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 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

"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude". ~Cynthia Ozick

April is Volunteer month and it always brings to mind the many people that we have in our city who give of their time and service to make Mount Clemens a great place to live, work and visit. When I think of volunteers I think of service above self and time. Time is something that we cannot buy or borrow from someone. We all have

a limited amount of time for work, sleep, family and other interests. Therefore, an individual's time is a very precious commodity. These volunteers give their precious time to share their knowledge, experience, passion and energy with all of us. The city is richer for their commitment to serve. I want to say "Thank You" to each and everyone one of you...



CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk

Serve Mount Clemens by Running for City Office

The next City Election will be held November 7, 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 are now available in the City Clerk's Office. 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 filing deadline to return the petitions and forms is Tuesday, July 25, 2017 by 4:00 PM.

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, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Downtown Development Authority, Harbor Commission, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission and the Traffic Safety Committee.

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.

Email Notifications

Get the most up-to-date information about the City of Mount Clemens by signing up for email

City Commission Meeting Schedule

Monday, April 17, 2017
Monday, May 1, 2017
Monday, May 15, 2017
Monday, June 5, 2017
Monday, June 19, 2017

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

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.

If you should have any questions or would like further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3, or email the City Clerk at lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com.

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Springtime in Downtown Mount Clemens

Spring is in the air, which means patio openings and outdoor events will soon be happening in Downtown Mount Clemens. It's the perfect time of year to get out, take a walk, and enjoy the unique retail stores, restaurants, and bars located within our downtown.

Returning again this spring will be the ever popular Mount Clemens City Sneakers running/walking club. The Summer/Fall schedule will begin on May 23rd. The clubs mission is to offer a non-competitive atmosphere for runners and walkers in downtown Mount Clemens by creating a healthier community stride by stride. The only requirement is to have fun and a good workout. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome to participate in this free weekly event.

Mount Clemens City Sneakers meets every Tuesday at 5:45 PM, starting with a local restaurant meet up for some pre-run/walk camaraderie, and then group hits the streets at 6 PM. The group will start together and will finish at the same location. After the event, the club will meet up at the local establishment for drinks and a well-earned meal. For more information, visit: [Facebook.com/citysnakersclub](https://www.facebook.com/citysnakersclub).

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Let's Move Festival of Races

Saturday, April 29 9 AM
www.letsmovefestival.com

Farmers Market Opens for Season

Saturday, May 6 7 AM – 1 PM
Open Every Friday & Saturday
7 AM – 1 PM
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Farmers Market Flower Daze

Saturday, May 6 through Saturday, June 3
North River Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Made in Michigan Show

Friday, May 12 11 AM – 8 PM
Saturday, May 13 10 AM – 6 PM
Downtown on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Made in Michigan Spring Fashion Show

Sponsored by: The Fashion Factory, Blossom Bundles, Fia's Galleria and Ardis Music
Saturday, May 13 1 PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Saturday Morning with Rosco the Clown

Saturday, May 13 11 AM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Kiwanis Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 13 12 PM – 2 PM
Macomb Place at Pine Street
586.469.4168

Farmers Market Mother's Day Event

Kids under 12 plant a flower for Mom
Saturday, May 13 8 AM
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Bud Light Classic Car Registration Night

Presented by the Friends of Mount Clemens. Sponsored by Moran Chevrolet, Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, and Petitpren Inc.
Featuring Live Music Stage
Friday, June 2 5 PM – 10 PM
596.469.4168

26th Annual Bud Light

Classic Car Show & Cruise Night
Presented by the Friends of Mount Clemens. Sponsored by Moran Chevrolet, Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, and Petitpren Inc.
Saturday, June 3 9 AM – 10 PM
596.469.4168

Art! Macomb - Mount Clemens Art Fair

Presented by the Anton Art Center
Friday, June 2 Noon – 7 PM
Saturday, June 3 10 AM – 7 PM
Sunday, June 4 10 AM – 8 PM
586.469.8666

Downtown Sight & Sound Concert

Sponsored by Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority and Petitpren Inc.
Friday, June 9 7 PM
Featuring Killer Flamingos
Stage on Macomb Place at SB Gratiot
586.469.4168

Farmers Market Strawberry Social

Friday, June 17 8 AM till sold out
North River Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Bud Light Riversight & Sound Concert

Sponsored by Oakland University Macomb County
Friday, June 23 8 PM
Band TBA
Mount Clemens Riverfront
586.469.4168

Independence Day Celebration Fireworks

Presented by Wayne & Joan Webber Foundation
Friday, June 23 Dusk
Mount Clemens Riverfront
586.469.4168

For the latest information on our upcoming events and happenings...
DowntownMountClemens.com
Like the Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens)
Follow us on Twitter: [@MountClemensDDA](https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA)

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Good Friday

Friday, April 14, 2017

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2017

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Your Hometown School

***The District's Budget is being presented to the Board of Education in May.
Adoption of the budget brings us closer to financial freedom!**

***Seminole Academy is registering Kindergarteners for the 2017-18 School Year!
There are too many great things happening in Kindergarten to list here,
so visit: www.mtcps.org for all the wonderful opportunities available to your child**

Upcoming Events

Spring Break is April 3-7
Senior Prom - Friday, May 26
Class of 2017 Commencement Exercises
Saturday, June 10
Last Day of School - Friday, June 16



Mount Clemens Community Schools

586/469-6100
www.mtcps.org

Holiday Refuse CalendarGood Friday

Friday, April 14, 2017

Garbage pickup will be **on schedule** during the entire month of April.Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2017

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, 2017.Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

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, 2017.**Composting program scheduled to begin the week of April 3, 2017**A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the City from April 3rd through December 8th only.**NO COMPOST OR YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER DECEMBER 8, 2017.**BEGINNING APRIL 3rd, please do one of the three following things to

eliminate yard waste:

1. COMPOST YOUR YARD WASTE AT HOME.
2. PLACE ALL COMPOST AT THE CURB IN A 25- TO 35-GALLON REFUSE CONTAINER MARKED "COMPOST". THESE CONTAINERS WILL NOT BE EMPTIED IF THEY CONTAIN ANYTHING OTHER THAN YARD WASTE.
3. PLACE YARD WASTE IN LARGE 30-GALLON BROWN PAPER BAGS.

Compost must be placed at the curb for collection with your household refuse by 7 AM on your regular pick-up day. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Brush must be cut into four feet lengths and tied in bundles. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 pounds each or measure over 18" in diameter. Large logs over 3" in diameter, as well as stumps or roots, will not be picked up.

We recommend that residents comply with the City's composting guidelines to help us with our efforts in keeping up with constantly changing environmental standards and still provide efficient and economical refuse collection service within the City of Mount Clemens.

PLEASE REMEMBER, RAKING LEAVES OR GRASS INTO THE STREET IN THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**Property Taxes**

- Any tax amounts that remained unpaid after February 28, 2017 were transferred to Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection.
- Macomb County Treasurer's office may be contacted at www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer/index.htm or 586.469.5190.

- City of Mount Clemens Summer tax bills will be mailed July 1, 2017. Tax payments are due by September 15, 2017.

Riverfront Gazebo

- Are you getting married in 2017 or know someone who is? The City's Treasurer's Office is taking 2017 reservations to rent the photogenic gazebo. 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.

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 City Hall Treasury office 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.

Convenient Ways To Pay Bills Or Parking Ticket

There are several easy ways to pay a water/sewer utility bill and 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 is accepted and a receipt will be issued. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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.

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

Crocker House Museum**Macomb County Historical Society Membership Drive**

We welcome you to become a member of the Macomb County Historical Society & Crocker House Museum. Your membership helps keep our museum doors open to the public and helps us preserve our local history. Your only commitment can be that of financial support through membership. The Macomb County Historical Society greatly needs and appreciates your support. More information is available at www.crockerhousemuseum.com or call 586.465.2488

Girl Scout Social Butterfly Etiquette Class

Saturday, May 6, 1 – 3 PM
Please make your reservations through the Girl Scouts at www.gssem.org/en/events/event-list.html

Colonial Button Tea with Sheri DeCew

Sunday, May 7, 1 PM
Sheri M. DeCew of the Blue Water Buttoneers, Bay Button Bunch, and the Michigan and National Button Societies, will share a variety of buttons that early Americans wore on their clothes and the importance of them. Tickets cost

\$30/members & \$35/non-members.

Tuesday Tea Talk at Two: Rub-a-dub-dub; a History of the Tub

Tuesday, May 16, 2 PM
Join us for a look at the history of taking a bath. Tickets cost \$8/members & \$10/non-members. (Tour before the talk included: come one hour earlier to tour.)

Garden Walk & Breakfast Talk

Saturday, June 24, 9 AM – 4 PM
View private local gardens. Tour begins in the Crocker House Garden where you get your garden walk map. Tickets cost \$10/members & \$15/non-members.

9 AM Breakfast Talk

Before heading out to see the lovely gardens on the walk please join us for breakfast and an informative talk with Cheryl English of Black Cat Pottery. Tickets cost \$10/members & \$12/non-members.

Please call 586.465.2488 for additional information, to make reservations or to purchase tickets. Tickets are limited and non-refundable.

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, April 11	9:30 AM
Saturday, April 15	9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 9	9:30 AM
Saturday, May 13	9:30 AM
Tuesday, June 13	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.

Spring Cleaning

As the warmer weather approaches, many of us begin our spring cleaning. It is important to remember that it is not just the inside of our homes that need a good cleaning, but the exterior as well. **The Homeowner's Self Test for Blight** will help you as you take a walk around your property and begin your spring clean-up. This checklist outlines the primary uses, structures, activities and conditions that are defined as blight by Mount Clemens City Ordinances. The Community Development Department wants to work with residents to enhance the quality of life in the community by protecting the character and stability of residential and commercial areas. Maintaining your property helps to maintain property values for not only your own property, but for the community as a whole.

If the City identifies blight throughout the community, property owners will receive a violation notice, describing the nature of the violation and a timeframe within which it should be taken care of. If this timeframe lapses without any progress, the City will often send a second notice of violation, again giving a timeframe for compliance. If the property is not brought into compliance or progress has not been made, the City will then issue a court summons through the 41-B District Court. Once a case is in the court system, final penalties, fees, etc. are decided by the court and its judges.

Please take a few moments to look over the **Homeowner's Self Test for Blight**. If you have any questions, please contact

the Community Development Department at 586.469.6818 x2 or via email at codeenforcecement@cityofmountclemens.com.

HOMEOWNER'S SELF TEST FOR BLIGHT

All of the following items currently are defined as blight under the Elimination of Blight Ordinance, Section 19.002.

Take a stroll around your property and check off any of the following items that you may find to exist at your house or rental property.

- ☐ The open storage of any litter, junk, debris, rubbish, or refuse on your property or in your street.
- ☐ The accumulation of stagnant water in a swimming pool, containers or tires that can be conducive to mosquito breeding.
- ☐ The infestation of any property or premises by insects, rodents or other vermin.
- ☐ The storage of unlicensed/ inoperable motor vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles and utility trailers in the street or on your private property.
- ☐ The storage of licensed/ operable motor vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles and utility trailers on the grass or dirt of your property.
- ☐ The open storage of building supplies and materials on any property, without a valid active Building Permit.
- ☐ The use of tents, port-a-johns, or trailers for a period longer than 7 days, unless approved by the Planning Commission or Community Development and is included on a site plan.
- ☐ The storage of a roll off dumpster on your property for more than 48 hours after the necessary repairs have been done.
- ☐ The existence of a partially completed structure that does not have a valid Building Permit in force, or has not been completed in a reasonable time.
- ☐ The failure to maintain landscaping, mow the lawn regularly, trim all shrubbery, eliminate all noxious weeds or shovel the snow.
- ☐ The existence of peeling paint, missing siding, roofs in disrepair, broken or missing gutters or windows and unsafe porches and stairs.
- ☐ The existence of any structure that's damaged by fire or other natural disasters or by neglect is deemed uninhabitable as a dwelling.
- ☐ The existence of any vacant building that's open to trespass or that is in such severe disrepair that it allows entry by persons or elements.

SMART 9-1-1

Most 9-1-1 calls are made from a cellular phone, with very little information provided to a dispatcher. With Smart 9-1-1, call takers and first responders will have additional information that can be used to facilitate the proper response to your location. You can sign up, at no cost, at www.smart911.com, and include your address, vehicles you own, medical alerts, emergency contacts, access information, download photos of your pets or family. Citizens can create their own safety profile and when 911 is called, your safety profile is automatically displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker.

Park Spotlight

Behnke Memorial Dog Park
300 North Groesbeck

Located within Memorial Park, this is a one-acre park designed for dog owners to let their non-aggressive pets have some off-leash playtime. The park features a people/pet drinking fountain, bio-bag disposal and cleanup stations, faux fire hydrant, trees, benches, and a tire obstacle course.



The Mount Clemens Beautification Commission
presents the

YARD OF THE
YEAR AWARDS

Applications are being accepted for the 2017 Yard of the Year.

Yards will be judged by the following criteria:

- ♦ **Curb Appeal** | Overall appearance of yard; green lawn, walks edged, shrubs, bushes, and trees maintained
- ♦ **Innovation and Landscape Design** | Total effect, enhancement of home and property, unusual use of accents and decorative material (Artificial flowers fall under this category; they will not be judged for the use in your landscape plants)
- ♦ **Landscape** | Balance use of color, variety of hues, shades of green and texture of plants

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 23, 2017. Yards will be judged during July and the Awards Ceremony will be held in September. For more information, please contact the Public Services Department at 586.469.6847 (between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM).

"Yard of the Year" Application

Detach and return this portion of the form by June 23, 2017 to:
Mount Clemens Beautification Commission
c/o Department of Public Services
95 Eldredge
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Name | _____

Address | _____

Circle the division you are entering

Residential Industrial/Commercial Public Buildings