



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 Control586.469.6847
Assessing. x 4
Cable Television586.461.3751
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 Housing586.468.1434
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 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

On March 11, 2018, the City of Mount Clemens held its Bicentennial Celebration Ceremony at the historic Emerald Theatre. It was a special afternoon spent looking back on treasured memories and looking forward to a bright future.

In attendance at this event were the descendants of the City's founder, Christian Clemens; as well as owners of the City's oldest homes and businesses, the student and adult winners of the City essay contest, logo contest winners and Mount Clemens' oldest resident, Marion Nickelson. State and County dignitaries were also on hand to present the City with special awards of recognition on this momentous occasion.

When putting this program together, the Bicentennial Committee did not realize how difficult it would be to select and capture all the great things that make up our community. Though the City of Mount Clemens has certainly taken its place in the history as "Bath City" and the "Rose Capital of the United States," among other



notable achievements, the one thing that has always remained strong is its people. From Christian Clemens who believed that this piece of land by the Clinton River would someday be the County Seat, to all the people who came after and worked hard to make Mount Clemens the jewel that it is, we owe them a tremendous amount of thanks. Mount Clemens' strength truly is and always will be its people!

City Commission Meeting Schedule

Monday, April 16, 2018
Monday, May 7, 2018
Monday, May 22, 2018
Monday, June 4, 2018
Monday, June 18, 2018

City Commission meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Agendas and videos of past meetings are available at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

Brian Tingley
Community Development Director

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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.

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

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TREASURER/ACCOUNTING

Linda Kunath
Finance Director/Treasurer

Property Taxes

Delinquent Bills: Beginning March 1, 2018, delinquent bills must be paid to the 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.

City of Mount Clemens Summer tax bills will be mailed by July 1, 2018. Tax payments are due on or before September 17, 2018.



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. Fees are: \$50 for the first hour and \$25 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 \$35 service fee applies, \$70 fee after hours, and the entire balance is due. You can prevent a shut-off by simply going to the Treasurer's Office and making payment arrangements. Cash, Money Order, or Credit/Debit card are accepted.

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

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Springtime in Downtown Mount Clemens

Spring is in the air, which means patio openings and outdoor happenings are right around the corner in Downtown Mount Clemens. In recognition of our bicentennial year, we have several events that planned to celebrate 200 years of our rich history and our many accomplishments. The time has never been better to get out, take a walk, and enjoy the unique retail stores, restaurants, and bars located within our downtown.

Many exciting things are happening downtown. We are pleased to announce several new business advancements in Downtown Mount Clemens.

- Paul's Place Restaurant at 64 Macomb Place - Opening Soon
- Tortas Mexcal – Mexican Street Food at 71 N. Main Street - Opening Soon
- Main Street Media - Photography & Videography at 123 S. Main Street – Opening Soon
- Black the Salon at 81 Macomb Place – Opening Soon
- El Rey's Mexican Restaurant at 27 N. Walnut – Opening Soon

We are also pleased to announce we will be launching a new business incubator for women called "The Nest" soon to open at 66 Macomb Place. Now is the time to let your business idea take flight and create your own financial prosperity. "The Nest" can help you examine your idea and develop a strategy to put you in business successfully. Have an idea? Hatch your business at "The Nest" Downtown Mount Clemens.

National Small Business Week is April 29 – May 5, 2018. Be sure to get out and support the local business that support your local economy all year long.

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Let's Move Festival of Races

Saturday, April 28 9 AM
www.letsmovefestivalofraces.com

Farmers Market Opens for Season

Saturday, May 5 7 AM – 1 PM
Open Every Friday & Saturday through November 17 7 AM – 1 PM
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Farmers Market Flower Daze

Saturday, May 5 through Saturday, June 2
North River Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Bicentennial Celebration Event

Made in Michigan Show

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

Made in Michigan Spring Fashion Show

Sponsored by: The Fashion Factory, Fia's Galleria, Ardis Music, Chaos Studio Salon
Saturday, May 12 1 PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Farmers Market Mother's Day Event

Kids under 12 plant a flower for mom
Saturday, May 12 8 AM – 12 PM
North River Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Saturday Morning with Rosco the Clown

Saturday, May 12 11 AM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Kiwanis Bike Rodeo

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

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 1 5 PM – 10 PM
596.469.4168

Bicentennial Celebration Event 27th 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.
Featuring Live Music Stage
Saturday, June 2 Noon – 10 PM
596.469.4168

Art! Macomb - Mount Clemens Art Fair

Presented by the Anton Art Center
Friday, June 1 12 PM – 7 PM
Saturday, June 2 10 AM – 7 PM
Sunday, June 3 10 AM – 8 PM
586.469.8666

Downtown Sight & Sound Concert

Sponsored by Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority and Petitpren Inc.
Friday, June 8 7 PM
Magic Bus
586.469.4168

Farmers Market Strawberry Social

Friday, June 16 8 AM till sold out
North River Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Bicentennial Celebration Event

Bud Light Riversight & Sound Concert

Sponsored by Oakland University Macomb County
Friday, June 22 8 PM
Fifty Amp Fuse
Mount Clemens Riverfront
586.469.4168

Bicentennial Celebration Event

Independence Day Celebration Fireworks

Presented by Wayne & Joan Webber Foundation
Friday, June 22 – Dusk
Mount Clemens Riverfront
586.469.4168

Bicentennial Celebration Event

Bootleggers Ball

Prohibition Themed Party – Costume Contest, Entertainment
Saturday, June 23
Emerald Theatre
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)

Did You Know???

In the 1920s, ten major rose firms, with a total of over 30 acres under glass, brought a revenue of \$1 million annually to Mount Clemens. By the late 1950s, the sum had risen to \$2,500,000, and Mount Clemens roses had achieved a national reputation.

Source: The Rose Industry in Mount Clemens



Like the City's new Facebook page!

"City of Mount Clemens - Government"

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



- **Use the Parkmobile app** when parked at a City meter to save time and money. 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.

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.

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

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28, 2018

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Holiday Refuse Calendar

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28, 2018
There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 28th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 28th through Friday, June 1st. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 4, 2018
There will be NO garbage pickup on Wednesday, July 4th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Wednesday, July 4th through Friday, July 6th only. Garbage pickup for Monday, July 2nd and Tuesday, July 3rd will be picked up on schedule. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, July 9, 2018.

Composting program scheduled to begin the week of April 2, 2018
A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the City from April 2nd through December 7th only.

NO COMPOST OR YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER DECEMBER 7, 2018.

BEGINNING APRIL 2nd, 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.

- Upcoming Election
 - Since the last Clementimes Newsletter came out in January, a Special Election has been called for **TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018**. The ballot for this election will contain a Macomb Community College State of Michigan Operating Millage Proposal. The deadline to register to vote in this election is Monday, April 9, 2018.
- Precinct Locations
 - Please be advised that the City Clerk's office has consolidated some precincts for the May 8 Election. Precinct locations for the May 8 Election ONLY are as follows:
 - Precinct 1 Turner Chapel Church will vote at **CITY HALL, One Crocker Blvd.**
**Temporary Relocation*
 - Precinct 2 Wilson Gym
58 S. Wilson
 - Precinct 3 Mount Clemens Community Center
300 N. Groesbeck
 - Precinct 4 Mount Clemens Community Center
300 N. Groesbeck
 - Precinct 5 Cairns (Jermaine Jackson) Community Center will vote at **CITY HALL, One Crocker Blvd.**
**Temporary Relocation*
 - Precinct 6 City Hall
One Crocker Blvd.
 - Precinct 9 Seminole School
1500 Mulberry

Boards & 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. The application and a list of Boards can be found on the City's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com under "Boards & Committees".

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 Solicitor's permit. 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 lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com. Please note: The "No Knock" list is for residential properties only. A "No Soliciting" door sticker will be provided to those residents on the No Knock List.

For further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, x3 or email at lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com.

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 10 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, April 21 st	9:30 AM	
Saturday, May 12 th	9:30 AM	
Tuesday, May 15 th	9:30 AM	
Thursday, June 7 th	7:00 PM	
Tuesday, June 12 th	9:30 AM	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captains Richard DeCaussin,
Greg Hoppe and Gregg Shipman

What's New?

The Elks Lodge located at 179 South Main Street held their annual Public Safety Awards night on March 19, 2018. The award was presented to Firefighter Buscaino. Firefighter Buscaino's humanitarian efforts recently went beyond his daily roles at work to help others and his community. On behalf of the Mount Clemens Fire Department we thank the Elks Lodge for a great evening.

Fire Safety Tips

Electrical fires are one of the leading causes of structure fires annually. With more and more home electronics, the need for plug space becomes limited. You never should overload outlets. Here are some tips that can use to stay safe.

- 1. Never plug more than two appliances into an outlet at once. Only use outlets designed to handle multiple plugs.
- 2. Know the amount of power you're placing on that outlet.
- 3. Appliances like stoves, refrigerators and air-conditioners should be on their own wall outlet since they are heavy power users.
- 4. Overloading of a circuit could be an issue if your circuit breakers or fuses keep tripping or blowing.
- 5. Never remove a ground from a three-prong appliance to make it fit in a two-slot outlet.
- 6. Use extension cords for temporary projects or temporary use only.
- 7. Use power strips that have internal overload protection.

Grill Safety Tips

Spring is right around the corner and so is grilling season. Here are a few simple tips about grill safety to get us ready for a great spring and summer.
1. Propane and gas grills should be used in the great outdoors only.
2. Never leave your grill unattended.
3. The lid on propane grills should always be open when lighting it.
4. Your grill should be placed away from you home, siding, deck rails, eaves or any other overhanging structures.
5. Always remove any grease build up in the grill trays below.
Grilling is a great way to bring family and friends together, so have fun and be safe!



Mount Clemens Ice Arena

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.

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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 codeenforcement@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.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

National Prescription Drug
TAKE BACK DAY
Saturday, April 28th, 2018
10AM - 2PM
Turn in your unused or expired
prescription medication
for safe disposal.



Wilson Gym
58 South Wilson
Mount Clemens



Sponsored by:
Mount Clemens
Community Coalition
for Youth & Families

For more information, please visit www.dea.gov.

Crocker House Museum

Tuesday Tea Talk at Two
Unique Ships of the Great Lakes:
Practical Ships
Tuesday, April 24 2 PM
\$10/members; \$12/non-members

Dressing the Bride Afternoon Tea
Sunday, May 6 1 PM
\$35/members; \$40/non-members

Tuesday Tea Talk at Two
Mount Clemens Race Track
Tuesday, May 15 2 PM
\$10/members; \$12/non-members

Garden Walk & Breakfast Talk:
Sustainable Gardening
Saturday, June 30 9 AM - 4 PM
Garden Walk: \$12/members; \$17 non-members
Breakfast: \$12/members; \$15 non-members

Please call 586.465.2488 or visit www.crockerhousemuseum.org for event information, to make reservations or to purchase tickets.

The Mount Clemens Beautification Commission
presents the

YARD OF THE
YEAR AWARDS

Applications are being accepted for the 2018 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 July 20, 2018. 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 July 20, 2018 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