



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                                                |
|                                | <a href="http://www.macombsheriff.com">www.macombsheriff.com</a> |
| 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](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com)

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## Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

It's hard to believe Santa will be coming to town in just a few months. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mount Clemens Presents the Macomb County Santa Parade will be here before we know it. This family tradition will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2017. We are looking for participants, volunteers and sponsors to be part of this wonderful event. For additional information, please contact 586.469.6818 x325 or visit our website [www.MountClemensSantaParade.com](http://www.MountClemensSantaParade.com).

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The City of Mount Clemens is preparing to celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2018! The City has many special events planned for the year. The Bicentennial Celebration will kick off with the New Year's Eve Fireworks. Beginning in January, City Hall will host the Hall of History with monthly exhibits showcasing the history, culture and advancement of the various entities that have made up the City of Mount Clemens over the past 200 years. Other exciting events planned to mark this milestone include a dedication ceremony, Bootleggers Ball, old-fashioned ice cream social, and an antique boat show. The birthday celebration will also be highlighted at some of our regular events throughout the year. Also, starting this fall there will be new commemorative items for sale including the book "A Bicentennial History of Mount Clemens, MI - 1818 - 2018."

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Congratulations to the area winners of the Mount Clemens Beautification Yard of the Year Award. There were 71 nominees this year.

Sharon Mathis - GRAND PRIZE  
Joel & Denise Baird  
Jacqueline Coker  
Roy & Neoma Elmore  
David & Katherine Michaels  
Dan Marshall  
Byron Sanders

Thank you to our residents and to the Beautification Commission for all of your hard work in keeping Mount Clemens beautiful!

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The 2017 State of the City address will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 8:00 AM at the Oakland University Anton/Frankel Center. Please contact the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce at 586.493.7600 for more information or to purchase tickets. The presentation will be rebroadcasted on the Macomb Cable Network.

### City Commission Meeting Schedule

Monday, October 16, 2017  
Monday, November 6, 2017  
Monday, November 20, 2017  
Monday, December 4, 2017  
Monday, December 18, 2017

Agendas and videos of past City Commission meetings are available on our website [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com).

## ESSAY CONTEST

As part of this Bicentennial Celebration, the City would like to invite all residents to participate in the festivities by submitting an essay describing **"My Favorite Mount Clemens Memory."**

Memories and photos from all age groups are welcome.

Essays will be judged by City administration and the Bicentennial Committee. Awards for essays that are most memorable will be recognized at the Bicentennial Ceremony. All essays will be acknowledged throughout the year on the City's website.

We are also looking for the oldest living resident, oldest homes, and oldest businesses. If you know of any person or place that applies, we would like to hear from you.

The City would like to recognize participants during the Bicentennial Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, March 11, 2018 at the Emerald Theatre.

If you are interested, please submit your essay of 500 words or less, and pictures to: The City of Mount Clemens Essay, c/o City Manager's Office, One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, or via email to: [lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com](mailto:lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com). Please include your name and address, and mark any photos with a name if you would like your photo returned.

Please contact the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818 x315, or email Jennifer Gigliotti at [jgigliotti@cityofmountclemens.com](mailto:jgigliotti@cityofmountclemens.com) with any questions.



Like the City's new  
Facebook page!

"City of Mount  
Clemens -  
Government"



The City has begun a project to paint all of the fire hydrants. You may see the contractor in your neighborhood working on this project.

Fall is in the air, leaves are changing, and we are gearing up for our fall and holiday events in Downtown Mount Clemens. The Downtown Halloween Spooktacular is our signature children's event and it kicks off our fall festivities. This free event features a wide variety of activities and fun for all!

Continuing our longstanding tradition, we usher in the holiday season at our annual Downtown Mount Clemens Christmas Open House. Santa will arrive by horse drawn sleigh and he will light up all of the downtown decorations. Afterward, families can enjoy free carriage rides, visit with Santa and take your own photos, and partake in fun activities throughout many of the downtown businesses. Santa will return to make a grand appearance in Downtown Mount Clemens at the Macomb County Santa Parade.

This year, we again 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.

We'll close out 2017 with our Children's New Year's Eve in Never Never Land and traditional New Year's Eve Gala. New Year's Eve in Never Never Land will be held on Main Street prior to the Gala merriments. Children will have their very own New Year's celebration, complete with a ball drop and mini fireworks display. Our traditional New Year's Eve Gala festivities will follow, including a live band, 50/50 raffle, and the ONLY New Year's Eve fireworks display in the metro Detroit area. This will also serve as the kick-off of the City of Mount Clemens Bicentennial Celebration!

On behalf of the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, we would like to wish you a very happy and safe holiday season, and prosperous New Year!

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

## Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

### Farmers Market Soup Day

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
8 AM until Sold Out  
North River Road Parking Lot  
(Between I-94 & NB Gratiot)  
586.493.7600

### Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 12 PM – 3 PM  
\*NEW HOURS\*  
Fountain Stage and Macomb Place  
586.469.4168

### Trunk or Treat

*Presented by Mount Clemens Optimist Club*  
Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 12 PM – 3 PM  
New County Parking Structure at  
Main & Market Streets  
586.463.4430

### Farmers Market Pumpkin Party

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 8 AM – 1 PM  
North River Road Parking Lot  
(Between I-94 & NB Gratiot)  
586.493.7600

### Downtown Christmas Open House

Christmas Tree Lighting & Take Your Own Photos with Santa  
Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 5 PM – 9 PM  
Fountain Stage, Downtown Mount Clemens  
586.469.4168

### Macomb County Santa Parade

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM  
Main Street  
586.469.6818 x 317

### Anton Art Center Christmas Market

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Anton Art Center  
586.469.8666

### Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
Downtown Mount Clemens  
586.469.4168

### Macomb County New Year's Eve in Never Never Land

December 31<sup>st</sup> 4 PM – 9 PM  
Main Street  
Information and Tickets: 586.469.4168

### Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala

December 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30 PM  
Entertainment & Fireworks on Main Street  
Information and Tickets: 586.469.4168

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

**Veterans Day**  
Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving Day**  
Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Day after Thanksgiving**  
Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Eve Day**  
Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Christmas Day**  
Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**New Year's Eve Day**  
Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

**New Year's Day**  
Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>



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](http://www.mountclemensicearena.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, Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:30 AM |
| Saturday, Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 AM |
| Saturday, Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 AM |
| Tuesday, Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:30 AM |
| Saturday, Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 AM |

## City of Mount Clemens "Local Treasure" Award Guidelines

The purpose of the Mount Clemens "Local Treasure" Award is to provide recognition to the men and women of our city who have made our city a better place to live through exemplary positive contributions. The spirit of the award is to bring attention to those who have not been recognized and publicly acknowledge their contribution, however large or small.

- The nominee must be a resident or business owner of the City of Mount Clemens; and
- The actions of the nominee must have contributed a positive lasting legacy to our city and its residents.
- Nominations may be submitted by any resident.
- All nominations must be in writing using a nomination form available at City Hall or on the City's website: [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com)
- The "Local Treasure" Award will be made at a City Commission meeting during the month of February.
- **Nomination deadline is Friday, December 15, 2017.**

If you have any questions, please call the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818 x 315.

**Holiday Refuse Calendar**Columbus Day

Monday, October 9, 2017

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during the entire month of October.

Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during Veterans Day week - November 6<sup>th</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>.Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23, 2017

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Garbage pickup for Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, and Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> will be on schedule.Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2017

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.New Year's Day

Monday, January 1, 2018

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, January 8, 2018.**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, 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." 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. 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.

**Compost/Leaf Pickup Season Ends December 8<sup>th</sup>**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 brown waste bags or 25- to 35-gallon 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. YOUR COMPLETE COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.**Winter Tax Bills**

- Winter Property Taxes are payable from December 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the City's Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x1. Any tax amounts that remain unpaid after February 28, 2018 will be transferred to Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. Macomb County Treasurer may be contacted at 1 South Main Street, 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 \$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.

**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](http://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.**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.

## CABLE TELEVISION

Patrick Linabury  
Senior Producer**MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR CABLE STATION!**

Recently, the staff of the Macomb Cable Network completed a five-year project, which converted the entire television station to High Definition (HD). The project began by replacing the cameras and editing computers with HD ones. Next, the studio was converted to HD. The network was upgraded to handle

the larger files and traffic flow and finally, the playback was replaced this August with HD compatible equipment. The signals for the Government, Education and Public Access channels will still be sent out in Standard Definition, until Comcast and WOW! make theses channel available in HD.

If you experience any issues with

the sound or video quality of these channels, please contact Senior Producer, Patrick Linabury at 586.461.3751 or [LinaburyP@mtcps.org](mailto:LinaburyP@mtcps.org) and inform the staff so that they can continue to improve your cable access programming.**Macomb Cable Network -**

Government Access – Comcast channel 5, WOW! channel 10, AT&amp;T

channel 99  
Educational Access – Comcast channel 20, WOW! channel 15  
Public Access – Comcast channel 22, WOW! channel 18.

**Election Day**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Polling places will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. On the ballot for Mount Clemens voters will be the office of Mayor for a two-year term, which expires in November 2019; and three seats on the City Commission for a four-year term, which expires November 2021.

The last day to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

**Voting****Equipment**

The City of Mount Clemens, along with

all the municipalities in Michigan, is receiving brand new voting equipment as part of a state-wide

change over. There will be no cost to the City, as the equipment will be funded with federal funds through the Help America Vote Act. As a result, all of the local governments in Macomb County will now be using the same equipment serviced by the same company, Electronic Systems and Software.

Voters will not experience any changes in the voting procedure. The optical scan system, in which voters mark a paper ballot and feed it through an optical scanning machine, will still be utilized. The new equipment will be on display at City Hall for residents to view before the November Election, if they wish.

For questions about the election or the new voting equipment, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3.

- **Snow and Ice Removal Required**

- Although we may still be enjoying the warm weather of late summer and early fall, it is important to look ahead to the upcoming winter season that will be here shortly. As a very walkable community, with an extended network of sidewalks, it is critical that residents and businesses do their part to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

- City ordinances require that "The occupant of any premises, or the owner of any unoccupied premises, is required to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises cleared, so far as is practicable and reasonable, from snow and ice to facilitate pedestrian use. Where there are no sidewalks, the occupant or owner shall clear a path free from snow and ice where a sidewalk would otherwise be, to facilitate pedestrian use. Whenever

any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared within 12 hours after it has fallen or accumulated." Failure to remove the snow and ice according to the timeframe of the ordinance may result in the City of Mount Clemens performing this task and placing a lien against the property for all costs incurred, or issuing violation notices against the property.

The full ordinance may be found on the City's web site, [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com). At the top, click on the "Mount Clemens Code of Ordinances" tab. It will redirect you to the [Municode.com](http://Municode.com) site which has all of the ordinances for Mount Clemens. We all hope this winter season is not as harsh as the last two, but in the event that it is, thank you for your diligence in keeping the sidewalks of Mount Clemens safe.

**Crocker House Museum****Cemetery Walk & Funeral Tea**

Saturday, October 7  
Buses provide transportation to Clinton Grove Cemetery  
\$15 members/\$20 non-members  
Funeral Tea at 11 AM  
\$35 members/\$40 non-members

**Oriental Rugs Past and Present with Alan Marshke**

Sunday, November 5, 1 PM  
Learn about oriental rugs  
\$30 members/\$35 non-members

**Victorian Christmas Wassail and Bazaar**

Saturday, December 2, 10 AM – 4 PM  
& Sunday, December 3, 1 – 4 PM  
Traditional Christmas Bazaar  
No admission fee required

**Jingle Journey in Mount Clemens**

Sunday, December 10, 1 – 4 PM  
Visit Anton Art Center, Crocker House Museum and Michigan Transit Museum via shuttle buses  
Christmas crafts and activities at each location including "take your own" photographs with Santa  
Entrance fee at each location

**LaBefana Italian Christmas Luncheon**

Sunday, December 17, 1 PM  
Learn of this ancient Italian Christmas tradition  
\$35 members/\$40 non-members

Please call 586.465.2488 or visit [www.crockerhousemuseum.org](http://www.crockerhousemuseum.org) for event information, to make reservations or to purchase tickets.

# 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](http://www.mtcps.org)

