



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-Ride586.469.RIDE
Downtown Dev. Authority 586.469.4168
Finance/Accounting x 301
Fire586.469.6840
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
Utilities586.469.6889
Water & Sewer/Water Filtration

Macomb County
Sheriff's Office586.469.5151
www.macombsheriff.com

41B District Court586.469.9300

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

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

www.cityofmountclemens.com

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Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

It seems like over the past months we have had almost every type of weather here in Mount Clemens! From beautiful and sunny days to snow, rain, and extremely cold windy days, as usual you can never predict what the weather will do around this time of the year. However, Spring is just around the corner (at least that is what the calendar says) and that means the festivities will begin. Please check page 2 and see what activities the DDA has planned for the upcoming months.

April is National Volunteer month. This month is dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in our community as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month. Mount Clemens has over 100 volunteers that give of their time and talents. Our volunteers are members of the following: Beautification Advisory Committee, Board of Canvassers, Board of Review, Board of Zoning Appeals, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Cable TV Commission, Civil Service Commission, Construction Code Board of Appeals, Downtown Development Authority, Historic District Committee, Historical Committee, Housing Code Board of Appeals, Housing Commission, Municipal Building Authority, Planning Commission, Retirement System Board, and Traffic Safety. All of these boards and committees are endorsed by the City Commission. If it were not for volunteers, we would not have the annual Santa Parade, and yes, it was volunteers who built the playscapes at the Kenneth D Kirkum Memorial Park, Lawndale Park and Dorothea-Leonore Park. The City alone could not accomplish all of these activities that take place within our community without all of the people who volunteer their time and talents.

On behalf of the City Commission and administration, I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their time, dedication and energy. Someone once said, "Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart." I could not agree more. It takes heart to give of one's time for the betterment of your community. Volunteering is a simple way to positively impact lives and improve communities.

City Commission Meeting Schedule

Monday, April 15, 2019
Monday, May 6, 2019
Monday, May 20, 2019
Monday, June 3, 2019
Monday, June 17, 2019
Monday, July 1, 2019

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

Need a Ride?

Mount Clemens Dial-A-Ride offers transportation services within the City limits to stores, doctor's offices or places of employment. The service is available five days a week, from 6 AM - 6 PM. Fares range from \$1 - \$3.

Call 586.469.RIDE (7433) today!

Visit www.cityofmountclemens.com/dialaride.

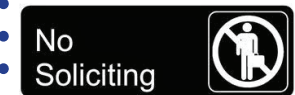


CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk

No Knock List

- Spring is the time when many door-to-door solicitors descend upon residential neighborhoods, but not all residents wish to receive these unexpected visits. In order to protect our residents from any unwanted interruptions, the City Clerk's Office has established a residential "No Knock" list. This list is given to all solicitors upon issuance of a door-to-door solicitation permit. The solicitors are advised at that time NOT to solicit at the addresses on the list. A "No Soliciting" door decal is also available to those on our "No Knock" list as a further reminder to the solicitors.



- Door-to-door solicitation is permitted in Mount Clemens, however, all solicitors must be licensed by the City and possess a solicitor's license from the City Clerk's Office. Exempt from the license requirement are religious groups, certain charitable organizations, minors soliciting for an educational, religious or youth organization, and candidates running for office. Licensed door-to-door solicitors are only permitted to call on residences between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.
- Residents are advised not to provide any information to door-to-door solicitors, such as copies of utility or phone bills. Account numbers can be lifted from these documents and unauthorized switching of companies can occur. Please contact the Macomb County Sheriff's Office at 586.469.5151 for complaints about solicitors.

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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. 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.

- **Mae's Restaurant** at 64 Macomb Place – Now Open
- **Tortas Mexcal** – Mexican Street Food at 71 N. Main Street - Opening Soon
- **Thirty 4** – 42 Pine Street – Now Open
- **Black the Salon** at 81 Macomb Place – Now Open
- **Pop's Sweets & Treats** – 90 Macomb Place – Opening April 2

We are also pleased to announce we have launched a new business incubator for women called, The Nest, now 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 May 5 – May 11, 2019. 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 27 9 AM
lmmfor.com

Farmers Market Opens for Season
Saturday, May 4 7 AM – 1 PM
Open Every Friday & Saturday through November 16 – 7 AM – 1 PM
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Farmers Market Flower Daze
Saturday, May 4 – Saturday, June 1
North River Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Made in Michigan Show
Friday, May 10 11 AM – 8 PM
Saturday, May 11 10 AM – 6 PM
Downtown on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Made in Michigan Spring Fashion Show
Sponsored by: The Fashion Factory and Ardis Music
Saturday, May 11 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 11 8 AM
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Saturday Morning with Rosco the Clown
Saturday, May 11 11 AM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Kiwanis Bike Rodeo
Saturday, May 11 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, May 31 6 PM – 10 PM
596.469.4168

28th 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 1 9 AM – 10 PM
596.469.4168

Farmers Market Strawberry Social
Saturday, June 22 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 28 8 PM
Mount Clemens Riverfront
586.469.4168

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- **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 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.
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| ☐ The open storage of any litter, junk, debris, rubbish, or refuse on your property or in your street. | ☐ The storage of a roll off dumpster on your property for more than 48 hours after the necessary repairs have been done. |
| ☐ The accumulation of stagnant water in a swimming pool, containers or tires that can be conducive to mosquito breeding. | ☐ 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 infestation of any property or premises by insects, rodents or other vermin. | ☐ The failure to maintain landscaping, mow the lawn regularly, trim all shrubbery, eliminate all noxious weeds or shovel the snow. |
| ☐ The storage of unlicensed/ inoperable motor vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles and utility trailers in the street or on your private property. | ☐ The existence of peeling paint, missing siding, roofs in disrepair, broken or missing gutters or windows and unsafe porches and stairs. |
| ☐ The storage of licensed/ operable motor vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles and utility trailers on the grass or dirt of your property. | ☐ The existence of any structure that's damaged by fire or other natural disasters or by neglect is deemed uninhabitable as a dwelling. |
| ☐ The open storage of building supplies and materials on any property, without a valid active Building Permit. | ☐ 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. |
| ☐ 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. | |

Holiday Refuse CalendarGood Friday

Friday, April 19, 2019

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

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2019

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 27th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 27th through Friday, May 31st. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 3, 2019.

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, 2019

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, July 4th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Thursday, July 4th through Friday, July 5th. Garbage pickup for Monday, July 1st, Tuesday, July 2nd, and Wednesday July 3rd will be picked up on schedule.

Composting program scheduled to begin the week of April 1, 2019

A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the City from **April 1st through December 6th only.**

NO COMPOST OR YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER DECEMBER 6, 2019.

BEGINNING APRIL 1st, 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 while still providing 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.

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**November 5, 2019
City Election: Call for Candidates**

Candidate packets are now available in the City Clerk's Office for the following offices in the November 5, 2019 City Election:

- **Mayor** – One (1) to be elected for a 2-year term
- **City Commission** – Three (3) to be elected for a 4-year term

In order to qualify as a candidate, you must be:

- At least 18 years of age.
- A registered voter.
- A resident of the City for at least 365 days immediately prior to the last day of filing for office.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 4:00 PM in the Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office.

**NEW: Job Postings for Local Businesses on the City's Website**

Job seekers now have a new tool to aid them in their job search--the City of Mount Clemens website. The City will be posting links to local job postings supplied by Mount Clemens businesses for employment within their organizations. Links to job openings will be posted as the City receives them from the local businesses. Questions regarding

these jobs should be directed to the companies who posted the positions.

To view available job postings, please look for the "Local Business Opportunities" tab on the homepage of the City's website.

**Boards, Commissions and Committee Openings**

The City of Mount Clemens is seeking residents who wish to 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:

- Beautification Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Downtown Development Authority
- Historical Commission
- Historic District Commission
- Local Officer's Compensation Commission
- Traffic Safety Committee

Please visit the City's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com or contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3, or email the City Clerk at lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com for more information.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland
Deputy Treasurer**Property Taxes**

Any 2018 property taxes with balances remaining have been transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. Payments must be made to: Macomb County Treasurer, 1 S. Main St, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. The phone number is 586.469.5190, and the website is: www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer/index.htm.

The 2019 summer taxes will be sent out July 1, 2019, and will be due on September 16, 2019.

Tax Deferment

Senior citizens, veterans, and permanently disabled individuals

may apply for a tax deferment starting July 1, 2019. In order to qualify, seniors must be 62 or older and have an income that does not exceed \$40,000. All applications must be returned by September 16, 2019. If you cannot come into the Treasurer's Office to complete a form, please call us and we will mail one to you.

Convenient Ways to Pay Your Bills

You can pay your current year taxes (only available July 1st through February 28th), water bills, and parking tickets, online at www.cityofmountclemens.com, or over the phone at 1.866.789.5536. When paying online, the link is right on our home page – just scroll down a

little bit. Please keep in mind that a processing fee will be applied to these payments. If you have any questions regarding this service, please call the Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x1. A secure drop box is also available 24 hours a day, just inside the first door of city hall. We also have a drive-up drop box located on the west side of the municipal lot, across from the gazebo. Please do not deposit cash.

Did You Receive a Past Due Notice?

Please contact our office BEFORE your scheduled shut-off date to make payment arrangements. You can prevent a shut-off by simply coming in and signing for payment arrangements. Once we have

initiated shut-off, the entire balance is due, including a \$35 service fee. We will accept cash, money order, or credit card (fee applies). If you cannot make a payment towards your bill, please contact an agency for help as soon as possible. Simply call 211 for help.

Please remember that if you are unable to pay your water bill in full, you must make monthly payments to prevent shut off. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x1.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captains Richard DeCaussin,
Greg Hoppe and Gregg Shipman

What's New?

The Mount Clemens Fire Department is happy to announce that our smoke detector program is up and running to provide our citizens with free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you need a detector, please contact the fire department at 586.469.6840. This program would not be possible without the generosity of our local businesses and clubs. Thank you to Meijer on Groesbeck in Clinton Township, Mount Clemens Lions Club, Mount Clemens Rotary Club, Mount Clemens Kiwanis Club, Mount Clemens Optimist Club, Mount Clemens Goodfellows, Printing by Johnson in Mount Clemens, and several other private donors.

Special Thanks

The Mount Clemens Firefighters would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. David and Lila Tirsell for their tremendous donation of a LUCAS 3.1 Chest Compression System. This

piece of life saving equipment will help Mount Clemens Firefighters in the event of a cardiac arrest with performing CPR. We are grateful to have citizens like you that go above and beyond to help us in providing the best care to the residents of Mount Clemens.

Fire Safety Tip

Spring is in the air and here are some spring-cleaning fire safety tips.

1. Keep your garage clean of garbage and newspapers that can fuel a fire.
2. Gas and oil should be stored in properly marked containers and areas.
3. Use grills outside and away from siding and other structures.
4. Make sure matches and lighters are out of the reach of children.

On behalf of everyone at Mount Clemens Fire Department, we wish everyone a safe and happy spring.

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 9 th	9:30 AM
Thursday, April 11 th	6:30 PM
Tuesday, May 14 th	9:30 AM
Thursday, May 16 th	6:30 PM
Tuesday, June 11 th	9:30 AM
Thursday, June 13 th	6:30 PM



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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- **Independence Day Celebration**
- **Fireworks**
- Presented by Wayne & Joan Webber
- Foundation
- Friday, June 28 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)
- Twitter: [@MountClemensDDA](https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA)

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY

Saturday, April 27th, 2019
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

dispose

unused Rx

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

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Good Friday
Friday, April 19, 2019

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27, 2019

Independence Day
Thursday, July 4, 2019

Crocker House Museum

Tuesday Tea Talk at Two: "The Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal, Michigan's Early Transportation Project"

Tuesday, April 16
\$10 members/\$12 non-members

1869 - The Great Crocker House Book Club

Wednesday, April 17, 7 PM
Free for members

Cinco de Mayo Afternoon Tea

Sunday, May 5, 1 PM
\$35 members/\$40 non-members

Tuesday Tea Talk at Two: "The Erie Canal in New York and the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal in Michigan, Why One Was a Success and the Other a Failure"

Tuesday, May 21
\$10 members/\$12 non-members

1869 - The Great Crocker House Book Club

Wednesday, May 15, 7 PM

1869 - The Great Crocker House Book Club

Wednesday, June 19, 7 PM

Garden Walk & Breakfast

Saturday, June 29, 9 AM - 4 PM
\$12 members/\$17 non-members
Breakfast at 9 AM
\$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 2019 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 19, 2019. 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 19, 2019 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