



Clementines

Spring 2021 A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mount Clemens

Message from Mayor Laura Kropp

Meet Your Neighbor!

Welcome to the first ever, "Meet Your Neighbor" column of the Clementine Newsletter! We have so many dynamic, passionate, giving people who live in Mount Clemens; I wanted to shine a spotlight every issue of the newsletter on a neighbor here in our great city!

Today I have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Monroe Stevenson



to all of you. Monroe has lived in Mount Clemens for 58 years. He's originally from North Carolina but came to Mount Clemens to take a job at General Motors. Monroe is a long-time member of Greater Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church where he serves as the chairman of the board of trustees. According to friends of Monroe, if you ever knock on his door and he's not home, check the church he's likely there. Often Monroe is helping with community food distributions, clothing drives, visiting the sick at the hospital, and helping the homeless shelter rotations. Monroe's name was recently submitted in our "local treasure" contest. He was described as a quiet helper, who

always is a great support system of knowledge and advice.

Pre-pandemic, I would often run into Mr. Stevenson at John's Family Grill. We would talk about how long it had been since he had seen me last at church, how John's has a great breakfast. I'm always greeted by a friendly smile and a warm welcome. I know when you meet your Mount Clemens neighbor Monroe Stevenson, he'll do the same for you.

Mayor's Corner

Happy Spring! I'm happy to report that the temperatures are beginning to warm up and the sun is shining more often! Over the winter months the city commissioners and I have been working hard to attend to the city business in Mount Clemens. Some of the highlights include:

- Promotion of Jennifer Gigliotti as director of human resources
- Promotion of Cathleen Martin as city clerk
- Promotion of Nicole Ratusznik as payroll and benefits coordinator
- Hiring of Fire Chief Gregg Shipman
- Raising funds for the victims of the 137 North River Road Apartments
- Entered a partnership agreement with Macomb County Economic Planning Department

Over the next three months the

City Commission will be working the following priorities:

- Develop and pass the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget
- Develop a plan of action for Cairns Community Center
- Evaluate the city manager
- Evaluate the progress of current city goals
- Develop a city capital improvement plan

As the world begins to open more this spring, we encourage people to get out and experience the businesses and restaurants of the city. We have new businesses that have opened uptown, take a look at page 4! Keep up to date on all the happenings in Uptown and the entire city by following us on social media.

As always, if I can be of any service to you, please feel free to reach out to me at Lkropp@cityofmountclemens.com or 586-469-6818 ext. 313



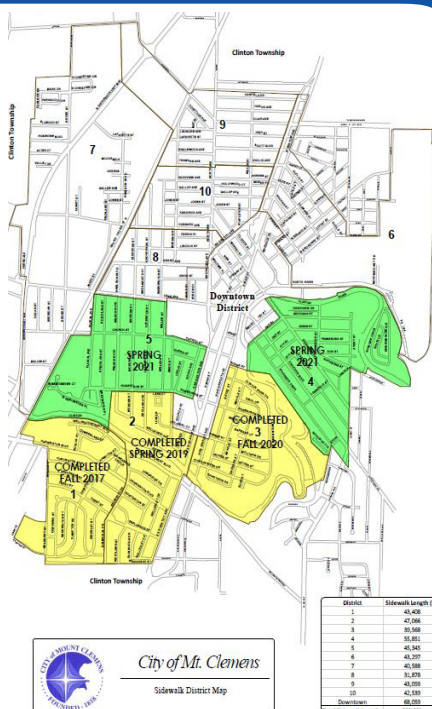
Sidewalk Program

The City of Mount Clemens Sidewalk Repair Program, established in 2017 by the city commission, will continue in the Spring of 2021 with Districts four and five. This program was developed to benefit all city residents to provide safe walkways throughout the city. Since 2017 districts one through three have been completed.

The City has sent out a public notice to all property owners in districts four and five with more information on the sidewalk program. Per the city sidewalk ordinance property owners are responsible for the replacement costs of the sidewalk fronting their property in the public right of way.

In Spring 2021 defective sidewalks in district four and five will be marked with orange spray paint. The city contractor is scheduled to complete repairs on these sidewalks. The unit price to remove and replace a five foot by five-foot slab of sidewalk will remain at \$160 again this year. The city allows the property owner to prepay the amount due to the city by July 1, 2021 and receive a 10% discount. More information on prepayment, the special assessment payment program and other construction options will be included in the public notices planned to be sent in January to property owners in Districts four and five.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the city manager office at 586.469.6818 etx 315.



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1 Crocker Blvd
Mount Clemens, MI 48043



Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(excluding holidays)



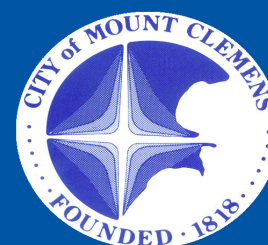
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City Clerk's Office

No Knock List

No
Soliciting



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 children, religious organizations and candidates running for office. Licensed door-to-door solicitors are only permitted to call on residences between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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.

If you would like to add your address to the "no knock" list, please call the city clerk's office.

November 2, 2021 City Election: Call for Candidates

Application materials are now available in the city clerk's office for the following races in the November 2, 2021 City General 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 for application

Cathleen Martin
City Clerk

materials is Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office. Please call the city clerk's office for more information about running for these vital offices.

City of Mount Clemens Election Dates for 2021

The following elections will be held in 2021:



Special Primary Election

– August 3, 2021

City General Election

– November 2, 2021

Voting precincts will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Attention Precinct #2 Voters

For all elections in 2021, voting precinct #2 will be temporarily relocated from the Wilson Gym (58 South Wilson) to Christian Lighthouse Church (57 Church Street). Voters will resume voting at the Wilson Gym for elections in 2022. For further questions about this temporary move, please contact the city clerk's office.



Seeking Volunteers for the Local Officers Compensation Commission



The city is in dire need of volunteers to serve on the local officers compensation commission. This important board meets once in odd numbered years to review the compensation of the Mount Clemens mayor and city commissioners, as required by Ordinance 12.600.

Duties include reviewing the salaries of comparable elected officials in neighboring cities and ensuring that our officials are being paid fairly. All materials will be provided to you. Though this commission only meets once during odd years, it is a vital position in the city that is required and needed.

To apply for this position or any other boards and commissions, please go to the city's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com, or by calling the city clerk's office at 586.469.6818, option 3.

Community & Economic Development

Brian Tingley
Community Development Director

- 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.

- Please take a few moments to look over the self-test. If you have any, please contact the community development department at 586-469-6818 x2 or codeenforcement@cityofmountclemens.com.

- Macomb County also has several resources that homeowners can utilize to help maintain their properties through Macomb Community Action:

- **Comprehensive Housing Rehabilitation Program** exists to help eligible homeowners with repairs to their homes to achieve decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing as

defined by Macomb County Housing Rehabilitation Standards. The program limit for repairs is \$40,000, funded through a zero-interest deferred payment loan. For more information contact 586-466-6256 or steve.schuster@macombgov.org.

Limited Housing Rehabilitation Program is a grant-funded program that exists to help eligible homeowners make essential qualified repairs to their home as defined by program guidelines. The program limit for repairs is \$10,000. Because the program is grant-funded, the homeowner does not have to pay anything back. For more information contact 586-466-6256 or steve.schuster@macombgov.org.

Weatherization Assistance Program performs the installation of energy efficient items to conserve energy in Macomb County homes. Weatherization improvements reduce energy use and can save an average of 30 percent on heat/utility bills. A home energy audit determines which items will be installed. For more information contact 586-469-6329 or steve.schuster@macombgov.org.

Minor Home Repair provides assistance up to \$1,000 to persons age 60 and older, severely disabled or a mobile home owner-occupant for plumbing, electrical, or heating and cooling repair and/or replacement. For more information contact 586-469-6329 or steve.schuster@macombgov.org.

Homeowners Self Test For Blight

All of the following items currently are defined as blight under the elimination of blight ordinance, section 19.002.

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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. | |

Dept. of Public Services

Jeffrey Wood
Public Services Director

Holiday Refuse Calendar

Good Friday – Friday, April 2

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

Memorial Day – Monday, May 31

There will be no garbage pickup on Monday, May 31st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Tuesday, June 1st through Friday, June 4th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 7, 2021.

Independence Day – Sunday, July 4

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of July. Please place your trash out at the curb on your regular garbage day.

Yard waste pickup is scheduled to begin the week of March 29, 2021

A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the city from March 29th through December 10th only. No compost or yard waste will be picked up after December 10, 2021.

Beginning March 29th, please do one of the three following things to eliminate yard waste:

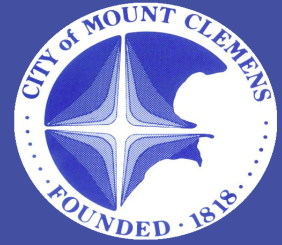
1. Compost your yard waste at home.
2. Place all compost at the curb in a 32 gallon or smaller refuse container marked "compost" or "yard waste". These containers will not be emptied if they contain anything other than yard waste.
3. Place yard waste in large 30-gallon brown paper bags.



Compost must be placed at the curb for collection with your household refuse by 7 a.m. on your regular pickup day. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Brush must be cut into four foot 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.



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lkropp@cityofmountclemens.com

City Commission

Ron Campbell
Laura Fournier
Wanda Goodnough
Rashidah Hammond
Denise Mentzer
Glenn Voorhess

City Manager

Donald E. Johnson

djohnson@cityofmountclemens.com

City Offices

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
Dial-A-Ride 586.469.RIDE
DDA 586.469.4168
Finance/Accounting x 301
Fire 586.469.6840
Human Resources x 5
Parking Matters x 909
Public Housing 586.468.1434
Public Services 586.469.6847
Purchasing x 6
Treasurer's Office x 1
Utilities 586.469.6889
Sheriff's Office 586.469.5151
41B District Court 586.469.9300

Upcoming Holidays

The city offices will be closed during the following holidays:

**Good Friday Day
Friday, April 2nd**

**Memorial Day
Monday, May 31st**

**Independence Day
Monday, July 5th**

YARD SALE NOTICES

Spring is here and its time to clean out your closets. Let us post your sale on the Government Access Channel (Comcast channel 5, WOW! channel 10 & AT&T Channel 99) and on the city website!

Submit your sale notice on the city website! Make sure to include your sale date(s), address and any special items of interest you have available.

The earlier you post your sale notice, the more people will see it. Try to send in your request at least 2 weeks before your sale. Good Luck!



Human Resources

Jennifer Gigliotti
Human Resources Director

Are you looking for a new team to join? We are always accepting applications for open positions in all of our departments. Seasonal positions will be available soon!

Stay up to date with job openings and submit your application by visiting our website www.cityofmountclemens.com/employment or following us on social media!



2020-2021 MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM



Macomb
Community
Action

The Macomb Community Action Minor Home Repair program is available to eligible Macomb County residents, excluding the following communities that have their own programs: Clinton Township, Roseville, St. Clair Shores, Sterling Heights, Warren

To qualify you must be income eligible, be the owner-occupant of your residence, and meet one of the following criteria.

- Senior citizen age 60 or older
- Severely disabled
- Mobile home owner-occupant

Please submit the following:

- Completed application and required forms (available at mca.macombgov.org)
- Mobile home occupants must provide a copy of their title as proof of ownership
- Copy of picture identification for applicant

2020-2021 INCOME LIMITS

RESIDENTS IN HOME	INCOME UP TO
1	\$44,440
2	\$50,250
3	\$56,550

Return all required documents to:
Macomb Community Action
21885 Dunham Road, Suite 10
Clinton Township, MI 48036
Attn: Community Development

Questions regarding the application process and service requests should be directed to 586-469-6329

City Hall :586.469.6818
www.cityofmountclemens.com



DDA

Michelle Weiss
Marketing & Events Coordinator

The DDA is planning a full slate of events over the course of the next several month. However, due to the still ongoing uncertainty with the COVID 19 pandemic, please be patient if we need to adjust how events are produced, and make sure to follow us on social media for the most up to date information.

Downtown Mount Clemens Spring Events Calendar

Mount Clemens Drive-In Movie Night
Saturday, April 24
Movie to be announced
Macomb Parking Lot next to Anton Art Center

Farmers Market Opens for Season
Saturday, May 1 – 7AM – 1PM
Open Every Friday & Saturday through November 21 – 7AM – 1PM
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Spring Car Show
Sunday, May 2 – 1PM – 4PM
Macomb Parking Lot next to Anton Art Center

Made in Michigan Show
Friday, May 7 – 11AM – 8PM
Saturday, May 8 – 10AM – 6PM

Downtown on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Saturday Morning with Rosco the Clown
Saturday, May 8 – 11AM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Mount Clemens Drive-In Movie Night
Saturday, May 15
Movie to be announced
Macomb Parking Lot next to Anton Art Center

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 4 – 6PM – 10PM
596.469.4168

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 5 – 9AM – 10PM
596.469.4168

Mount Clemens Drive-In Movie Night
Saturday, June 12
Movie to be announced
Macomb Parking Lot next to Anton Art Center

Riversight & Sound Concert
Friday, June 25 – 7:30PM
Band - TBA
Mount Clemens Riverfront
586.469.4168

Independence Day Celebration Fireworks
Friday, June 25 – Dusk
Mount Clemens Riverfront
586.469.4168

Rediscover 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. The past year has been challenging for many of us, so we invite you to rediscover your downtown and reconnect with the many great businesses and events that call our city home.

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

The Cake Experience – Cherry Street – Now Open

Cellar 104 – Wine Tasting Room – 104 Macomb Place – Now Open

The Discovery Center – Children's Museum – 54 Cherry Street – Opening in April

Black Cat Coffee Shop – 55 Macomb Place - Opening Soon

Clementine's Pastries – 57 Macomb Place – Opening Soon

National Small Business Week is May 2 – May 8, 2021. Be sure to get out and support the local business that supports your local economy all year long.

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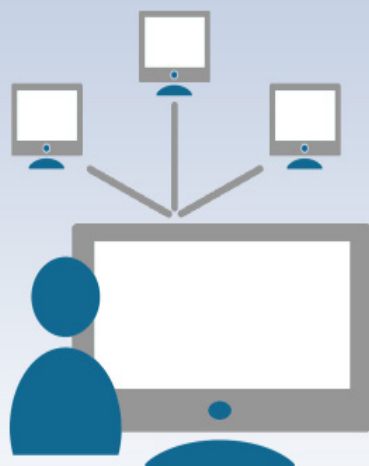
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Coming Soon: E-News Updates!

www.CityofMountClemens.com/Notification

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Macomb Cable Network
will continue to provide
remote access to City Commission
and Board of Education Meetings
via Zoom and our YouTube Channel.

Visit the City and School District's
Websites to join our meetings.



Fire Department

Community Outreach

We would like to thank the citizens of Mount Clemens and the surrounding communities for their generosity towards the fire victims from 137 North River Road. You, the community are the real heroes!



New Around the Fire Department

The Mount Clemens Fire Department is proud to announce that Retired Captain Gregg Shippman has accepted the roll of fire chief. This position has been vacant for over twenty years.

We would also like to congratulate Lieutenant Nick Candela on his promotion to captain and Firefighter Keith Ringstad on his promotion lieutenant.

Through grant funding, the Mount Clemens Fire Department acquired an exhaust removal system for all three fire apparatus. This is key

Chief Gregg Shipman & Captains
Richard DeCaussin and Tom Mocer
for firefighter health and cancer prevention.

From our family to yours:

As a friendly reminder, make sure you have working smoke detectors and a family exit plan in case of emergency. If you are home owners in the city of Mount Clemens and are in need of smoke detectors, please call the station to learn about of smoke detector program.

Looking for more information?
Visit www.cityofmountclemens.com/fire

Follow us on Facebook: Mount Clemens Firefighters Local 838

