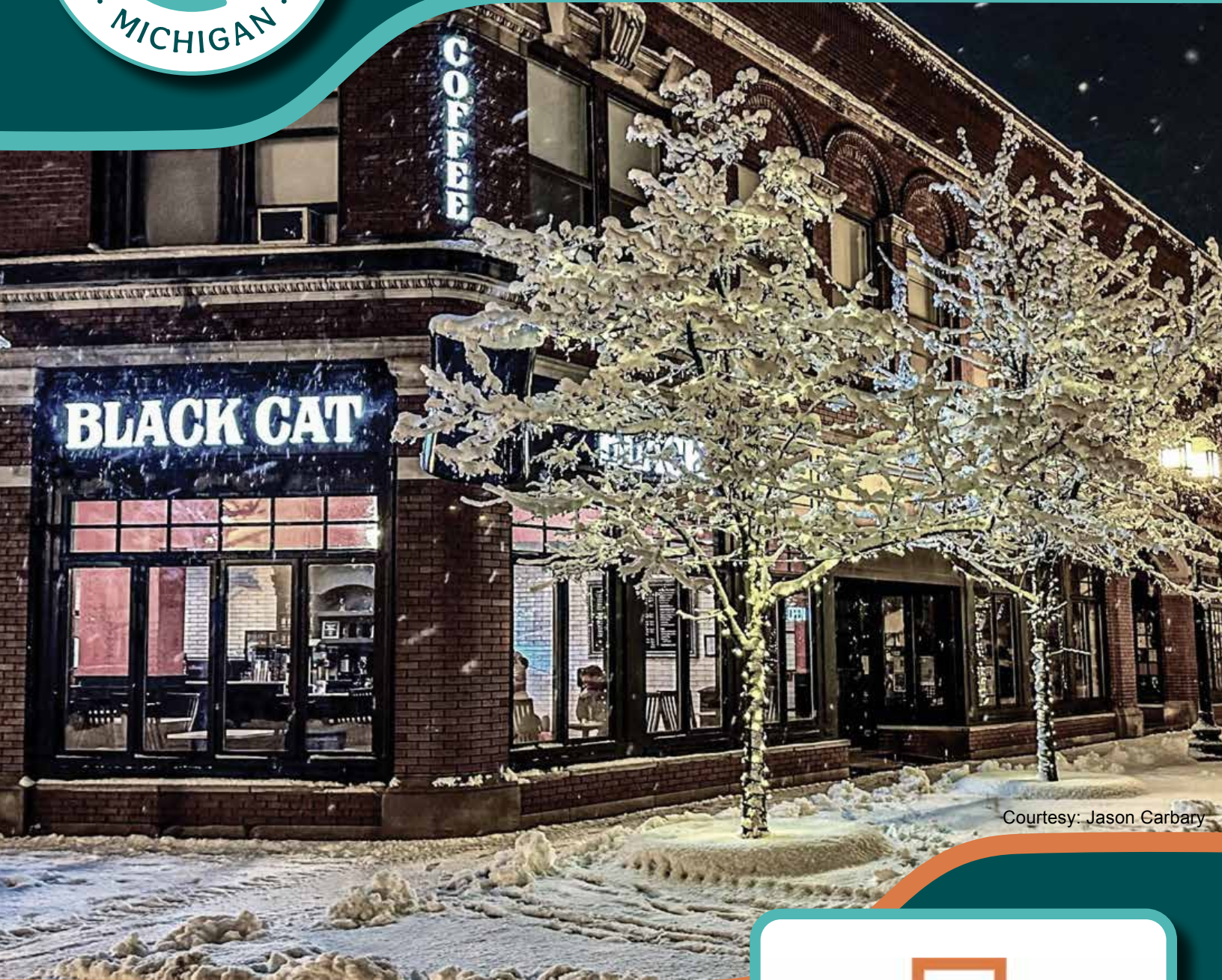


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UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
12/4, 12/18, 1/2, 1/15, 2/5, 2/19



MAYOR'S UPDATE:

As we enter the holiday season, I would love to share good news with you. Thanks to our State Representative Denise Mentzer, the State of Michigan issued two very generous appropriations totaling 5.5 million dollars. The first appropriation of 5 million dollars is for the demolition and remediation of the former Victory Inn. The second appropriation of \$500,000 is for a new fire engine for the Mount Clemens Fire Department. Both appropriations have significant implications for the city. The first having significant potential for future economic development of that property and corner of the city. The second alleviating strain on the city's general fund to purchase such a large ticket item.

In other news, in 2019 the Environmental Great Lakes and Energy department or EGLE, put the city on notice to start working on a plan to replace or renovate our current water filtration plant or find another option for drinking water. Three concurrent studies were commissioned, and the results of those studies concluded there were two viable options. One was to build a new filtration plant, the second was to connect to Great Lakes Water Authority or GLWA. The cost to build our own plant was higher than our bond capacity, leaving connecting to GLWA as the only viable option. The GLWA option would still be a significant cost to residents, so our staff tried to find a way to make the project fundable. In 2023 the city applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$42,713,400 to complete the project. Knowing this number would be impossible for the Mount Clemens Drinking water customers to fund, we hoped that we would qualify for a principal forgiveness grant. We are happy to announce that not only did we receive the low interest loan, but we also received \$20 million dollars in principal forgiveness from the State of Michigan. Construction for this project is expected to begin in September 2024.

Don't forget to check out the library and recreation offerings included here in the newly designed Clementimes newsletter.

On behalf of the City Commissioners and City of Mount Clemens staff members, I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024!



COFFEE TALKS with Mayor Kropp

- December 12th, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- January 9th, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- January 11th, 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- February 13th, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- February 15th, 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Emergency
9.1.1.

Fire
586.469.6840

City Hall
586.469.6800

Utilities
586.469.6889

Animal Control
586.469.6847

Dial-A-Ride
586.469.RIDE

DDA
586.469.4168

Public Housing
586.468.1434

Public Services
586.469.6847

41B District Court
586.469.9300



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SIDEWALK SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Now that we are in the middle of another winter season here in Michigan, it is important to consider the removal of ice and snow from our sidewalks. 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 for both safety and quality of life concerns.

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 accordingly may result in the city of issuing a violation notice or performing the task and billing the responsible property owner. We all hope this winter season is not a harsh one, but in the event that it is, the city thanks you in advance for your diligence in keeping the sidewalks of Mount Clemens safe.

CWSRF LOAN APPROVED

The city applied for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan (CWSRF) in the amount of \$6,220,000 for the installation of a new sludge handling facility and for sewer system upgrades. We are happy to announce we received the low interest loan in full.

"LOCAL TREASURE" AWARD DEADLINE

Don't forget! The deadline to nominate someone for the Local Treasure Award is December 15th. Click on the Announcements section at www.mountclemens.gov for the nomination form and guidelines.

EMAIL & SMS NOTIFICATIONS



Residents who want to stay up to date on what is happening in Mount Clemens are encouraged to sign up for Email notifications, SMS notifications or both. There are 2 types of notifications, Alert and Newsletter. Alerts only go out during events like Water Main Breaks, Traffic Detours and Road Closures and Severe Weather. To

sign up for notifications, go to mountclemens.gov/notify and fill out the application form.

6TH ANNUAL MOUNT CLEMENS TINSEL TOUR

Visit downtown Mount Clemens this holiday season and check out the Tinsel Tour trees in the Cherry Street Mall area. The decorated trees will be lit from Sunday, December 3rd until Wednesday, January 3rd.



Courtesy: Jason Carbary

COMMUNITY CALENDAR / MARQUEE SIGN

If you want a non-profit event or organization promoted on the Government Access Channel or on the marquee sign at Cass and Gratiot, go to the City's Website: mountclemens.gov click "Message Request" and fill out the Message Request form. Rules regarding what types of messages are and are not acceptable can be found on the page.



CLERK'S OFFICE

IMPORTANT DATES AND VOTER INFORMATION



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE FEBRUARY 27, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Public Act 2 of 2023/Senate Bill 13, which was signed into law in 2023, moved the presidential primary date from the current statutory date of March 12, 2024, to February 27, 2024. However, the act will not take effect until 90 days after the legislature adjourns for 2023. At the time of publication of this issue of "Clementimes," it was not yet certain when the legislature would adjourn, and accordingly, which date the change to the presidential primary will take effect. As a result, the Michigan Bureau of Elections created the schedule of election dates with a February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary date in mind (please see dates below).

If the date of the election is determined to be March 12, 2024, please check the city's website at www.mountclemens.gov/elections for a list of amended dates to correspond with this election date. At this time, the important dates to be observed for a February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary are as follows:

- January 18, 2024 – Absent voter ballots available for voters.
- February 12, 2024 – Deadline to register by mail or online and be eligible to vote in the February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary Election.
- February 12, 2024 – Public accuracy test of voting equipment at 9:00 a.m.
- February 13, 2024 – In-person registration at city clerk's office with proof of residency allowed now through Election Day.
- February 17, 2024 to February 25, 2024 – Early voting period. City clerk's office open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for early voting, voter registration and absentee ballots.
- February 23, 2024 – Deadline to send an absent voter ballot by first class mail.
- February 26, 2024 – Deadline to obtain an absentee ballot (in person at city clerk's office) by 4:00 p.m.
- February 27, 2024 – Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Voting precincts will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the following locations for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election:

- Precinct 1 – Turner Chapel Church
125 Clinton River Drive
- Precinct 2 – Wilson Gymnasium
58 South Wilson
- Precinct 3 – Mount Clemens Community Center
300 Groesbeck Hwy
- Precinct 4 – Mount Clemens Community Center
300 Groesbeck Hwy
- Precinct 6 – City Hall
One Crocker Boulevard
- Precinct 9 – Seminole School
1500 Mulberry

2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING

Mount Clemens voters may cast their vote in person at Mount Clemens City Hall (One Crocker Boulevard) from Saturday, February 17, 2024 until Sunday, February 25, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. during early voting. Other services available to voters on those nine days of early voting include voter registration and assistance with absentee ballots.



NEW BALLOT DROP BOX IS HERE

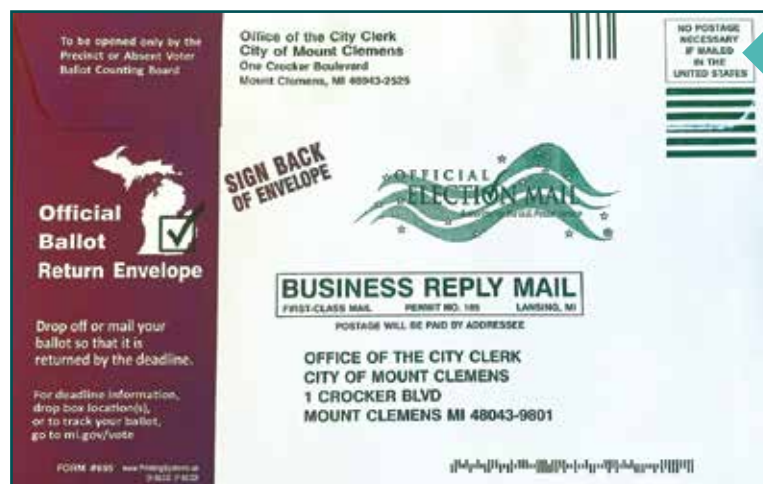
A new ballot drop box has been installed in front of Mount Clemens City Hall. The state-funded secure drop box may be utilized immediately by Mount Clemens voters to return all election materials, such as ballot applications, voter registration forms and ballots to the city clerk's office 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during election seasons.



SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL 22-2 CHANGES

On November 8, 2022, Michigan voters passed Proposal 22-2 which amended the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections. The Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office has been working under the direction of the Michigan Bureau of Elections for the past year to make the following changes that will be implemented during the 2024 election season. These changes include:

- Nine days of in-person early voting at Mount Clemens City Hall beginning the second Saturday before every statewide and federal election from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Voters may complete their ballot and insert it themselves into the tabulator during early voting.
- Voters may now join the Permanent Ballot List and complete just one application to vote absentee for all future elections, without having to complete an absent voter application for all elections.
- State-funded prepaid postage for all election materials – Voters will no longer have to provide their own postage to return their ballots. (See below)



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COMMUNITY INFO

HOLIDAY REFUSE CALENDAR



Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Monday, December 25th through Friday, December 29th.

New Years Day – Monday, January 1, 2024

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, January 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Monday, January 1st through Friday, January 5th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Martin Luther King, Jr. – Monday, January 15, 2024

Garbage pickup will run on schedule January 15th through January 19th.

Presidents Day – Monday, February 19, 2024

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

COMPOST/LEAF PICKUP SEASON ENDS DECEMBER 8TH

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 paper waste bags or 32 gallon or smaller 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 Snow Removal

Please keep in mind the Street Department will be clearing all major streets first during a snowstorm. 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” per City of Mount Clemens Ordinance #30.030. 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 snowstorms 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. Vehicles not removed from the streets during a Snow Emergency may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner’s expense. Once the entire street has been cleared of snow from curb to curb and no additional snow has accumulated or is predicted to accumulate, or the Snow Emergency has been terminated, vehicles may then resume parking on that street. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Services at (586) 469-6847.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees can be placed at the curb with your regular garbage. Please make sure that trees are bare and not in a plastic bag when placed at the curb.



PHOTO CONTEST

Would you like to see your picture of Mount Clemens on the cover of the next issue? Submit your seasonal photo for the March/April/May issue to Paddles@Mountclemens.gov



MOUNT CLEMENS FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHAT'S NEW?

The Mount Clemens Fire Department has received a grant from the State of Michigan for a new fire engine. This engine will be replacing our engine one. Engine one has been in service for twenty years. This engine will take roughly two years to build and will be a welcome addition to the Mount Clemens fleet. The new apparatus will be equipped with modern safety features and improved fire attack systems, these improvements will help us to keep the citizens of Mount Clemens safe! A big thank you to State Representative Denise Mentzer for securing state grant funding for the new fire engine!

FIRE MURAL DEDICATION

On September 9th, the City of Mount Clemens held a dedication ceremony for the Fire Station Mural. The mural was painted on the side of the Mount Clemens Fire Department by local artists Alana Wines lafrate and Angelika Wynes. The Anton Art Center, City of Mount Clemens and the Detroit Institute of Arts partnered with Angelika and Alana to bring this beautiful piece of art to the City.



FIRE SAFETY TIP:

The New Year is upon us once again and what better way to ring in the New Year then with a couple friendly fire safety reminders!

1. Make sure all your smoke detectors are working. Replace batteries if needed and make sure you have the correct number of detectors for your home.
2. Have a conversation with family members about a fire escape plan and a meeting area.
3. If a fire is in your home, please get out and stay out. Do not go back in your home for any reason.
4. Make sure your fireplace is protected by a screen and the chimney is clean.
5. Keep candles about a foot away from anything that could catch fire and remember to always put them out when you leave.
6. Make sure space heaters are 3 feet away from any curtains or furniture.
7. Always clean lint out of dryer traps.
8. Replace frayed wires on any household appliance.
9. A fire extinguisher in the kitchen is always recommended.
10. Matches, lighters, and flammable liquids should be locked up from children.
11. Never run gas powered generators inside a garage or home.
12. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, please clear heavy snow around it.



FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS:

On behalf of the Mount Clemens Firefighters, we wish everyone a Happy Holidays! We look forward to 2024 and are honored to serve the great city of Mount Clemens!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Downtown Mount Clemens is a special place to be this holiday season. Come downtown for a day of shopping and enjoy an outstanding meal or snack at one of the many restaurants. Finish off your visit by taking a stroll down the streets to view our beautiful Christmas tree and light displays throughout the downtown. Grab an adult beverage in the Oasis Social District from a participating restaurant until 11:00 pm.

We encourage you to shop small instead of the mall 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 shopping opportunity, and 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.

The fourth annual Mount Clemens Christmas Light Parade will return to the downtown on Saturday, December 9th at 7:00 pm with a new parade route. You can join Santa and his sleigh and all the fun with cars, motorcycles, trucks, and floats decorated with hundreds of lights. The new parade route can be found on our new website at www.downtownmountclemens.org.

We'll close out 2023 with NYE Kids Night and our traditional New Year's Eve Gala. NYE Kids Night will be held at the Discovery Center of Macomb located at 54 Cherry Street prior to the Gala merriments. Children will have their 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 entertainment, and the ONLY New Year's Eve fireworks display in the metro Detroit area.



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!

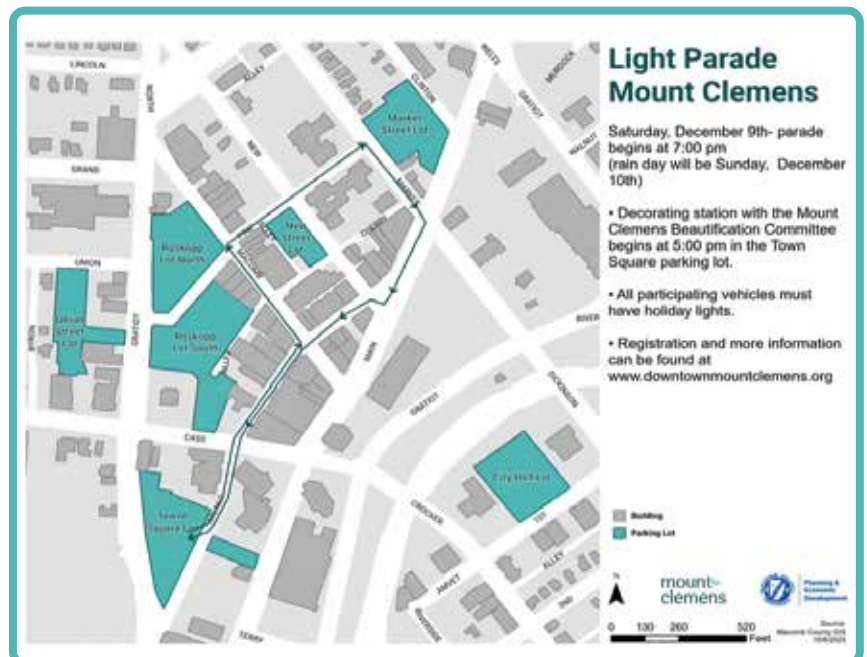
For the latest information on our upcoming events and happenings in downtown, visit our new website:

www.downtownmountclemens.org.

Like the official Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page:

Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens,
and follow us on Twitter and
Instagram @MountClemensDDA.

**Once again, the city will be offering
Free After 3 Parking in the
downtown district from
November 17 through January 1.
Please visit the downtown
for all your holiday shopping needs.**





DDA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Anton Art Center Christmas Market

Thursday, November 16 through Saturday, December 23
Anton Art Center
586.469.8666

Downtown Mount Clemens Annual Light Parade

Saturday, December 9 – 7PM
Downtown Streets
586.469.4168

Mount Clemens Kids New Year's Eve Event

December 31 – 4 PM – 9 PM
Kids Fireworks Show at 9 PM on Main Street
Discovery Center of Macomb
54 Cherry Street
586.469.4168

Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala

December 31 – 10:30 PM
Entertainment & Fireworks (at midnight) on Main Street
586.469.4168

18th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, February 1 – starts at 6PM
At participating Uptown Bars and Restaurants
Tickets can be purchased in advance at participating establishments
Proceeds benefit Mount Clemens Goodfellows and the Anton Art Center
586.469.4168

18th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Show

Saturday, February 3 – Sunday, February 4
Sculptures will be displayed on Macomb Place, Cherry Street Mall and the Fountain Stage.
Details available at: www.downtownmountclemens.org
586.469.4168

Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14
Shop & Dine Local – Shop, dine, and have a great time in Downtown Mount Clemens

For more information on these and other upcoming events, log on to: www.downtownmountclemens.org

CITY COMMISSION

DEPARTING COMMISSIONERS

November 6, 2023 marks the end of service for City Commissioners Rashidah Hammond and Glenn Voorhess. Both commissioners were elected in November of 2019, and have completed a single term of service. While serving on the commission Glenn also was a representative on the Mount Clemens Retirement Board. Glenn believes the most important work he was a part of was hiring City Manager, Gregg Shipman and the administrative hearings bureau, which focuses on blight enforcement. Commissioner Hammond believes the reopening of Cairns Community Center was important work completed by the commission during her term. She's also very proud of the Shadyside Park splash fountain. The City of Mount Clemens would like to extend our gratitude to both Commissioners for their dedication and work on behalf of the residents of Mount Clemens.



Commissioner Glenn Voorhess



Commissioner Rashidah Hammond



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CLINTON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL



KEEPING IT WATERSHED FRIENDLY IN THE WINTER *5 TIPS FOR WINTER WEATHER & CLEAN WATER!*

When snow and ice melt, dissolved salts on roadways are carried into adjacent storm sewers that enter our local rivers, lakes and streams. Once in the water there is no way to remove the chloride, and at high concentrations chloride harms fish and plant life.

Below are a few tips for keeping salt use down and waterways healthy

1

Shovel First: The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use. Break up ice with an ice scraper or shovel snow off walkways, then decide if application of de-icer or salt is necessary to maintain traction.

2

Slow Down: Drive for winter conditions and be courteous to slow-moving plows. The slower they drive, the more salt will stay on the road where it's needed.

3

Use Sparingly: More salt does not mean less ice. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet). One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. Also be patient; salt takes time to work. Applying more before allowing time to take affect will lead to unnecessary contamination.

4

Sweep It Up: If extra salt or sand is visible on dry pavement, it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. The excess can be swept up and reused for the next snow or disposed of in the trash.

5

Wait For Warm Weather: Most salts stop working efficiently when the temperature is below 15 degrees. You can use sand instead for traction in these frigid conditions.



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A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO FALL LAWN CARE

When rain falls and snow melts, the runoff produced picks up a variety of contaminants such as oil, metals, salts, pet waste, fertilizer, and grass clippings as it flows over roofs, roadways, sidewalks and lawns.

Stormwater runoff ultimately flows into storm drains.

Remember: storm drains lead directly to our local rivers and streams.

Using responsible lawn care practices is one step toward cleaner rivers and lakes — even if you don't have waterfront property.

START WITH SOIL:



Perform a soil test to determine what your lawn needs. When necessary, use earth friendly fertilizers, which use low or no phosphorus, and fertilize in fall to build strong grass roots. Additional fertilizer before May is usually unnecessary. Raking $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of compost onto your lawn is a natural alternative to fertilizer.

WHAT YOUR LAWN NEEDS:



Cut your grass high (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches) to promote root growth and shade out weeds. Let grass clippings fall onto the lawn for extra nutrients, and be sure to sweep them off of paved surfaces and back onto the lawn. Light frequent watering prevents overwatering and allows root absorption.

YOUR LAWN'S ECOSYSTEM:



Avoid weed-and-feed combination fertilizer and weed control. These products can harm the beneficial insects and plants in your lawn. In addition, sweep fertilizer back onto the lawn, as excess fertilizer beads will wash down storm drains and into our rivers and lakes. Lastly, be sure to leave a "no fertilizer" buffer of at least 15 feet near lakes and rivers to maintain the natural balance of our freshwater ecosystems.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

WINTER UPDATE

WINTER TAX BILLS

Residents should receive a winter tax bill in the mail around December 1, 2023, and it is due by February 29, 2024. Any 2023 tax amount that remains unpaid after that date will be transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. You may call their office at 586-469-5190 for more information.

EVERY RESIDENT RECEIVES A TAX BILL, EVEN IF YOUR TAXES ARE PAID BY A MORTGAGE COMPANY. PLEASE KEEP THIS TAX BILL FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

2024 DOG/CAT LICENSES

You may purchase 2024 animal licenses in the Treasurer's Office starting January 2, 2024. All renewals must be made during the months of January and February, or a penalty will apply. Please bring the rabies certificate that is signed by the veterinarian. The fees are: \$8.00/neutered and \$15.00/not neutered. All renewals after February 29 will include a \$10 penalty.

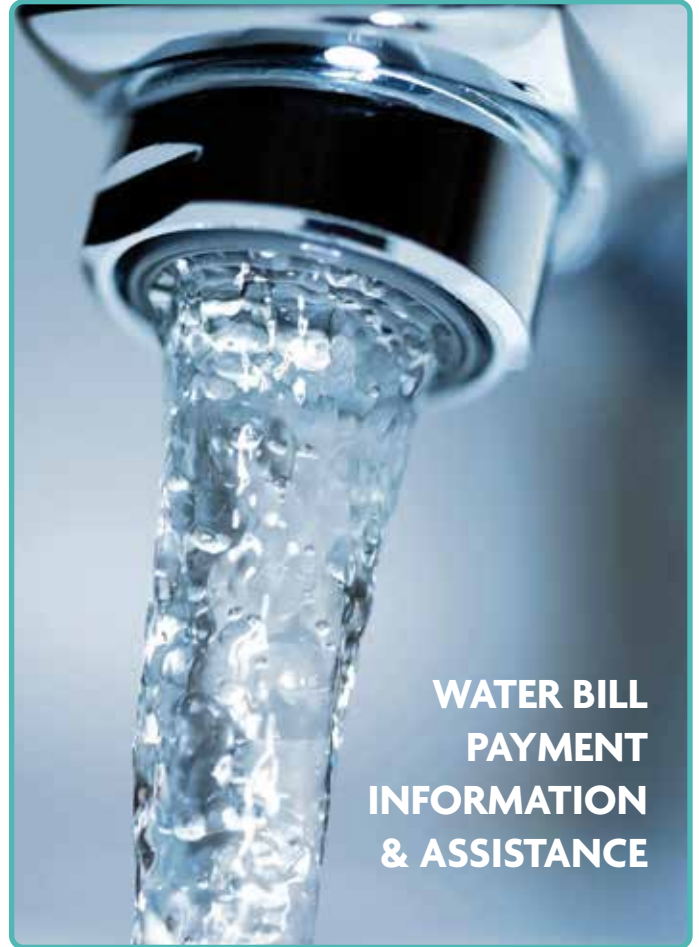


DELINQUENT TRANSFER TO TAX FEE

Please note: any delinquent bill that is moved onto the property taxes will incur a 15% fee. *This fee will not apply to sidewalk invoices.*

NEW CLOTHING LINE!

Need ideas for Christmas presents? Come to City Hall and check out our fashionable line of clothing with the new city logo! We have t-shirts, polos, sweatshirts, hats, and coffee mugs. City apparel can also be purchased at The Nest Collaborative, 66 Macomb Place.



WATER BILL PAYMENT INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

FREE OPTION FOR PAYING WATER BILLS – AUTO PAY

The Treasurer's Office now offers an option to pay your water bill by ACH check for no fee. It's easy - just fill out the form on the next page and return to our office. You can also email it to Lshipman@mountclemens.gov. If you have any questions, stop in or call us at 586-469-6800 x2.

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR WATER BILL?

If you own your home and need assistance with utility bills, delinquent property taxes or mortgage expenses, you may be eligible for up to \$25,000 in assistance through MIHAF – the Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund. To apply visit Michigan.gov/MIHAF or call toll free 844-756-4423.



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AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT OF WATER BILL

MAIL OR RETURN THIS FORM TO:
MOUNT CLEMENS TREASURER'S OFFICE
1 CROCKER BOULEVARD
MOUNT CLEMENS MI 48043

EMAIL TO: Lshipman@mountclemens.gov

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: _____

DATE ENTERED: _____

INITIALS: _____

DATE CANCELLED: _____

I authorize the City of Mount Clemens and the financial institution named below to initiate credit entries and to initiate, if necessary, debit entries and adjustments for any credit entries in error to my checking/savings account indicated below. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. **Your monthly water bill amount will be automatically deducted on the due date.**

(FULL NAME – PLEASE PRINT)

(PHONE NUMBER)

(ADDRESS OF WATER ACCOUNT)

(WATER ACCOUNT NUMBER)

(NAME OF YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION)

(YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS)

Your Bank Account Number _____

Checking _____ or Savings _____

Your Financial Institution Routing Number _____ (9 digits located on the lower left of your checks)

On _____ I authorized
(DATE)

Please choose: Mailed bill _____
Paperless bill _____

City of Mount Clemens Treasurer's Office
1 Crocker Boulevard
Mount Clemens MI 48043
(586) 469-6800 x2

to initiate electronic entries to my checking/savings account and have agreed to the terms listed on the authorization. I may revoke my authorization with the company at any time by writing to the address above.

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

(CANCELLATION SIGNATURE)

(DATE)



AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT OF WATER BILL





MOUNT CLEMENS RECREATION

RECREATION WINTER 2023/2024

Mount Clemens Parks & Recreation is gearing up for the winter season. Registration is easy online at www.mountclemensrecreation.org or stop by the Groesbeck Community Center Monday through Friday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Silver Sneakers: (Ages +50) (Could be free with most Medicare Plans, if not covered \$2 drop-in fee)

Silver Sneakers is a health and fitness program designed for adults that's included with many Medicare Plans. Class focuses on strengthening muscles and increasing range of movement for daily life activities. Participants can use hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and a Silver Sneakers ball. Often a chair is used for seated exercises or standing support.

Located at the Community Center at 300 N. Groesbeck.
Monday and Fridays, 10:00am-11:00am

Euchre Players Card Club: (Ages +50) (Free Club)

Join the Euchre Players Card Club! Euchre is a card game in which each player is dealt five cards and the player making trump must take three tricks to win a hand. All skill level players welcomed. Card players bring their own equipment and facilitate their own play.

Located at the Community Center at 300 N. Groesbeck.
Wednesdays, 12:00pm-3:00pm

Holiday Card Making Class: (Ages: +3) (\$8 per person)

With the holidays coming up soon, join Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation department for a holiday card making workshop. All supplies for cardmaking will be provided by Parks and Recreation staff. All ages welcome, but anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian for the entire workshop

Located at the Community Center at 300 N. Groesbeck.
Saturday, December 2, 2023, 12-1:30pm

Pickleball Lesson: (Ages: +18) (\$10 per person)

Interested in learning how to play the fastest growing sport in the U.S.? Game fundamentals, basic skills, and tips will be taught by a knowledgeable and experienced player. Equipment will be provided by parks and recreation staff.

Location: Wilson Gymnasium (58 S. Wilson)
Monday, December 4, 2023, 12-1pm



Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall:

(Ages: +3) (\$50 per person)

Holiday Walk is a self-guided indoor tour featuring incomparable holiday sights and decorations inside Meadow Brook Hall, the historic mansion and National Historic Landmark located in Rochester on the campus of Oakland University.

For more than 50 years, Meadow Brook Hall has delivered a breathtaking holiday experience, transporting visitors through the historic mansion decked in shimmering splendor. Experience the wonder of our more than 50 magnificent trees, flickering fireplaces, and lights galore! Holiday Walk invites you to explore the 110-room estate from the Grand Ballroom to the beautiful bedrooms.

Location: Community Center 300 N. Groesbeck
Thursday, December 7, 2023, Bus Departs at 11:10 AM

Eccentric Science Experiments: (Ages: K-5) (\$15 Drop-in)

Welcome to Eccentric Science Experiments/Labs where you can learn about a variety of science topics through fun experiments for kids from kindergarten-5th Grade. Youngsters will be able to participate in a variety of science experiments chosen from a range of science topics chosen by the instructors in advance. The classes will be run by both the Mount Clemens Discovery Center and the Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation Department.

The experiments will be held at The Discovery Center of Macomb on 54 Cherry St., Mount Clemens, MI.

Saturday, December 9, 2023 and
Saturday, January 13, 2024, 12-2pm



MOUNT CLEMENS RECREATION (CONT'D)

RECREATION WINTER 2023/2024

Painting Party at the Center: (Ages: +18) (\$15 Drop-in)

Join us for a painting party night at the Community Center hosted in collaboration with the Mount Clemens Public Library! We will follow a fun paint by numbers canvas with a relaxing atmosphere for friends or family to chat while they paint. Refreshments will be provided.

Located at the Community Center at 300 N. Groesbeck
Friday, January 12, 2024 6-8pm and
Friday, February 9, 2024 12-130pm

Kid's Winter Arts and Crafts: (Ages: 5-10) (\$18 per person)

Young kids will create and follow an art project based around a winter theme each week. The crafts will be focused on a specific project picked out by the Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation Staff. The crafts will include a variety of mediums for the young kids to experience. The classes will be geared towards kids between the ages of 5-10. All supplies will be provided. It will be run by the Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation Department. Legal guardians must be present for the entirety of the art class.



Located at the Community Center at 300 N. Groesbeck
Tuesdays, January 9th- February 13th, 2024 5-6pm

Zumba Night Class: (Ages +18) (\$50 per person)

Looking for a fun and light dance fitness workout? Zumba mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness workout. Zumba combines cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility that makes for a fun class. Wear tennis shoes and bring water.

Location: Wilson Gym (58 S. Wilson)
Monday and Wednesdays, January 8th -February 14th 2024
6:30 pm-7:30pm



Zumba Day Class: (Ages +18) (\$50 per person)

Looking for a fun and light dance fitness workout? Zumba mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness workout. Zumba combines cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility that makes for a fun class. Athletic apparel, tennis shoes and a water bottle recommended.

Location: Wilson Gym (58 S. Wilson)
Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 9th-February 15th 2024
10:00 am-11:00 am

Cardio Drumming: (Ages +13) (\$48 per person)

This is a workout that involves lots of sweat, music and a good time! Improve your coordination, focus, burn calories and strengthen muscle groups. Kim Michal from Cherry Street Nutrition cannot wait to bring this fast-paced exercise routine to the City of Mount Clemens! Class is designed for ages 13 & up; minors must be accompanied by a paid adult participant.

Bring your own equipment (exercise ball, buckets, drumsticks). Equipment will be available for use during the first two classes. After the second class, participants will need to bring their own equipment or purchase a full set for \$20 payable directly to the instructor.

Location: Wilson Gym (58 S. Wilson)
Tuesdays, January 9th-February 13th, 2024 6:00pm-7:00pm



For a full list of recreation offerings, check out our website
www.mountclemensrecreation.org



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Chess Club - Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Grades 1-5: Whether you're an experienced player looking for a match or new to the game and looking to learn, join us at Chess Club.

Homeschool Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays from 12:00pm-2:00pm

Homeschool families: bring your lunch and meet other homeschool friends. When you're finished, stick around to play board games, create with LEGOs, or enjoy any of our other resources together! This program is open to homeschoolers of all ages and their caregiver teachers. Registration is not required.

Super Saturdays

Join us **every Saturday between 10:00am-2:00pm** for activities and programs designed for preschoolers and school-age children through 6th grade. Please visit the "Youth Services - Children" tab or the "Events Calendar" tab on our website for the full schedule! The first Saturday of each month features Germination Station Literacy programming; the rest is filled with music, art, STEAM, stories and more, including:

- **Breaking Barriers to Play - December 2nd**
- **Ardis Music - January 6th**
- **Ballet Folklorico De Detroit - January 13th**
- **Rosco the Clown - January 27th**
- **Anton Art Center - February 3rd**
- **Yoga for Kids - February 10th**

OTHER

New MCPL Literacy Lab - Germination Station

We are excited to launch our new literacy lab, the Germination Station! The ability to read and write opens doors, and gives us the tools to achieve our dreams and goals. The Mount Clemens Public Library is committed to supporting literacy in our community so we can all grow and thrive together. The MCPL Germination Station, under the direction of Literacy Specialist Autumn Hart, is designed to help students and families engage with the programs and services we provide that help grow our readers! Our resources are always FREE of charge. Please visit the "Literacy Lab" or the "Events Calendar" tab on our website for details.

- **Story Thyme!** - Weekday, weekend and evening groups
- **Kindergarden Blooms** - for current and next year's Kindergarteners on Tuesdays
- **MinT (Mondays in Text)** - literacy activities for Grade 1 and up
- **BASIL (Balanced After School Interactive Literacy)** - activities and homework help for Grade 1 and up on Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Saplings** - snacks, activities, and homework help for Grade 1 and up on Thursdays
- **Consultations and screenings by appointment**

Mid-Winter Break Boredom Busters!

- **Pippin Puppets Puppet Show - Friday, February 16th from 12:30pm-1:30pm**

Think summer when you watch this super silly show about pirates in a pool. Arrrrrr! Registration is not required.

- **Drop-In LEGO Build - Tuesday, February 20th from 10:00am-4:00pm**

Stop by our Makerspace to build with our large collection of LEGOs! Registration is not required.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUNG ADULTS

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Young Adult Advisory Board (YAAB)

First and Third Wednesday of the Month from 3:00pm-4:00pm

- **Wednesday, December 6th & December 20th**
- **Wednesday, January 3rd & January 17th**
- **Wednesday, February 7th & February 21st**

Calling all young adults! Help shape the YA Department at your library by joining the Young Adult Advisory Board. As a YAAB member, you will help plan programs, decorate the YA space, and earn community service hours for it! This is also a great opportunity to gain leadership and volunteer work experience. Registration is not required.

Magic: the YA Gathering

Tuesdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm

- **Tuesday, December 12th**
- **Tuesday, January 16th**
- **Tuesday, February 13th**

Let's play Magic: the Gathering! If you don't know how to play - that's okay! We will begin each "gathering" with an explanation of the rules and then get to playing. Decks will be provided. Registration is not required.

YA D&D Club

Second and Fourth Thursday of the Month 4:00pm-6:00pm

- **Thursday, December 14th & December 28th**
- **Thursday, January 11th & January 25th**
- **Thursday, February 8th & February 22nd**

Join our YA D&D club! Keep an eye on our social media for campaign specifics as they are announced. This club is great for players ages 12-18. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclub.org

YA Crochet Club

Third Monday of the Month from 4:00pm-5:00pm

- **Monday, December 18th - Simple Flower Coaster**
- **Monday, January 22nd - Chapstick Holder Keychain**
- **Monday, February 26th - Tiny Bee Stuffie**

Whether you've been crocheting for years or have yet to pick up a hook, consider stopping in for Crochet Club! Each month, we will have a new beginner-level project and time to practice your stitches.



YA Writer Club

Tuesdays from 4:00pm-5:30pm

- **Tuesday, January 23rd**
- **Tuesday, February 27th**

Join us each month as we learn new skills to elevate our creative writing. We will also learn about submitting writing pieces for publication. Registration is not required.





CRAFTING

World Wildlife Conservation Day Documentary & Craft

Monday, December 4th from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Join us in celebrating World Wildlife Conservation Day by watching a wildlife documentary and creating wildlife clay crafts! Registration is not required.

Ugly Sweater Making

Saturday, December 16th from 11:30am-1:00pm

Create your very own 'ugly' holiday sweater! We'll have tinsel, bells, and all sorts of arts & crafts materials available. Sweaters will also be provided. Registration is not required.



DIY Terrarium

Thursday, December 28th from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Get some greenery in your life with a DIY terrarium! Perfect for those of us without a green thumb, or those that want indoor plants with minimal upkeep. All materials will be provided. Registration is not required.

Balloon Bowl

Thursday, January 4th from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Create your own bowl using a balloon, confetti, construction and/or recycled paper, and Mod Podge! Registration is not required.

DIY Hand Warmers

Tuesday, January 16th from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Stay warm with these personalized hand warmers! Made of felt and uncooked rice, just pop it in the microwave for instantly warm hands. All materials and instructions will be provided. Registration is not required.

Pop Art

Tuesday, January 30th from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Celebrate Pop Art Day at the library by creating Watercolor Mitten Pop Art, inspired by Romero Britto, or Bubble Wrap Pop Art, inspired by Roy Lichtenstein! Registration is not required.

DIY Essential Oil Diffuser Jewelry

Tuesday, February 6th from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Make a necklace or bracelet diffuser using essential oils and your choice of pre-made pendants or beads to paint! Registration is not required.

Straw Weaving - Make a Bookmark

Thursday, February 15th from 4:00pm-5:00pm

Create a loom out of drinking straws then weave your own bookmark from yarn! Registration is not required.

Air Plant Plush Pot

Tuesday, February 20th from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Take home some easy-to-care-for air plants in your own personally customized container! All materials will be provided. Registration is not required.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUNG ADULT (CONT'D)

YAAB Presents

YAAB Presents: Mini Gingerbread Houses

Thursday, December 21st from 4:00pm-5:00pm

We're putting together mini gingerbread houses! We will have many colors of frosting, gumdrops, and other food decorations. This program is hosted by our YA Advisory Board members. Registration is not required but supplies may be limited.

YAAB Presents: Hack that Painting

Monday, January 29th from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Join us as we take some pre-painted/printed canvases and add our own unique touches to them. This program is hosted by our YA Advisory Board members. Registration is not required but supplies may be limited.

YAAB Presents: Notes of Kindness

Monday, February 12th from 3:00pm-7:30pm

Instead of Valentine's cards, we are writing notes of kindness! Drop-in to the YA Area to make a card for someone special, or write a note of kindness to one of the local Mount Clemens businesses. Local addresses and postage will be provided. This program is hosted by our YA Advisory Board members. Registration is not required.



ADULTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Resume Reviews

Mondays from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Bring your resume to our Adult Librarian for a resume review! We will critique and revise it for your next job search. Registration is not required. If you cannot come in on Mondays, please call us at 586.469.6200 for an appointment.

Tablet Tuesday Tutoring with Jade

Tuesdays from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Visit our Adult Reference Librarian, Jade, for any and all tablet questions, including smart phones! If you can not come in on Tuesdays, please call for an appointment - 586.469.6200. Registration is not required.

Computer Basics Walk-in Sessions

Wednesdays from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Need assistance learning how to maneuver basic computer functions? Stop by our reference desk for help! Registration is not required.

Social Media 101 - Walk-in Sessions

Thursdays from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Stop by our reference desk for help getting started on social media! Registration is not required.

Adult Services: Tech It Out Fridays!

Fridays from 1:30pm-4:30pm

Learn how to work our state-of-the-art tools and machinery, such as our 3D printers and laser cutter! Aprons and gloves will be provided. Registration is not required.

Zumba

Mondays from January 22nd through
February 26th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Join us for a five-week session of Zumba! All fitness levels are welcome. Registration is not required.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Yoga with Del

First Thursday of the Month from 6:45pm-7:30pm

- **Thursday, December 7th**
- **Thursday, January 4th**
- **Thursday, February 1st**

Join us at our library for a rejuvenating yoga session! All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Registration is not required.



Chair Yoga with Del

Third Thursday of the Month from 6:45pm-7:45pm

- **Thursday, December 21st**
- **Thursday, January 18th**
- **Thursday, February 15th**

Join us at our library for a chair yoga session! All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Registration is not required.

Adult Learning Center

Mondays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

- **Monday, December 11th**
- **Monday, January 8th & January 22nd**
- **Monday, February 5th & February 26th**

The Adult Learning Center provides free small groups and one-on-one tutoring services for Mount Clemens patrons. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Macombers

Saturday, December 9th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Representing Macomb Community College, the library is thrilled to welcome The Macombers. Bring the whole family for a fun hour of acoustic music and performance dance. Registration is not required.

Medicare Frauds, Abuse, and Scams

Saturday, January 13th from 10:30am-11:30am

Join us for an informative presentation by Bev Clark, site coordinator for Michigan Medicare Assistance Program. Ms. Clark will be focusing on Medicare Fraud, Abuse & Scams, alerting seniors how to identify, react to, and report these issues. Registration is not required.

New to Medicare

Saturday, January 20th from 10:30am-11:30am

Join us for an informative presentation by Bev Clark, site coordinator for Michigan Medicare Assistance Program. Ms. Clark will be focusing on helping navigate medicare to those who are new to its services. Registration is not required.

Leonardo - Country Blues Songs

Saturday, February 17th from 12:00pm-1:30pm

We are excited to welcome Leonardo, a Blues singer and guitarist, to host this musical journey! Mr. Gianola is endorsed by the National Reso-Phonic Guitar Company and plays in acoustic open tunings. His timeline of blues song performances is a must-see for all ages! Registration is not required.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULTS (CONT'D)

CRAFTING

Crochet Hour - Holiday Ornaments

Tuesday, December 5th from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Celebrate the season by whipping up fun crochet ornaments! Hooks, yarn, and other materials will be provided. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org

Papercrafting at the Library

Thursday, December 7th from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Interested in learning a new page design or ways to use all the paper you have collected? If so, we have the program for you! Scrapbook supplies that are needed are a paper cutter and adhesive. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org



Good Afternoon Crafters!

Thursday, December 14th from 2:00pm-3:00pm

Tired of wrapping gifts? We will be making DIY gift bags for the holidays! Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org

You Are My Sunshine Scrapbook Layout

Thursday, January 4th from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Join your fellow crafters to create a scrapbook layout or work on any project of your choosing. You will need basic scrapbook tools. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org

Good Afternoon Crafters!

Thursday, January 11th from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Winter is a great time to participate in craft-making! This month we will be painting a snowy tile art project to enjoy all winter long. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org

Cupcake Pop-Up Card

Thursday, February 1st from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Join your fellow crafters to create a Cupcake Pop-Up Card or work on any project of your choosing. You will need basic scrapbook tools. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org



Good Afternoon Crafters!

Thursday, February 8th from 2:00pm-3:30pm

This month we will be making pretty tea towels. These delicate beauties can be used as a traditional hand towel or you can display if you prefer. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org

Craft - Valentine Wreath

Saturday, February 10th from 11:00am-12:30pm

Join us as we craft a Valentine Wreath! Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org





DIY Pet ID Engraving

Thursday, February 22nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Learn how to use our laser engraving GlowForge while creating a unique ID tag for your cat or dog! Supplies will be provided. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclub.org

DIY Leap Felt Frog Pin Craft

Thursday, February 29th from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Celebrate Leap Day with a cute and croaky DIY felt frog pin accessory! Supplies will be provided and hand-sewing will be involved. Space is limited, register on our website - www.mtclub.org

BOOK CLUB

***Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus**

Tuesday, December 12th from 6:30pm-7:30pm

For December we will have a heartwarming discussion on *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Registration is not required.

***The Favorite Sister* by Jessica Knoll**

Tuesday, January 23rd from 6:00pm-7:00pm

For January we will have a chilling discussion on *The Favorite Sister* by Jessica Knoll. Registration is not required.

***The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave**

Tuesday, February 27th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

For February we will have an intriguing discussion on *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Registration is not required.

Adult Book Club at MC Community Center

Friday, December 22nd from 1:00pm-2:00pm

Join us on a field trip to the Mount Clemens Community Center for our discussion on *The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas* by James Patterson. Registration is not required.

Adult Book Club at MC Community Center

Friday, January 26th from 1:00pm-2:00pm

Join us on a field trip to the Mount Clemens Community Center for our discussion on *The Winter Ghosts* by Kate Mosse. Registration is not required.

Adult Book Club at MC Community Center

Friday, February 23rd from 1:00pm-2:00pm

Join us on a field trip to the Mount Clemens Community Center for our discussion on *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. Registration is not required.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULTS (CONT'D)

OTHER



Bingo

Monday,
December 4th from
6:00pm-7:00pm

Time again for a fun
night of Bingo! All
ages are welcome.
Registration is not
required.

Chocolate Dipped Beverage Spoons

Saturday, December 16th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Join us for a fun Saturday morning of chocolate-dipped
beverage spoon making. Space is limited, register on our
website - www.mtclib.org

Movie Day - Barbie

Thursday, December 28th from 1:00pm-3:30pm

Stop by the library for a mid-afternoon movie, we will be
showing *Barbie*. This movie is Rated P-13, view at your
own discretion. Registration is not required.

Voter Registration Assistance

Saturday, January 13th from 11:00am-1:00pm

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, we will
be holding voter registration assistance! Whether you
would like to apply online, with a paper form, or fill out
an absentee ballot, we can assist and answer questions.
Registration is not required.

Saturday Cinema Day! - Oppenheimer

Saturday, January 20th from 11:00am-1:30pm

Movies at the library continue in the New Year - join us for
Oppenheimer! This movie is Rated R, please view at your
own discretion. Registration is not required.

Photography Basics 101

Thursday, January 25th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Learn the history and basics of photography! It is
recommended that participants provide their own cameras,
digital or film, but it is not a requirement. Space is limited,
register on our website - www.mtclib.org

Make a Difference Day

Saturday, January 27th from 11:00am-1:00pm

Join us for a fun DIY fleece blanket making activity and help
make a difference in our community! The library will donate
the blankets to local organizations. All supplies will be
provided. Space is limited, register on our website -
www.mtclib.org

Co-Ed Self-Defense with Jabari's Martial Arts Academy

Saturday, February 3rd from 11:00am-12:00pm

Join us for this unique self-defense class for everyone!
Jabari's Martial Arts Academy will instruct and demonstrate
the correct techniques for all ages. Wear comfortable
clothes and shoes! Registration is not required.

Let's Make Cake Pops

Tuesday, February 13th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Make your treats POP - join us in making cake pops! Space
is limited, register on our website - www.mtclib.org

Saturday Scrabble

Saturday, February 24th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Ready to unplug and play a friendly game of Scrabble?
Coffee, cookies, and Scrabble games will be provided.
Registration is not required.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday - 10am-8pm

Friday - 10am-5pm

Saturday - 10am-2pm

Closed Sunday



LOCAL HISTORY

BOOK CLUBS

December Historical Non-Fiction Book Club

Thursday, December 14th from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Join our Local History & Genealogy Department for December's book pick, *Romancing Mr. Bridgerton* by Julia Quinn. Registration is not required.

LECTURES

Beau Brummel to Skinny Jeans, 200 Years of Men's Fashion

Wednesday, December 6th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

This presentation examines the ever changing world of men's fashion. An extra emphasis has been placed on helping to narrow down the time period of that old undated photo or painting in your house. This has proved to be very popular with genealogical and family history research groups! Registration is not required.

Zoom Presentation - Mount Clemens in the 1950s with Don Batkins

Tuesday, December 12th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Rediscover the history of Mount Clemens in the 1950s, and learn how it made an impact on the city today. This event will be in-person and on Zoom. Registration is not required.

Preserving Your Family History

Friday, December 15th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Learn how to use digitization equipment to preserve your old family memorabilia. Registration is not required.

Regency Tea Party

Tuesday, December 19th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Join the Local History & Genealogy Department for a tea service where we will discuss *Bridgerton* and the Regency period both in England and the United States! Tea and refreshments will be provided. Register on our website - www.mtclib.org

History of Packard Proving Ground with Kim Parr

Wednesday, January 17th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

In Celebration of Packard Proving Ground's 95th anniversary please join us as Kim Parr, Collections Curator for the Packard Proving Grounds, tells the story of the family & people who lived and worked on the grounds. Registration is not required.

January Historical Non-Fiction Book Club

Thursday, January 11th from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Join our Local History & Genealogy Department for January's book pick, *Gangsters vs. Nazis: How Jewish Mobsters Battled Nazis in WW2 Era America* by Michael Benson. Registration is not required.

February Historical Non-Fiction Book Club

Thursday, February 8th from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Join our Local History & Genealogy Department for February's book pick, *Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy* by Damien Lewis. Registration is not required.

Women of the Watch, Keepers of the Light with Anna Marck

Tuesday, January 30th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

"Women of the Watch, Keepers of the Light," written and performed by Anna Marck is an uplifting 45-minutes of music, laughter, and simple honest storytelling. Registration is not required. The play follows Anna as she relives hilarious family trips to lighthouses in Michigan, which leads to a discovery of several spectacular stories of various female lighthouse keepers of the Great Lakes.

Zoom Presentation - 102nd Division - Preparing for Action Against Germany with Don Batkins

Tuesday, February 13th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

This talk follows a recently married Mount Clemens man from his enrollment in the draft, subsequent call up, training and deployment to Europe. Numerous photographs and maps illustrate the talk. This event will be in-person and on Zoom. Registration is not required.

Midnight: Detroit and the Underground Railroad with Detroit Historical Society Assistant Curator, Billy Winkel

Thursday, February 29th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Codenamed Midnight, Detroit was a vital station on the Underground Railroad. Thousands crossed the river to freedom in Canada from Detroit. Detroit abolitionists helped freedom seekers from the south evade slave catchers and local law enforcement on their way to Canada. Detroit's abolitionist community were fierce in their support of runaways in the face of severe local opposition. Despite this opposition, Detroit's abolitionists persisted. Registration is not required.

the Community Resource Guide

Mount Clemens Edition



Highlighted in this Edition:

**Mount Clemens Real Estate Trends • Care House • Susie Q's Kids
Chaos Studio • St. Peters Parish • Business Directory • And more...**

The Community Resource Guide, Mount Clemens edition is a seasonal publication that provides all residents and businesses an opportunity to share local stories, upcoming events and business services within our community.

If you or someone you know have an event to promote, a story to share or an idea for the upcoming March 2024 Edition, **email us at info@drivecreativeservices.com**

(All information provided would be considered without guarantee it will be published)

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ADVOCATE FOR MENTAL AWARENESS

Hosted by Dr. Mary Welsh, a wonderful outcome where connections and conversations were made on how to be better together. A time where mental health is becoming a more open conversation, yet there is still so much to discuss. Advocates from several mental health organizations came together to share their missions and goals.

Together we can make a difference and positive impact in our communities. We can, and we need to believe it because nobody should have to navigate mental illness alone. Dr. Mary Welsh shares a personal story of how she asks those around her to “make me laugh” or “tell me a story” to help her work through difficult times.

Create your list— who can you talk to when you are going through a difficult challenge? Dr. Mary encourages you to have 3-5 people you can turn to talk to when in need.

Kevin Fischer, Executive Director of the *National Alliance of Mental Illness* (NAMI), has a mission to end the stigma of mental illness. How stigma affects us can vary by community and culture within. When we talk about



mental health and mental illness, do we understand the difference between the two? Do we understand we all have mental health, but not everyone has a mental illness?

Drew Clayborn of The *Drew Crew* is a nonprofit organization spreading awareness for those who have suffered a spinal cord injury or other types of paralysis to help them regain independence in their lives, lessening depression symptoms from losing their way of independent living.

These are just a couple of the connections between multiple organizations that are working toward a common goal of helping communities overcome mental illness barriers.

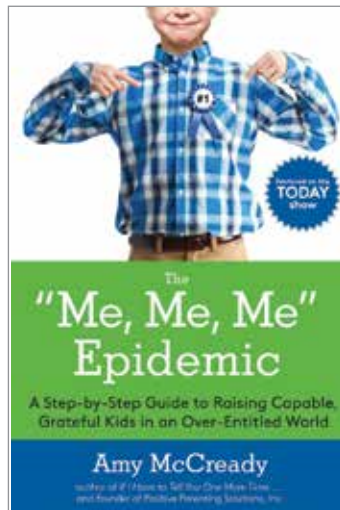
Would you like to get involved or volunteer to help others? Please contact Dr. Mary Welsh at drmary@susieqskids.org or call 248-220-7846 for more information.



CARE 29TH ANNUAL PARENTING CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE: March 2, 2024

Raising children can be challenging. Even the best parents need a little guidance sometimes.

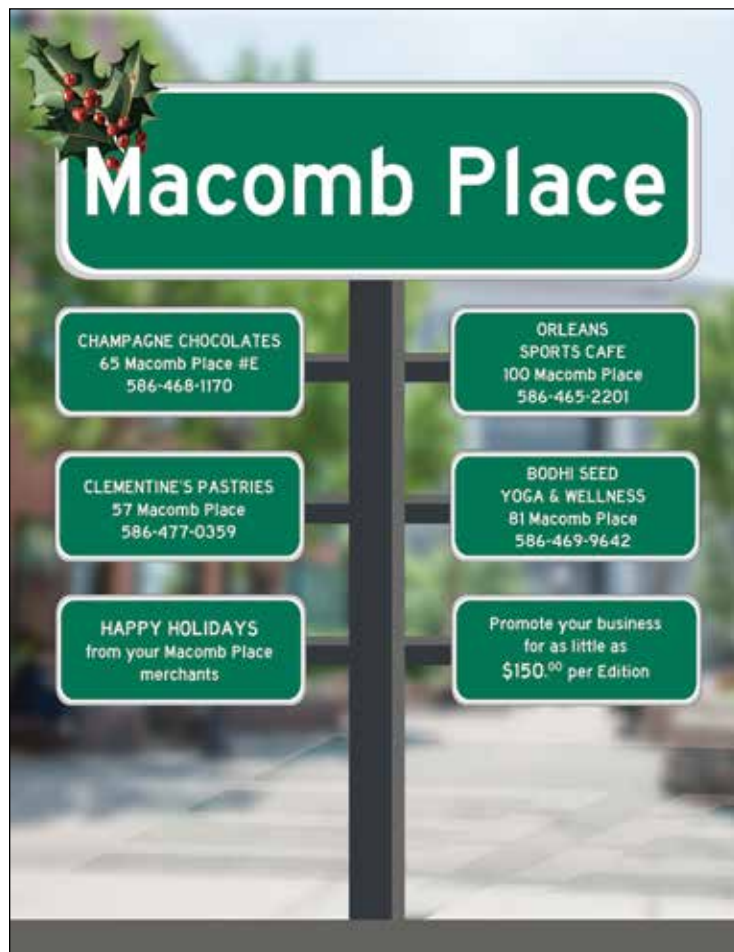


CARE of Southeastern Michigan's 29th Annual Parenting Conference offers parents, caregivers, and professionals a day to learn and enhance their skills and knowledge about parenting children of all ages. This year's keynote speaker is bestselling author Amy McCready, author of *The Me, Me, Me Epidemic*.



The conference occurs at Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Rd., in Clinton Township on March 2, 2024, from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Registration opens on December 1, 2023 at www.careofsem.com



A CELEBRATION OF RESILIENCE AND SUCCESS



In the heart of Mount Clemens, Jenn Magri knew she wanted her business to thrive and grow within the City of Mount Clemens. In 2005 the start of a

journey began where *Chaos Studio Salon and Spa* would embark upon New Street. After seven years on New Street, a new location was needed to ultimately achieve her goal to hold a permanent location within Mount Clemens.

Next, her journey led her to Macomb Place Street where she would successfully maintain her business over the next eleven years. However, her landlord decided she no longer desired tenants in the midst of the chaotic holiday season, leaving Jenn without a building to continue to grow her team, patrons, and local festivities.

"I knew there had to be a reason it was happening," expressed Jenn, "I do truly believe everything happens for a reason, even if you don't know why at first."



Jenn discovered this turn of events would be one of the best things to happen for *Chaos Studio Salon and Spa*.

Built in the 1960's, 93 S. Main Street was a difficult picture to paint at first with a leaking roof, single pane windows, drop ceiling, a boiler from 1994, and a cluttered space.

However, after Jenn's walkthrough, her father and herself gathered their thoughts at a local restaurant and the vision was sparked over a napkin blue-print visual. It clicked.

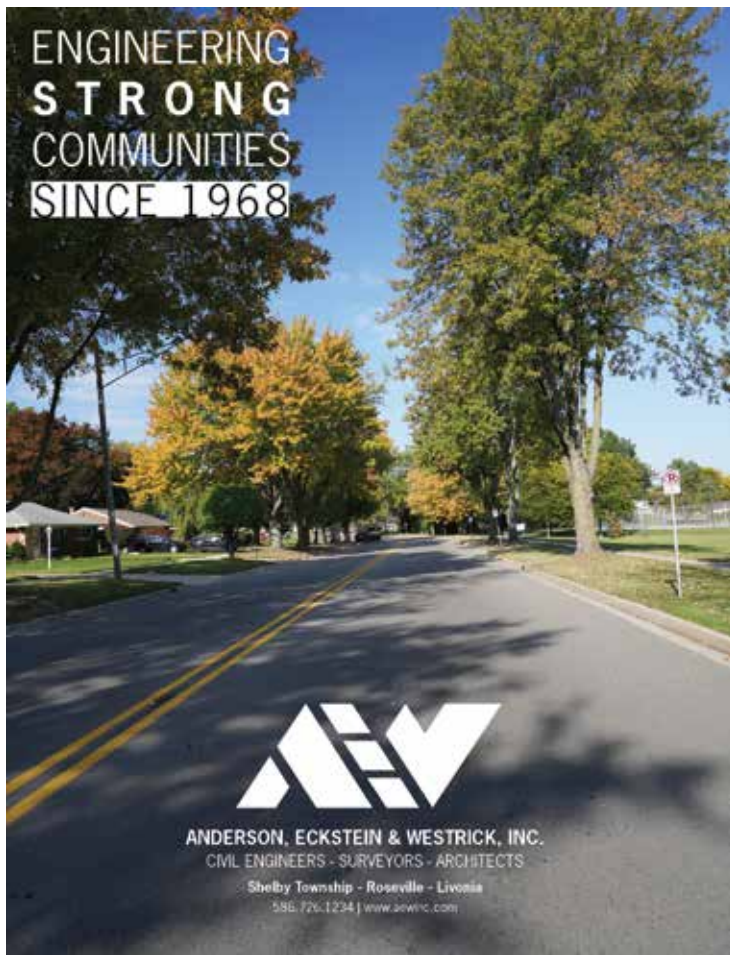
Jenn purchased 93 S. Main Street for their new safe haven that will have a chance to thrive for many years to come. She has found her forever home within the City of Mount Clemens after all.



Through determination, resilience, and community- *Chaos Studio Salon and Spa* was able to see the light again. Her journey allowed her to overcome barriers and setbacks and ultimately allowed her to acquire the perfect place within the community and an opportunity to flourish.



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These numbers are surely much higher than our best estimates because most children never tell. Sadly, living with sexual abuse is a reality for children of every race, gender, and economic status. Care House has coordinated over 10,500 forensic interviews and provided services to over 13,000 families since our opening in 1996, all at no cost to the families we serve.

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CITY OF MT. CLEMENS REAL ESTATE

Q3 (July - September 2023)

Data Courtesy of Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® and its Macomb Chapter are pleased to provide the following information to the City of Mount Clemens, its residents and property owners. Questions or concerns can be addressed to Bob@GPBR.com.

CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS REAL ESTATE MARKET

\$177,138

AVERAGE SALE PRICE

▲ 16.6%
FROM Q2 2023

▼ 6.0%
FROM Q3 2022

48

NUMBER
OF SALES

▲ 11.6%
FROM Q2 2023

▼ 23.8%
FROM Q3 2022

18

AVERAGE DAYS
ON THE MARKET

▼ 30.8%
FROM Q2 2023

▼ 25.0%
FROM Q3 2022

35

AVERAGE MONTHLY
INVENTORY

▲ 16.7%
FROM PRIOR QUARTER

▼ 50.0%
FROM Q3 2022

53.3%

ABSORPTION
RATE¹

▲ 30.2%
FROM Q2 2023

▲ 52.4%
FROM Q3 2022

MARKET ACTIVITY

Single Family • Detached

QUARTER (Q3 2023) OVER QUARTER (Q2 2023)

▲ 16.7%
AVERAGE ACTIVE

▲ 41.2%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

▼ 10.4%
TOTAL CLOSED

YEAR-OVER-YEAR (for Q3 2023 vs. Q3 2022)

▼ 50.0%
AVERAGE ACTIVE

▲ 9.1%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

▼ 23.8%
TOTAL CLOSED

The market in City of Mount Clemens remains strong with continued low sales as the result of low inventory. This trend does appear to be reversing as the year-over-year figures suggest. Please note that with small amounts of data, average sale price is likely to fluctuate, noticeably, and is a less reliable indicator than Days on Market.

Stats and Trends provided by the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS®. All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed and should be independently verified. Information was derived from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, Realcomp II Ltd. and the Great Lakes Repository®.

¹The Absorption Rate is the rate of home sales taken by dividing the number of sales by the inventory. Above 18.3% is considered a seller's market.

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UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Before going further, recall that a year ago, interest rates were climbing and expected to go higher. This motivated a lot of buyers to buy earlier than they had expected and pay over asking for homes as inventory remained low.

¹An absorption rate between 15.4% and 18.3% is considered a market in balance. Higher favors sellers, lower favors buyers.

Consumers appear to have adjusted to rates where they are, using adjustable-rate mortgages as a short-term measure, expecting to refinance should lower rates appear. While rates remain volatile, purchasing now vs. a year from now will only see buyers paying more for homes.

Average Sale Price – Healthy: Despite the higher rates, homeownership continues to contribute to net worth. Higher inventory will not slow increases in value. Buyers are dealing with the affordability issue through the use of adjustable rate mortgages.

The number of sales – Healthy: While down from a year ago, the month over month increase is a good sign that buyers will have more of a selection to look at.

Days on Marker (DOM) – Healthy: The reduction in DOM validates the strength of the market.

Inventory – Neutral (at best): While the inventory has improved, the market can easily use more inventory without impacting value.

Absorption Rate – Seller's market: Buyers need to remain aggressive when they find a home they really want. An absorption rate at these levels means the market is very competitive from a buyer's perspective.

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ANNUAL MERCY IN ACTION & CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA- ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH



Mercy in Action is an annual event with St. Peter Catholic Church, St. Mary's school, and St. Vincent de Paul where every year they come together to raise food and donations. This event occurred on October 14th, 2023.

Food donations amounted to 10,800 lbs. St. Peter Catholic Church shared donations to St. Thelcas, St. Raymonds, St. Louis, and Tim the Bread Man, who delivers bread to St. Peter's Catholic Church.

St. Mary's school had collected over 1,000 items including blankets, journals, coloring books, and more for Susie Q's Kids Bags. Over 75 kids between St. Mary's, L'anse Creuse, and Dakota schools helped the food drive and assembled bags for children!

Cardinal Mooney High School provided a bus with about 1,100 lbs. for food donations.

Austin Academy arrived with two cars full of toys to donate to Susie Q's Kids mission to help children feel comforted during their hospital stays, children in foster care, children needing counseling services, and more.

A multigenerational union joining together and helping each other where there is no age difference when we work as a team to help support those in need! A true example of our community supporting one another.

December 13th, Christmas Extravaganza

Welcome the Christmas Spirit starting at 5pm-7:30pm, where children can meet Santa Claus, camels, and reindeer! This is a **free event** to all where there will be cookies & coffee, 50/50 raffle, raffle for kids to enter a

chance to win a bike of their choice, donated from local businesses! There will be a cost for food trucks. The entire block will be lit up in the Christmas Spirit!



An event's mission to help unite the community and help make everyone feel included and a part of the community. For more information visit www.stpetermtclemens.com.

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