



Winter 2021 A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mount Clemens



Message from Mayor Laura Kropp

A Look Back at 2020

When I reflect on 2020, like most of you, I first think of all

that we missed out on. Canceled vacations, family gatherings, major life events, the list goes on and on. Then I catch myself, and remember to be grateful for things like health, family and our community. So many people endured hardship after hardship and just because a new year has started, doesn't mean we shouldn't reflect on those losses. We enter into 2021 without many of our beloved community members. In order to move our community forward we must all acknowledge the grief we are all experiencing. "Grief is like the ocean; it comes in waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim" (Vicki Harrison, Author).

Despite Covid-19 shutting things down in the city we did manage to accomplish key initiatives. To hear more details about these initiatives, you can view the State of the City Address on the YouTube channel, Bath City Beat.

2020 Accomplishments:

- Hired City Manager, Don Johnson
 - Formulated a new Strategic Plan that included six new goals, a revised mission statement and a new vision for the city.
- Overhauled the city's social media platforms
 - Initiated a text and email notification system
 - Hired three new firefighters
 - Hired a fire chief
 - Removed rotten tables and benches from Cherry Street Mall
- Began the rebranding process for the city
- Formed a new city Recreation Board
- Made progress towards diversifying our appointed boards and commissions
 - Partnered with Macomb County's Economic Development Department

2021 Commission Priorities:

- Rebrand the city
- With Macomb County's Economic Development Department and our DDA, bring new business to the city



- Develop a plan for Phase Two of revitalizing Cherry Street Mall
- Expand Sidewalk Repair Program
- Bring recreation opportunities back to the city
- Develop a plan for riverfront revitalization
- Develop a plan for capital improvement projects

As always I am here to listen to all members of our community. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach call: 586.469.6818 ext. 313 or email: LKropp@cityofmountclemens.com

Wishing you all my best for a successful and healthy 2021!



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



Have a question?
Call us!
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Winter Snow Removal

Please keep in mind the Street Department will be clearing all major streets first during a snow storm. We will, however, plow the side streets as quickly as possible once the major streets are clear.

This winter during snowstorms, please park your vehicles at an off-street location. Parking in a driveway or parking lot will be greatly appreciated. On-street parking can resume after the City has plowed the streets.

Whenever there is an abundance of snow accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to extraordinary depths, the City may declare a "Snow Emergency" 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 snow storms or excessive snow falls.

After the initial notice of a snow emergency has been declared, please remove all vehicles within six (6) hours on any major streets and/or within twelve (12) hours on local streets or alleys. 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.



2020 Snowflake Award

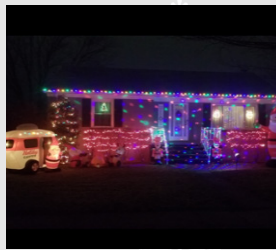
During this wacky year we wanted to thank our residents for the effort and creativity in bringing a touch of light into the neighborhood by decorating your homes for the 2020 holiday season.

We would like to congratulate all of the 2020 Snowflake Award winners! Although many homes were beautifully decorated, only 7 homes could be acknowledged with an award. Due to the pandemic, an award presentation will not be held during a city commission meeting. Therefore, we have hand delivered the Snowflake Awards to the residents. You can see pictures of the decorated homes on the city's social media accounts.

We look forward to seeing all the decorated homes next year for the Snowflake Awards. Until then, start planning your Spring / Summer decorations and landscaping so you can win our Yard of the Year award!

Thank you for making Mount Clemens a beautiful place to live.

Sincerely, Mount Clemens Beautification Committee



DDA

Michelle Weiss
Marketing & Events Coordinator

The Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2021. The past several months have been challenging for many of us, and 2021 is the perfect time to reflect and reset. Due to the uncertainty of the Covid 19 pandemic the DDA will try to produce some special events when safety and time permit. As we embark on the New Year, we will keep you informed on new, exciting developments, special events and projects that are percolating within our Downtown district.

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

16th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Show

Saturday, February 6 – Sunday, February 7

Sculptures will be displayed on the Fountain Stage and the Cherry Street Mall

Details available at: www.cityofmountclemens.com/dda/events

586.469.4168

Valentine's Day

Sunday, 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: cityofmountclemens.com/dda/events

Please shop local and help support our downtown business owners and businesses. Stop in, say hello, and support the local establishments that support our local economy.

Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram for the most up to date information on events and new happenings in Downtown Mount Clemens.

Visit www.cityofmountclemens.com/dda

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DowntownMountClemens

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@MountClemensDDA

Follow us on Twitter:

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City Clerk's Office

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk

We are Here for You!

The Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office has worked diligently through the COVID-19 pandemic to serve our residents with the same efficiency and friendly service that they have come to rely on. From distributing free lunches to our community at the beginning of the pandemic, to providing safe and secure voting options and locations to our voters, we have faced this challenge head on and made the needs of our residents our top priority.

Whether City Hall is open or closed for the safety of our staff and residents, our office may be contacted at any time for FOIA requests, public records, business registrations and election information. Please feel free to reach out to us with any of these concerns.

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586.469.6818, ext. 309

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Cathy Martin, Deputy City Clerk:

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For any information that cannot be

emailed, please utilize the City's drop box, located in the City Hall parking lot, across from the gazebo.

November 2, 2021 City Election: Call for Candidates

Application materials will be available in the City Clerk's Office in early March for the following races in the November 2, 2021 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.

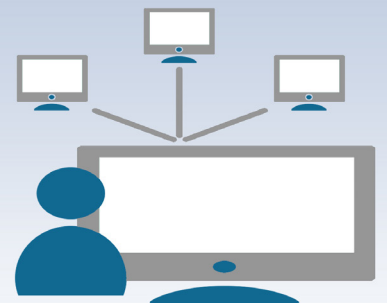
• A resident of the City for at least 365 days immediately prior to the last day of filing for office.

The deadline for application 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 at 586.469.6818, ext. 3, for more information about running for these vital offices.

Remote 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.



Mount Clemens Library

Though our main doors may be closed, the library is here for you! Over the past several months, we've adapted to bring Mount Clemens the best services possible. We are happy to make available items you have placed on hold, and even pick out materials for you we think you will enjoy if you're not sure what you want! Email a print job to info@mtclib.org and we will have it to you as soon as possible, our Wifi extends to the parking lot, and the copier is in the lobby for your use. Our lobby is open and librarians are available by phone M-F 10-6 and Saturday 10-2.

We're also here for your entertainment. Our librarians have been providing great virtual programs and would love for you to join! We have story times and book clubs for kids of all ages, art projects for both kids and kids at

heart, and an excellent slate of lectures and activities for adults. We've even installed and keep updated a Story Walk outside the library for nice days!

We'd love to help you get involved. Call our librarians at 586.469.6200 for help getting started with Zoom, downloading FREE books, audiobooks, movies, and music or to find out more about any program. Follow us on Social Media and visit our website, www.MTCLIB.ORG for more information!



Dept. of Public Services

Jeffrey Wood
Public Services Director

Holiday Refuse Calendar

New Years Day – Friday, January 1, 2021

There will be NO trash pickup on Friday, January 1st. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, January 2nd.

Martin Luther King, Jr. –

Monday, January 18, 2021

Garbage pickup will run on schedule January 18th through January 22nd.

Presidents Day –

Monday, February 15, 2021

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

Good Friday – Friday, April 2, 2021

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

Memorial Day – Monday, May 31, 2021

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.



Independence Day –

Sunday, July 4, 2021

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.

Labor Day – Monday, September 6, 2021

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, September 6th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Tuesday, September 7th through Friday, September 10th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Columbus Day –

Monday, October 11, 2021

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

Veterans Day –

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during Veterans Day week - November 8th through November 12th.

Thanksgiving Day –

Thursday, November 25, 2021

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 25th. Garbage pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Thursday, November 25th.

Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 26th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 27th.

Christmas Day –

Saturday, December 25, 2021

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

New Years Day –

Saturday, January 1, 2022

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

Christmas Tree Pickup

A special yard waste collection truck is picking up Christmas Trees on your regular garbage day until January 25th. Please make sure that trees are bare and not in a plastic bag when placed at the curb.

Community & Economic Development

Brian Tingley
Community Development Director

2020 was a challenging year for all of us. From our residents and businesses, to our government leaders and city staff, we all had to pivot and face new challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Although there were many obstacles to overcome throughout the year, there were also several exciting and impactful advancements.



As the state began to shut down most of the business world in March, city staff was still active and assisting in one of the most ambitious construction projects in recent years; the Wayne and Joan Weber Emergency and Trauma Center at McLaren Macomb hospital. Even during the shutdown, city staff continued to provide building inspection services to ensure this critical project moved forward. After just over two years of construction, the new emergency and trauma center opened in June. I would like to personally thank the staff in the community development department for assisting with this project during a very challenging time.

As the city moved into the summer, it began a strategic planning process that ultimately

resulted in several goals and objectives, including a renewed effort on economic development collaboration among city administration, its Downtown

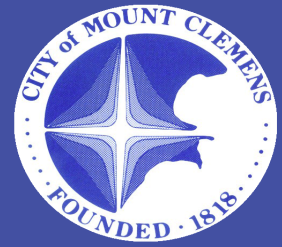
Development Authority (DDA) and our partners at Macomb County. This resulted in two concrete steps. The first was a contract between the city and its DDA to have the community development

department provide executive director services to the DDA and for the city manager's office to provide social media services. The second was a contract between the city and Macomb County for a short term pilot program whereby the county will provide targeted economic development services

for downtown Mount Clemens. The goal is for the city and county to explore a longer-term arrangement at the conclusion of this pilot program. As we continue to move forward during this pandemic, we are hopeful that these arrangements set the stage for continued economic growth utilizing partnerships and collaborations.

Now that 2020 is behind us, we look forward to a spring and summer of revitalization. We want residents and visitors alike to rediscover the city and its downtown and make us the **Uptown of Macomb County**. To that end, we hope to set the stage for a grand reopening of the downtown, with a new city brand, new outdoor dining options and looking at ways to create outdoor physical places that are attractive, safe and welcoming.

*The Uptown of
Macomb County*



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Denise Mentzer
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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
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Fire Department

Captains Richard DeCaussin,
Tom Mocerri and Gregg Shipman

What's New?

The Mount Clemens Fire Department would like to congratulate Thomas Mocerri who has been promoted to Captain and David Buscaino has been promoted to Lieutenant. MCFD also has three new probationary firefighters. Ricardo Luna, Noah Lesner, and Brett Lepley. Over the next year they will be busy training and learning the city and our department.

Fire Safety Tips:

The New Year is upon us once again and what better way to ring in the New Year is 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 you 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 stack 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 New Year! We look forward to 2021 and are honored to serve the great city of Mount Clemens.

Treasurer's Office

Lori Holland
Deputy Treasurer

Water Tax Bills

Residents should have received a winter tax bill in the mail around December 1, 2020, and it is due by March 1, 2021. Any 2020 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.

Dog & Cat Licenses

You may now purchase 2021 animal licenses in the Treasurer's Office. All renewals must be made during the months of January and February, or a penalty will apply. You just need to bring the rabies certificate that is signed by the veterinarian. The fees are: \$8.00/neutered and \$15.00/not neutered.

Thank you for your patience during our COVID closure. We are looking forward to serving you again in the new year!

Stay Informed!

Sign Up for EMail and Mobile Notifications from City Hall

Emergency Alerts and Coming Soon: E-News Updates!

www.CityofMountClemens.com/Notification

Important Dates

City Commission Meetings

- * Tuesday, January 19, 2021
- Monday, February 1, 2021
- * Tuesday, February 16, 2021
- Monday, March 1, 2021
- Monday, March 15, 2021
- Monday, April 5, 2021
- Monday, April 19, 2021
- Monday, May 3, 2021
- Monday, May 17, 2021
- Monday, June 7, 2021
- Monday, June 21, 2021
- *change due to holiday

Agendas & meeting minutes available on the city website.

Upcoming Holidays

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Monday, January 18th

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 15th

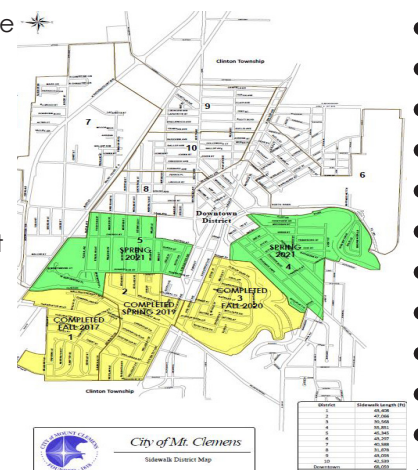
Good Friday
Friday, April 2nd

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 4 and 5. This program was developed to benefit all City residents to provide safe walkways throughout the City. Since 2017 Districts 1 through 3 have been completed.

In January 2021 the City will be sending out a public notice by US mail to all property owners in Districts 4 and 5 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 March 2021 defective sidewalks in District 4 and 5 will be marked with orange spray paint. In May 2021 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 4 and 5.



Information from the City Manager

Have you ever set out to do something only to find someone else already did it? One of the city commission's objectives in the strategic plan was to create a list of available human service resources.

Fortunately, before investing too much effort in compiling such a list, I came across "The Right Connection" resource directory. This project was developed by the Macomb County Youth Council, a subcommittee of the Macomb County Inter-Agency Council, for use by service personnel in assisting families in locating free, low-cost or unique human services in Macomb County. It is available as a book or free on-line at the Macomb Intermediate School District web site: <http://connection.misd.net/>.

In either form, it is an extremely well-done directory of human services available to residents of Macomb County. The city will be making good use of this directory. I have already obtained extra copies for the sheriff's Mount Clemens substation. We have put a link to it on the city web site and city staff, who often receive phone calls from people in search of assistance, will have it available.

The Macomb County Inter-Agency Council (IAC) was formed in 1964 by concerned Macomb County area citizens and human service agencies. Since IAC's inception, various programs have been established as a result of council activities to fulfill unmet service needs within Macomb County. You can learn more about IAC at <https://sites.google.com/site/mciacweb/>.