



A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mount Clemens

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CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS DEPARTMENTAL PHONE LISTING

The main phone number for the City of Mount Clemens is **586.469.6818**. For specific departments, please see the options/phone numbers listed below.

Animal Control586.469.6847
Assessing. x 4
Cable Television586.461.3751
City Clerk x 3
City Manager x 7
Mayor/City Commission
Community Development x 2
Building/Inspections
Community Relations x 7
Dial-A-Ride586.469.RIDE
Downtown Dev. Authority 586.469.4168
Finance/Accounting x 301
Fire586.469.6840
Human Resources x 5
Parking Matters x 909
Public Housing586.468.1434
Dept. of Public Services . . .586.469.6847
Purchasing x 6
Treasurer's Office x 1
Tax/Water Bills
Credit Card Payments 1.866.789.5536
Utilities586.469.6889
Water & Sewer/Water Filtration

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

41B District Court586.469.9300

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

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

www.cityofmountclemens.com

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Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

Happy New Year 2019!

I want to thank all of the residents, business owners, sponsors, volunteers and City employees for a successful bicentennial celebration last year. Together, we can ensure this great community remains resilient for another 200 years!

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It was such a pleasure to see all the families and visitors along Main Street for the annual Santa Parade. In case you missed it, there are pictures on page 4 of this newsletter.

City Commission Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 22, 2019*

Monday, February 4, 2019

Tuesday, February 19, 2019*

Monday, March 4, 2019

Monday, March 18, 2019

Monday, April 1, 2019

**Date changed due to holiday*

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



PHOTOS FOR THE CITY WEBSITE

The city is looking for photographs of our beautiful city to use on our website. If you are a photographer and have photos you would like to share with us, please email them the City Manager's Office at jgigliotti@cityofmountclemens.com.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Tingley
Community Development Director

2018 Community Development – Quick Year in Review

2018 was an exciting year for the City as it produced several special events in celebration of its bicentennial. There were also several other exciting projects that came to completion this past year.

After nearly two years of fundraising, design and construction, a universal accessible kayak launch along the boardwalk at MacArthur Park became operational this past fall. Please be on the lookout for a formal grand opening during the spring of 2019.

The City also invested over \$100,000 into Shadyside Park this past year, with the installation of a new play structure and swing set area. This was made possible through the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and private donations.

The City also used CDBG funds to complete the roof repairs at the Fire

Department.

Finally, the City continued its efforts at sprucing up the downtown by completing a second round of crosswalk improvements, made possible through a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation.

In other news, the City adopted a 6-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which was needed to become certified through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities® (RRC) program. The purpose of a CIP is to facilitate an active discussion throughout the annual budget process. The last item remaining in order to complete certification include updates to the City's zoning ordinance, which should take place in 2019. For more information about the MEDC Redevelopment Ready

Communities® program, please go to <https://www.miplace.org/communities/rrc/>.

The Community Development Department will be releasing a complete 2018 Annual Report during the first quarter of 2019. Once completed, the report will be made available on the City website at www.cityofmountclemens.com. Thank you to everyone for an exciting 2018.

The Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2019. As we embark on the New Year, we will keep you informed on new, exciting developments and projects that are percolating within our Downtown district. Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for the most up to date information on events and new happenings in Downtown Mount Clemens.

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

14th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, January 31st

At Participating Downtown Bars and Restaurants

Tickets can be purchased in advance at participating establishments

Starts at 6 PM

586.469.4168

Proceeds benefit Mount Clemens

Goodfellows and the Anton Art Center

14th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Carving Show

Friday, February 1st – Sunday, February 3rd

- Show formally opens 4 PM Friday and runs through Sunday evening
- Sculpture Displays on Macomb Place
- Kids Wonderland Warming Center at 70 Macomb Place – Open Saturday Noon – 4 PM, Saturday Noon – 3 PM. The Family Warming Center features fun and activities for the entire family.
- Live ice carving will be taking place from midday Thursday to midday Sunday.
- Interested in sponsoring a sculpture? Details available at: DowntownMountClemens.com/events

586.469.4168

Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 14th

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

St. Patrick's Day Fest Downtown

Saturday, March 16th & Sunday, March 17th

Details TBA

Sponsored by 94.7 WCXS, Petitpren

Inc., and Mount Clemens DDA

Made in Michigan Show

Friday, May 10th – Saturday, May 11th

Interested vendors:

DowntownMountClemens.com/events

Registration forms available now.

Stay tuned for our soon to be announced complete line up of concerts and events for 2019.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, log on to: DowntownMountClemens.com.

Please help us welcome our new business owners and businesses to town! Stop in, say hello, and support the local establishments that support our local economy.

New Businesses

- Mae's Deli – 64 Macomb Place
- The Nest – 66 Macomb Place
- Black the Salon – 81 Macomb Place
- Thirty 4 – 42 Pine Street

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- Visit our website: DowntownMountClemens.com
- Like the Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens)
- Follow us on Twitter: [@MountClemensDDA](https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA)



Your place for:

- Learn-to-Skate Classes
- Public Skating
- Youth/Adult Hockey
- Birthday Parties
- Group Outings/Field Trips

To obtain information regarding these programs, please call the arena at 586.307.8202 or visit www.mountclemensicearena.com.

A Resident's Guide to Understanding Assessments

IMPORTANT ASSESSING DATES

ASSESSMENT NOTICES SHOULD BE IN THE MAIL BY MARCH 4, 2017

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017: 9 AM –

NOON AND 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017: 1 PM – 4

PM AND 6 PM – 9 PM

APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY

Proposal "A" of 1994

On March 15, 1994, Michigan voters approved the constitutional amendment known as Proposal A. It was designed to limit the growth in property taxes by the Consumer Price Index until ownership in the property was transferred. Prior to Proposal A, property taxes were based on the State Equalized Value (SEV), which may fluctuate from year to year. With the implementation of Proposal A, property taxes are based on your property's Taxable Value (TV).

Taxable Value

In 1994, all properties became "capped". The property's SEV then became the new Taxable Value. From that point forward, Taxable Value could increase in the following three ways: 1) A Transfer of Ownership 2) A physical change to the Property or 3) Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) not to exceed 5%, this is also referred to as the Inflation Rate Multiplier.

Transfer of Ownership

When a transfer of ownership takes place on a property, the Taxable Value is uncapped to the Assessed Value for the following year. From that point forward, the Taxable Value is capped until the next transfer.

Physical Changes

Any change in Assessed Value due to a physical change will also change the Taxable Value beyond the CPI increase. Any loss in value would be subtracted and any new value would be added after applying the Inflation Rate Multiplier (CPI). All assessments are based on what is physically on the property as of each December 31st. Most maintenance items such as

roofs, siding, windows, etc., are not considered as a physical addition to the property.

Inflation Rate Multiplier (CPI)

Every year the State of Michigan calculates the Inflation Rate Multiplier (CPI). The multiplier is calculated by statute, on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as measured by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics and is based on a two year average of the consumer price index based on the state fiscal year. All property in Michigan will have an average increase based on the Inflation Rate Multiplier or 5% (whichever is lower). The 2017 Inflation Rate Multiplier (CPI) is 0.900

Market Value

The Assessed Value represents 50% of a property's Market Value. The figure is calculated through a study of sales in the City for a one year period. The State regulated dates for the two year study time frame are 10/1/2014 through 9/30/2016. The City is divided into nine (9) different study areas and sales in each area are evaluated to establish the percentage that values will change.

Foreclosures

The State Tax Commission has issued specific guidelines regarding the inclusion of foreclosure sales in Assessor's sales studies. These guidelines require the Assessor to review each foreclosure sale utilizing the established criteria. The Assessor makes a determination based on the guidelines whether to include specific sales in the study.

For a list of **Frequently Asked Questions**, please visit www.cityofmountclemens.com and click on Assessing under the Services link.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 14th

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 18th

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.

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.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk

No Knock List

As part of the City's Door-to-Door Solicitor's Ordinance, the City Clerk's Office has established a “No Knock” list. This list is given to all solicitors upon issuance of a Door-to-Door permit. They are advised at that time not to solicit at the addresses on the list. If you would like to add your address to the list, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3, or send us an email at lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com. Please note: The “No-Knock” list is for residential properties only.

E-Mail Notifications

Get the most up-to-date information about the City of Mount Clemens by signing up for email notifications. Simply log on to www.cityofmountclemens.com, click on the Document Center icon, and then select Email Notifications at the top of the page. Next, click on the “Sign Up?” link at the bottom of the page where you will be asked to enter your email and then an email verification will be sent to you. From there, you can select what meetings you are interested in, as well as City events, and you will receive an email

notification whenever City agendas, minutes, meeting packets and upcoming City events are posted. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3.

Boards and Committees

The City of Mount Clemens is seeking residents who wish to make valuable contributions to the City by volunteering to serve on one of the City's many boards and committees. There are currently openings on the following boards:

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

Please visit the City's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com for an application, or call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, ext. 3.

2019 Holiday Refuse Calendar

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 21, 2019
Garbage pickup will run on schedule January 21st through January 25th.

Presidents Day
Monday, February 18, 2019
Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of February.

Good Friday
Friday, April 19, 2019
Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of April.

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

Independence Day
Thursday, July 4, 2019
There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, July 4th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Thursday, July 4th through Friday, July 5th. Garbage pickup for Monday, July 1st, and Tuesday, July 2nd, and Wednesday July 3rd will be picked up on schedule.

Labor Day
Monday, September 2, 2019
There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, September 2nd. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, September 2nd, through Friday, September 6th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, September 9, 2019.

Columbus Day
Monday, October 14, 2019
Garbage pickup will run on schedule during the entire month of October.

Veteran's Day
Monday, November 11, 2019
Garbage pickup will run on schedule during Veteran's Day week - November 11th through November 15th.

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28, 2019
There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 28th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 29th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 30th. Garbage pickup for Monday, November 25th, Tuesday, November 26th, and Wednesday, November 27th will be on schedule.

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25, 2019
There will be NO garbage pickup on Wednesday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Wednesday, December 25th through Friday, December 27th. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 23rd and Tuesday, December 24th will be picked up on schedule.

New Years Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
There will be NO garbage pickup on Wednesday, January 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Wednesday, January 1st through Friday, January 3rd. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 30th and Tuesday, December 31st will be picked up on schedule. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Crocker House Museum

Children's Etiquette Class at Crocker House Museum
Sunday, March 3rd 1 PM

Please call 586.465.2488 or visit www.crockerhousemuseum.org for event information, to make reservations or to purchase tickets.

- Learn the basics in every-day etiquette; including how to shake hands, how to introduce,
- common courtesy and table manners. Seating is limited and non-refundable and costs \$15 per student includes dessert.

What's New?

The Mount Clemens Firefighters would like to inform the citizens about our upcoming smoke detector program. The safety of our citizens is our number one priority and we pride ourselves on dedicated service to the community. For more information please check our Facebook page or call the station for more details.

Fire Safety Tips

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

1. Make sure all of 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.
5. Keep candles a foot away from anything that could catch fire and remember to always extinguish 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 kept away from children.

From our family to yours...

On behalf of the Mount Clemens Firefighters we wish everyone a Happy New Year! We look forward to 2019 and as always, we are honored to serve the great city of Mount Clemens.

Mount Clemens Presents the 2018 Macomb County Santa Parade

**Winter Tax Bills**

- Winter Property Taxes are payable from December 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the City's Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x1. Any tax amounts that remain unpaid after February 28, 2019 will be transferred to Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. Macomb County Treasurer may be contacted at 1 South Main Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043, 586.469.5190.

Transparency

- Taxpayers may view the Open Government Transparency & Accountability Data at www.cityofmountclemens.com, using the Transparency / Financial Reporting tab.

Riverfront Gazebo

- Are you getting married in 2018 or know someone who is? The City's Treasurer's Office is taking 2019 reservations to rent the photogenic gazebo starting February 1, 2019. Fees are: \$50.00 for the first hour and \$25.00 for each additional hour. This beautiful location provides a unique background for wedding pictures.

Dog/Cat Licenses

- Purchase annual animal licenses for 2019 in the Treasurer's Office. New animal licenses are valid for one year and will expire 01/01/2020. All renewals must be made during the months of January and February or will be subject to a penalty charge. Bring Veterinarian signed rabies certificate when applying. Fees are: \$8.00/neutered and \$15.00/not neutered.

Did You Receive A Past Due Notice?

- Contact the Treasurer's Office if you need to make payment arrangements for a past due water/sewer bill. If you are unable to pay your bill in full, you will need to sign-up to make monthly payments to prevent a service shut off. Once a shut-off is initiated, a \$35 service fee applies, \$70 fee after hours, and the entire balance is due. You can prevent a shut-off by simply going to City Hall Treasurer's Office and making payment arrangements. Cash, Money Order, or Credit/Debit card are accepted.

- If you are unable to make a payment towards your past due bill,

contact an agency for help as soon as possible, by simply calling 211.

If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x1.

Quarterly Parking Permits may be purchased at City Hall Treasurer's Office.



Use the **Parkmobile app** when parked at a City meter to save time and money. Download the app, register your license plate, link a payment method, then this use app when parked at a City meter, and receive customizable parking expiration reminders.

Convenient Ways to Pay Bills or Parking Tickets

There are several easy ways to pay a tax bill, water/sewer utility bill, or parking ticket:

1. **MAIL** a check or money order payable to the City of Mount Clemens, include your remittance, and send to One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043.
2. **24-Hour DROP BOX** located on west side of City Hall parking lot, across from Gazebo, is available for you to place an envelope containing your remittance and a written check or money order payable to the City of Mount Clemens. Do not deposit cash.
3. **PAY IN PERSON** by going to City Hall Treasurer's Office. Cash, check or money order, credit/debit card are accepted and a receipt will be issued. A processing fee applies to credit/debit card payments. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays.
4. **PAY ONLINE** using MasterCard or Visa at City's website www.cityofmountclemens.com. Click or Search Pay Bills from home screen. A processing fee applies.
5. **PAY BY PHONE** by calling 866.789.5536 to pay by check, debit card or credit card. A processing fee applies.