



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 Control	586.469.6847
Assessing	 x 4
Cable Television	586.461.3751
City Clerk	 x 3
City Manager	 x 7
Mayor/City Commission	
Community Development	 x 2
Building/Inspections	
Community Relations	 x 7
Dial-A-Ride	586.469.RIDE
Downtown Dev. Authority	586.469.4168
Finance/Accounting	 x 301
Fire	586.469.6840
Human Resources	 x 5
Parking Matters	 x 909
Public Housing	586.468.1434
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
Utilities	586.469.6889
Water & Sewer/Water Filtration	

Macomb County	
Sheriff's Office	586.469.5151
www.macombsheriff.com	
41B District Court	586.469.9300

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 Laura Kropp

Thank You

Thank you to all the residents of Mount Clemens who participated in the November 2019 election. This past election brought a wave of new beginnings to our city. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor and look forward to working hard to create growth for our city.

Top Priorities

Your City Commission and I take seriously the challenges that lie ahead, and we consider the following items top priorities for the first quarter of 2020:

- Hire a new City Manager
- Set our vision for Mount Clemens
- Establish both long and short term

goals for the city

- Begin the budget for 2020/2021 fiscal year to align with our long and short term goals

New Commissioners

Two new City Commissioners, Rashida Hammond and Glenn Voorhees, were elected in November 2019. At the time of this publication we will have the results of the January 6, 2020 City Commission Meeting deciding who will fill the seat of Commissioner William "Sonny" Ford or send the issue to an August 2020 vote of the people. I am looking forward to working with the new and existing commissioners to build a better Mount Clemens.

Connect with Me

I feel it's essential for me to hear all of the voices of Mount Clemens. Very soon I plan to establish open office hours where residents can drop in and speak with me. Also, as Mayor I plan to continue my Coffee Talk series. Every second Tuesday at 9:30 AM, and every second Thursday at 6:30 PM, join me at John's Family Grill (304 Cass Avenue) to talk about current events in Mount Clemens and have questions you may have, answered. If you need to reach me any other time, feel free to call me at 586.469.6818 x313 to set up an appointment. I can also be reached via e-mail at LKropp@cityofmountclemens.com

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk



Presidential
Primary is
Tuesday, March
10, 2020

The next election in the City of Mount Clemens is the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Any Michigan registered voter can participate in the primary. By law, you must make your ballot selection in writing by completing the Application to Vote/Ballot Selection Form on Election Day; or on the Absent Voter Ballot Application form if voting absentee.

In this election, there will be 3 ballot types: Republican, Democrat, and Special Election (used for proposals and other local issues).

Why does a voter have to select a party ballot? Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.615c) guides the conduct of the Presidential Primary. The law requires that voters indicate in writing

which political party ballot he or she wishes to vote. This requirement only applies to Presidential Primary elections, and voters will not be required to select a political party ballot type at other types of elections.

A number of local jurisdictions are holding special elections in conjunction with the Presidential Primary. Voters who do not wish to cast a vote in the Presidential Primary, but want to vote in the local special election, have the option of selecting a ballot containing only the local contest including any proposals on the Special Election ballot.

Voting precincts will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM on Election Day.

Please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, x3 for questions about the election.



Skip the Lines and
Vote Absentee!

All Michigan voters may now vote by absentee ballot without a reason for every

election! To make the process even easier, voters may register to be on the City's Permanent Absentee Voter List. By doing so, voters will be automatically mailed an application requesting an absentee ballot for every election.

We hope that voters will take advantage of "no reason" absentee voting and enjoy the convenience of voting at home, while avoiding the lines on Election Day. To be placed on the Permanent Absentee List, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, x3.

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The Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2020.

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

15th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, January 30
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

15th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Carving Show

Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 2
Show formally opens 4 PM Friday and runs through Sunday evening
Sculpture Displays on Macomb Place
Kids Wonderland Warming Center inside The Discovery Center Children's Hands on Museum 70 Macomb Place – Open Saturday Noon – 4 PM, Saturday Noon – 3 PM.
Live ice carving will be taking place from midday Thursday to midday Sunday The Family Warming Center features fun and activities for the entire family

Interested in sponsoring a sculpture? Please call 586.469.4168 for information.

Valentine's Day

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

Made in Michigan Show

Friday, May 8 – Saturday, May 9
Interested vendors: Registration forms available now.
Call 586.469.4168 for information

Stay tuned for our soon to be announced complete line up of concerts and events for 2020.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, log on to: cityofmountclemens.com/dda

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.

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

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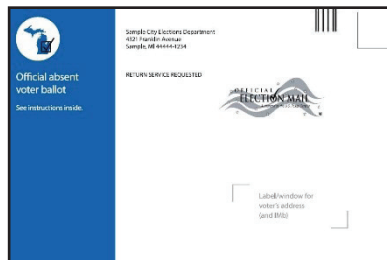
Mayor's Spotlight

Do you have a neighbor or family member who lives in Mount Clemens that has an interesting hobby, has an incredible success story, or is beating the odds? We have so many interesting residents and business owners in Mount Clemens, I would like to share their story. In the next few editions you'll notice the change, and I would love to hear your feedback. If you have anyone you feel should be recognized, feel free to call or email me with their name, address and reason you think they are interesting.

I would like to wish all the residents of Mount Clemens a very Happy New Year and look forward to a prosperous 2020!

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Absent Voter Ballot Mail Envelopes - New for 2020



The Absent Voter Ballot envelopes have a new look redesigned to meet USPA standards. All absent voters will receive this blue envelope containing their ballot starting with the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary. The brown envelope will no longer be used.
Dates to remember:

- **Friday, March 6, 2020** - last day to request your Absentee Ballot by mail until 5:00 PM.
- **Monday, March 9, 2020** - receive your absentee ballot in person in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 PM.

Unsolicited Voting Materials

Please note that the Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office does not send out unsolicited voter registration applications or absent voter ballot applications to residents. When residents receive these unsolicited voting materials, it is usually sent to them by political parties or voter interest groups. Because these third parties do not have access to any municipality's voter database, they do not know the status of voter registration and may send the applications to residents who are already registered--resulting in a great deal of confusion and frustration to voters. Similarly, these groups have been known to send absent voter ballot applications to voters who have already sent their completed application back to the City, prompting voters to believe that their original application was never received.

City Commission Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Monday, February 3, 2020
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Monday, March 2, 2020
Monday, March 16, 2020
Monday, April 6, 2020

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

Residents who are unsure if they are registered to vote in Mount Clemens, or wish to check the status of their absentee ballot, may call the Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, x310, or visit the Michigan Voter Information Center online at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Register to Vote Online

Michigan residents may now enjoy the convenience of registering to vote online at www.michigan.gov/VoterRegistration. To register to vote online, visitors must currently have a Michigan Driver's License or Personal Identification Card and qualify to vote in the State of Michigan.



Make a Difference This Year!

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 (Business Owner)
- Harbor Commission
- Historical Commission
- Historic District Commission
- Local Officer's Compensation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Traffic Safety Committee

Please visit the City's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com for an application, or call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, x3.



The 2020 Census is Coming!

Keep an eye out for 2020 Census information being mailed to households soon! April 1, 2020 is Census Day!

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 20th

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 17th

Good Friday
Friday, April 10th

Holiday Refuse Calendar 2020

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 20, 2020
Garbage pickup will run on schedule January 20th through January 24th.

Presidents Day
Monday, February 17, 2020
Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of February.

Good Friday
Friday, April 10, 2020
Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of April.

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25, 2020
There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 25th through Friday, May 29th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 1, 2020.

Independence Day
Saturday, July 4, 2020
Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of July.

Labor Day
Monday, September 7, 2020
There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, September 7th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday,

September 7th, through Friday, September 11th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Columbus Day
Monday, October 12, 2020
Garbage pickup will run on schedule during the entire month of October.

Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Garbage pickup will run on schedule during Veteran's Day week - November 9th through November 13th.

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26, 2020
There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 26th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 27th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 28th. Garbage pickup for Monday, November 23rd, Tuesday, November 24th, and Wednesday, November 25th will be on schedule.

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 2020
There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule on Friday, December 25th only. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 21st through

Thursday, December 24th will be picked up on schedule.

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1, 2021
There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday, January 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule on Friday, January 1st only. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 28th through Thursday, December 31st will be picked up on schedule.

Christmas Tree Pickup
A special yard waste collection truck is picking up Christmas Trees on your regular garbage day until January 31st. 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.

Thank You, Barb Dempsey!

The City of Mount Clemens would like to recognize Barb Dempsey for her stellar 30-year career as a public servant for the City of Mount Clemens! Barb was first elected to the Mount Clemens City Commission as a City Commissioner in 1989 and then elected as Mayor in 2005; serving a total of seven terms. She was the 40th mayor for Mount Clemens since it was incorporated in 1879 and the third female mayor.

While in office, Barb was recognized with several awards, including the Girl Scouts of Macomb County Otsikita Council, Inc.'s 2007 "Women of Distinction" award, the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.'s 2006 Certificate of Appreciation for "Women Shaping the World" and the 2013 Ted Wahby "Elected Official of the Year" award.

Barb's love for Mount Clemens has extended into several causes close to her heart, including chair of the "Mount Clemens Presents the Macomb County Santa Parade," in which she coordinates an entertaining and show-stopping parade for the community every year! Another huge event that benefits from Barb's hard work and creativity is the annual Yvonne Leslie Pottery Luncheon for the Mah Nah Be Zee Chapter 198 Questers. This beautiful luncheon provides funding for several non-profit, historic organizations in Macomb County. Barb has chaired this popular event for the past 20 years through her roles as past president and current treasurer of the Questers.

Other hometown organizations that Barb lends her talents to include the Macomb County Historical Society

(Crocker House Museum) the Mount Clemens Foundation, Selfridge Base Community Council and the Mount Clemens Coalition for Youth and Families.

During her tenure as mayor, Barb Dempsey took great pride in helping people from all walks of life. Her open door policy cemented her status as a problem solver for the people. Her passion for Mount Clemens and its people has always been at the forefront of everything that she did and she made every decision with this in mind.

Thank you, Barb Dempsey, for serving the City of Mount Clemens with such dedication! The City is truly a better place because of you and your valuable contributions. Your trademark sparkle will forever shine in Mount Clemens!



What's New?

Over the course of the last year the Mount Clemens Firefighters applied and successfully obtained two grants. The first is a Firehouse Subs grant. This grant is to purchase new extrication equipment. The second is the Assistance to Firefighters grant funding. This grant will help the department get new radios. We are excited to receive these grants and to get new equipment to help keep the citizens of Mount Clemens protected.

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 of 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 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 2020 and are honored to serve the great city of Mount Clemens.



Like the City's
Facebook page!
"City of Mount
Clemens -
Government"

RECEIVE IMPORTANT NOTICES IN YOUR EMAIL!

Did you know that residents can sign up to receive notifications from the City via email?

The email notification allows the City to send notifications to residents in cases of emergency, meeting cancellations and severe weather announcements.

Residents can sign up to receive email notifications by going to the City's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com, clicking on the "Contact" tab at the top of the Home page, and "Notification Sign Up".

Crocker House Museum**Children's Etiquette class**

Sunday, March 1, 2020 1 PM

(This class qualifies for a Girl Scout Social Butterfly Badge.)

Set your children on the right path by having them learn the essentials in proper etiquette with certified etiquette instructor Kim Parr.

This interactive presentation will teach them everyday etiquette, introductions, handshakes, and table manners.

The class will begin with a Cookie Tea. Cost is \$15.00 per person and registration is required as space is limited and non-refundable. Ages 6 - 13 recommended.



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.

IMPORTANT ASSESSING DATES

- ASSESSMENT NOTICES WILL BE MAILED BY MARCH 1, 2020

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM AND
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM AND
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

- APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY, call 586.469.6818 x4.

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 for 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 2020 Inflation Rate Multiplier (CPI) is 1.019.**

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 04/01/2017 through 03/31/2019. 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. Determinations are based on the guidelines whether to include specific sales in the study.

For additional information, visit www.cityofmountclemens.com, click Departments, Finance Departments, Assessing.

The March Board of Review is the only time of year a property owner can question his/her assessed value. Call 586.469.6818 x4 to schedule an appointment AFTER you receive your Assessment Notice.