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Meet Your Neighbor!

As we continue our Meet Your Neighbor segment, I wanted you to meet a group of people from Jones Street. When I found out about what they have been doing, I knew you had to meet the entire group.

One day at the beginning of the Covid quarantine, David Tirsell wondered how all his neighbors were faring. Posting notes on everyone's door with instructions for his neighbors to come out on their porches for a daily 6 p.m. "Wellness Check", built a comradery amongst those who participated. The cold weather kept the checks brief in the beginning but as time passed, led to other activities with the neighbors. Whenever there was a birthday, anniversary or important event at a household, David would circulate a card and coordinate a gathering on neighbor's lawns to sing happy birthday.

Now that the world is opening back up the Jones Street neighbors meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. on one of the

Message from Mayor Laura Kropp

porches.

Sometimes they have "drive-in movies" in neighbor Christopher Stauffer-Kipp and Richard Kipp's driveway, or hot cocoa campfire socials at the home of Katie and Tommy Barnes.

While getting to know each other, the neighbors have learned that they have many community activists that live on their block. Tommy runs a teen mentoring program, Chris is very active in Macomb County Pride, and David works with the Habitat for Humanity. With all these wonderful people living on one block, it's no surprise when faced with a tough situation like the quarantine, they managed to build an incredibly supportive community amongst one another.



1st Row: London VanCoppennolle, Tiana Barnes, William Brock, Christopher Stauffer-Kipp 2nd Row: Beverly Brock, David Tirsell, Sharon Meldrum 3rd Row: Lila Tirsell, Ashley VanCoppennolle 4th Row: Laura Kropp, Deanna Hollrah, Nadine Puckett

Mayor's Corner

I hope you are all enjoying the long sunny days of summer! During the last three months, the City Commission, city staff and I have been working on the following issues:

- Passed a 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget
- Aligned our budget to our strategic plan goals
- Hired Theresa Bryant as the executive assistant for the city manager
- Continued the work for the new branding project
- Drafting an ordinance for recreational marijuana
- Approved a partnership with Michigan Works to hire youth to work for the city
- Approved a contract for Safebuilt inspection services
- Approved a contract for Dial-a-ride drivers

During the next three months, the focus of the city commission will be:

- Annual strategic planning session
- Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Michigan
- Finalize an ordinance for recreational marijuana
- Consider an ordinance for no street parking on garbage day
- Consider Social District business applications

- Coffee Talks will return at John's Family Grill on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
- September 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

As always, if you have any comments, concerns or suggestions, feel free to contact me at 586-469-6818 ext. 313 or email me at LKropp@cityofmountclemens.com



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Mount Clemens, MI 48043



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



Have a question?
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Upcoming City Commission Meetings

Monday, July 19, 2021
Monday, August 2, 2021
Monday, August 16, 2021
*Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Monday, September 20, 2021
Monday, October 4, 2021



Dogs&Cats

As the weather gets warmer, people and their pets will be outdoors more often. Keep your pet on a leash or in a secured area for the safety of your neighbors as well as your pets. When you walk your pet, as a courtesy to your neighbors, please make sure you clean up after them. Also, the city does require that dogs and cats are licensed. If you need to obtain a license, they are available at the treasurer's office at One Crocker Boulevard with proof of current vaccinations.

Lost Dogs/Cats

Mount Clemens takes all stray animals to the Macomb County Animal Shelter. You may contact them at (586) 469-5115 to locate a lost animal. If an animal is licensed and wearing tags, the owner will be notified that the pet has been found. Please be a responsible pet owner and following these city policies:

- All dogs and cats must be licensed by January 1st of each year. A current RABIES vaccination certificate with expiration dates must be presented for either species in order to obtain a license.
- A household may have a total of four (4) dogs or cats, or a combination of both totaling (4).
- All dogs or cats must wear license tags when outside a building or residence or otherwise outdoors.
- All dogs and cats shall be kept under restraint (leashed) and not permitted to be at large.

Dogs and cats must be licensed even if they never leave the house.

Summer Fun in the Sun in Uptown Mount Clemens

If you are looking for fun in the sun this summer, look no further than in your own hometown Uptown here in Mount Clemens! Summer is the perfect time of year to walk into town with family and friends to enjoy our events, unique shops, and wonderful dining establishments. Patios are open and in full swing, so soak up those beautiful sunny days while you can!

Every Friday throughout the summer, you're invited to grab a chair and head uptown for free music and great entertainment. The Uptown Friday Night free concert series features live bands right in the heart of our Uptown on Macomb Place on the Fountain Stage.

The Mount Clemens Farmers Market will once again hold a Wednesday Market from 1PM until 5PM right in Uptown Mount Clemens starting on July 14. The market will be in the Roskopp Parking Lot at Southbound Gratiot and Macomb Place. A mid-week market provides those who work within the downtown as well as residents an additional opportunity to shop for local, certified homegrown produce and products. Please note, there will no longer be a Friday market. Saturday market will run under regular hours in Farmers Market location on North River Road.

We encourage you to support small local businesses. Independently owned shops and restaurants were hit disproportionately hard by the pandemic. As we all get out and celebrate the sunny days ahead, let's commit to visiting our small businesses! Your support is integral to the Shop Small movement – with your help, we can remind shoppers how important it is to continue to patronize local small businesses.

Shop Small all summer long. Remember to think Uptown Mount Clemens first for your shopping and dining needs. Supporting your hometown business district supports the local economy.

Uptown Mount Clemens Events Calendar**Uptown Friday Night Concert**

Featuring Strickly Fine
Friday, July 9 – 7PM – 9PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Uptown Mount Clemens Drive-In Movie Night

Movie TBA
Saturday, July 10 – 8:30PM
Macomb Place Parking Lot (Next to Anton Art Center)
586.469.4168

Wednesday Downtown Farmers Market

Wednesdays, July 14 – September 14
– 1PM – 5PM
Downtown in the Roskopp Parking Lot at Southbound Gratiot & Macomb Place, adjacent to The Anton Art Center
586.493-7600

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring 3 Peace
Friday, July 16 – 7PM – 9PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring APR featuring Liz Smith
Friday, July 23 – 7PM – 9PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Michigan Opera Theatre Concert

Saturday, July 24 – 6PM – 8PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Motor City Josh and The Big Three
Friday, July 30 – 7PM – 9PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Annual Daughters of Macomb Parade

Thursday, August 5 – 8:30AM
Meeting & Parade
Main Street at Macomb Place

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Wheels of Fire
Friday, August 6 – 7PM – 9PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring The Soul Commission featuring Kathleen Murray
Friday, August 13 – 7PM – 9PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Uptown Mount Clemens Drive-In Movie Night

Movie TBA
Saturday, August 14 – 8:30PM
Macomb Place Parking Lot (Next to Anton Art Center)
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring The Joe Alan Band
Friday, August 20 – 7PM – 9PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Johnny P
Friday, August 27 – 7PM – 9PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

141st Annual Old Crowd Parade

Thursday, August 19
Main Street at Macomb Place

Mount Clemens Grand Prix Soap Box Derby Race

Saturday, September 11 – 10AM
Crocker Bridge
586.468-7746

Annual Mount Clemens Art Party

Thursday, September 23 – 6:00PM
Downtown on Macomb Place
586.469.8666

Social District - Oasis

It's time to get social in Uptown Mount Clemens. The Oasis, our downtown social district, launched July 1! You can grab a drink at one of our participating bars & restaurants and sip while you #shoplocal or relax outside with family and friends.

Enjoying the Oasis is simple:

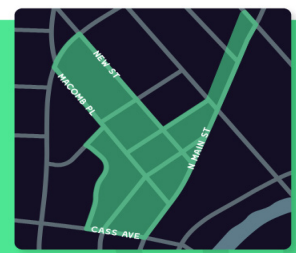
- 1) Order your favorite beer, wine, or cocktail from a participating business in an official Oasis cup.
- 2) Sip while exploring Uptown Mount Clemens and staying in bounds.
- 3) Be safe, follow the rules, and have fun!

We're excited to have Cellar 104 and Abbibo joining us for the launch! A huge thank you to the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority for sponsoring our Oasis cups. Since the DDA covered the tab, that means ALL of your money goes directly to our local bars and restaurants!

We're counting on you to keep the Oasis clean, safe, and fun for everyone. Please drink responsibly, follow all social district rules, and treat our businesses, residents, and visitors with respect. All state and local laws apply, including prohibiting public intoxication, serving alcohol to minors, and impaired driving

**FAIR PLAY**

Keep your cup within these boundaries (we'll have signs to help you out)

**DISPOSE**

If you see this sign (or want another round) it's time to toss out your cup

**SEE YOU THERE!**

Thursday & Friday 12pm-10pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am-10pm

Starting July 1, 2021

Vote now for our Bridge Builders Project!

We're proud to share that our proposal for a Bridge Builders grant from MML Foundation to install an interactive music park in the Cherry Street Mall was selected to move to the public voting round. Now we need YOUR help to receive \$5,000 by voting for the Mount Clemens Cultural Harmonies project at <https://mmlfoundation.org/vote-bbms>. Voting opens July 2 and runs through July 16. Voting is allowed once per person per day – so vote often, and spread the word!

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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Dept. of Public Services
Holiday Refuse Calendar

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.

Leaf Pickup Policy

The City of Mount Clemens will again be enforcing its leaf pick up policy this fall. Raking and blowing leaves into the street in the City of Mount Clemens is prohibited. All leaves must be placed in 30-gallon brown waste bags or 25- to 35-gallon refuse containers.

Absolutely no raking or blowing leaves into the street. If you have a landscaping company, please make sure that they are aware

Jeffrey Wood
Public Services Director

of this policy. Your complete cooperation will be appreciated.

The city will schedule a clean-up crew to come down every street at least twice during this season to pick up the leaves that have fallen from the trees. The city will not release a schedule due to the uncertain weather conditions during the Fall season.

A city contracted yard waste collection truck will operate through December 10, 2021 only. This truck will pick up only properly contained and bundled yard waste. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up. Brush piles and yard waste must be placed in 30-gallon brown waste bags or 25- to 35-gallon refuse containers that weigh 50 pounds or less. Brush must be cut into four-foot lengths and tied in bundles. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 pounds or be over 18" in diameter. Large logs and branches over 3" in diameter, as well as stumps or roots, will not be picked up for collection.

Place all yard waste at curbside no

earlier than 6 p.m. the day before your scheduled pick up day and no later than 7:00a.m.. of your scheduled pick up day.

Please remember that following city policy will not only be appreciated by the City of Mount Clemens, but also by your neighbor who has been taking the time to bag their leaves.

Any questions on this policy should be directed to the Department of Public Services at 586-469-6847, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or visit our website at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

Every year the Beautification Committee of Mount Clemens chooses seven finalist for the best yard of the year. Many of our residence have worked so hard on the front yards create a beautiful landscape! Stop by City Hall and see pictures of the top seven winners. They will be located near the front door! The yard of the year award ceremony will be on September 14th 7p.m. at City Hall. All are welcome! Thank you for making Mount Clemens more beautiful than it already is! We so appreciate all your hard work.

City Clerk's Office

Special Primary Election is Tuesday, August 3, 2021



The next election in the City of Mount Clemens is Tuesday, August 3, 2021 for the following race:

State Senator 8th District – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2023

Because this is a primary election for the purpose of selecting one Democrat candidate and one Republican candidate for the November 2, 2021 election, you may only vote for one candidate total. This will be the only contest on the ballot for this election.

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

The last day to register to vote in the August 3, 2021 election in any manner other than in-person with the city clerk's office is July 19, 2021.

Please note that Precinct #2 (normally located at the Wilson Gym, 58 South

Cathleen Martin
City Clerk

Wilson) will be temporarily relocated to Christian Lighthouse Church at 57 Church Street for all elections in 2021. Voting will resume at the Wilson Gym for all elections in 2022.

Please call the city clerk's office at 586.469.6818, option #4 for questions about the election.

New Indoor Absentee Ballot Drop Box

Mount Clemens voters may now utilize the new indoor absentee ballot drop box to return their absentee ballots and applications. The box is located on the first floor of city hall next to the treasurer's office.

Voters may also use the outside drive-up drop box located in the city hall parking lot for safe and secure absentee ballot/ application returns.



Extended Hours for City Clerk's Office

The Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office will be open to assist voters with voter registration and absentee ballots on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

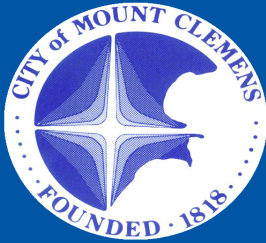


Human Resources

Jennifer Gigliotti
Human Resources Director

Are you looking for a new team to join? We are always accepting applications for open positions in all of our departments.

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



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Laura Kropp
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Laura Fournier
Wanda Goodnough
Rashidah Hammond
Denise Mentzer
Glenn Voorhess

City Manager

Donald E. Johnson
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City Offices

- Animal Control 586.469.6847
- Assessing x 4
- Cable Television 586.461.3751
- City Clerk x 3
- City Manager x 7
- Mayor/City Commission
- Community Development x 2
- Building/Inspections
- Dial-A-Ride 586.469.RIDE
- DDA 586.469.4168
- Finance/Accounting x 301
- Fire 586.469.6840
- Human Resources x 5
- Parking Matters x 909
- Public Housing 586.468.1434
- Public Services 586.469.6847
- Purchasing x 6
- Treasurer's Office x 1
- Utilities 586.469.6889
- Sheriff's Office 586.469.5151
- 41B District Court 586.469.9300

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Building and Trade Inspection

Services

The city has entered into an agreement with SAFEbuilt to provide building official, plan review, and building, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing inspection services.

SAFEbuilt has been providing local governments with building department solutions for 25 years, currently serving over 750 clients in 27 states, and employing over one thousand certified individuals nationwide. They have been operating in Michigan since 2010, currently serving over 30 clients. The core values of SAFEbuilt are integrity, improvement, service, teamwork, and respect, and they pride themselves on being a local partner with a national presence. That was never more on display than during the COVID pandemic as they were able to efficiently fill in for quarantined inspection staff and keep important projects moving forward.

The city's new building official will be Carleton Whitsett. Carleton has professional experience in architecture, engineering and construction, including strategic planning, feasibility, architectural design, construction project administration, building inspection

and plan review. He has provided services to corporate and non-profit organizations, including municipal, commercial, educational and industrial facilities. Carleton utilizes innovative technology, continuous education and training to broaden his knowledge and understanding of commercial and residential construction, and provides reliable technical resources to help clarify the intent of applicable codes and standards of local, state, and federal authorities. He currently maintains registration as a building inspector/plan reviewer and building official in compliance with the state of Michigan. Carleton started with the city on July 1 and will oversee all building, mechanical, electrical and plumbing inspections and plan review. Please welcome him to the city if your paths cross.



Summer Tax Bills

All residents should have received their 2021 Summer Tax Bill. If your taxes are paid by your mortgage company, please keep this for your records. Summer taxes are due by September 15, 2021. If you are unable to pay the entire amount due, you may make payments toward your balance at any time, starting July 1st. We do not make payment arrangements on taxes. If paying in person, we will issue you a receipt with your remaining balance due. After September 15th, a 4% flat penalty will be added to any remaining balance. This amount will not be penalized again until March 1, 2022, when it is turned over to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 586-469-6818 x 2.

Senior Deferments for Taxes

If you are 62 or over before December 31, 2021, (or you are permanently disabled) and your income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000, you are eligible to apply for a deferment of your summer property taxes. This form must be filled out and signed each year between July 1st and September 15th) and will give you until February 28, 2022 to pay your summer taxes without penalty. If you have any questions or wish to obtain a form by mail, please contact the Treasurer's Office at (586) 469-6818 x2.

New Convenient Payment Options – PayPal & Venmo

The Treasurer's Office now offers new convenient payment methods, such as PayPal and Venmo! Visit www.cityofmountclemens.com and click on Pay Bills on the home screen. Phone payments can be made by calling (855) 248-6735. Processing fees apply and are listed on the city's website.

Yard Sale Notices

Summer is yard sale season! Please do not post sale signs of any kind on utility poles. It violates city ordinances. Instead, let us post your sale on the Government Access Channel (Comcast channel 5, WOW! channel 10 & AT&T Channel 99) and on the city website.

Submit your sale notice through the city website. Make sure to include your sale date(s), address and any special items of interest you have available. We will contact you when your notice is posted. Good luck with your sale!



Fire Department

Gregg Shipman
Fire Chief

What's New?

On June 13, 2021, the American Legion had their annual burning of retired flags. MCFD E-2 stood by and was honored to be part of the event. On behalf of the Mount Clemens Fire Department, we would like to thank the American Legion and all who have served to protect our great flag.



Fire Safety Tips:

Summertime is always good for grilling outside. Here are some safety tips to keep in mind.

1. Always open your gas grill before lighting.
2. Keep your grill at least 3 feet from siding, railings, or doors.
- 3 Always make sure to attend your grill while cooking.
4. Clean your grill after use to prevent future grease fires.

AFG Grant:

The Mount Clemens Fire Department received a \$42,999 grant from the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. This grant will be used

for new department radios. Radio communication is a big part of our job and we use them every day. This grant will go along way to help us protect the citizens of Mount Clemens and the surrounding areas.

From all of us at MCFD, we hope everyone has a safe and fun summer.

Unsung Heroes

It's not unusual to hear a news story or read an article about a firefighter performing heroic acts or kind deeds. While all of this is true, there is a hero that never gets much of the credit. The one I am speaking of is the firefighter's spouse. They are the ones that are holding things together on the home front while their firefighter is away. Many fire fighters work 24-hour shifts. These shifts include holidays and weekends. Firefighters are also very busy on their days off filling in for firefighters who are off on leave time. They also spend a lot of off duty time going to training classes. Many departments also have their personnel respond off-duty night and day to assist with emergencies that are too large or complex for their on-duty staffing. That does not leave much time for at home activities. When there is a break, the firefighter is usually tired from lack of sleep or stress from the job. This leaves the spouse to handle everything alone most of the time. The kids, the pets, the home, the bills, all the problems fall on the spouse. Often in today's world the spouse also has their own career to juggle. They are the ones who keep things together behind

the scenes. They must explain to the children why their firefighter parent is gone so much and why they cannot be there for a holiday, birthday, or special event. They also must reassure the children that their father or mother is going to be alright even though they have a dangerous job. The spouse also must convince themselves of the same fact. It is always in the back of their mind that their significant other could be hurt or killed while performing their job duties. They must also be there to console their firefighter through all the stressors of their job. All these problems can make for a very stressful environment. It is usually the spouse that reigns it all in and keeps the family together. So, the next time you see a firefighter please thank their spouse for all they do because they are the real unsung heroes.

Meet Your Firefighter - Richard DeCausin

Rich was born in Roseville Michigan. Soon after his family moved to New Baltimore MI. At the age of 10 his family moved to Algonac Michigan. There Rich attended Algonac High School where he met his high school sweetheart, Tracy. Since the mascot for Algonac High school is the muskrat, this truly was muskrat love. Shortly after high school Rich and Tracy were married in the gazebo on the river behind our fire station. Rich enlisted in the Marines and was stationed in Okinawa Japan. He was



re-deployed to Kuwait to serve in the Desert Storm War. He served one year in the desert and was deployed to Camp Pendleton in North Carolina. Rich ended his career in the military in 1996. He returned home to Algonac Michigan and began a career in the construction field. While working he attended college at St Clair Community College with his sights set on a criminal justice degree. Deciding on a different path Rich enrolled in Macomb Community College and attained an associate degree in fire science. He also completed the fire academy firefighter and obtained a paramedic license. He joined the Clay Township Fire Department from 1999-2000. He served there with his brother David. In 2001 Rich was hired in Mount Clemens as full-time firefighter. He was

promoted to Lieutenant in 2008 and promoted to Captain in 2018. Rich has served as the department EMS Coordinator and as a licensed fire inspector. His hobbies include hockey, hunting, fishing, and camping. Rich and Tracy have two children Joey and Jenay. Joey graduated from Central Michigan University and Janay graduated from Michigan State University. When Rich retires, he hopes to pursue a new career possibly in Criminal Justice again and perform volunteer work in the community. He has enjoyed his career in the Mount Clemens Fire Department and will always have a strong attachment to the community.