Summer 2022 Edition

Coffee Talks

July 12th 9:30 a.m.

John's Family Grill

August 9th 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill

September 8th 6:30 p.m.

**Black Cat Coffee** 

September 13th 9:30 a.m.

John's Family Grill

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#### **Important Numbers:**

Emergency 9.1.1

**Sheriff's Office 586.469.5151** 

Fire

586.469.6840

City Hall

586.469.6800

**Utilities** 

586.469.6889

**Animal Control 586.469.6847** 

Dial-A-Ride

586.469.RIDE

DDA

586.469.4168

**Public Housing 586.468.1434** 

**Public Services 586.469.6847** 

586.469.9300

41B District Court

Upcoming Commission Meetings:

August 1st August 15th September 6th September 19th October 3rd October 17th

Meetings start at 7:00pm in the commission chambers at city hall

### Mayor Kropp's Update

Over the past two years I have had the pleasure of working with our City Manager, Don Johnson. On behalf of the City Commission, I would like to thank Don for the hard work and dedication he gave to our fine city. Although his time was brief, Don has many accomplishments

- in Mount Clemens. To name a few:Developed a strategic plan
- Included all strategic plan goals in our annual budget
- Rebranded the City
- · Instituted a citizen notification system
- Organized an update of the city's fleet
- · Accelerated the progress of the sidewalk program

These bullet points are just some of the highlights to Mr. Johnson's time here.

The City Commission has voted to appoint Mr. Gregg Shipman as Interime City Manager. Mr. Shipman is a longtime employee of Mount Clemens, and most recently appointed as Fire Chief. I look forward to working with

Mr. Shipman on the Commission's strategic plan goals and continuing to move the city forward. I wish Mr. Johnson the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

As Always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at Lkropp@mountclemens.gov

#### **Meet Your Neighbor**

Deanna Clyne, together with her husband Paul and grey cat named Myrna, have lived on Robertson Street since 2014. An artist and small business owner, Deanna began Muddee Ceramics to highlight her love and talent as a ceramic artist. You can frequently find Deanna at the Anton Art Center where she is the ceramic studio manager. Deanna teaches ceramics to children, teens, and adults. Deanna says, "Being an artist and educator I love being surrounded by art, music, and nature. Mount Clemens has all these things, even if you must search a little. I enjoy having a city feel (and everything that comes with that) and being able to take a bike to the river or lake and explore the beauty of the coastal wetlands." She and Paul often have dinner downtown, attend community events or volunteer in Mount Clemens. Hopefully, you will have the opportunity to run into Deanna, or even investigate attending one of her classes at the Anton Art Center. You will not be disappointed!

#### **Stay Connected!**

Sign up to receive email and/or text messages from the City of Mount Clemens. Alert and other Notifications will be sent right to your inbox or to your mobile device! Subscribe on the city website: https://www.mountclemens.gov/notification

#### Yard of the Year 2022

We are looking forward to seeing all the beautiful home front gardens in our town this summer! So many people take pride in all their hard work. It will be hard to pick out some of the best. Here is how the judging works: every year the Mount Clemens Beautification Committee chooses 70 homes from seven districts, then one from each district, and then the top three, and then grand prize winner is chosen. We will be hosting an awards ceremony on September 14th at Cairns Center Winners will be announced by mail, Facebook and the city website by beginning of August. Thank you all for making Mount Clemens such a beautiful place to live.

Sincerely, The Beautification Committee

#### **Anton Art Center**

Visit the Anton Art Center for new exhibits, classes, and experiences in art!

Exhibitions - Free admission open to the public from 10am-5pm, Tues-Sat., Select Sundays 11am-3pm

'Michigan Watercolor Society: Top 30 Traveling Show' July 9 - August 30, 2022

'Annual Artist Choice Community Show' September 6 - October 16, 2022

'Occupied Space' September 6 - October 16, 2022

#### Classes

We offer a variety of art classes for all ages and skill levels. Visit us online to register or for more details.

Loom Weaving - Acrylic Flow - Kids Mixed Media - Art For Kids - Art for Teens - Digital Art - Ceramics Handbuilding

Workshop - Intuitive Painting - Mosaic Stepping Stone Workshop - Summer Art Camp

**Events** 

Cultural Harmonies, July 16, 2022, 2pm-4pm

ArtParty, September 22, 6pm-9pm 2022

#### Art Market Summer Sale, August 12-14, 2022 - 20% OFF

Shop the Art Market in the Anton Art Center or online to find unique art of all types. Get an unforgettable gift or a conversation piece while supporting local artists!

Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm



586.469.8666 | www.theartcenter.org

#### Clerk's Corner

#### State Primary is Tuesday, August 2, 2022

The next election in Mount Clemens is the state primary on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The purpose of this election is to select candidates for the general election in November. To participate in this election, voters will be given a ballot with a column listing each qualified party's candidates. Voters then decide which party primary they wish to participate in by voting only in the column of their party choice (i.e., voting only for Democratic candidates or voting only for Republican candidates). Voting for candidates in more than a single party's column will void the entire partisan section of the ballot. As a result, please do not "split your ticket" by voting for candidates in more than one political party. The winners of the primary will then run against each other in the general election in November.

#### Important Primary Election Deadlines

- Last day to register to vote by mail or online July 18, 2022.
- In-person voter registration at city clerk's office with proof of residency is July 19, 2022, through August 2, 2022 (Election Day).
- Last day to have an absent voter ballot mailed to a voter July 29, 2022.
- Last day to receive an absent voter ballot in person at the city clerk's office August 1, 2022, by 4:00 p.m.

#### Attention Precinct #2 Voters

Precinct #2 voters will permanently return to the Wilson Gymnasium (58 South Wilson) to vote this year. Thank you to all of Precinct #2 voters for your patience and cooperation when your precinct had to be temporarily relocated to another location last year.

#### New Look for Absent Voter Ballot Return Envelopes

Please note that Absent Voter Ballot Return Envelopes are now purple instead of green. The change was mandated by the State of Michigan this year to aid the United States Postal Service with easier identification and delivery of the ballots.



# Election Day Notes The polls will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The city of Mount Clemens has six precincts at the following locations: Precinct 1 – Turner Chapel Church (125 Clinton River Drive) Precinct 2 – Wilson Gymnasium (58 South Wilson) Precinct 3 – Community Center (300 Groesbeck Hwy) Precinct 4 – Community Center (300 Groesbeck Hwy) Precinct 6 – City Hall (1 Crocker Blvd)

Precinct 9 - Seminole School (1500 Mulberry)

#### All Michigan Legislative Districts Have Changed, Your Precinct Has Not

In 2018, Michigan voters approved the creation of a citizen-led redistricting commission to draw new legislative district maps with input from the community, rather than state lawmakers. These new maps were adopted in December 2021. As a result, all Michigan voters will have new district numbers and be receiving new voter id cards noting these changes. Mount Clemens voters can expect to receive their new voter id cards this July.

Please note that there will be no changes in voting precinct numbers or locations in the city of Mount Clemens. Voters will continue to vote at the same precincts.

#### The new legislative district numbers for Mount Clemens are as follows:

- Congressional District: 10
- State Senate District: 12
- House of Representatives District: 61
- County Commission District: 8

#### Community Calendar Messages

If you or your organization is holding an event that you want to promote on the Community Calendar, you can make your request online! Go to the City website and you will find the link under the Residents section. Fill out your request and you will be notified when your message is running. Visit: https://www.mountclemens.gov/communitycalendar

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### **Department of Public Services**

#### Leaf Pickup Policy

The City of Mount Clemens will again be enforcing its leaf pick up policy this fall. All leaves that do not fall into the street from the trees must be placed in 30-gallon 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 they are aware 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.

Holiday Refuse Calendar
Labor Day - Monday, September 5, 2022
There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday,
September 5th. Pickup will run one day behind
schedule for the entire week beginning Tuesday,
September 6th through Friday, September 9th.
Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday,
September 12, 2022.

**Columbus Day - Monday, October 10, 2022** Garbage pickup will run on schedule during the entire month of October.

A City contracted yard waste collection truck will operate through December 9, 2022 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 marked "COMPOST" or "YARD WASTE" that weigh 50 pounds or less. Brush must be cut into four-feet 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.

#### **Treasurer's Office**

#### **Summer Tax Bills**

All residents should have received their 2022 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, 2022. 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, 2023, when it is turned over to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 586-469-6800 x 2.

#### Senior Deferments for Taxes

If you are 62 or over before December 31, 2022, (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, 2023 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) 469-6800 x2.

#### Now accepting American Express!

The Treasurer's Office now conveniently accepts the American Express card. 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.

### **Wednesday Downtown Farmers Market** July 13 – September 21 – 1PM – 4PM Downtown in the Roskopp Parking Lot **Cultural Harmonies Jam Session** Saturday, July 16 – 2PM – 4PM River Sight & Sound Concert Kathleen Murray & The Groove Council Saturday, July 23 – 7PM – 9PM Michigan Opera Theatre Concert Saturday, August 6 - 6PM - 8PM **River Sight & Sound Concert** Air Margaritaville Saturday, August 27 – 7PM – 9PM **Mount Clemens Grand Prix Soap Box Derby Race** Saturday, September 11 - 10AM Crocker Bridge River Sight & Sound Concert Nightline Saturday, September 24 - 7PM - 9PM



If you are looking for fun in the sun this summer, look no further than in your own hometown downtown 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, social district, and wonderful dining establishments. Patios are open and in full swing, so soak up those beautiful sunny days in Downtown Mount Clemens while you can. Don't forget to check out all the new shops and businesses downtown!

Summer is here – we are happy to announce the return of the River Sight & Sound concerts on the Clinton River in the Clinton River Park. The park is located along Gratiot Avenue between Crocker Boulevard and Dickinson Street. Seating will be available on both sides of the Clinton River. Families are encouraged to bring their own coolers, outside food and beverages to the event. Strollers and wagons are also welcome!

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#### **New Around the Fire Department**

On June 12, 2022, 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.

#### **Smoke Detector Program**

The Mount Clemens Fire Department is still offering a free smoke detector program for our residents. You must own a home in the city and provide proof of residency. For more information, please contact the fire department during normal business hours and we can provide you with more details.

As always, we are honored to serve this great city. From all of us at MCFD, we wish you and your family a fun safe summer!









#### **Summer Reading Program at Mount Clemens Public Library**

#### Youth Summer Reading Program June 6 - September 5

Preschooler, children and teens can all earn free books and rewards by reading just 20 minutes a day. Read on your own – track online at mtclib.readsquared.com.

#### Never Miss a Monday with Mount Clemens Public Library at Cairns Community Center located at 58 Orchard St. in Mount Clemens

Join the Mount Clemens Library for a full day of fun every Monday June 13 - July 25 at Cairns Community Center - drop in or stay all day!

9:00am - Breakfast

9:30am - Storytime (best for preschool/early elementary)

11:00am - Comic Club (best for elementary)

12:00pm - Lunch and a Movie (Rated G or PG)

1:00pm - Teen Book Club (best for middle/high school)

2:00pm - Science in the Summer (best for elementary/middle)

\*Available all day: Mobile Library, Open Gym, Board Games & Puzzles, Video Games/Recreation Room, '20 a Day' tracking station

\*\*Children under 7 must have an adult or older sibling present.

## Science in the Summer - Mondays 2:00pm at Cairns Community Center

Located at 58 Orchard St. in Mount Clemens

June 13 - Little Creatures Animal Show

June 20 - Slime!

June 27 - Paleo Joe Dinosaurs

July 11 – Owl Pellets

July 18 – Tower Engineering

July 25 - Starlab Planetarium

#### Wednesdays @ Mount Clemens Community Center

Located at 300 N. Groesbeck Hwy in Mount Clemens

1:00pm - Comic Club (1st-5th Grade)

2:30pm – Book Club (6th Grade and up)

#### Thursdays @ Mount Clemens Community Center Located at 300 N. Groesbeck Hwy. in Mount Clemens

6:30pm – Family Bedtime Stories

#### **Adult Summer Reading Club**

Sign up beginning June 2nd in person or online and pick up your MTC Summer Reading Club swag at the library.

Raffle: Fill out a raffle ticket every time you read a book – entry forms available at the library and online for a weekly drawing.

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