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UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
9/3, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18



MAYOR'S UPDATE:

This edition of the Clementines Newsletter marks the one-year anniversary of our collaboration with the Mount Clemens Public Library to bring the residents a new and improved publication. I hope you are enjoying the new format and would appreciate your feedback on further ways we can keep improving. Feel free to email me your suggestions at Lkropp@mountclemens.gov.



You may have noticed the delay in the construction of the Downtown Revitalization Project. In mid-May the City administration was notified of further requirements for our federal funding. These requirements must be met before construction can begin. We are working diligently to meet those requirements and anticipate a new start date of March 2025.

In April the commission approved a contract with Rent Fun LLC. The City will soon be offering self-service kayak rentals and lockers. Users will be able to rent a kayak at MacArthur Park or Shadyside Park and then drop in at the kayak launch. MacArthur Park has a barrier free kayak launch making getting in and out of the kayak much easier.

In June your City Commissioners approved our 2024-2025 budget. Some of the highlights of this budget include appropriations for much-needed road projects, outdoor play equipment at Cairns Community Center, and a downtown sidewalk project. For more information on the budget, please see the City's website.

The Macomb County Chamber presents the Mount Clemens State of the City address on October 25, 2024 at the historic Emerald Theater. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.macombcountychamber.com. If you are unable to attend the October 25th event, check our City website or social media for updates on where to view the recording.

November 5, 2024 the City will conduct our Presidential elections. Check out page 3 for all the details on polling locations and early voting opportunities.

As always, I wish you the best this fall. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at 586-469-6800 ext. 313 or by email: Lkropp@mountclemens.gov

COFFEE TALKS with Mayor Kropp

- Tuesday, September 10th, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, September 12th, 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- Tuesday, October 8th, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, October 10th, 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- Tuesday, November 12th, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, November 14th, 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Emergency
9.1.1.

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

41B District Court
586.469.9300



CLERK'S OFFICE



IMPORTANT DATES AND VOTER INFORMATION

GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

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

Precinct 1 –	Turner Chapel Church 125 Clinton River Drive	Precinct 4 –	Mount Clemens Community Center 300 Groesbeck Hwy
Precinct 2 –	Wilson Gymnasium 58 South Wilson	Precinct 6 –	City Hall One Crocker Boulevard
Precinct 3 –	Mount Clemens Community Center 300 Groesbeck Hwy	Precinct 9 –	Seminole School 1500 Mulberry

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

- Thursday, September 26, 2024 - Absentee ballots available for voters.
- Monday, October 21, 2024 – Last day to register in any manner other than in-person at the city clerk's office for the November 5, 2024 election.
- Monday, October 21, 2024 – Public accuracy test of voting equipment at 9:00 a.m. at Mount Clemens City Hall.
- Saturday, October 26, 2024 – Early voting begins at Mount Clemens City Hall from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily (including weekends) through Sunday, November 3, 2024.
- Friday, November 1, 2024 – Last day to have an absentee ballot mailed to a voter.
- Monday, November 4, 2024 – Last day to obtain an absentee ballot in person at city clerk's office by 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MOUNT CLEMENS BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS



City Hall (outside)
1 Crocker Boulevard
Open 24 hours



Cairns Community Center
58 Orchard Street
Open 24 hours



City Hall
(inside on first floor)
1 Crocker Boulevard
Open during
business hours

VOTE EARLY!

Early voting gives voters the flexibility to come to Mount Clemens City Hall on any of the dates listed below, vote their ballot and insert it into the tabulator themselves—just like on Election Day! And because early voting is spread out over nine consecutive days, the crowds (if any) will be much lighter than on November 5th!

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, October 26	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mount Clemens City Hall
Sunday, October 27	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mount Clemens City Hall
Monday, October 28	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mount Clemens City Hall
Tuesday, October 29	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mount Clemens City Hall
Wednesday, October 30	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mount Clemens City Hall
Thursday, October 31	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mount Clemens City Hall
Friday, November 1	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mount Clemens City Hall
Saturday, November 2	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mount Clemens City Hall
Sunday, November 3	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Mount Clemens City Hall



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fall is in the air, leaves are changing, and we are gearing up for our fall and holiday events in Downtown Mount Clemens. The Halloween Spooktacular is our signature children's event and it kicks off our fall festivities. This free event features a wide variety of activities and family fun for all!

Continuing our longstanding tradition, we usher in the holiday season at our annual Downtown Christmas Open House. Santa will arrive by horse drawn sleigh and he will light up all of the downtown decorations. Afterward, families can enjoy free carriage rides, visit with Santa and take your own photos, and partake in fun activities throughout many of the downtown businesses. Santa will return to make a grand appearance in Downtown Mount Clemens at the Mount Clemens Santa Parade.

The fifth annual Christmas Light Parade will return to the downtown in December. You can join Santa and his sleigh in all the fun with cars, motorcycles, trucks, and floats decorated with hundreds of lights.

We encourage you to shop small instead of the mall on Small Business Saturday and throughout the entire holiday shopping season. Patronizing small, independently owned local businesses helps support our local economy. Downtown Mount Clemens has numerous retail stores with great unique gift giving ideas for the most difficult people to shop for on your list. The Anton Art Center Holiday Market is another great holiday shopping opportunity, and nearly all of our downtown restaurants offer gift certificates. If you are looking for a place to hold your holiday party, there are over a dozen venues right here in Downtown Mount Clemens.

We'll close out 2024 with NYE Kids Night and our traditional New Year's Eve Gala. NYE Kids Night will be held at the Discovery Center of Macomb located at 54 Cherry Street prior to the Gala merriments. Children will have their own New Year's celebration, complete with a ball drop and mini fireworks display. Our traditional New Year's Eve Gala festivities will follow, including entertainment, and the ONLY New Year's Eve fireworks display in the metro Detroit area. On behalf of the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, we would like to wish you a very happy and safe holiday season, and prosperous New Year!

For the latest information on our upcoming events and happenings, visit our website: downtownmountclemens.org. Like the official Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens), and follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @MountClemensDDA.



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UPCOMING FALL/WINTER EVENTS

Downtown Mount Clemens will close out the summer schedule with two concerts and the Fall Art & Craft Show. The Uptown Friday Night concerts will be on the Main Stage on Macomb Place in front of O'Halloran's Public House with Olivia Van Goor Quartet on September 6th and Soul Commission with Kathleen Murray on September 13th.



Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Olivia Van Goor Quartet
Friday, September 6
7 PM – 9 PM
Main Stage on Macomb Place in front of
O'Halloran's Public House
586.469-4168



Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Soul Commission with Kathleen Murray
Friday, September 13
7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on Macomb Place in front of
O'Halloran's Public House
586.469.4168

Fall Art & Craft Show

Saturday, September 14 – 10 AM – 7 PM
Sunday, September 15 – 10 AM – 5 PM
On Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 19 – 12 PM – 3 PM
Fountain Stage and Macomb Place
586.469.4168



Zombie Parade

Sunday, October 13 –
Meet at the Fountain Stage at 6:30 PM
Parade starts at 7 PM
586.469.4168

Downtown Christmas Open House

Christmas Tree Lighting & Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus
Friday, November 22 – 5 PM – 9PM
Fountain Stage, Downtown Mount Clemens
586.469.4168

Mount Clemens Santa Parade

Saturday, November 23 – 10 AM
Main Street
586.469.4168



Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 30
Downtown Mount Clemens
586.469.4168

Downtown Christmas Light Parade

Saturday, December 14 at 7 PM
Downtown Mount Clemens
586.469.4168

Mount Clemens Kids New Year's Eve Event

December 31 – 4 PM – 9 PM
Discovery Center of Macomb
54 Cherry Street
586.469.4168



Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala

December 31 – 10:30 PM
Entertainment & Fireworks on Main Street
586.469.4168



COMMUNITY INFO



HOLIDAY REFUSE CALENDAR

Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 2024

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, 2024.

Columbus Day – Monday, October 14, 2024

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

Veteran's Day – Monday, November 11, 2024

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

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28, 2024

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**.

EMAIL & SMS NOTIFICATIONS



Residents who want to stay up to date on what is happening in Mount Clemens are encouraged to sign up for email notifications, SMS notifications, or both. There are two types of notifications- alert and newsletter. Alerts only go out during events like water main breaks, traffic detours, road closures and severe weather. To sign up for notifications, go to mountclemens.gov/notify and fill out the application form.

COMPOST/LEAF PICKUP SEASON ENDS DECEMBER 6TH

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 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.

A City contracted yard waste collection truck will operate through December 6, 2024 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-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 7:00 A.M.** of your scheduled pick up day.

ABSOLUTELY NO RAKING OR BLOWING LEAVES INTO THE STREET. IF YOU HAVE A LANDSCAPING COMPANY, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS POLICY.

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.

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.

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.mountclemens.gov/sanitation.



MOUNT CLEMENS FIRE DEPARTMENT

A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF REYNOLDS

Good Day Mount Clemens,

As we approach the fall season I wanted to share with you some fall safety tips. However, these tips will be about the other type of fall.

Did you know that 1 in 3 older adults will experience a fall, and around 5% of those will require treatment in the emergency room? Some of these injuries can be significant and life altering. The good news is that there are a few things you can do to minimize your risk of falling:

1. Exercise Regularly.

Exercise will help you build strength and improve your balance and coordination. Ask your doctor about the best physical exercise for you.

2. Take your time.

Get out of chairs slowly. Sit a moment before you get out of your bed. Stand and get your balance before you walk. Be aware of your surroundings.

3. Keep stairs, pathways, and walking areas clear.

Remove electrical cords, shoes, clothing, books, magazines, and other items that may be in the way of foot traffic. Have easy-to-grip handrails installed along the full length on both sides of the stairs. Consider subscribing to a medical alert system. If you have an emergency, just push the wearable button that is provided and the service will send emergency responders.

4. Improve the lighting in and outside your home.

Use night lights or a flashlight to light the path between your bedroom and the bathroom. Turn on the lights before using the stairs. Have lighting at both the top and bottom of stairways. See an eye doctor once a year.

5. Use non-slip mats and grab bars.

Non-slip mats increase safety in the bathtub and on shower floors. Use non-slip mats outside the tub and shower. Install grab bars on the wall next to the bathtub, shower, and toilet. Wipe up spilled liquids immediately.

6. Be aware of uneven surfaces.

Make sure indoor flooring is safe from tripping hazards. Use only throw rugs that have rubber, non-skid backing. Consider non-skid pads under rugs. Always smooth out wrinkles and folds in carpeting. Be aware of uneven sidewalks and pavement outdoors. Ask a family member, a friend, or a neighbor to clear ice and snow from outdoor stairs and walkways. Always use handrails, if available, and step carefully.

7. Wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes.

Low-heeled shoes with non-slip soles are best, even inside. These are safer than high heels, thick soled athletic shoes, slippers, or stocking feet.

I would also like to remind you that having an up-to-date list of your medications is very important to First Responders and the Emergency Department; Stick it on your fridge or in your wallet, just in case it's ever needed !

Practicing these safety tips will greatly reduce the chances of a fall and the potential injury that can come from a fall. Be on the lookout for trip/fall hazards Mount Clemens , so you and your loved ones can have a safe fall of 2024 !

Yours in Life Safety,

Dan Reynolds

Mt. Clemens Fire Chief





MOUNT CLEMENS RECREATION

RECREATION FALL 2024

Community Sewing Class:

Ages: 18+

Cost: Free

Dates: Ongoing Program, Tuesdays
11:00am-12:30pm

Description:

Join the Community Sewing Class where people in the community come together to sew.

*Bring/provide your own sewing materials.

Location: Cairns Community Center 58 Orchard St, Mt Clemens, MI 48043.

mountclemensrecreation.org



Community Crochet Class:

Ages: +18

Cost: Free

Dates: Ongoing Program, Thursdays 11:00am-12:30pm
and Thursdays 5:00pm-7:00pm

Description:

Join the Community Crochet Class where people from the community come together to crochet.

*Crochet materials are not provided, please bring your own supplies.

Located at: Cairns Community Center 58 Orchard St, Mt Clemens, MI 48043.

Register in person at the Cairns Community Center or on mountclemensrecreation.org

Family Fun Night

Ages: 13 and over may remain with a waiver signed by a legal guardian, 12 and under must have a waiver signed by a legal guardian and Must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: Free

Dates: Ongoing program, Fridays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Get ready for a night of bonding, making memories, and enjoying a wide range of fun filled activities. Here's what you can expect: a video game room, open gym, and a game room.

Register in person at the Cairns Community Center.

AHA Heart Saver First Aid/CPR/AED Course

Ages: +18

Cost: Free

Dates: Sunday, September 8th and Sunday, October 20th, both
12:00pm-4:30pm

Description:

The American Heart Association's Heart Saver First Aid/CPR/AED course trains participants to provide first aid, CPR, and use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Reflects science and education from the American Heart Association Guidelines Update for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC).

Free course!!!

The course teaches:

- First aid basics
- Medical emergencies
- Injury emergencies
- Environmental emergencies
- Preventing illness and injury
- Adult CPR and AED use
- Opioid-associated life-threatening emergencies

Located at the Community Center at 300 N. Groesbeck

Register on: mountclemensrecreation.org



Mount Clemens Beautification Commission

2024 Skeleton Contest. The Mount Clemens Beautification Committee is once again sponsoring a Skeleton Contest. This year's theme is music- Symphony of Bones. The contest will run from Friday, October 11th through Thursday, October 31st. The winners will be announced on Halloween.

Watch for the decorated skeletons at businesses and City offices throughout Mount Clemens.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH

GERMINATION STATION GREENHOUSE

Programs for Growing Readers from Birth-Kindergarten

Baby Sprouts StoryThyme

Wednesdays ~ 10:30am-11am

During this 30-minute storytime, children from birth to 24 months and their caregivers will explore their growing world with books, music, and more!

Roots and Shoots StoryThyme

Thursdays ~ 10:30am-11am

In each 30-minute interactive storytime, we will examine the roots of Emergent Literacy development, as we share a unique type of picture book and explore how each type enhances your child's growth as a reader. Geared towards preschoolers, ages 2-5 and their caregivers.



GERMINATION STATION GARDEN

Programs for Growing Learners in Kindergarten-5th grade

Drop-in STEAM Afterschool

Weekdays (when school is in session!) ~ 3:30pm-5pm

- Monday - Science
- Tuesday - Technology
- Wednesday - Engineering with Legos
- Thursday - Art Studio
- Friday - Math Games

Each day we will have a rotation of activities available for students and families to explore! For Kindergarten-Grade 3; Students in Grade 2 and under will need to have an adult or older sibling with them at all times.

GERMINATION STATION GARDEN cont.

MinT: Mondays in Text

Mondays ~ 6:30pm-7:30pm

As humans, we encounter text in countless ways, in every stage and area of our lives. These hour-long sessions will actively engage with different types of print or digital text, as students follow recipes, create STEAM projects, and conduct their own research. **No session on September 23 & October 14*

Home Grown for Homeschool Scholars

Wednesdays ~ 2pm-3pm

Ms. Laura and our homeschool scholars will explore the world with books and hands-on activities. STEAM, book club, and community service will be just a few of the topics that we will delve into during our sessions together.

BEYOND THE GARDEN GATE - OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Open Books 2 Open Gym at Cairns Community Center

Wednesdays ~ 3:15pm-5:15pm

Get your brain and body active through independent or shared reading activities followed by time to play a variety of sports in the gym or outside. Our literacy specialist and former Albion College point guard, Ms. Autumn, is excited to meet with students on and off the court! For ages K-12; Children 12 years and younger need to have an adult remain in the building. A lounge area and computers are available.

Family Storytime at Cairns Community Center

Thursdays ~ 6pm-7pm

All families are welcome to this storytime! We will be exploring language through books, fingerplays, music, flannel board, and puppets with our Youth Services librarian, Ms. Laura.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH (CONT'D)

SUPER SATURDAYS

ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Reading is a Civil Right!

Saturday, September 7 ~ 11am-1pm

Every person deserves to have the building blocks to access information. All ages are invited to explore make and take reading activities, online resources, and even watch the acclaimed 2023 documentary *The Right to Read*, produced by LeVar Burton.

DIY STEAM ~ Select Saturdays from 12pm-1pm
September 14; October 5; November 2

The Youth Department will have a STEAM activity that families can work on together! Children younger than 3rd grade need a caregiver present with them.

Halloween Costume Swap and Craft

Saturday, September 21 ~ 12pm-1pm

Do you have a costume that you have outgrown? Swap it with a community member and get a new-to-you gently worn clean costume! After, you can make a Halloween craft to display in your home!

Falling for Crafts!

Saturday, September 28 ~ 11am-12:30pm

Make fall-themed crafts and decorations to ring in the new season! For preschoolers and up.



ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Our Community Reads

Saturday, October 12 ~ 11am-12pm

Visit our storytime room and listen to our community leaders, as they share one of their favorite books and 'read by example!'

Fire Station Visit

Saturday, October 19 ~ 10am-11am

Join Ms. Laura at the Mount Clemens Fire Station for a storytime (weather permitting outside by picnic tables) and a tour of our fire department! *The fire station is located at Mount Clemens Fire Department: 2 Dickinson Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043.*

Scary Storytime

Saturday, October 26 ~ 10:30am-11:15am

Join us as we turn off the lights and read some terrifying tales from Alvin Schwartz's *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark!* All ages are welcome, but younger kids may find it a bit too scary! Recommended for grades 2 and up.

Halloween Party

Saturday, October 26 ~ 11:30am-1:30pm

Get dressed up in your Halloween costume and join us for a spook-tacular party full of treats, crafts, and games! For all ages.

ROSEMARY! Saturday: Storytelling with Genot Picor!

Saturday, November 9 ~ 11am-12pm

Join Michigan storyteller, Genot Picor, as he takes us on a journey through time and tradition in honor of the Indigenous peoples in our region and beyond. We will explore the age-old power of storytelling to engage people with literacy, and build the skills we use as readers.

Richard Paul's Amazing Puppets

Saturday, November 16 ~ 1pm-1:45pm

Join Michigan's favorite ventriloquist for this interactive experience, where the audience becomes part of the magic! We will discover the power of storytelling and the joy of reading. A fun event for the whole family!

Wackadoo! Bluey Bash!

Saturday, November 23 ~ 10:30am-1:30pm

It's a day all about Bluey! For real life! Join us for games, crafts, snacks, a photo booth, and more! Families with kids of all ages are welcome.!



YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY BOARD (YAAB)

YAAB Bimonthly Meeting

Select Wednesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm

- September 4 and 18
- October 2 and 16
- November 6 and 20

Help shape the YA Department at your library by joining the Young Adult Advisory Board. As a YAAB member, you will help plan programs, decorate the YA space, and earn community service hours for it! This is also a great opportunity to gain leadership and volunteer work experience.

Escape Room at the Crocker House

Thursday, October 10 ~ 4pm-6pm

Have you always wanted to participate in an escape room? Well, now's your chance! Solve the clues in each room to win at the historical Crocker House Museum! Limited spots are available and registration is required. *Please note: This is an off-site event hosted at the Crocker House Museum.*

Scary Story Contest and Movie Night

Saturday, October 19 ~ 11am-1:30pm

Submit an original and unpublished story for a chance to win a prize and have your story displayed in the Young Adult room at the library! Submissions will be accepted September 1, 2024 - October 3, 2024. The winner will be announced at the movie night before a showing of *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*. Check our social media and the flyers in the Young Adult room and around the library for full submission rules.

Teen Halloween Costume Party

Thursday, October 31 ~ 3pm-5pm

We are having a costume party to celebrate the spookiest day of the year! Join us for a themed craft, snacks, and a costume contest.



COLLABORATIONS

Handmade Paper with Local History

Thursday, September 19 ~ 5pm-6:30pm

Prepare to get a little messy as we create handmade paper with floral and leaf embellishments! For all ages.

Murder Mystery Masquerade Party with Local History

Tuesday, October 15 ~ 4pm-7pm

Delight in a night of mystery! We are hosting a masquerade party with a hint of...murder. Join us to find out who did it! For ages 12 and up. Register on our website.

Recycled Newspaper Crafts with Local History

Tuesday, November 19 ~ 4pm-6pm

We will be creating baskets and roses out of old newspapers! For all ages.

COMMUNITY

Teen Library Card Sign-Up and Snow Cones

Tuesday, September 3 ~ 5pm-6:30pm

It's Library Card Sign-Up Month and we are celebrating with a sign-up event and snow cones! Get a library card and check out a book, movie, or video game. If you already have a library card, that's great! Come on in and have a snow cone to celebrate the freedom to read.

COOKING

Holiday Pie Taste Testing

Monday, November 25 ~ 4pm-6pm

Join us in a blind taste test and vote on who has the best apple and pumpkin pie - Meijer, Kroger, or Aldi! We'll randomly draw a winner from those who guessed correctly (for each flavor) to receive a prize! Register on our website.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUNG ADULTS (CONT'D)

CRAFTING

Tea Light Candles and Holders

Monday, September 16 ~ 4pm-6pm

Use clay to create a tea light candle holder that you can use in combination with the DIY Tea Light Candles being made on September 18th! Register on our website.

Tea Light Candle Making

Wednesday, September 18 ~ 4pm-6pm

We will be making homemade tea light candles using beeswax! Those who participated in the Candle Holders program will paint and decorate their previously made projects. Everyone else will choose from pre-made candle holders. Register on our website.

'Bad Art' Contest

Wednesday, September 25 ~ 4pm-6pm

Get creative with scrap art supplies to make the BEST 'bad' art. After a vote on favorites, the two participants with the most votes will win a prize!

Mini Pumpkin Painting

Thursday, October 24 ~ 4pm-6pm

Decorate a mini pumpkin to put on display for Halloween! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

Origami Fortune Tellers and Make Your Own Tarot

Tuesday, November 5 ~ 5:30pm-7:30pm

Let's write our own fortunes. We will be creating our own tarot cards and origami fortune tellers! Register on our website.

DIY Terrarium

Thursday, November 7 ~ 4pm-6:30pm

Get some greenery in your life with a DIY terrarium! Perfect for those of us without a green thumb, or those that want indoor plants with minimal upkeep. All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

Squishy Circuit Buddies

Wednesday, November 13 ~ 4pm-5pm

Use conductive and insulating play-doh to create little buddies who light up! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

EDUCATIONAL

MCPL After School for Teens

Mondays through Thursdays ~ 3pm-5pm

Stop in for a snack and stay for an activity! Every Monday through Thursday, we will have something for you in the YA Room. This includes crafts, games, movies and more!

WRITE @ Cairns Community Center

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each Month ~ 3:30pm-4:30pm

- September 11 and 25
- October 9 and 23
- November 13 and 27

Writing is crucial for working in creative fields. In WRITE, we are going to learn how to use writing techniques to help achieve our creative goals! We will meet off-site at Cairns Community Center.

Voter Registration Party

Tuesday, September 17 ~ 4pm-6pm

Swing by MCPL after school or work to register to vote with the assistance from Democracy for All! Activities, refreshments, and fun will all be provided! Please bring a valid State ID or Driver's License with updated address when registering to vote.





GAMING

YA Dungeons & Dragons

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each Month ~ 5pm-7pm

- September 10 and 24
- October 8 and 22
- November 12 and 26

Join us for a new campaign of Dungeons and Dragons! We are going to start at level 1 and battle our way to level 5 in *Tales from the Yawning Portal*. This group is great for new and experienced players ages 12-18. Register on our website.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Timber! presented by Huron-Clinton Metroparks

Monday, October 28 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

In this program, the daily life of the lumberjack comes alive as our costumed interpreters introduce you to the tools and the logging methods used by these hardy individuals of the "Green Gold" era. You will experience the foods, languages, and pastimes of the logging camps, as well as the stories that grew up around them.

MOVIE VIEWINGS

Beetlejuice Movie Night

Thursday, September 5 ~ 4pm-6pm

Join us for a snack and a movie! Watch the original *Beetlejuice* just in time for the release of *Beetlejuice 2!*

Lord of the Rings Showing

Saturday, November 23 ~ 10am-1:30pm

We're hosting a *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* watch party! Join us for snacks and fun as we journey into the Shire.



ADULTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Makerspace It: Morning Composure

Mondays ~ 10am-11:30am

Start your week (and day) off on the right foot with some open art therapy! Each week, our Makerspace will feature a different medium to work with, in which you take the reins in your own creativity! The last Monday morning of every month features a theme instead to work around with a variety of mediums available for use. Aprons and art materials will be provided.

Resume Reviews

Mondays ~ 4pm-7pm

Bring your resume to our Adult Department for a review! We will critique and revise it for your next job search.

Tech Help

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays ~ 5pm-7pm

Stop by our reference desk for assistance on computer, tablet, and smartphone questions.

ADULT BOOK CLUB

Monday Mystery Mayhem Book Club

Mondays ~ 6pm-7pm

- September 30 - *I Have Some Questions For You* by Rebecca Makkai
- October 21 - *Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter?* by Nikki French
- November 25 - *Rouge* by Mona Awad

Adult Book Club

Tuesdays ~ 6pm-7pm

- September 10 - *Silver Nitrate* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
- October 8 - *A Most Clever Girl* by Stephanie Marie Thornton
- November 12 - *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULTS (CONT'D)

COMMUNITY

Anime Club

Thursdays ~ 6pm-7pm

- September 19 - Character Development and Making of Arc/Saga
- October 17 - Exploring Genres and Art
- November 21 - Mangaka

We will dive into this diverse world exploring Japanese media, celebrating the genre and art that brings them to life - from action-packed Shonen to heartwarming slice-of-life.

Spice Club

Spice up your cooking with Mount Clemens Public Library Spice Club! Register each month to receive a sample of a new spice along with an information sheet and delicious recipes. Please register each month separately, spices are limited.

- September spice - Cinnamon. Pick up starts September 23.
- October spice - Clove. Pick up starts October 28.
- November spice - Nutmeg. Pick up starts November 18.

Voter Registration Party

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Movie Day - 20 Days in Mariupol

Saturday, September 28 ~ 11am - 1pm

20 Days in Mariupol was the 2024 Oscar winner for Best Documentary Feature Film. In mid-March of 2022, roughly three weeks after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine began, Ukrainian filmmaker and Associated Press video journalist, Mstyslav Chernov, escaped from the besieged city of Mariupol. This documentary offers a visceral, first-person record of the war and human toll on life

Fall Open House

Saturday, October 12 ~ 11am-1pm

Fall is in the air! Join us at our Fall Open House celebrating National Book Month. We will have food and drinks, crafts, games and a special performance by acoustic guitar player, Peter Geloso! This is a free event for the whole family.



COOKING

Chef Fran Cooking Demonstration

Wednesday, October 16 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Chef Fran is back by popular demand! We will cook and taste a fall-inspired dish. Register on our website.

Apple Lovers Night

Tuesday, October 22 ~ 6pm-7pm

Calling all apple lovers! Join us in making caramel apples and apple chips at this sweet program. Register on our website.

Candy Making

Thursday, November 14 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Jade will demonstrate how to make three separate candies that are easy to concoct and a pleasure to eat! Taste tests will be available for all candies, as well as take-home recipe cards. Register on our website.

Soup Saturday!

Saturday, November 23 ~ 11am-12pm

We will be learning how to prepare lentil soup in a jar for an easy cozy meal! Afterwards, we will enjoy a soup tasting and cookbook resources. Register on our website

Please note: food present at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens.





CRAFTING

Papercrafting at the Library

First Thursday of the Month ~ 5pm-8pm

- September 5 - Summer Scrapbook Layout
- October 3 - Halloween Luminarie
- November 7 - Operation Christmas Craft Fundraiser

Join your fellow crafters and create the themed project or work on any project of your choosing. You will need basic scrapbook tools and supplies. Register on our website.

Good Afternoon Crafters

Third Thursday of the Month ~ 2pm-3:30pm

- September 19 - Gel Air Fresheners
- October 17 - Spooky Head Dolls
- November 21 - Personalized Wooden Signs

Join us for a different DIY craft each month! Register on our website.

Tech It Out Fridays!

Select Fridays ~ 1:30pm-3:30pm

- September 13 and 27
- October 11 and 25
- November 8 and 22

Learn how to work our state-of-the-art tools and machinery, such as our 3D printers and laser cutter! Each month will have a different theme for the projects that we create.

DIY Brick Doorstop

Saturday, September 14 ~ 11am-12pm

Spend a Saturday morning making a one of a kind brick door stopper for your home or office! Register on our website.

DIY Book Cozy

Monday, September 16 ~ 6pm-7pm

Learn how to sew your own book cozy! Busy readers on the go will love this protective book accessory. If you have any certain pattern/fabric you would like to use, feel free to bring it! Register on our website.

Halloween Mask

Saturday, October 19 ~ 10am-1:30pm

Go the DIY route with your Halloween routine this year! Join us all day Saturday for a variety of activity stations in which you can create your own Halloween mask! Masks and arts & crafts mediums will be available for use, as well as some light refreshments and candy!

Halloween Horror Villain Wall Art

Tuesday, October 29 ~ 6pm-7pm

Design your own villain inspired wall mask for Halloween! Register on our website

Pumpkin Pie Garland

Wednesday, November 13 ~ 2pm-3pm

Decorate your space with a fun, seasonal craft! Register on our website.

Wreath Making

Saturday, November 16 ~ 11am-1pm

We will be having an open wreath crafting session! Wreath forms, arts/crafts supplies, and aprons will be provided. Register on our website.

EDUCATIONAL

Computer Help at Cairns Community Center

Fridays ~ 10:30am-12:15pm

- September 13 and 27
- October 11 and 25
- November 8 and 22

We will assist you with your computer questions and needs at Cairns Community Center. If you have a tablet, laptop or smartphone, please bring it with you with a full charge, and any passwords you may need. We will supply Chromebooks to use, if you do not have a device.

Basic Computers 101

Saturday, October 26 ~ 11am-12pm

Learn or improve your computer skills with this small, hands-on computer class. We will focus on setting up emails, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and safe creditable online searching. Register on our website.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULTS (CONT'D)

FITNESS AND WELLNESS

Yoga with Del

First Thursday of the Month ~ 6:45pm-7:45pm
September 5; October 3; November 7

Join us at our library for a rejuvenating yoga session! All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.



Zumba

Mondays ~ 6pm-7pm

- October 7, 21 and 28
- November 4, 18 and 25

All ages and fitness levels are welcome! This lively, fun, social class is a smashing hit - come join the Zumba party instructed by Adrienne Lakes! Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.

Sound Therapy with Singing Bowls

Saturday, November 2 ~ 11am-12pm

This holistic practice uses vibrations produced by Tibetan singing bowls to promote healing in the body and mind. There will be a variety of sound bowls and other instruments to release different frequencies that create soothing tones and vibrations, promoting a calm atmosphere and self!

GAMES AND TRIVIA

Adults Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesdays ~ 6pm-7:30pm

This program is an on-going campaign for both old and new players! These sessions will be run by a long time Game Master, who is very avid about bringing new people into the hobby.

Train Dominoes

Thursday, September 5 ~ 10am-12pm

Join us for an organized train dominoes game! Don't know how to play? We can teach you in a few short minutes!

Euchre League

Mondays ~ 1pm-3pm

We will be hosting a "for fun" Euchre league! This is available to all skill levels, from first time players to skilled and crafty veterans. This league will last through November. Each team is allowed 2 players and a substitute.

Geocaching 101

Thursday, September 12 ~ 6pm-7pm

Learn the basics of setting up and starting a Geocaching adventure! This is a fun activity that anyone can participate in.

Commercials and Slogans of YesterYear!

Tuesday, September 24 ~ 6pm-7pm

We will put your memory to the ultimate nostalgia test with trivia on old commercials and slogans!

Know Your Comics!

Thursday, October 10 ~ 6pm-7pm

Our library's resident heroic geek, Jamal, will expand your comic book knowledge with trivia that will be fun for the whole family!

Nutrition Education Class presented by Macomb County Health Department

Wednesday, October 16 ~ 11am-12pm

This free presentation is geared towards educational health, nutrition and diabetes. Learn how to live a healthy lifestyle at any age!

Blackjack Card Night

Tuesday, November 26 ~ 6pm-7pm

What makes a fun Tuesday night? Cards, poker chips and a dealer! Come test your luck at our Blackjack table!



GUEST SPEAKERS



Blood and Lipstick with Tobin T. Buhk

Wednesday, October 9 ~ 6:30pm-7:45pm

Michigan's top true crime author, Tobin Buhk, is back with a new book, *Killer Women of Michigan*. He will show us an up-close look inside the minds of Michigan's most lethal women.

The Detroit Lions and the Early NFL presented by Jeremy Dimmick

Wednesday, November 6 ~ 6pm-7pm

We are welcoming guest Jeremy Dimmick to our library, as he takes us on a timeline of our beloved Detroit Lions history! The story of the Lions doubles as the story of professional football finding its place in American popular culture.

LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

HISTORICAL NON-FICTION BOOK CLUBS

Select Thursdays ~ 5:30pm-6:30pm

- September 12 - *What Does It Mean to Be Well Educated?* by Alfie Kohn
- October 10 - *Eloise Asylum: The History, the Humanity and the Haunts* by Cassandra St. Croix
- November 14 - *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

COLLABORATIONS

Handmade Paper with YA

Thursday, September 19 ~ 5pm-6:30pm

Prepare to get a little messy as we create handmade paper with floral and leaf embellishments! For all ages.

Murder Mystery Masquerade Party with YA

Tuesday, October 15 ~ 4pm-7pm

Delight in a night of mystery! We are hosting a masquerade party with a hint of...murder. Join us to find out who did it! For ages 12 and up. Register on our website.

Recycled Newspaper Crafts with YA

Tuesday, November 19 ~ 4pm-6pm

We will be creating baskets and roses out of old newspapers! For all ages.



Fall is in the air! Join us as we celebrate **National Book Month** at our Fall Open House! We will have food and drinks, crafts, games and a special performance by acoustic guitar player, Peter Geloso.

Guests are also visit our storytime room and listen to our community leaders, as they share one of their favorite books and 'read by example!' This is a free event for the whole family.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

LECTURES

Behind the Seen DIA: The Essentials

Tuesday, September 10 ~ 6pm-7pm

A volunteer from the Detroit Institute of Arts will lead a talk to explore select DIA artworks to gain an appreciation of the diversity, quality, and world-class status of the museum's collection.

Michigan in the Civil War presented by Al and Dave Eicher

Tuesday, September 17 ~ 6pm-7:45pm

This presentation shows us a month by month timeline of events in Michigan and at the Eastern battlefields. This program tells true stories about Michigan people and Governor Blair's search for troops to meet Lincoln's request. The music and sounds created at the reenactment events make this a very special program relating to Michigan's role in the Civil War.

10 Military Things You Didn't Know Were Made in Michigan

Monday, September 23 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us as the Michigan Military Technical and Historical Society reveals 10 military innovations you didn't know were made in Michigan!

Black Genealogy Basics presented by Tony Burroughs

Tuesday, October 1 ~ 6pm-7pm

We will learn how to get started researching African American family history with Tony Burroughs, author of *Black Roots*.

Remember Us? Forgotten Presidents

Thursday, October 17 ~ 6pm-7pm

There have been 46 Presidents of the United States, but how many do you really know? Pull these former leaders from the dustbin of history, and find out about what makes these men interesting and how they helped to shape the nation we have today!

Seeking Dead People: Cemetery Research

Wednesday, November 6 ~ 6pm-7pm

We will discuss the history of cemeteries, the history of cemetery stone choices, and the types of burial records that have been generated. We will then discuss tips for doing cemetery research online and offline.

Soda Pop Soldier: The Civil Wars of James Vernor presented by Jeff Pollock

Tuesday, November 12 ~ 6pm-7pm

Discover the experiences of the man, the soldier and the ginger ale king through nearly three years of war in our nation's bloodiest conflict. Learn how the Civil War shaped his life, his work, and his legendary product.

WORKSHOPS

Historical Database Workshops

Select Mondays ~ 11am-12pm

- September 30
- October 28
- November 25

Drop-in to our Local History and Genealogy Room if you have any questions on how to use the historical databases the library offers.

Preserving Your Family History

Select Fridays ~ 11am-12pm

- September 27
- October 25
- November 22

Drop-in to our Local History and Genealogy Room if you have any questions on how to use the digitization equipment the library offers.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday - 10am-8pm

Friday - 10am-5pm

Saturday - 10am-2pm

Closed Sunday

the Community Resource Guide

Mount Clemens Edition



Highlighted in this Edition:

**Mount Clemens Real Estate Trends • Care House • Susie Q's Kids • True Life Academy
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The Community Resource Guide, Mount Clemens edition is a seasonal publication that provides all residents and businesses an opportunity to share local stories, upcoming events and business services within our community.

If you or someone you know have an event to promote, a story to share or an idea for the upcoming December 2024 Edition, **email us at info@drivecreativeservices.com**

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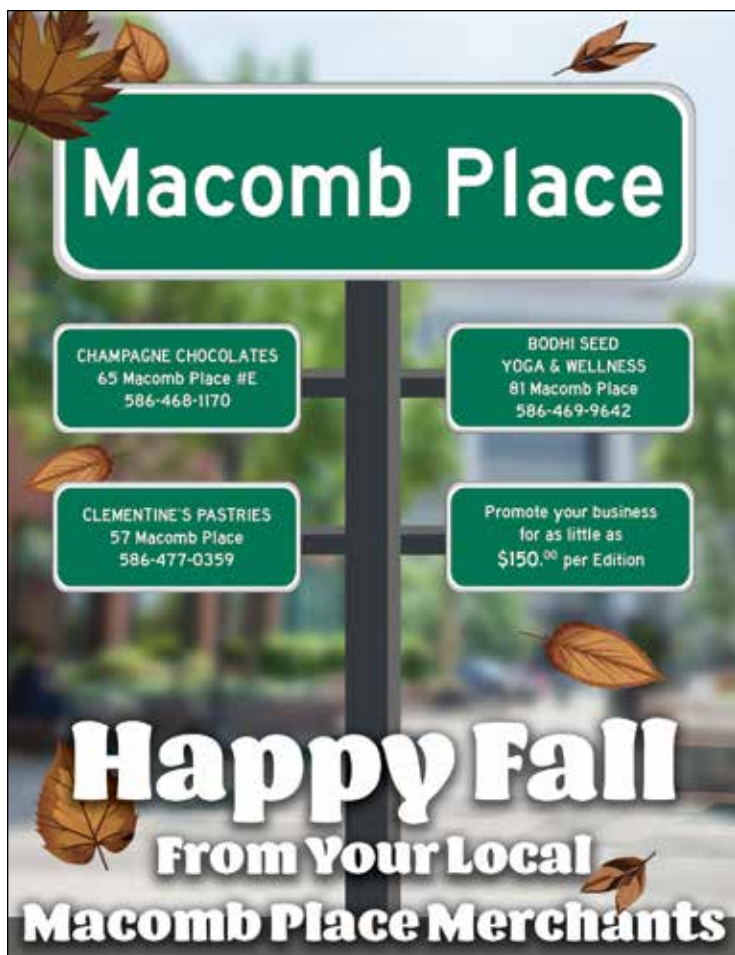
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Although change is hard, FAN realized that the time had come to update their name to more accurately reflect the important work they do. But because the name "FAN" is very familiar and well respected, the organization wanted to keep the FAN acronym intact.

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Their awards include 2023 Best of MichBusiness Nonprofit of the Year, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention Community Partner of the Year, Alignable's Top Business Person of the Year, and Top-Rated by Great nonprofits.

Susie Q's Kids impact is being felt throughout our community. Join their monthly bag-stuffing on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm in their new office at 6340 East 14 Mile Road, Warren MI 48092.

A recent vehicle donation allows them to conduct **FILL THE VAN** with donation events, contact Dr Mary Welsh drmary@susieqskid.org to schedule your event, volunteer, donate, and learn more. 248-220-6846



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FROM Q1 2023

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▲ 54.2%
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▲ 32.1%
FROM Q2 2023

41.4%

ABSORPTION
RATE¹

▲ 2.9%
FROM Q1 2024

▼ 19.0%
FROM Q2 2023

MARKET ACTIVITY

Single Family • Detached

QUARTER (Q2 2024) OVER QUARTER (Q1 2024)

▼ 3.8%

TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

YEAR-OVER-YEAR (for Q2 2024 vs. Q2 2023)

▲ 35.1%

TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

The market in City of Mount Clemens remains strong with continued low sales as the result of low inventory. This trend does appear to be reversing as the year-over-year figures suggest. Please note that with small amounts of data, average sale price is likely to fluctuate, noticeably, and is a less reliable indicator than Days on Market.

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¹An absorption rate between 15.4% and 18.3% is considered a market in balance. Higher favors sellers, lower favors buyers.

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UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Average Sale Price – Good: While the increase in average price decreases affordability, that we saw an increase while at the same time rates remained high and inventory increased demonstrates a strong market and value of homeownership. While affordability for some is a problem, those able to buy, but waiting for lower rates are missing making a mistake. The increase in inventory also will require sellers to be more realistic regarding both price and condition. Homes poorly priced or in need of repair, will give buyers negotiating power.

Days on Market (DOM) – Healthy: A DOM of under 30 days indicates there is strong buyer interest, but there is also some opportunity for buyers not to be rushed.

Inventory – Improving: Despite many sellers having low rates, life continues to motivate sellers to move. The increase in inventory both year over year and quarter over quarter is good news.

Absorption Rate – Seller's market: Buyers need to remain aggressive when they find a home they really want. An absorption rate at these levels means the market is very competitive from a buyer's perspective.

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Hello, Mt. Clemens! Meet Sarah Monzo, a passionate local Realtor with The Monzo Group. For Sarah, real estate isn't just a career; it's a family tradition and a true calling.

Working in the family business has allowed her to channel her love for helping people turn their real estate dreams into a fulfilling, everyday reality.

Drawing from her deep knowledge of Mt. Clemens and surrounding areas, her guidance helps to make the real estate journey enjoyable and stress-free. Sarah

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