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UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 8/5, 8/19



MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Can you believe we are rounding the halfway point of 2024? For me it feels like the first six months were packed with planning and preparing for the upcoming projects. Our team has been working on: Grand Street Water Main Replacement, District 11 Sidewalk Replacements, Gate Valve Turning Program, Wastewater Treatment Plant Septic Receiving Station Upgrade, Open Cut Sewer Repair Program, Pipe Bursting Sewer Repair, The Downtown Revitalization Project, The New Street Parking Lot Replacement, Installation of Cairns Playground, Hubbard Street Reconstruction and Concrete Patching, Sanitary Sewer Lining, and Local and Major Streets Repair Program. All of these programs and projects are coordinated through collaboration and hours of meetings and are finally ready to begin! At the time of this publication, the Downtown Revitalization project will have broken ground beginning with Macomb Place and the Cherry Street Mall portion of the project. The New Street Parking Lot will begin in late fall of 2024. Later in this edition of the Clementines you can find additional details of each of the projects and programs from our staff.

Often, I get the question from residents "how can I help to support Mount Clemens?" One important way residents can contribute to our success is by increasing the frequency they use our downtown businesses during this construction. Construction projects, whether at your home or in a commercial area, can be inconvenient. We ask that you pardon our dust and still come patronize our terrific businesses.

Our Great Lakes Water Connection project is in full swing going out to bid this past May. The construction is expected to break ground in mid-summer and continue through 2028. This project will impact several different areas of the City throughout the months of construction. Please watch for updates on the Mount Clemens website www.mountclemens.gov where you can sign up for text alerts and email notification.

I hope this summer you find time to make memories with your family, enjoy a sunny day and take a stroll at one of our beautiful parks!

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact my office at 586-469-6800 ext. 315 or email me: Lkropp@mountclemens.gov

COFFEE TALKS with Mayor Kropp

- Thursday, June 6th, 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- Tuesday, June 11th, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Tuesday, July 9th, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Tuesday, August 13th, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill



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

PRIMARY ELECTION IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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 AUGUST 6, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

- Thursday, June 27, 2024 - Absent voter ballots available for voters.
- Monday, July 22, 2024 – Last day to register in any manner other than in-person at the city clerk's office for the August 6, 2024 election.
- Monday, July 22, 2024 – Public accuracy test of voting equipment at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, July 27, 2024 – Early voting begins at Mount Clemens City Hall from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily (including weekends) through Sunday, August 4, 2024.
- Friday, August 2, 2024 – Last day to have an absentee ballot mailed to a voter.
- Monday, August 5, 2024 – Last day to obtain an absentee ballot (in person at city clerk's office) by 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 6, 2024 – Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.



*Mount Clemens election workers on the first day of early voting in the city's history.
February 17, 2024*

SKIP THE CROWDS AND VOTE EARLY THIS YEAR!

Mount Clemens voters are invited to cast their ballot early for the August 6, 2024 primary election. Early voting begins on Saturday, July 27th and continues for nine consecutive days (including weekends) through Sunday, August 4th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Mount Clemens City Hall.

For more information about early voting, please contact the city clerk's office at 586-469-6800, ext. 309.

WHY DID I RECEIVE A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM IN THE MAIL?

Residents who receive unsolicited voter registration materials by mail should be aware that it did not come from the Mount Clemens city clerk's office. Such forms are sent by political parties and public interest groups who have no knowledge of voters' registration statuses.

Once a resident is registered to vote in the city, there is no reason to re-register and all unsolicited voter registration forms should be discarded. The city clerk's office will only send a resident a voter registration form upon request.

Voters may always check their registration status by contacting the city clerk's office, or by visiting www.mi.gov/vote online.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2024 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

1. Grand Water Main Replacement – Southbound Gratiot to N Wilson Boulevard

Approximately 2,700 feet of 8-inch water main will be replaced along Grand Avenue between Southbound Gratiot Avenue and N Wilson Blvd. This will bring improvements to the water quality and overall efficiency of the water distribution system. Construction should be completed by the end of December 2024. Pavement replacement will take place in 2025.

2. District 11 Sidewalks – Various locations

The City is continuing its sidewalk program this year with District 11 scheduled to begin in April. District 11 will have hazardous and defective concrete sidewalks removed and replaced.

3. Gate Valve Turning Program

Gate valves, a key component of the drinking water distribution system will be inspected, evaluated and exercised to ensure they are in proper working order. This program will be performed across the entire City.

4. Wastewater Treatment Plant Septic Receiving Station

The City is replacing and upgrading its septic waste receiving station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. These upgrades will allow the City to continue to provide septic sewage treatment and protect the treatment plant.

5. Open Cut Sewer Repair – Various Locations

The City was awarded federal funding through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program. This project will include performing sanitary sewer repairs by the method of open cut at various locations throughout the City. Work will begin in Spring 2024 and is to be substantially completed by December 2024.

6. Pipe Bursting Sewer Repairs – Various locations

The City was awarded federal funding through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program. This project will include performing sanitary sewer repairs by the method of pipe bursting at various locations throughout the City. Work will begin in Spring 2024 and is to be substantially completed by November 2024.

7. Downtown Revitalization - Macomb Place, Cherry Street Mall and Cherry Street

The City's Downtown will be revitalized and turned into a walkable plaza. Improvements include increasing the area's walkability with pedestrian corridors along Macomb Place and Cherry Street, underground infrastructure replacement, fountain stage replacement and site amenity upgrades.

8. New Street Parking Lot

Located at the intersection of New Street and Pine Street, the New Street parking lot will be reconstructed. Improvements include a streamlined entrance and exit, replacement of pavement and storm sewers, relocation of trash bins into an enclosure, EV parking spots and new parking payment kiosks. Work will begin late Summer 2024.

9. Cairns Playground – Cairns Community Center

A new playground will be installed behind Cairns Community Center. The playground equipment, benches, and a concrete pathway connecting the parking lot to the playground will be completed by December 2024.

10. Hubbard Street Reconstruction and Concrete Patching

The City received federal funding through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to perform concrete pavement rehabilitation on Hubbard Street from North Groesbeck Highway to the Canadian National Railroad tracks. Hubbard Street will be reconstructed from North Groesbeck Highway to North Rose Street. Hubbard Street will have concrete pavement patching performed from N Rose Street to the Canadian National Railroad tracks.

11. Alter Court Watermain Replacement and Looping

Alter Court will have the watermain replaced from Groesbeck Highway west to the City limits. The watermain will then be looped north to Roseview Blvd and Ellwood Street. The looping of the watermain increases the water quality, water pressure and provides resiliency to the overall drinking system.

12. Sanitary Sewer Lining Repairs

Sanitary sewer repairs will occur throughout the City using a method of repair that lines the pipe with a cured-in-place-pipe liner. This is a cost-effective repair method that reduces the amount of resident disturbance and does not require excavation to occur.

13. Local Street Repairs

Repairs of local streets will occur at various locations throughout the City. These areas were evaluated using an engineered scoring system that considered the streets road condition rating, length of repair area, volume of usage and previous repair history.

14. Major Street Repairs

Repairs of major streets will occur at various locations throughout the City. These areas were evaluated using an engineered scoring system that considered the streets road condition rating, length of repair area, volume of usage and previous repair history.



2024 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS





COMMUNITY INFO



HOLIDAY REFUSE CALENDAR

Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2024

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

Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 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.

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 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 THAT 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.

A City contracted yard waste collection truck will operate on your garbage day. 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.

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.mountclemens.gov/sanitation**.



MOUNT CLEMENS FIRE DEPARTMENT

A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF REYNOLDS

Good Day Mount Clemens,
Summer is almost here and I'm confident that we are all anxious to enjoy some nice weather and outdoor activities now that winter is gone. There's nothing like a campfire on a summer night. I wanted to provide you with some Outdoor Fire Safety tips and remind you of the local Fire Ordinances here in Mount Clemens. Whether you're at home in your backyard or at your favorite campsite there are some important facts you need to know:

Chimineas and outdoor fireplaces may be used in Mount Clemens, so long as you strictly adhere to the following:

- Rubbish, of any kind, may not be burned.
- The smoke from the fire may not be offensive or objectional; Clean, dry, untreated, natural wood such as logs are best.
- Construction grade lumber will **likely** violate the local ordinance and cause the Fire Department to order your fire to be extinguished.

"Open burning" or ground-based fires, such as a Camp Fire, have additional requirements as they are not contained and could more easily spread:

- The Fire may not exceed 6 square feet in total area.
- Rubbish, of any kind, may not be burned.
- There may be no objectional or offensive smoke odors.
- The fire must be at least 25 feet from any structure.
- The fire must be constantly attended, and a means of extinguishment must be readily available at all times.

Please remember that all other "Outdoor Burning" is prohibited unless the Mount Clemens Fire Inspector has issued a formal permit.

Additionally, I cannot overemphasize the importance of **NEVER** using Gasoline or other combustible/flammable liquids as a starter or accelerant for your outdoor fire. **Gasoline fumes are highly volatile and can cause a deadly accident in an instant.**

Please exercise great caution and consideration for your neighbors. The Mount Clemens Fire Department wishes all of our residents a fun, and safe, summer of 2024!!

Yours in Life Safety,
Dan Reynolds
Mt. Clemens Fire Chief



COMMUNITY CALENDAR / MARQUEE SIGN

Non-profit events or non-profit organizations may be promoted on the Government Access Channel or on the marquee sign at Cass and Gratiot- go to the City's website: mountclemens.gov/messagerequest and complete the form.

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.



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SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN IN DOWNTOWN MOUNT CLEMENS

If you are looking for fun in the sun this summer, look no further than in your own 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.

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 Downtown on Macomb Place on the Fountain Stage, Main Stage on N. Walnut, and Main Stage on Macomb Place by the Anton Art Center.

Don't forget to enjoy The Oasis Social District when coming downtown to shop, dine or listen to great music. The Social District is where people can buy and drink alcoholic beverages outdoors in the City's downtown area from participating businesses. New for this summer Bath City Bistro and Your Mother's will join Abbibo, Cellar 104, Gumbo's, and New Age Noodles in the expanded Social District.

Summer is here – The annual Mount Clemens Independence Day Celebration is a countywide favorite with over 20,000 attendees descending upon Mount Clemens. The evening festivities kick off with the River Sight & Sound Concert featuring Spooky Sterling with fireworks immediately following at dusk.

The concert and fireworks viewing take place in the Clinton River Park on the Clinton River. Food trucks and vendors will be placed on NB Gratiot on the street.

During the construction downtown on Macomb Place and the Cherry Street Mall area, special events and concerts may be moved to another location. Follow the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority website and social media sites for the most accurate and up to date information.

For the latest information on our upcoming events and happenings...

Visit our website: <https://downtownmountclemens.org>

Like the Official Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens/>

Follow us on Twitter: MountClemensDDA or <https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA>

Instagram: DowntownMountClemens or <https://www.instagram.com/downtownmountclemens/>



Mount Clemens Beautification Commission

Annual Yard of the Year Contest

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2024 Yard of the Year. Yards will be judged by the Beautification Commission on the following criteria:

- **Curb Appeal** : Overall appearance of yard; green lawn, walks edged, shrubs, bushes, and trees maintained.
- **Innovation and Landscape Design**: Total effect, enhancement of home and property, unusual use of accents and decorative material.
- **Landscape**: Balance use of color, variety of hues, shades of green and texture of plants.

Nomination forms are available at City Hall, One Crocker Blvd., 2nd Floor or you can download the nomination form from the City's website under the Announcements tab at mountclemens.gov.





DOWNTOWN MOUNT CLEMENS EVENTS CALENDAR

Annual Bud Light Classic Car Show & Cruise

Featuring Live Music on Main Stage
Saturday, June 1 – 9AM – 9PM
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Kathleen Murray
Friday, June 7 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on N. Walnut Street
586.469.4168

Urban Street Fair

Featuring Live Music on New Street
Unique Vendors and Food Trucks
Saturday, June 8 – 11AM – 7PM
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring The Eat It Up Trio
Friday, June 14 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on N. Walnut Street
586.469.4168

Health & Wellness Fair

Featuring Live Entertainment
Wellness & Health Vendors
Healthy Food Options
Saturday, June 15 on S. Main Street at Church St
Noon – 7PM
Free Parking

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Motor City Josh and The Big Three
Friday, June 21 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on N. Walnut Street
586.469.4168

Independence Day Celebration Fireworks & Concert

Featuring Spooky Sterling Band
Friday, June 28 – 7PM
Mount Clemens Riverfront
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring The Dave Hamilton Band
Friday, July 12 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on N. Walnut Street
586.469.4168



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Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Strictly Fine
Friday, July 19 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on N. Walnut Street
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring The Joe Alan Band
Friday, July 26 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on N. Walnut Street
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Tom Bartelmay Quartet
Friday, August 2 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on N. Walnut Street
586.469.4168

Outdoor Movie Night - Presented by Meijer

Tuesday, August 6 – 6PM – 10:30PM
On Macomb Place by the Anton Art Center
Featuring Music by Mumford & Sons at 6:30PM
Movie TBA Starts at 8:15PM
Free giveaways and Vendors
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Ferndale Jazz Band
Friday, August 9 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on N. Walnut Street
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Erinn Alexis
Friday, August 16 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on Macomb Place by the Anton Art Center
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Featuring Spooky Sterling
Friday, August 23 – 7PM – 9PM
Main Stage on Macomb Place by the Anton Art Center
586.469.4168



TREASURER'S OFFICE

SUMMER TAX BILLS

All residents will receive their 2024 Summer Tax Bill around July 1st. If your taxes are paid by your mortgage company, please keep this for your records. **Summer taxes are due by September 16, 2024.** 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 16th, a 4% flat penalty will be added to any remaining balance. This amount will not be penalized again until March 1, 2025, 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.

GENERAL TAX INFORMATION: To ensure accurate tax billing, please notify the following departments of any changes in your personal information such as:

Spelling errors: Contact Assessing at 586-469-6800 x5

Transfer of ownership: Contact Assessing at 586-469-6800 x5

Change of mailing address: Contact Assessing at 586-469-6800 x5

Principal Residence Information: Contact Assessing at 586-469-6800 x5

Mortgage company changes: Contact Treasury at 586-469-6800 x2

DELINQUENT TRANSFER TO TAX FEE

Any delinquent bill that is moved onto the property taxes will incur a 15% fee. **This fee will not apply to sidewalk invoices.**

SENIOR DEFERMENTS FOR TAXES

If you are 62 or over before December 31, 2024, (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 homestead 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, 2025 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.



DELINQUENT WATER BILLS

Due to implementation of monthly water billing over a year ago, past due notices are no longer sent out. **Water shut offs are conducted on or after the 3rd Tuesday of each month.** Please be mindful of your water balance and contact the Treasurer's Office for payment arrangements, if necessary. If you need assistance paying your bill, call 211 for available options.

RIVERFRONT GAZEBO

Our beautiful riverfront gazebo is available to rent for weddings, pictures, etc. You can contact the Treasurer's office at 586-469-6800 ext 2 to inquire about reserving it. The cost is \$50/first hour and \$25/any additional hours.





MOUNT CLEMENS STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The collection of storm water is an important responsibility of the City of Mount Clemens. The City maintains storm sewer infrastructure ranging from local street drainage to large diameter collection pipes. In Mount Clemens most storm water is collected in catch basins and makes its way into the Clinton River. The City also maintains storm water outfalls to the Clinton River and Greiner Drain. These surface water discharges are permitted by the State of Michigan by a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Storm Water permit.

How can you help?

1. Never sweep or blow leaves into a storm drain.
2. Use proper methods to dispose or recycle leaves.
3. Take used oil to a certified used oil collection center.
4. Follow directions on pesticides and fertilizers and avoid application when rain is forecasted.
5. Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly to keep bacteria and parasites out of our groundwater and lakes.

The City of Mount Clemens partners with the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) to provide stormwater education opportunities to the public. CRWC provides community programming, k-12 education, citizen-science programs, educational resources, stewardship events, and more as part of the Stormwater Education Program. For opportunities to participate and learn more, please visit the CRWC's website:

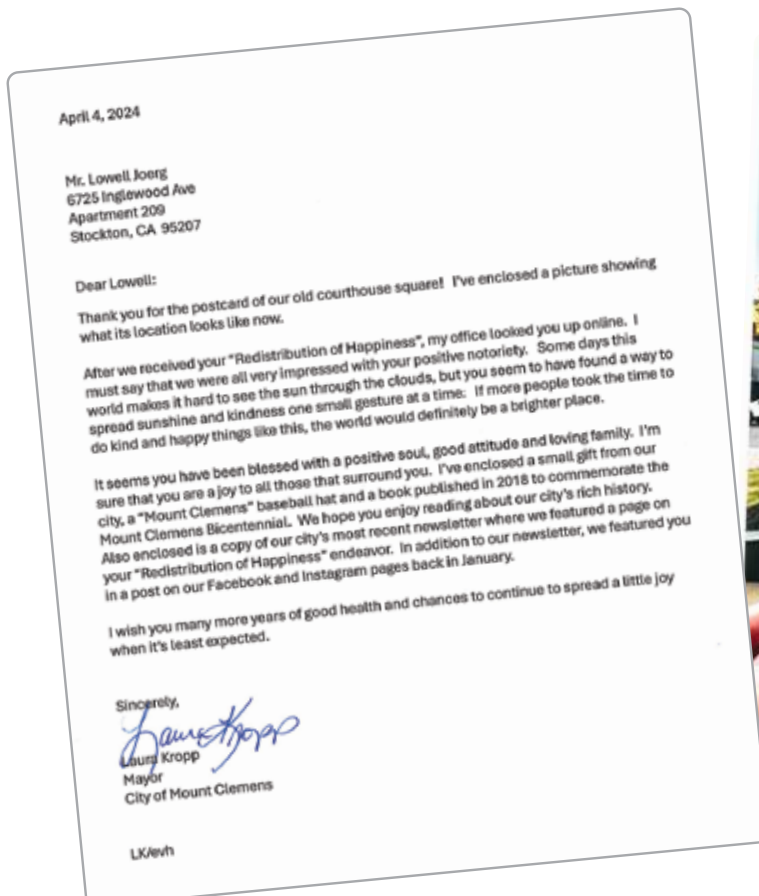
<https://www.crw.org/>.

The Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) for the City of Mount Clemens is available on the City's website for public comment.

The full text of the City of Mount Clemens **Storm Water Management Program (SWMP)** document can be reviewed by going to the City's website, clicking on Departments, Utilities, then Stormwater Management Plan.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email Leonard Bertrand, Utilities Director at lbertrand@mountclemens.gov or call (586) 238-0909.

MAYOR'S RESPONSE TO MR. JOERG





MOUNT CLEMENS RECREATION

RECREATION SUMMER 2024

Eccentric Science Experiments: Ages: Kindergarten-6th grade

Cost: \$15 drop-in fee

Dates: 6/22/24 and 7/20/24, Both Saturdays 12:00pm-2:00pm

Description:

Welcome to Eccentric Science Experiments where you can learn about a variety of science topics through fun experiments for kids from kindergarten to 6th Grade. The kids will be able to participate in a variety of science experiments chosen from a range of science topics chosen by the instructors in advance. The classes will be run by both the Discovery Center of Macomb and the Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation Department. The experiments will be held at The Discovery Center of Macomb on 54 Cherry St., Mount Clemens, MI 48043.

Ballroom and Hustle Dance Class:

Ages: 10+

Cost: Free

Dates: Ongoing Program, Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Description:

Call all dancers to come and learn ballroom and step dancing with the community. Legal guardians **MUST** stay with their kids for the entirety of the class.

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



Community Crochet Class: Ages: 18+

Cost: Free

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

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.

Friday Game Nights: Ages: 9+

Cost: Free

Dates: Ongoing Program, Fridays 7:00pm-9:30pm

Description:

Come and join Friday game nights to learn and play a variety of games with the whole family. Legal guardians **MUST** stay with their kids for the entirety of the class.

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

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.



Crayola: The Art of Conservation-Animal Rescuers

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$125 per child

Dates: 7/10/24 thru 7/31/24, Wednesdays 11:00am-12:00pm

Description:

Kids explore the wonder and beauty of the animal kingdom and discover nature in a way that inspires empathy, curiosity, and creativity. They have fun experimenting with a variety of art techniques and use Crayola art materials to create turtle sculptures, watercolor sharks and fish, elephant silhouette paintings, and lion sculptures! Legal guardians **MUST** stay with their kids for the entirety of the art class.

Location: Mount Clemens Community Center 300 N. Groesbeck, Mount Clemens, MI 48043.

Adventures at Cairns Community Center: Ages: All

Cost: Free

Date: Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Description:

Are you excited for the Summer Olympics? Do you like to have fun? Please join us at Cairns for a summertime Olympic sized adventure. Children of all ages will enjoy a story time, an obstacle course, popsicles, and music. Legal guardians **MUST** stay with their kids for the entirety of the event.

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

Cairns Community Outreach

Join Theresa McGarity at the Cairns Community Center every first Friday of the month to receive assistance provided by Macomb County Action.

11:00am – 4:00pm at 58 Orchard Street, Mount Clemens

Macomb County Action is dedicated to helping individuals transition from poverty to economic stability and self-sufficiency.

For more information about Macomb Community Action visit: MacombGov.org/Departments/Macomb-Community-Action



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH

GERMINATION STATION GREENHOUSE

Programs for Growing Readers Birth through Kindergarten

Preschool Play and Learn

Tuesdays from 10:30am-11:30am

During this one hour session, all preschool children ages 3-4 years and their caregivers (siblings welcome) will engage in stories, free play, and educational experiences! Register on our website.

- **June 18** - Mount Clemens Fire Department - The fire department will talk about fire safety and other fun activities will be available.
- **June 25** - Macomb County Health Department Health Educator - Interactive Nutrition related centers and books will be available.
- **July 2** - Ms. Laura and Letter Fun - Explore the letters of the alphabet with centers and books.
- **July 9** - Macomb County Sheriff Department - The sheriff department will talk about safety and other fun activities will be available.
- **July 16** - Open Play Day - Toys will be available in the Auditorium.
- **July 23** - The Inclusion Project Speech Therapy Center - Fun speech related centers.
- **July 30** - Macomb County Health Department Health Educator - Germ Busters - We will learn about germs and how to stay healthy.

Garden Club Jr.

Mondays from June 17-July 29 ~ 10:30am-11:30am

Help care for our library gardens! Weather permitting, meet on the west side of the building, to water, weed, harvest, or whatever needs doing. Ms. Autumn will read some books under the shade tree after we dig in the dirt! Gardening gloves and tools will be provided. For ages birth-5 with caregiver(s) - older siblings are welcome!

Baby Sprouts StoryThyme

Wednesdays from June 26-July 31 ~ 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 from June 20-July 25 ~ 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 Grades 3 and up

Zoo Adventures In Science

Mondays 1pm-2pm and Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm
June 17-July 29

Children will be inspired by The Detroit Zoo animals and will explore hands-on science activities that will delight our young scientists. Thank you to The Detroit Zoo for providing these activities! You can choose to come on Mondays or Thursdays!

**We will not have a session on July 15th & July 18th.*

Garden Club STEAM Adventure

Mondays from June 17-July 29 ~ 4:30pm-5:30pm

Kindergarten and up! Help care for our library gardens! Weather permitting, meet on the west side of the building, to water, weed, harvest, or whatever needs doing. Ms. Autumn will be there to assist, and provide a brief STEAM project or interactive lesson. Gardening gloves and tools will be provided.

Coding

Tuesdays from June 25-July 30 ~ 1pm-2pm

Learn how to code in Minecraft using block coding!





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH (CONT'D)

Legos All Day

Wednesdays from June 26-July 31 ~ 10am-7pm

Preschool and up! Lego provides a way to master problem solving and for users to be creative.

Open Art Studio

Thursdays from June 20-July 25 ~ 1pm-3pm

Kindergarten and up! Join us in the Makerspace and let your creativity run wild with various arts and craft supplies!



SPECIAL SUMMER WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Michigan Mammals with Lake St. Clair Metropark Nature Center

Wednesday, June 26 ~ 6pm-7pm

Our library is excited to welcome Marvelous Michigan Mammals, hosted by the Huron-Clinton Metroparks! Michigan is home to a variety of mammals. Join us for a hands-on lecture using skins, mounts, and skulls as our guide. It's sure to be a fun night out for the whole family!

Adventures at Cairns Community Center

Thursday, July 25 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Are you excited for the Summer Olympics? Do you like to have fun? Visit us at Cairns for a summertime Olympic sized adventure! Children of all ages will enjoy a storytime, an obstacle course, popsicles, and music.

Summer Reading Celebration and Hula Dance Party!

Thursday, August 15 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for this fun night to celebrate everyone's Summer Reading Club accomplishments with food, drinks and activities for all. We will be having a special hula dance performance and lessons. Grab your grass skirts and get ready to hula party the night away!

SUPER SATURDAYS

Pride Family Storytime

June 1 ~ 10:30am-11:30am

All ages welcome! Come help Mx. Mari kick off Pride Month with stories, songs, and a craft bursting with pride!

Origami Hour

June 1 ~ 12:30pm-1:30pm

All ages welcome! Whether you've mastered origami or only know the basics, come join us in making beautiful paper creations!

Music and Dance Family Storytime

June 8 ~ 10:30am-11am

Join Ms. Autumn for a celebration of music and dance, through stories, movement, and an exploration of musical instruments! Families of all ages are welcome.

Ballet Folklórico De Detroit

June 8 ~ 12:30pm-1:15pm

For all ages! Ballet Folklórico, traditional Mexican folk dancing, is not any one style of dance, but rather, the combination of traditional indigenous roots mixed with African, Spanish or other European styles. Ballet folklórico encompasses all of these various traditional, regional and ethnically diverse dances. We are so very excited to be hosting this talented group! **This program will be held at Mount Clemens High School's small auditorium (across the street from the library!)*

Adventure Begins at Your Library! Summer Reading Kick-off Celebration and Silent Disco

June 15 ~ 11am-1pm

Join us as we embark on our Summer Reading Adventure! All ages will have the opportunity to sign-up for our summer program, preview all of our exciting events, and even receive a passport to document the journey. We are thrilled to welcome back local Detroit City Hop, with their Silent Disco! **Our culminating celebration will be hosted on Thursday, August 15th from 6pm-7:30pm, as we travel to the Pacific for a Hula Dance Party!*

All Things Summer Family Storytime

June 22 ~ 10:30am-11am

All ages are invited to hear fun summertime stories, flannel board activities and music in this 30-minute storytime!

Chalk Art

June 22 ~ 12:30pm-1:30pm

Join us in front of the library and draw beautiful art on the sidewalk for everyone to enjoy! If it is raining, we will come inside and we'll make masterpieces on dark construction papers!



Shrinky Dink Charms

June 29 ~ 10:30am-11:30am

Grab a sheet of shrink plastic, draw a design, and watch it shrink as we heat it up! Shrinky Dink charms are a great way to add your personal flair to jewelry, backpacks, and more! Register on our website.

Make Your Own Bookmarks!

June 29 ~ 12:30pm-1:30pm

Make summer reading even more fun with personalized bookmarks for all of your imagination adventures!

Moving and Grooving Family Storytime

July 13 ~ 10:30am-11am

We will get your body moving with some songs along with reading some fun movement books!

Library Olympics

July 13 ~ 12:30pm-1:30pm

The Youth Department will have fun games to play to keep your mind engaged and your body in motion!

Adventures in Imagination! Broadway Babies!

July 20 ~ 10:30am-11am

Join Broadway Babies for an enchanting musical journey tailored for children under the age of five and their beloved caregivers. This 30-minute interactive, musical-theatre themed class provides a delightful blend of play, music, and movement. Register on our website.

Theatrical Wonka Workshop!

July 20 ~ 12pm-1:30pm

Get ready for a day of Adventure in "Pure Imagination!" This 1.5 hour workshop offers participants the chance to sing, dance, and act while learning the basics of stage performance. Join instructors from Muskegon-based Broadway Bootcamp for a day of creativity, skill-building, and theatrical fun, perfect for both beginners and those looking to enhance their performance skills. Register on our website. **The workshop will end in a short performance for family and friends!*

Mirabel Meet and Greet

July 27 ~ 10:15am- 11:15am

Come meet Mirabel Madrigal for pictures and autographs!

Encanto Sing-Along

July 27 ~ 11:30am-1pm

Join us as we watch *Encanto* together! Dressing up and singing along are absolutely encouraged! For all ages!

All About Water Family Storytime

August 3 ~ 10:30am-11am

Join Ms. Autumn under the shade tree on the west side of our building, by our gardens. (Come to the storytime room if it's raining!) We will celebrate Michigan's most precious resources, through stories, activities and a simple project.

Adventures Around Town! Lake St. Clair Metropark Nature Center

August 3 ~ 12:30pm-1:30pm

Join us at the Nature Center to learn about Michigan's greatest resource, and how we can conserve and protect water for ourselves and other living things. Nature Center staff will lead us in exploring the adjacent ponds and streams, performing simple experiments, and provide action steps for all ages. Come early or stay after to enjoy all the center and park has to offer! **This program is offsite - 31300 Metro Parkway**, follow signs to Nature Center.

**Participants can get a FREE day pass to the park through www.michiganactivitypass.org, using a library card!*

Michigan Stories Family Storytime

August 10 ~ 10:30am-11am

All are welcome to listen to stories, flannel board activities, and music in this 30-minute storytime.

Sand Art

August 10 ~ 12:30pm-1:30pm

We are so lucky in Michigan to have so many sandy beaches. Children will get to create their own art with colorful sand.

Adventures Around Town! Mount Clemens Farmers Market

August 17 ~ 10am-1pm

Come visit Ms. Autumn at the Mount Clemens Farmers Market! Enjoy a garden-themed storytime and craft at 10:30am, or just stop by to check out some books from the Bookmobile! All ages welcome. **This program is offsite - 141 N. River Road.**

The Bad Guys Screening

August 24 ~ 11:30am-1:15pm

All ages welcome! Bring your favorite pillows and blankets and join us as we watch *The Bad Guys*.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY BOARD (YAAB)

YAAB Bimonthly Meeting

First and Third Wednesday of the Month ~ 3pm-4pm

- **June 5**
- **July 3 and 17**
- **August 7 and 21**

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.

YAAB Presents...Origami Entomology

Thursday, June 20 ~ 2:30pm-4pm

Entomology is the zoological study of insects. We are making origami beetles, butterflies, and praying mantises. This program is co-facilitated by our Young Adult Advisory Board.

YAAB Presents...Tie-Dye Tote Bags & Snow Cones

Thursday, July 18 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

Let's practice color theory! We are making tie-dye tote bags with a snow cone snack in this Young Adult Advisory Board co-facilitated program. Register on our website.

YAAB Presents...Elephant Toothpaste & Other Chemical Reactions

Thursday, August 22 ~ 3pm-4:30pm

We are learning about chemical reactions in this Young Adult Advisory Board facilitated program. Prepare to get a little messy! Aprons will be provided. Register on our website.



COLLEGE PREP ASSISTANCE

Summer Programs with Elms

- **June 5 ~ 3:30pm-4:30pm**
Information Session for Summer Program for students in Grades 7-12
- **June 17 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
Financial Aid and Scholarship Support
- **June 21 ~ 2pm-4pm**
Budgeting & Taxes 101
- **June 26 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
College App Assistance & Understanding What Degree or Skills are Needed for a Selected Career
- **July 3 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
College Readiness: Understanding Courses to Take, Advisor Roles
- **July 10 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
Career Readiness: Resume Building, Soft Skills, and Interview Skills
- **July 17 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
Career Exploration
- **July 24 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
Civic Engagement and Community Involvement
- **July 31 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
Mental Health and Stress Management for College Bound Students and Middle/High School Students
- **August 7 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
Academic Goal Setting and Time Management
- **August 14 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
Building a Support Network for College Success
- **August 21 ~ 2pm-3:30pm**
Program Wrap-Up and Celebration



COOKING

Homemade Butter

Tuesday, June 4 ~ 4:30pm-5:30pm

We're making butter at the library! There will be bread items available if you want to taste your butter right away, or you can choose to take it home for later. Register on our website.

Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream

Wednesday, July 10 ~ 4:30pm-5:30pm

Get a break from the heat and make a sweet treat! Join us and enjoy your very own homemade vanilla ice cream made in a plastic bag. Limited toppings will be available. Register on our website.

Let's Decorate Cupcakes with Ms. Kait & Ms. Laura

Tuesday, July 23 ~ 2pm-3:30pm

We have some cupcakes that need to be decorated! You can help us! The best part? You get to eat them afterwards! Register on our website.

Solar Ovens S'mores

Tuesday, August 6 ~ 3pm-5pm

No electricity or fire is required when you have a solar oven for s'mores! Join us and make a solar oven to take home, along with a tasty dessert! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

Let's Make a Zine with Ms. Kait & Mx. Mari

Tuesday, July 2 ~ 2pm-4pm

Write a love letter to your favorite hobby, or construct a how-to guide on something that interests you! The possibilities are endless when it comes to making zines. All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

DIY Magnetic Slime

Tuesday, July 16 ~ 4:30pm-6pm

Slime Time at the library! Every month this summer we will be making a different type of slime. This month we're making Magnetic Slime! Register on our website.

Shark Week Suncatcher

Thursday, July 25 ~ 3pm-5pm

It's Shark Week! We're watching shark documentaries and making shark-themed suncatchers!



Perler Bead Pokémon

Thursday, August 8 ~ 2pm-4pm

Choose a starter Pokémon or make a Pokéball of your choice! We will have templates available for you to use, or you can let your creativity run wild!

DIY Heat Activated Slime

Monday, August 12 ~ 4:30pm-6pm

Slime Time at the library! Every month this summer we will be making a different type of slime. This month we're making Heat Activated Slime! Register on our website.

DIY Self-Care Kits

Tuesday, August 20 ~ 3:30pm-5pm

Sometimes we all need a little self-care! We are making homemade essential oil shower steamers and there will be some other self-care goodies to take home! Register on our website.

DIY Fairy Garden

Thursday, August 29 ~ 3pm-5pm

Make a fairy garden using a grapevine ball so you can hang it inside or outside, or keep it in your garden! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

CRAFTING

DIY Floam

Monday, June 10 ~ 4:30pm-6pm

Slime Time at the library! Every month this summer we will be making a different type of slime. This month we're making Floam - also known as fluffy slime! Register on our website.

Easy Planting-Cup Gardening and Seed Bomb Pops

Tuesday, June 18 ~ 4:30pm-5:30pm

New to gardening and unsure where to start? Learn to grow food out of a cup as well as make a Seed Bomb Pop for easy outdoor planting! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

Adventures in Upcycling - DIY Patches and Buttons

Wednesday, June 26 ~ 3pm-4:30pm

We are making our own felt patches and buttons to customize our clothing. Bring something you would like to customize or take your patches home to iron-on yourself.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUNG ADULTS (CONT'D)

ONE SESSION D&D

Thursday, June 13 ~ 1pm-5pm

We are going to be playing ***A Most Potent Brew***, a 1st-level adventure based on the basic rules of D&D. Characters will be provided. Register on our website.

Tuesday, July 30 ~ 1pm-5pm

We are going to be playing ***Grammy's Country Apple Pie***, a 1st-level adventure based on the basic rules of D&D. Register on our website.

Wednesday, August 28 ~ 1pm-5pm

We are going to be playing ***Death in the Woods***, a 1st-level adventure. Characters will be provided. Register on our website.



SPECIAL GUEST

Belly Dancing Class with Elvana

Wednesday, July 24 ~ 4:30pm-5:30pm

Elvana from Belly Dance & Bollywood Entertainment will be hosting a one-time belly dancing class at the library! Comfortable clothing is recommended. Register on our website.



ADULTS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

Select dates 6pm-7pm

Monday, June 17

June's first book pick is *The Women Could Fly* by Megan Giddings. A piercing dystopian novel about the unbreakable bond between a young woman and her mysterious mother.

Thursday, June 27

June's second book pick is *Detroit True Crime Chronicles* by Scott Burnstein. This story sets forth the rich history of criminal activity in the Motor City. Focusing on the city's local Mafia, key mobsters, drug kingpins, serial killers, and unsolved crimes.

Monday, July 15

July's first book pick is *Bird Box* by Josh Malerman. Something terrifying arrived five years ago and a handful of scattered survivors remain, including Malarie and her two children. Something is following them - is it a man, animal or a monster?

Thursday, July 25

July's second book pick is *Bath Massacre* by Arnie Bernstein. America's first school bombing took place on May 18, 1927 in the small rural town of Bath, Michigan.

Monday, August 12

August's first book pick is *Marlena* by Julie Buntin - a haunting dialogue between past and present, a captivating story of an intoxicating, indelible friendship that does not flinch from the resonant effects of its loss.

Thursday, August 29

August's second book pick is *Dark Side of the Mitten* by Tom Carr. Join us as we dive into this best-seller and uncover some of the most heinous crimes Michigan has ever produced.





COMMUNITY

Comic Book Day Giveaway and More

Tuesday, June 4 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Dive into the extraordinary world of heroes and villains with our thrilling Comic Book Giveaway! In addition to free comic books and other fun merch, our Heroic Geek Jamal will be providing a Comic Book 101 lesson. While supplies last.

Adventure Begins at Your Library! Summer Reading Kick-off Celebration and Silent Disco

Saturday, June 15 ~ 1am-1pm

Join us as we embark on our Summer Reading Adventure! All ages will have the opportunity to sign-up for our summer program, preview all of our exciting events, and even receive a passport to document the journey. We are thrilled to welcome back local Detroit City Hop, with their Silent Disco! **Our culminating celebration will be hosted on Thursday, August 15th from 6pm-7:30pm, as we travel to the Pacific for a Hula Dance Party!*

Family Bingo Night

Tuesday, June 25 ~ 6pm-7pm

Jamal is taking BINGO to a whole new level! Experience a Michigan-themed BINGO night with sound and visuals! You may just find a new travel spot to explore in the Great Lakes State this summer!

Movie Day Wednesdays!

Every Wednesday in July ~ 12pm-3:30pm

- July 3 - *Poor Things* (Rated R)
- July 10 - *Boys in the Boat* (PG-13)
- July 17 - *Bob Marley: One Love* (PG-13)
- July 24 - TBD
- July 31 - TBD

Stencils and Pencils

Saturday, July 13 ~ 10:30am-12:30pm

Stencils and Pencils is on today's healthy start to your Saturday! Relax your brain, reduce anxiety, and create focus for more mindfulness in your daily life.

Michigan Trivia

Tuesday, July 16 ~ 6pm-7pm

Test your trivia skills and see how much you know about Michigan! Prizes awarded for correct answers, fun for all ages!



Mount Clemens Photography Walk-About

Thursday, August 1 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Meet Jade, one of our adult librarians, at the Mount Clemens Gazebo in Gazebo Park for a photography walk-about along the Clinton River! We will practice our outdoor photography techniques while taking in the warm weather and nature. Please bring a camera of your own (phone cameras are acceptable) and your walking shoes. Register on our website.

Anime Club

Saturday, August 10 ~ 11am-12pm

Join this new program and help shape the Anime Club for this fall! The realms of imagination and storytelling come to life through the mesmerizing art form of Japanese animation. From spirited debates about character development to the excitement of discovering new genres, we want your input on all things Anime.

Summer Reading Celebration and Hula Dance Party!

Thursday, August 15 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for this fun night to celebrate everyone's Summer Reading Club accomplishments with food, drinks and activities for all. We will be having special hula dance performance and lessons. Grab your grass skirts and get ready to hula party the night away!

MCPL Plant & Seed Swap

Saturday, August 17 ~ 11am-1pm

We're at it again! Join us downstairs in our library for another plant & seed swap! Please bring your own plants and/or seeds to trade with other patrons. Additionally, we will have light refreshments and gardening-themed crafts while supplies last!



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULTS (CONT'D)

COOKING

Mocktail Mixology

Tuesday, June 11 ~ 6pm-7pm

Learn the art of crafting delicious & sophisticated mocktails with our Mocktail Mixology Masterclass! Jamal will teach you how to elevate your non-alcoholic drink game all summer long, cheers to taste testing our drinks!

Cherry Jam Class

Monday, July 1 ~ 6pm-7pm

What is Traverse City known for? The Cherry Festival, of course! We cannot highlight "Michigan Adventures" this summer without including a slideshow on how cherries got started in Michigan, along with a cherry jam making class. We will cap off the night tasting and taking home a sample jar of our homemade cherry jam. Register on our website.

DIY Peach Jalapeno Jam Demonstration

Tuesday, August 13 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Join us in our Makerspace for a demonstration on making your own peach jalapeno jam! This sweet and spicy jam can be used in a variety of ways, from breakfast to charcuterie spreads. Attendees will be able to bring a small jar of the jam home for their own use! All supplies will be provided. Register on our website.

CRAFTING

Papercrafting at the Library

Select Thursdays of the Month ~ 5pm-8pm

- **June 6 - "Capture the Moment" Scrapbook Layout**
- **July 11 - Open Craft Day ~ 10am-7:35pm**
- **August 1 - 3D Paper Poppy Bouquet**

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

Select Thursdays of the Month ~ 2pm-3:30pm

- **June 13 - DIY Mod Podge red, white and blue Michigan confetti bow**
- **July 18 - DIY Alcohol Ink Tiles**

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

Special Person Card Making Week

June 10 - June 15

Card Making is a self-lead passive program offered all week in the Adult Services Department. June 16th is Father's Day but you can celebrate by making a card for a special person in your life. Supplies are provided, bring your creativity!

Tech It Out Fridays!

Select Fridays ~ 1:30pm-4pm

- **June 14 and 28**
- **July 12 and 26**
- **August 9 and 23**

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. Aprons and gloves will be provided.

DIY Pride Cricut Maker Tote Bags

Thursday, June 20 ~ 6pm-7pm

In honor of Pride Month, we will be creating Pride tote bags with the library's Cricut Maker and heat presses in the Tech Lab! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

DIY Michigan-themed Tea Towels

Saturday, June 29 ~ 1am-1pm

Join us in our Makerspace for hand painting our own Michigan-themed tea towels! All supplies will be provided, including painting aprons. Register on our website.

DIY Book Clock

Tuesday, July 9 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Join us in our Makerspace for an evening of clockwork crafting with old books! We will be transforming hardcover books into wall clocks, that you can add your own flair by decorating! All supplies will be provided. Register on our website.

Personalize License Plate Designing

Saturday, July 20 ~ 11am-12:30pm

Join us in our Tech Lab as you craft your own license plate design sign using various templates to engrave on our Glowforge! We will have a tutorial on how to use our Glowforge machine, then hands-on license plate design signs for all. Register on our website.

DIY Travel Pillow

Tuesday, July 23 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Join us in our Tech Lab and create your own travel neck pillows with the available sewing machines! All supplies will be provided. Register on our website.



Jewelry Making Class - Michigan Theme

Monday, July 29 ~ 6pm-7pm

We continue to highlight Michigan this summer and all of the things the Great Lakes State has to offer, including gems, stones, metals, sea glass and more! Join us to create a unique piece of jewelry to wear all summer long. Register on our website.

Paper Quilling

Monday, August 5 ~ 6pm-7pm

Get creative with paper quilling! The art of quilling involves using strips of paper that are rolled, shaped and glued together to create decorative designs that are easy and fun for all. Register on our website.

EDUCATIONAL

Making the Switch to Libby: the Library Reading App

Monday, June 3 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Take your reading to the next level. Learn how to borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more from your local library for free! Libby is the library reading app by OverDrive, loved by millions.

Basic Computers 101

Saturday, June 22 ~ 10:30am-11:30am

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.

FITNESS

Yoga with Del

First Thursday of the Month ~ 6:45pm-7:45pm

June 6 and August 1

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

Monday, June 3 and June 10 ~ 6pm-7pm

All ages and fitness levels are welcome! This lively, fun, social class is a smashing hit - come join the Zumba party! We are so thankful to Ms. Debbie for graciously agreeing to instruct this FREE series! Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.

GUEST SPEAKERS



The Underground Railroad presented by De Witt Dykes Jr.

Thursday, June 6 ~ 11am-12pm

De Witt S. Dykes Jr., Professor Emeritus from Oakland University, will be presenting an educational discussion on the former slaves who traveled the Underground Railroad to freedom in Michigan. They settled on both sides of the Detroit River in an area that came to be known as Midnight. For all ages.

Marvelous Michigan Mammals

Wednesday, June 26 ~ 6pm-7pm

We are excited to welcome Marvelous Michigan Mammals, hosted by the Huron-Clinton Metroparks! Michigan is home to a variety of mammals. Join us for a hands-on lecture using skins, mounts, and skulls as our guide. It's sure to be a fun night out for the whole family.

The Soundz of Music

Thursday, July 18th ~ 6:30pm-7:30pm

We are thrilled to welcome The Soundz of Music! Join us for a Saturday morning of toe-tapping and singing along to live music featuring oldies, country, polkas, and more!

The Story of Faygo with Joe Grimm

Wednesday, August 7th ~ 6:30pm-7:30pm

Join us for a fun night with a walk down memory lane! Mr. Grimm will present the story of a pop, people, and a place. The library will provide popcorn and Faygo pop, just relax and enjoy the night!



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

HISTORICAL NON-FICTION BOOK CLUBS

Thursday, June 13 ~ 5:30pm-6:30pm

- June's book pick is ***Legendary Children: The First Decade of RuPaul's Drag Race and the Last Century of Queer Life*** by Tom Fitzgerald and Lorenzo Marquez. We will have snacks and a fun discussion about this book, watch clips from RPDR, and talk about inspirational figures in queer history and liberation.

Thursday, July 11 ~ 5:30pm-6:30pm

- July's book pick is the acclaimed biography ***Alexander Hamilton*** by Ron Chernow. Read and discuss the biography with fellow history and musical lovers before we screen the musical *Hamilton* later this month!

Thursday, August 8 ~ 5:30pm-6:30pm

- August's book pick is ***Assassination Vacation*** by Sarah Vowell. Come enjoy light refreshments as we discuss this funny and thoughtful look at American history.

LECTURES

A Conversation with Tom and Lorenzo (from the podcast, *Pop Style Opinionfest*)

Thursday, June 6 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us for a conversation with Tom Fitzgerald and Lorenzo Marquez- bloggers, podcasters, and authors of the book *Legendary Children: The First Decade of RuPaul's Drag Race and the Last Century of Queer Life*. **Tom and Lorenzo will be joining via Zoom and we will be offering this as a hybrid event.**

Hamilton Movie Day

Saturday, July 13 ~ 11am-1pm

Join us as we watch the hit musical *Hamilton*!

Behind the Scenes of History with Andrew Kercher

Tuesday, July 16 ~ 6pm-7pm

Examine the history and the present of the Straits of Mackinac. Hear the incredible history from the indigenous peoples, to fur trade and logging, to 19th century battles, to fudge production! Andrew Kercher takes us Behind the Scenes of History!

Stories from the Stones

Tuesday, July 23 ~ 6pm-7pm

We're on the trail of Michigan's Jewish cemeteries and their interments, from the first Jewish burial ground in Ann Arbor to present-day sites. Presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan.

Reaching for the Stars - Art History from the Capitol

Tuesday, August 6 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join Michigan's State Capitol's Historian and Curator for a discussion on the art and architectural features in the Capitol building. **We are offering this as a hybrid event with both in-person and Zoom options.**

Movie Night

Wednesday, August 14 ~ 5pm-7:30pm

We will be screening *All Quiet on the Western Front* (2022). Enjoy this Oscar-winning film and some popcorn at our library!

WORKSHOPS

Historical Database Workshops

- Monday, June 24 ~ 11am-12pm
- Monday, July 22 ~ 11am-12pm
- Monday, August 26 ~ 1am-12pm

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

- Friday, June 28 ~ 1am-12pm
- Friday, July 19 ~ 11am-12pm
- Friday, August 30 ~ 11am-12pm

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

Sourdough Starter Workshop

Thursday, July 25 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us as we start our very own sourdough starters. Materials will be provided. Register on our website.

Butter Making Workshop

Tuesday, August 20 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us as we make butter in mason jars. Materials will be provided, all ages are welcome! Register on our website.

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:

**Benefits of Mount Clemens Mineral Waters • Love in a Bag
Run Drugs Out of Town • Care House • Mount Clemens Real Estate Trends
Gratiot Avenue Chamber of Commerce • Business Directory • And more...**

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 Fall 2024 Edition, **email us at info@drivecreativeservices.com**

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They moved into their new office at 6340 East 14 Mile Road, Warren Mi 48092 They are open by appointment only, contact President/Co-Founder Dr Mary Welsh drmary@susieqskid.org to volunteer, donate, and learn more.

In addition to their recognition in the community as the 2023 Best of MichBusiness Nonprofit of the Year, Community Partner of the Year for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Alignable's Top Business Person of the Year in Warren multiple years, and being Top-Rated by Greatnonprofits for the third year in a row, they have been nominated for several new awards.



Their recent nominations include the Macomb County Nonprofit of the Year Award, as Advocate of the Year by the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) for their work, and Dr Mary was nominated for the Macomb County Athena Award. Keep up the excellent work Susie Q's Kids, your impact is being felt throughout the community.

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Q1 (Jan-Mar 2024)

Data Courtesy of Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

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CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS REAL ESTATE MARKET

\$172,217

AVERAGE SALE PRICE

▲ 5.9%
FROM Q1 2024

▲ 3.7%
FROM Q1 2023

29

NUMBER
OF SALES

▼ 23.7%
FROM Q1 2024

▼ 29.3%
FROM Q1 2023

28

AVERAGE DAYS
ON THE MARKET

▼ 31.7%
FROM Q1 2024

0.0%
FROM Q1 2023

31

AVERAGE MONTHLY
INVENTORY

▼ 18.4%
FROM Q1 2024

▼ 18.4%
FROM Q1 2023

31.2%

ABSORPTION
RATE¹

▼ 6.5%
FROM Q1 2024

▼ 13.4%
FROM Q1 2023

MARKET ACTIVITY

Single Family • Detached

QUARTER (Q1 2024) OVER QUARTER (Q4 2023)

▼ 21.3%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

YEAR-OVER-YEAR (for Q1 2024 vs. Q1 2023)

▲ 12.5%
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: The improvement in average sale price matches with an improvement in dollar per square foot (\$/SF) which helps to remove a data bias based on the mix of homes sold. It lets sellers know they are seeing increases in equity, and helps buyers to see why buying now is more important than waiting on interest rates.

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 – Poor: The continued decline in inventory is the sole reason for any constraint in unit sales. Increased seasonality may be partly to blame as well, but it will take at least another quarter to tell.

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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MEET YOUR LOCAL REALTOR



Say hello to Jason Bernard, your friendly neighborhood Realtor, proudly representing the Monzo Group. For seven years, he's called Mt. Clemens home, soaking in the community's warmth and spirit. Jason's all about the work-life blend, finding joy in helping families and investors thrive in the real estate game. And guess what? His partner in crime is none other than his awesome daughter, Gianna! Together, they dive into Mt. Clemens' fun festivals, check out the parades, and of course, hit up all the tasty eateries around town. So, if you're

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113 Rathbone Street
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$40,000

78 Clinton
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$154,900

251 N Walnut Street
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$114,000

416 Huntington Street
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$225,000

51 Rosebud Lane
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$110,000

80 Eastman
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$160,000

373 Cass
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$139,500

3 Smith Street
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\$197,500

178 N Walnut
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$129,900

210 Beuland
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$347,000

22 Ellwood
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\$205,000

250 Euclid Street
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\$154,500

91 Lincoln
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\$165,000

17 Rosebud
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650 Chippewa Street
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\$205,000

81 Meadle
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$96,000

42 Rosebud
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$115,000

20 Mack Street
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$248,000

24 Miller
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$177,000

165 North Avenue
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$250,000

54 Union
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$131,000

112 Lincoln
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
\$215,000

291 Jones
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While the products are effective for temporary relief of aches and pains, 21 days was the treatment timeline used in the original bathhouses of Mount Clemens

in the 1900's. Patients were experiencing long term healing of their ailments by being exposed to the minerals for 21 bath soaks.

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