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UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19



MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes the promise of renewal and growth for our beautiful city of Mount Clemens. As the days grow warmer, I encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy the wonderful resources our city has to offer. Whether it's a stroll through one of our parks or a paddle on the Clinton River from our kayak rental locations in Shadyside Park and MacArthur Park, spring is the perfect time to reconnect with nature and our community.

This spring also marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Mount Clemens. In early April, we will officially kick off the Downtown Revitalization Project. This ambitious effort will breathe new life into our downtown, improving infrastructure, enhancing public spaces, and making our city even more welcoming for residents and visitors alike. While construction may bring temporary inconveniences, I cannot stress enough the importance of supporting our local businesses during this time. These establishments are the backbone of our community, and your continued patronage will ensure they thrive through the transition.

Meanwhile, the city commission has a busy season ahead. We will be attending the Michigan Municipal League's annual CapCon conference in Lansing, where we'll discuss key issues affecting municipalities across the state and bring back valuable insights for our community. Additionally, we'll be rolling up our sleeves to work on the 2025 city budget, ensuring that we allocate resources thoughtfully and responsibly to serve our residents' needs.

As we step into this season of growth and progress, I invite each of you to take part in shaping our city's bright future.

Your engagement, enthusiasm, and support make all the difference. As always, if I can ever be of assistance please reach out to me at Lkropp@mountclemens.gov or 586-469-6800 ext. 313

Here's to a vibrant spring and an even brighter tomorrow for Mount Clemens!



COFFEE TALKS with Mayor Kropp

March

- Tuesday, 3/11 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, 3/13 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee

April

- Tuesday, 4/8 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, 4/10 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee

May

- Thursday, 5/8 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Tuesday, 5/13 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Emergency
911.

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

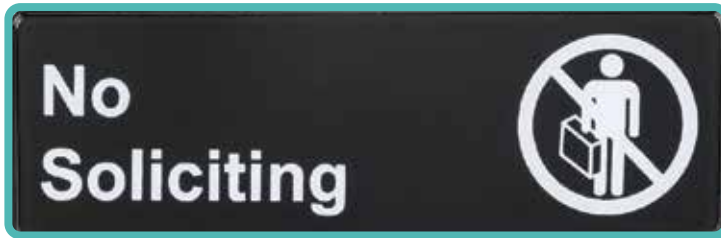
41B District Court
586.469.9300



CLERK'S OFFICE

NO KNOCK LIST

Like it or not, spring is the time when door-to-door solicitors descend upon neighborhoods. In order to protect our residents from these unwanted interruptions, the Mount Clemens city clerk's office maintains a residential No-Knock List. This list is given to all solicitors upon issuance of a solicitation permit and prohibits them from approaching all addresses on the list.



Door-to-door solicitation is permitted in Mount Clemens; however, all solicitors must be licensed by the city and possess a valid solicitor's license from the city clerk's office. Exempt from the license requirement are children, religious organizations and candidates running for office. Licensed door-to-door solicitors are only permitted to call on residences between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Residents are advised not to provide any information to door-to-door solicitors, such as copies of utility or phone bills. Account numbers can be lifted from these documents and unauthorized switching of companies can occur. Please contact the Macomb County Sheriff's Office at 586.469.5151 for complaints about solicitors.

If you would like to add your address to the Mount Clemens No-Knock List, please contact the city clerk's office at 586.469.6800, option 4, or by email at cmartin@mountclemens.gov.

THE NEXT ELECTION IN MOUNT CLEMENS IS TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

On Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Mount Clemens voters will be asked to decide if the Mount Clemens Community School District shall borrow the sum of not to exceed \$91,820,000 and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of building improvements and technology upgrades for the district. Voting precincts will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4, 2025 CITY ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Application materials will be available in the city clerk's office in March 2025 for the following November 4, 2025 city election races:

Mayor – One (1) to be elected for a 2-year term

City Commission – Three (3) to be elected for a 4-year term



To qualify as a candidate, you must be:

- At least 18 years of age.
- A registered voter.
- A resident of the city for at least 365 days immediately prior to the last day of filing for office.

The deadline for application materials is Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Mount Clemens city clerk's office.

for more information about running for these vital offices please contact the city clerk's office at 586.469.6800, option 4, or by email at cmartin@mountclemens.gov.



TREASURER'S OFFICE

2024 PROPERTY TAXES

All 2024 property taxes with balances remaining have been transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. Payments must be made to: Macomb County Treasurer, 1 S. Main St, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. For more information call 586-469-5190, or visit: www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer/index.htm.

The 2025 summer property taxes will be payable from July 1 – September 15, 2025.

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.

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.

**FREE
ADMISSION!**

MOUNT CLEMENS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
in partnership with the Mount Clemens Parks and
Recreation Department will be holding a

**SPRINGTIME
ARBOR DAY
EVENT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 • 9am-1pm
Featuring a perennial plant exchange!
Cairns Community Center • 58 Orchard Street

watch for more information on mountclemensrecreation.org
as well as on Facebook at **Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation**

**Sunday, May 4 • 10am - Noon**
To register email: curatolo@comcast.net

Join us for
**THE MOUNT CLEMENS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE'S
Second Annual
City-Wide Cleanup**



Watch for further information on the City's social media
Instagram or Facebook

Meet at the Roskopp
Parking Lot

Please bring water, yard gloves,
rakes, trash grabber tools
and sunscreen



MOUNT CLEMENS FIRE DEPARTMENT

A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF REYNOLDS

Good day all and welcome to Spring of 2025 from the Mount Clemens Fire Department. Spring is a time for spring cleaning, and I want to share some cleaning tips with you that will make your home more fire safe!

Tip # 1: Clear your Stovetop of fire hazards

- Keep stovetop clean between cooking meals: Grease and cooking oils are flammable
- Do not leave flammables on the stovetop: oven mitts, utensils, kitchen towels, paper towels, etc.
- Turn pot handles inward to prevent spills which could cause scalding and burns
- Always stay attentive to the kitchen when cooking: Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries

Tip # 2: Clean the lint trap in your dryer

- Remove lint before and after each load
- Make sure the exhaust vent is clear of lint build up and make sure the outside vent louver opens when the dryer is running
- Do not store flammable items such as cardboard and cleaning supplies on or near the dryer

Tip # 3: Check extension cords, outlets, and wiring

- Check for frayed or damaged electrical cords; remove or replace any damaged cords
- Ensure that extension cords do not run under rugs or carpeting
- Take care to not overload any circuits; if the breaker “trips” or a fuse “blows” there is likely too much plugged in

Tip #4: Unclutter the garage

- Dispose of oily/greasy rags: never leave in a pile – they can spontaneously ignite!
- Remove old newspapers, boxes, blankets and other combustibles that may be piling up
- Store propane and gasoline in a detached shed or detached garage
- Check lawn equipment for fuel leaks

Tip # 5: Be Prepared

- Test smoke alarms twice a year when we change the clocks
- Have a smoke detector on every floor of your home
- Create an escape plan and practice it with your family

Following these simple safety tips can prevent a fire in your home. The Mount Clemens Fire Department has smoke detectors available for Mount Clemens residents with a need; Simply stop by the Fire Department and we will assist you with a fire safe plan.

Enjoy Spring of 2025!

Yours in Life Safety,
Dan Reynolds
Mount Clemens Fire Chief





DDA

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING DOWNTOWN



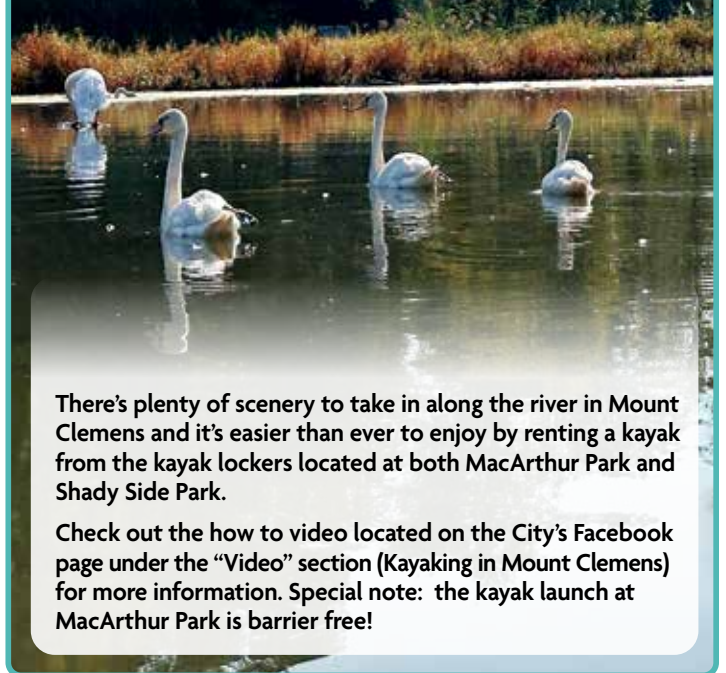
We are looking ahead with excitement as we start the Downtown Revitalization Project. We invite you to follow the progress of the project, take a walk, explore and enjoy the unique retail stores, restaurants, and bars located in downtown.

Don't forget to enjoy The Oasis Social District when coming downtown to check out the progress, shop, and dine. The Social District is where people can buy and drink alcoholic beverages outdoors in the city's downtown area from participating businesses.

The early Spring schedule will include the Made in Michigan Art & Craft Show, the Annual Car Show and Cruise, the Urban Street Fair and the Health & Wellness Fair. The DDA will be making it a top priority to continue with all the special events throughout the year. Keep connected by following our social media and website for event updates and locations.

National Small Business Week is April 28 to May 4, 2025. Be sure to get out and support the local business that supports your local economy all year long.

Kayaking in Mount Clemens



There's plenty of scenery to take in along the river in Mount Clemens and it's easier than ever to enjoy by renting a kayak from the kayak lockers located at both MacArthur Park and Shady Side Park.

Check out the how to video located on the City's Facebook page under the "Video" section (Kayaking in Mount Clemens) for more information. Special note: the kayak launch at MacArthur Park is barrier free!

DOWNTOWN MOUNT CLEMENS EVENTS CALENDAR

Made in Michigan Show

Art, Craft, & Vendor Show featuring Live Music
Saturday, May 10 – 10AM – 7PM
Sunday, May 11 – 10AM – 5PM
Downtown on Macomb Place between Pine Street and SB Gratiot
Free Parking
586.469.4168

Bud Light Classic Car Registration Night

Featuring Live Music Stage
Friday, June 6 – 5PM – 9PM
596.469.4168

Annual Bud Light Classic Car Show & Cruise Night

Featuring Live Music on Main Stage
Saturday, June 7 – 9AM – 9PM
596.469.4168

Health & Wellness Fair

Featuring Live Entertainment
Wellness & Health Vendors
Healthy Food Options
Saturday, June 14
Location to be announced
Noon to 7PM
Free Parking

Urban Street Fair

Unique and Unusual Art & Craft Show
Saturday, June 14 11AM – 7PM
Downtown on N. Main Street between Macomb Place and Market Street
Free Parking

For the latest information on our upcoming events and happenings visit www.cityofmountclemens.org

Like the Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @MountClemensDDA



COMMUNITY INFO

2025 HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE

Good Friday – Friday, April 18, 2025

Garbage pickup will be **on schedule** during the entire month of April.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 26, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 26th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 26th through Friday, May 30th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 2, 2025.

Independence Day – Friday, July 4, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday ONLY, July 4th. Friday's pickup will be on Saturday, July 5th. Garbage pickup for Monday, June 30th through Thursday, July 3rd, will be picked up **on schedule**.

Labor Day – Monday, September 1, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, September 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, September 1st, through Friday, September 5th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, September 8, 2025.

Columbus Day – Monday, October 13, 2025

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

Veteran's Day – Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Garbage pickup will run **on schedule** during Veteran's Day week - November 10th through November 14th.

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 27th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 28th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 29th. Garbage pickup for Monday, November 24th through Wednesday, November 26th will be **on schedule**.

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule on Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 22nd through Wednesday, December 24th will be picked up **on schedule**.

New Years Day – Thursday, January 1, 2026

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, January 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule on Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 29th through Wednesday, December 31st, will be picked up on schedule. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Yard Waste

Yard waste pickup is scheduled to begin MARCH 24, 2025

A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the City from March 24th through December 5th only.

NO COMPOST OR YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER DECEMBER 5, 2025.

BEGINNING MARCH 24th:

Please do one of the three following things to eliminate yard waste:

1. Compost your yard waste at home.
2. Place all compost at the curb in a 32 gallon or smaller refuse container marked "COMPOST" or "YARD WASTE". these containers will not be emptied if they contain anything other than yard waste.
3. Place yard waste in large 30-gallon brown paper bags.

Compost must be placed at the curb for collection with your household refuse by 7 a.m. on your regular pickup day. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Brush must be cut into four feet lengths and tied in bundles. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 pounds each or measure over 18" in diameter. Large logs over 3" in diameter, as well as stumps or roots, will not be picked up.

We recommend that residents comply with the City's composting guidelines to help with our efforts in keeping up with constantly changing environmental standards and still provide efficient and economical refuse collection service within the City of Mount Clemens.

PLEASE REMEMBER, RAKING LEAVES OR GRASS INTO THE STREET IN THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Services at (586) 469-6847.



MOUNT CLEMENS RECREATION

RECREATION WINTER 2024/25

Community Sewing Club:

Ages: +18 Cost: Free

Dates: Ongoing program, Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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, Mount Clemens

Register in person at the Cairns Community Center or at:

<https://mountclemensrecreation.org> or call

(586) 469-6800 Ext. 520

Community Crochet Club:

Ages: +18 Cost: Free

Dates: Ongoing Program, Thursdays 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

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, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Register in person at the Cairns Community Center or at: <https://mountclemensrecreation.org> or call (586) 469-6800 Ext. 520

Teen Night:

Ages: 13+ and over may remain with a waiver signed by a legal guardian.

Cost: Free

Dates: Ongoing program, Fridays 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Description:

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

Cardio Drumming:

Ages: 16+ minors must be accompanied by a paid adult.

Cost: \$48 per person

Dates: TBD

Description:

This is a workout that involves lots of sweat, music and a good time! Improve your coordination, focus, burn calories and strengthen muscle groups. Kim Michal from Rise Up Nutrition cannot wait to bring this fast-paced exercise routine to the City of Mount Clemens!

Register at: <https://mountclemensrecreation.org> or call

(586) 469-6800 Ext. 520

Bingo Night:

Ages: 18+ Cost: \$2 per bingo card

Dates: 2nd Monday of every month, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m

Description:

Gather your family, friends, for an evening of fabulous prizes, and unforgettable memories. Register in person at the Cairns Community Center.



Superheroes and Sweethearts: Mother Son Dance

Cost: \$45 per couple, \$10 each additional child

Date: March 29, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Description:

Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation is hosting a

Superheroes and Sweethearts: Mother Son Dance!! Join us for an exciting and fun evening that moms and sons will never forget which will include: pictures, a craft, sweets, treats, light refreshments and dancing.

Register at: <https://mountclemensrecreation.org>

or call (586) 469-6800 Ext. 520



Starry Night Senior Prom

Ages: 50 and over

Cost: TBD

Date: May 3, 2025, Time TBD

Description:

Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation is hosting a Senior Prom for seniors ages 50 and over!! Join us for an exciting and fun evening that will include: pictures, dinner, light refreshments and dancing.

Register at: <https://mountclemensrecreation.org> or call (586) 469-6800 Ext. 520

Pickleball

Ages: 18+ Cost: \$5 Drop-in

Date: Ongoing Program, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description:

2 hours of Pickleball play

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

Register at: <https://mountclemensrecreation.org> or call (586) 469-6800 Ext. 520

Walk on Wednesdays

Senior Walk

Ages: 55+ Cost: Free

Date: Ongoing program, Wednesdays 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Description:

Are you looking for a fun way to get moving? Join us for our weekly Walking on Wednesday event. Register in person at the Cairns Community Center.

Open Books to Open Gym

Ages: K-12th grade, Children 12 years and younger need to have an adult remain in the building.

Cost: Free

Date: Ongoing program, Wednesdays 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Description:

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 (weather permitting).

Register: Mount Clemens Library 586-464-0728

Dance Hip Hop/Hustle

Ages: All ages Cost: Free

Date: Ongoing program, Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Description:

Get your body moving through dancing with instruction to learning new hip hop dances.

Register in person at the Cairns Community Center or on <https://mountclemensrecreation.org> or call (586) 469-6800 Ext. 520

Senior Game Night

Ages: 55+ Cost: Free

Date: Ongoing program, Fridays 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Description:

Join us for a time to get out meet new people and play cards and other board games.

Register in person at the Cairns Community Center or on <https://mountclemensrecreation.org> or call (586) 469-6800 Ext. 520

Adult Open Run Basketball

Cost: \$5 Drop in

Date: Saturdays 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Description:

Join in on the fun of playing non-competitive basketball. Play games against other participants in a team setting. Register in person at the Cairns Community Center or at <https://mountclemensrecreation.org> or call (586) 469-6800 Ext. 520



Splash Pad

The Splash Pad at Shady Side Park will open for the season on Friday, May 23rd (Memorial Weekend).



Cairns Community Center Playground

The City celebrated the opening of Cairns Community Center Playground on October 19th, 2024. Come enjoy it this year.



THE HISTORY OF MOUNT CLEMENS SCHOOLS

Join local expert Beverly Bishop for a presentation on the history of Mount Clemens schools.

Explore the stories behind historic school buildings, like Crocker School, and reflect on those that have been lost. Celebrate the legacy of education in Mount Clemens and its impact on our community.

MARCH 22, 2025

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Mount Clemens Public Library
150 Cass Ave., Mount Clemens, MI 48043



**FREE EVENT
RSVP REQUIRED ON
EVENTBRITE
SCAN THE QR CODE.**

Contact Nick DiStefano for any questions - 586-372-9044

Paul Boone Way

This past November, the City of Mount Clemens celebrated the naming of Paul Boone Way on Macomb Place in memory of the late Paul Boone. Paul played a significant role in bringing excitement to Downtown Mount Clemens by opening Bath City Bistro in 2000 and later, Orleans Sports Café and O'Halloran's. A long-time member of the Downtown Development Authority, Paul was also a frequent advocate for events in Mount Clemens. The City is proud to honor his life and contributions.





MOUNT CLEMENS CITY PARKS

Explore Mount Clemens' extensive park system spanning over 124 acres. Whether you're seeking a peaceful retreat or outdoor activities, our 12 City Parks are accessible from dawn until dusk.



Memorial Park/ Ball Diamonds

Located next to the Mount Clemens Community Center, this park features eight ball diamonds, a picnic pavilion, and more!



Behnke Memorial Dog Park

Located within Memorial Park, this is a one-acre park designed for dog owners to let their pets have off-leash playtime.

CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS PARKS



Clinton River Park

Located Downtown along both riverbanks of the Clinton River, this park features large grassy areas, benches, boat wells, and a gazebo.

CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS PARKS

Clemens Park

Located on Northbound Gratiot at Park Street, this park features the Christian Clemens Monument which stands as a tribute to the founder of Mount Clemens.



Dorothea- Leonore Park

Located between Dorothea and Leonore Streets just west of North Avenue, this half-acre park contains a playground for children 2 to 12 years old.



CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS PARKS



Kenneth D. Kirkum Memorial Park

Located between South Wilson and South Highland at Church Street, this park contains a playground and a small softball field.



Rotary Park

Located across the street from the County Court House on North Main Street, this is a place to relax and absorb the City's downtown streetscape.

CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS PARKS



MacArthur Park

Located along the Clinton River, just east of the Mount Clemens YMCA, the park includes a boardwalk where boats can dock and people can fish.



Lawndale Park

Located at Lawndale and Dickinson, this 1.6-acre neighborhood park features playground equipment and picnic tables.

CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS PARKS

Olsen Park

Located on Harrington between Southbound Gratiot and Groesbeck, Olsen Park has two tennis courts, a tricycle trail, a Tot Lot, and a junior baseball diamond.



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Shadyside Park

Located off Clinton River Drive, east of Northbound Gratiot along the banks of the Clinton River, the park features a splash pad, picnic pavilion, skateboard park, and so much more!

CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS PARKS

Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve

Located off of Riverside Drive, along the Clinton River, this 12.5-acre park is a wildlife sanctuary with scenic trails and is used by students as an outdoor education classroom to study nature.





MCPL SPRING OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

11AM - 1PM



- AFRICAN DRUMS PERFORMANCE
- CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP
- CRAFTS
- FOOD
- GIVEAWAY



THIS IS A FREE EVENT
FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH

GERMINATION STATION GREENHOUSE

Programs for Growing Readers 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!

****No sessions on March 26 or April 28**

Roots and Shoots StoryThyme

Thursdays ~ 10:30am-11am

In each 30 minute interactive story time, we will examine the roots of Emergent Literacy development, as we follow the Ready to Read Michigan model, and Talk, Sing, Read, Write, and Play! Geared towards preschoolers, ages 2-5.

****No session March 27**

GERMINATION STATION GARDEN

Programs for Growing Learners in Kindergarten-5th grade

MinT: Mondays in Text

Mondays starting March 3 ~ 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, with an option to participate in our *Celebrate Literacy! Learning Fair* on May 10th! For K- grade 5.

****No session March 24**

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.

****No sessions March 26 or April 9**





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.

ROSEMARY! SATURDAYS

ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Reading with Rabbits!

Saturday, March 8 ~ 11am-1pm

Do you love books? Do you love bunnies?! Join us to enjoy both as you cuddle up with a furry friend and a good book! All ages welcome.

ROSEMARY! Saturday: Young Author's Workshop

Saturday, April 12 ~ 12pm-1pm

Join Ms. Autumn and Ms. Kait as we explore different writing techniques and participate in a group writing project! Individual and collaborative pieces could be shared at our *Celebrate Literacy! Learning Fair* on May 10th and will be included (with permission) in our second edition of a published book added to our MCPL collection. For grades 1 and up. Younger participants are welcome with older siblings or adults available to assist.

ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Celebrate Literacy! Learning Fair

Saturday, May 10 ~ 11am-1pm

Germination Station participants are invited to share a project or creation from any of our programs throughout the year. Light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome to participate and attend!

SUPER SATURDAYS

DIY STEAM

Saturday, March 1 ~ 12pm-1pm

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.

Spring Wreaths

Saturday, March 15 ~ 10:30am-1:30pm

Brighten up your door with a spring wreath that you can design with materials provided.

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

Saturday, March 22 ~ 10:30am-1:30pm

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.

Bookbag Decorating

Saturday, April 5 ~ 12pm-1pm

Join our Youth Department in personalizing your very own book bag! Participants will be provided with paints, markers, glitter and everything else they may need to decorate a bookbag to their liking. Perfect for children ages 5 and up.

Financial Literacy for Kids

Saturday, April 26 ~ 11am-12:30pm

Believe it or not, children, even preschoolers, can benefit from financial literacy. We'll explore ways to earn it, save it, give it, and spend it through interactive learning stations. *Everyone in attendance will receive a free book, *Owl + Otter: The Big Talent Show*, which deals with money, wants/needs, and the value of friendship! For grades PreK-6th.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH (CONT'D)

SUPER SATURDAYS

Dino Dig

Saturday, May 3 ~ 12pm-1pm

Join us for a Jurassic activity! Play as an archaeologist as you dig through a colorful sand tray for dino bones, eggs, and figurines while learning about our prehistoric friends. It will be a perfect, hands-on event for kids of all ages.

Touch Sensation!

Saturday, May 17 ~ 12pm-1pm

The Youth Department will be out in our garden and will have several bins out with different touch sensations for you to explore. Children younger than 3rd Grade will need an older sibling or adult with them at all times. This program is weather permitting.

Friendship Bracelet Making

Saturday, May 31 ~ 10:30am-1:30pm

Drop in anytime and make a custom friendship bracelet (or a whole pile of 'em)! Beads, charms, and string will be provided. You're welcome to bring your own materials to work with! Children younger than 3rd grade will need an older sibling or adult with them at all times.



YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY BOARD (YAAB)

YAAB Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, April 2, May 7 ~ 3:30pm-5pm

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.



COOKING

Taste Test Challenge!

Wednesday, March 12 ~ 4pm-6pm

Join us for a taste test challenge to determine whether snacks are store bought or name brand! Those who guess correctly will receive a prize!

Cookie Decorating!

Thursday, April 24 ~ 4pm-6pm

Visit our Makerspace to decorate and eat cookies! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.



CRAFTING

Shrinky Dink Charms

Tuesday, March 11 ~ 5pm-7pm

Design your charms and then watch them shrink with heat! All supplies will be provided.

Shamrock Slime

Monday, March 17 ~ 4pm-5pm

Let's celebrate the holiday with some gooey fun by making our very own shamrock slime! All we need is a little glue and a lot of leprechaun luck! Register on our website.

Altered Books

Tuesday, March 18 ~ 5pm-7pm

Delve into the world of book arts with this altered book class. We are going to be adding pop-outs, cut outs, and painting the pages of our books to make something totally new!

Let's Paint Flower Pots & Plant Flowers!

Thursday, March 20 ~ 3pm-5pm

Prepare to get a little messy while we paint flower pots & plant flowers of your choice! All materials provided. Register on our website.

Bead Animal Keychains

Tuesday, March 25 ~ 5pm-7pm

We are going to make animal keychains with beads and twine! Choose between a snake, lizard, or frog pattern (you can also think up your own!)

Japanese Doll Painting

Monday, March 31 ~ 4pm-6pm

Come have fun as we create our own "Kokeshi," which is Japanese for wooden doll!

Origami

Saturday, April 5 ~ 11am-1pm

Origami originated in Japan and is the art of folding paper to make whatever your heart desires. Come partake in this beautiful craft and make some origami of your own!

DIY Poetry Fridge Magnets

Tuesday, April 8 ~ 5pm-6pm

Using magnetic sheets and our imagination, we will be making our own poetry fridge magnets!

Egg Decorating & Painting

Thursday, April 10 ~ 3pm-4:30pm

Come and get creative! We will be painting and decorating Styrofoam eggs with various materials to get into the spring spirit! Materials will be provided.

Squishy Circuits

Wednesday, April 16 ~ 4pm-5pm

Use the knowledge of STEM to make your play dough creations come to life. With just playdough and a few simple tools you can make your world a little brighter with our squishy circuit kits! Register on our website.

Button Making!

Thursday, April 17 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

We will be creating custom made buttons in our Tech Lab! Put them on your backpack, purse, or make one for a friend! All materials will be provided.

Found Poetry Art

Tuesday, April 22 ~ 5pm-7pm

Using discarded books and magazines, we are going to find words to write poetry and make art out of it.

Felt Melts

Saturday, May 3 ~ 11am-1pm

Did you know that you can create a masterpiece with just felt? We will guide you through the process of felt melts!

Paint Your Own Birdhouses!

Thursday, May 8 ~ 4pm-6pm

Prepare to get crafty as we paint birdhouses for spring! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUNG ADULTS (CONT'D)

Handmade Notebooks

Tuesday, May 13 ~ 5pm-7pm

We are making simple, handmade notebooks! Choose your filler paper, decorate your cover and learn how to put it all together. Register on our website.

Make Your Own Lip Balm!

Thursday, May 15 ~ 4pm-6pm

Join the YA department as we make our own lip balms! You can make your lip balm whatever color & scent you prefer! All materials provided. Register on our website.

Plantable Seed Paper

Tuesday, May 20 ~ 5pm-7pm

Create with your green thumb; we are making plantable paper with seeds embedded into it! Register on our website.

Let's Make a Bouquet of Color Changing Flowers!

Thursday, May 22 ~ 4pm-6pm

Witness a scientific reaction when we create a bouquet of color changing flowers! We will be using food dye and white flowers to assemble a bouquet that will change color within just a few hours! Materials will be provided. Register on our website.



GAMES

Magic the Gathering

Wednesday starting March 12 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

Join us each Wednesday to learn how to play the original collectible trading card game, Magic the Gathering. We will cover many aspects of the game. All materials will be provided for attendees. *We will not be meeting on April 2 or May 7.*

Anime & Manga Club for Teens

Tuesday, March 4, April 1, May 6 ~ 5pm-6:30pm

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month as we talk about anime, read manga, and do activities inspired by our favorites. Each session will focus on an anime or manga chosen by the group at the previous session.

Marshmallow Fort Competition

Wednesday, May 14 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

3.2.1. BUILD! Join teams to create the tallest tower you can using only toothpicks and marshmallows! The team with the tallest tower wins, good luck.

MOVIES

Wonka Movie Night

Thursday, April 3 ~ 4-6pm

Join us in the YA room for a showing of the movie *Wonka*! Snacks and candy will be provided.

WRITING

Poetry Share

Tuesday, April 29 ~ 5pm-7pm

Share your poetry with other young writers! All teen performers will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 gift card.



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or stop in to create blackout poetry in the YA Room at any time.
Submissions from these activities will be accepted.

On April 29th, we are hosting a poetry share.
Teens who perform will be entered into a raffle for another \$50 gift card.

To reserve a performance slot for the poetry share, or to ask questions,
please contact our YA Librarian, Kait, at kaiken@mtclib.org or call 586.469.6200.

ADULTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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.

BOOK CLUB AND FILM CLUB

Adult Book Club

Tuesdays ~ 6pm-7pm

- March 11 - *I Hope This Finds You Well* by Natalie Sue
- April 8 - *The Centre* by Ayesha Manazir Siddiqi
- May 13 - *The Husbands* by Holly Gramazio

Film Club

Wednesday, March 5 ~ 4:30pm-7pm

Join us for a viewing of the award-nominated French film *Anatomy of a Fall* (subtitled), followed by a brief discussion of the film. Popcorn and drinks will be provided for your moviegoing experience. This film is rated R, and is for adults 18 years and older.

Wednesday, March 19 ~ 4:30pm-7pm

Join us for a viewing of Oscar award-winning Japanese film *Godzilla Minus One* (subtitled), followed by a brief discussion of the film. Popcorn and drinks will be provided for your moviegoing experience. This film is PG-13, and is for those 13 years and older.

Wednesday, April 2 ~ 4:30pm-7pm

Please join us for a viewing of a modern classic, followed by a brief discussion of the film. We want to hear from our community! Tell us what modern classics you would like for us to view, and we will put it under consideration! Please call or email your suggestion to the Adult Reference Department at (586)469-6200 or info@mtclib.org



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULTS (CONT'D)

COMMUNITY

Community Popsicle Stick Art

Tuesday, April 1 - Wednesday, April 30

Join us all month long in creating and designing our own popsicle sticks, all of which will be put together as a mural at the end of the month and displayed as community artwork in our library! This is a drop-in program with stations both in the Youth and Adult Services department. All supplies will be provided.

History and Photography Hike

Thursday, May 8 and 15 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join our librarians, Jade and Brittany, for an evening of history, photography, and fun! Explore the fascinating stories behind some of Mount Clemens' iconic downtown buildings with Brittany as your guide. Jade will share tips to help you capture stunning photos of these historic landmarks.

MCPL Plant and Seed Swap

Saturday, May 10 ~ 11am-1pm

Join us for another library 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!



CRAFTING

Papercrafting at the Library

Thursdays ~ 5pm-8pm

- Saturday, March 8 - 10am-5pm: All Day Crafting
- Thursday, April 3 - 5pm-8pm: Easter Treat Basket
- Thursday, May 1 - 5pm-8pm: Scrapbook Layout

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

Thursdays ~ 2pm-3:30pm

- March 20 - Bunny themed
- April 24 - Flower themed
- May 22 - Memorial Day themed

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

Tech It Out Fridays!

Fridays ~ 1:30pm-3:30pm

- March 7 and 21 - Women's History Sublimation Sock Making
- April 11 and 25 - Luggage Tags
- May 9 and 23 - Graduation Plaque

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 Pressed Flower Lanterns

Tuesday, March 4 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us in our Makerspace as we create our own pressed flower lanterns with recycled jars! All supplies will be provided. Register on our website.



Sustainability and Upcycling: Making Your Clothes Last Longer

Saturday, March 22 and 29 ~ 11am-12:30pm

Join us for lessons in longevity where we will be learning how to make mending patches and re-hem old clothes! Feel free to bring CLEAN items from home to learn with. Register on our website.

DIY Spring Clay Magnets

Thursday, March 27 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Meet Jade in our Makerspace to decorate and design a set of DIY air-dry clay magnets in the theme of spring! All supplies will be provided. Register on our website.

DIY Detroit Tigers Swag

Saturday, April 5 ~ 10:30am-1pm

Baseball is back and the Detroit Tigers are in town for their first home series of 2025! We will supply Detroit Tiger graphics to choose from and you can make your own fan swag using our Cricut Machine and Heat Press. Cotton material works best, please bring 1-2 items to make your own Detroit Tiger Fan Swag! Register on our website.

DIY Sunglasses Case

Monday, April 7 ~ 2pm-3:30pm

Learn how to make your own decorative handmade sunglass case from fabric. We will be using our sewing machines to make a fleece padded case to protect your glasses for the warmer months to come. Register on our website.



DIY Glycerin Soap Bars

Thursday, April 10 ~ 6pm-7pm

In honor of National Stress Awareness Month, we are here to help you explore ways to manage and reduce stress. Join Jade for a hands-on workshop where you'll create your own soothing glycerin soap bar.

DIY Body Scrub

Tuesday, April 15 ~ 6pm-7pm

We will be creating our own DIY body scrub that is sure to be good for you and your skin!



We are collecting jewelry of all kinds - **beaded necklaces, bracelets, brooches, earrings, etc** - for use in future sustainability crafting programs.

Donations can be dropped off at the Reference Desk during library hours. Thank you for helping us turn old treasures into planet-positive creations!





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULTS (CONT'D)

Designing Stress Journals

Tuesday, April 29 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

We will be designing our own stress journal covers in classic open art therapy fashion. Patrons will be able to take their finished product home, as well as some useful prompts and tips for journaling your own stress. Register on our website.

DIY National Pet Month Projects

Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm

- May 7 - Homemade Dog Treats
- May 14 - Cat Photo Frame
- May 21 - Dog Photo Frame
- May 28 - Cat Toys

Let's celebrate National Pet Month with a unique DIY project for your favorite furry friend! Register on our website.

Homemade Graduation Cards

Tuesday, May 6 ~ 6pm-7pm

It is that time of year...graduation season! What better way to say how proud you are of your loved one's accomplishments than with a homemade card using pre-cut Cricut cardstock images. All supplies will be provided.

DIY Book Picture Frame

Saturday, May 17 ~ 11am-12:30pm

Create and customize your own dual sided picture frame made from repurposed books! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.



PLEASE NOTE!



If you are unable to attend a program that you registered for, **please let us know** so patrons on our waitlist can attend. Call 586.469.6200



THANK YOU!



FITNESS AND WELLNESS

Yoga with Del

Thursday, March 6, April 3, May 1 ~ 6:45pm-7:45pm

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.

Exercise - Move 4 Life

Monday, March 3, 10, 17, 24 ~ 6pm-7pm

All fitness levels are welcome to this 4-week exercise class that will help improve the health of their joints through Joint Health Training and Joint Specific Strength Training. Ray Muskeyvalley Jr, founder of Move 4 Life, will be our instructor.

Zumba

Monday, April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19 ~ 6pm-7pm

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

Sound Therapy with Singing Bowls

Saturday, May 3 ~ 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! Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.



GUEST SPEAKERS

The Macomers: Spring Extravaganza Show

Saturday, March 1 ~ 12:30pm-1:30pm

Don't miss your chance to experience Michigan's premier collegiate show choir, The Macomers, in an up-close and personal performance! Join us for an afternoon filled with captivating songs, dynamic dance routines, and stunning solos as this talented cast takes the stage. This performance is for all ages.

Gut Check - All Disease Begins in the Gut

Thursday, March 13 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us for an engaging in-person presentation focused on promoting gut health and understanding its vital role in overall well-being. This program will be presented by health practitioner, Nolan Wheeler.

Stress: The Brain and Chronic Pain

Saturday, April 12 ~ 12pm-1pm

Learn about the Mind Body Syndrome and how some conditions like fibromyalgia, lower back pain, neck pain, headaches, stomach pain, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, and pelvic pain may be treatable without medicine.

Senior SCAMS Prevention

Wednesday, April 16 ~ 11am-12pm

Join us for a free informative presentation brought to you by the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office. If you think scams will not happen to you, think again! Knowledge is the key in fighting this frightening trend that happens to millions daily.

GRIM PARADISE: The Cold Case Search for the Mackinac Island Killer

Wednesday, April 30 ~ 6pm-7pm

True crime author, Rod Sadler, delves into the secrets of one of Michigan's most perplexing murder cases. This presentation offers an in-depth and suspenseful account of the long-standing mystery. Could advanced DNA technology lead to the identity of the Mackinac Island murderer as it did recently in the case of the Golden State Killer?



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LIBRARY PROGRAMS

LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

BOOK CLUB

Historical Non-Fiction Book Club

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

Wednesday, March 5

- *Fashionopolis: The Price of Fast Fashion and the Future of Clothes* by Dana Thomas

Thursday, April 10

- *The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement* by Sharon McMahon

Monday, May 12

- *Nexus: A Brief History of Information Networks from the Stone Age to AI* by Yuval Noah Harari

LECTURES

Bringing Historic Cemeteries to Life

Thursday, March 13 ~ 6pm-7pm

We are welcoming Thomas C. Henthorn, Ph.D and Wyatt Endowed Professor of Public History, University of Michigan - Flint, to our library! He will discuss why bringing cemeteries to life through preservation, advocacy, and programming is so important in the modern day.

The Journey of African Drums, Instruments, and Rhythms

Saturday, March 15 ~ 11am-12:30pm

Join us for a musical journey with "Baba" Kefentse Chike and Michelle "Jahra" McKinney! "Baba" Kefentse is a renowned African drummer, composer, and community activist with over 33 years of service to Detroit. Michelle "Jahra" McKinney is a vocalist, percussionist, and storyteller who has spent more than three decades enriching Detroit's arts and culture scene.

Seeking Dead People: Cemetery Research

Tuesday, March 18 ~ 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.



Movers, Shakers, and Music Makers!

Tuesday, March 25 ~ 6pm-7pm

Celebrate the legacy of Michigan's trailblazing women activists in this inspiring 45-minute show directed by Karen Sheridan. From labor union organizer Myra K. Wolfgang to philosopher and activist Grace Lee Boggs, and abolitionist Laura Smith Haviland, this tribute highlights their remarkable contributions. Don't miss this powerful ode to history and hope!

When Amelia Came to Michigan

Tuesday, April 8 ~ 6pm-7pm

Discover the fascinating story of Amelia Earhart's adventures in Michigan! This 60-minute presentation explores her childhood, family life, groundbreaking aviation career, and the eight years she frequently visited Michigan. Learn why Michigan—with its 40 airports, skilled suppliers, and support from Henry and Edsel Ford—was pivotal to her journey.

Intro to Genetic Genealogy

Tuesday, May 6 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us for a hybrid event with genetic genealogist Kate Penney Howard! A seasoned presenter at major conferences like Rootstech and Untangling Our Roots, Kate will guide patrons in using genetic genealogy to enhance their family history research. Kate will present remotely, with in-person and virtual attendance options available.

UFOs Over Michigan

Tuesday, May 13 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join Bill Konkolesky, State Director of Michigan MUFON, at our library as he discusses a historical overview of the state's biggest UFO sightings.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday - 10am-8pm
 Friday - 10am-5pm • Saturday - 10am-2pm
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REMINDERS FOR KIDS AND CAREGIVERS

- The Rules of ROARing are important to remember and can help keep you safe! Review The Rules of ROARing below:
- The parts of your body covered by a swimsuit are underwear are private. No one should ask to see or touch these areas.
- You are in control of your body and your feelings are important. You don't have to give anyone any type of touch if you don't want to.
- Secrets should never make you feel sad, scared, or unsafe. Always talk about secrets.
- Remember your three safe grownups you can always talk to. If you feel sad, scared, or unsafe, find one of your safe grownups and tell them how you're feeling.
- When you find your ROAR, you are brave, courageous and strong! Never forget to stand up and let your voice be heard!
- Caregivers, it is important to teach your child the anatomically correct names for body parts. Nicknames for such areas can cause confusion.
- Remember that we are here for you every step of the way! If you need help or additional resources, please contact the Care House, Macomb County's Child advocacy Center at: at 586-463-0123 or visit us at mccarehouse.org.

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Why Now is the Right Time to Buy a Home: Mortgage Market Update

If you've been thinking about buying a home, now may be the right time to take the leap. With the mortgage market showing signs of stability and home prices stabilizing, many buyers are finding this moment offers a unique opportunity to secure long-term financial stability.

Fixed-Rate Mortgages: A Smart Choice for Stability

As more buyers opt for fixed-rate mortgages, locking in a stable monthly payment, it's clear that this is an ideal time to take advantage of predictable loan terms. In uncertain times, a fixed-rate mortgage offers peace of mind, ensuring your payment stays the same for the life of the loan. This is especially important for buyers looking to avoid the unpredictability of adjustable-rate loans.

Refinancing Could Work for You, Too

If you already own a home, refinancing could be a great way to lower your monthly payments or consolidate debt. With many homeowners taking advantage of refinancing, this could be the moment for you to adjust your mortgage terms to better suit your financial goals.

The Housing Market is Stabilizing—Don't Miss Out

While home prices have slowed after a period of rapid growth, many areas still have strong demand, and inventory remains limited. This means that homes in desirable locations are still selling quickly. By acting now, you can secure a home before prices potentially rise again or available properties become even scarcer.

In short, with stable mortgage options, steady home prices, and the potential for long-term financial benefits, now is a smart time to buy. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or looking to refinance, taking action now could help you lock in favorable terms for years to come.



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With over 27 years of experience in real estate investment, sales, management, and real estate debt investments, I've built a career that's all about adaptability, dependability, and sharing my expertise to help clients like you achieve incredible results. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or a seasoned commercial investor, I'm here to guide you every step of the way.

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When I'm not helping clients, I'm living my best life as a single dad to three amazing adult children, two wonderful teenagers still at home, and his prized Pit bull Scooby Doo. I love staying active at the gym, finding peace through meditation, and cheering loudly for our beloved Detroit Lions.

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AVERAGE SALE PRICE

▲10.2%

FROM Q3 2024

▲0.7%

FROM Q4 2023

51

NUMBER OF SALES

▼8.9%

FROM Q3 2024

▼20.4%

FROM Q4 2023

30

AVERAGE DAYS ON THE MARKET

▲7.1%

FROM Q3 2024

▲100.0%

FROM Q4 2023

64

AVERAGE MONTHLY INVENTORY

▲14.3%

FROM Q3 2024

▲52.4%

FROM Q4 2023

22.4%

ABSORPTION RATE¹

▼30.3%

FROM Q3 2024

▼31.2%

FROM Q4 2023

MARKET ACTIVITY
Single Family • Detached

QUARTER (Q4 2024) OVER QUARTER (Q3 2024)

▼13.6%

TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

YEAR-OVER-YEAR (for Q4 2024 vs. Q4 2023)

▼8.9%

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. Stats and Trends provided by the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed and should be independently verified. Information was derived from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, Realcomp II Ltd. and the Great Lakes Repository®.

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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Average Sale Price – Good: Prices continue to climb modestly from the previous quarter and are up slightly year-over-year both of which are good signs as owners build equity and net worth. That this is occurring in a market with increased inventory and a declining absorption rate suggests housing prices are stable to increasing.

Days on Market (DOM) – Good: While taking longer to sell, the days on market reflect the lower absorption rate which allows buyers to more seriously consider their purchase. The average during a balanced market is approximately 72 days.

Inventory – Improving: While this increases competition for sellers, it has not slowed price appreciation. With a somewhat lower absorption rate, sellers do need to price carefully, but when done should see the home sell in short order close to asking price.

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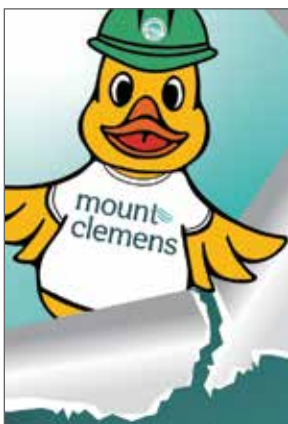
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