

Clementimes

Important Numbers:

Emergency

9.1.1

Sheriff's Office

586.469.5151

Fire

586.469.6840

City Hall

586.469.6800

Utilities

586.469.6889

Animal Control

586.469.6847

Dial-A-Ride

586.469.RIDE

DDA

586.469.4168

Public Housing

586.468.1434

Public Services

586.469.6847

41B District Court

586.469.9300

Upcoming Commission Meetings:

October 18th
November 1st
November 15th
December 6th
December 20th
January 3rd

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

A New Look A New Attitude A New Brand

We hope you like the bold new look for Clementimes. It's a small part of a much larger rebranding project for Mount Clemens and you'll be seeing other parts of it soon.

To create Mount Clemens' brand, we gathered input from over 1,100 Mount Clemens residents, business, and visitors as to how they perceived our city and how they wanted it to be perceived by others. History, diversity and potential were keywords often mentioned by survey respondents. Downtown Mount Clemens, the Clinton River, our art community and the wonderful people of our town were identified as our best assets and with the most potential to grow.

Our branding consultant, Redhead Creative Consultancy, incorporated the survey data into the development of Mount Clemens' new brand. They also created three taglines, a logo, an icon, a new city seal and a mascot. You can see the icon above as part of the new Clementimes masthead. Our new logo pays homage to the Clinton River, using a river symbol to cross the "t."

The taglines emphasize our history but look to the future:

Forever Mount Clemens

Yesterday and tomorrow

Vintage vibe. Vibrant vision



And, just for fun, meet Paddles, the rubber duck. You will be seeing a lot of Paddles on promotional materials for events and activities in Mount Clemens. Not very many cities have mascots, but they can be a very effective communications tool.

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Winter Snow Removal & Snow Emergency Information

Please keep in mind the Street Department will be clearing all major streets first during a snowstorm. We will, however, plow the side streets as quickly as possible once the major streets are clear.

This winter during snowstorms, please park your vehicles at an off-street location. Parking in a driveway or parking lot will be greatly appreciated. On-street parking can resume after the city has plowed the streets.

Whenever there is an abundance of snow accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to extraordinary depths, the city may declare a "Snow Emergency". Local television and radio news stations will be alerted when a snow emergency has been declared and cancelled, so tune in for this information during snowstorms or excessive snow falls.

After the initial notice of a snow emergency has been declared, please remove all vehicles within six (6) hours on any major streets and/or within twelve (12) hours on local streets or alleys. Once the entire street has been cleared of snow from curb to curb and no additional snow has accumulated or is predicted to accumulate, vehicles may then resume parking on that street.



General Election - Tuesday, November 2, 2021

The next election in the City of Mount Clemens is Tuesday, November 2, 2021 for the following races:

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

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

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

In addition to the races, there will also be a proposed amendment to Section 10.211, Sec. 155 of Article 12 of the Mount Clemens City Charter pertaining to purchasing limits for city departments.

Please call the city clerk's office at 586.469.6800, option #4 for questions about the election

The Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office will be open to assist voters with voter registration & absentee ballots on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes



Mount Clemens voters now have two safe and secure drop box options in which to return their absentee ballots and applications. The indoor drop box is located on the first floor of city hall next to the treasurers office and is available during city office hours of Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The outdoor drive-up drop box can be found in the city hall parking lot across from the gazebo and is available for use 24 hours a day. This drop box provides voters with the added convenience of not having to come into city hall, or even getting out of their car.



Neither drop box requires postage and is the preferred method to return all election materials to the city clerk's office for every election.

Charter Amendment on November Ballot

When Mount Clemens voters go to the polls on November 2, 2021, they will be asked to approve a city charter amendment ballot question. The proposed amendment to Section 10.211 of the Mount Clemens City Charter would change the purchasing limit for city departments from \$1,500 to \$15,000 without having to prepare specifications and obtain formal bids.

Why are voters being asked to approve this city charter amendment?

The bid process can be a very time consuming and expensive procedure. The city commission put this question on the ballot because the administration believes that the current purchasing limit is actually increasing the cost of obtaining goods and services, while stalling progress on city projects. Employees and/or consultants must be paid to prepare specifications and to manage the bid opening and award process.

Responding to bid requests can also be a cumbersome and an expensive process for vendors. As a result, many vendors often elect not to respond to bid requests because they believe that the profit on a potential sale is not worth the time and effort necessary to prepare a formal bid. Because of this, the city sometimes ends up with very few or no bids. Some vendors even intentionally respond with a "high ball" bid, even more than the list price, in hopes of being the only bidder.

How does the proposed purchasing limit of \$15,000 compare to other municipalities?

While researching municipal purchasing limits, the administration discovered that most purchasing limits ranged from \$5,000-\$20,000. Some are even as high as \$50,000 before requiring the use of a bid process. The amount of \$15,000 was mutually agreed upon by city department heads as a reasonable number that will result in a more efficient and cost-effective procurement process.

How will the amendment ballot question be worded?

"The Mount Clemens City Charter was adopted in 1954 and contains some provisions that are outdated and no longer practical. One such provision requires sealed bids be obtained for all sales and purchases in excess of \$1,500.00. The Mount Clemens City Commission finds that it is necessary and in the best interest of the city to seek voter approval to raise said amount from \$1,500.00 to \$15,000.00, in order to adjust for inflation, expedite processing of invoices and receipts, as well as improving operational efficiency and economy.

An amendment to Section 10.211, Sec.155 of Article 12 of the city charter, to provide that sealed bids for all sales and purchases in excess of \$1,500.00, be increased to sealed bids for all sales and purchases in excess of \$15,000.00.

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?"

Who should voters contact if they have questions?

For questions about the proposed charter amendment ballot question, call Finance Director Cliff Maison at 586.469.6800 ext. 304.

Important Dates:

October 18, 2021 – Last day to register in any manner other than in-person at the city clerk's office for the November 2, 2021 election.

October 27, 2021 – Public accuracy test of voting equipment at 9:00 a.m.

October 29, 2021 – Last day to have an absentee voter mailed to a voter.

November 1, 2021 – Last day to obtain an absentee ballot (in person at city clerk's office) by 4:00 p.m.

November 2, 2021 – Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

November 8, 2021 – Swearing-In Ceremony of Mount Clemens Mayor and City Commissioners at City Hall.

Precinct #2 Temporary Relocation

Due to the Mount Clemens Library's use of the Wilson Gymnasium for storage during its reconstruction, Mount Clemens Precinct #2 will be temporarily relocated for the November 2, 2021 General Election from the Wilson Gymnasium (58 South Wilson) to:

Christian Lighthouse Church 57 Church Street, Mount Clemens

Please note that this relocation is temporary. Precinct 2 voters will resume voting at the Wilson Gymnasium in 2022.



Coffee Talks with Mayor Kropp

October 12th 9:30 a.m.

John's Family Grill

October 14th 7:00 p.m.

Black Cat Coffee

November 9th 9:30 a.m.

John's Family Grill

November 11th at 7 p.m.

Black Cat Coffee

December 9th at 7 p.m.

Black Cat Coffee

December 14th at 9:30 a.m.

John's Family Grill

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

Uptown Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 23 – 12 PM – 3 PM
Fountain Stage and Macomb Place

Trunk or Treat

Presented by Pop's Sweets and Treats
Saturday, October 23 – 4PM – 8PM
In the Macomb Place parking lot next to the Anton Art Center

Downtown Christmas Open House

Christmas Tree Lighting & Take Your Own Photos with Santa at Fountain Stage
Friday, November 19 – 5 PM – 9PM

Mount Clemens Santa Parade

Friday, November 20 – 10 AM
Main Street

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 27

Mount Clemens Kids New Year's Eve

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

Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala

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

Fall is in the air, leaves are changing, and we are gearing up for our fall and holiday events in Downtown Mount Clemens. We encourage you to shop small on Small Business Saturday and throughout the entire holiday shopping season. Patronizing small, independently owned local businesses helps support our local economy. Downtown Mount Clemens has numerous retail stores with great unique gift giving ideas for the most difficult people to shop for on your list. If you are looking for a place to hold your holiday party, there are over a dozen venues right here in Downtown Mount Clemens. For the latest information on our upcoming events and happenings, visit the city website or follow us on social media!

News from the Anton Art Center

Come see what's happening!

Exhibitions - Free admission open to the public from 11am-3pm, Tues-Sun

Dreamscape: August 28 - October 13, 2021

Annual Artists' Choice Members Show: September 11 - October 13, 2021

Mosaic Artists of Michigan: Unity & Balance: November 18 - December 23, 2021

SatARTdays - 2nd Saturday of the month - Free to attend!

Dia de los Muertos: October 9th @ 6pm

Learn about Dia de los Muertos (day of the dead)!

Collage: November 13th 6pm: demonstrations, discussion and hands-on activity about collages!

Music/Dance: December 11th @ 6pm: demonstrations, discussion and hands-on activity about music and dance!

43rd Holiday Art Market: November 18 – December 23, 2021

Open noon-8pm on Thur, 10am-5pm Fri & Sat, 11am-3pm Sun

Shop in-person for one-of-a-kind gifts by Michigan artists!

Shop the Art Market in the Anton Art Center or online to find unique art of all types

Open from Tues-Sat 11am-3pm

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

Adult Painting - Art for Kids - Mixed Media - Loom Weaving - Acrylic Flow - Watercolor

Want to get involved in the arts but not sure how? Contact us today about volunteer opportunities. With or without artistic skill, you can help build a community centered around the arts.



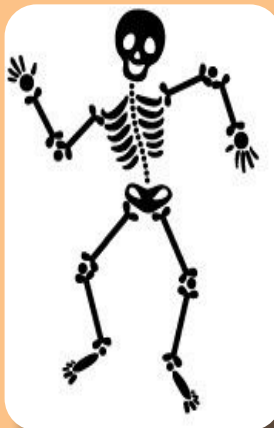
2021 Mount Clemens Beautification Committee Skeleton Contest

Can't believe it's that time of year again! This year's theme for the skeleton contest is **Bones of Broadway**. Starting October 15, 2021 through Halloween you will be seeing some interesting characters appear in downtown Mount Clemens establishments! Characters such as Wicked, Pirates of the Caribbean, phantom of the opera, Annie, Rocky picture show, or even a character from Hamilton! You never know who you're going to see. Keep your eyes open and come on to downtown Mount Clemens for a little theatrical experience!

Spooktacular should be especially spectacular this year! Hope to see you there!

If you'd like to be a judge for the contest this year send an email to sherrigavie65@gmail.com

Happy Halloween! Stay safe & have fun.



Holiday Refuse Calendar



Garbage pickup will run on schedule for the entire months of October, December, and January. The November pickup schedule change is below:

Thanksgiving Day–Thursday, November 25

There will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, November 25th. Garbage pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Thursday, November 25th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 26th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 27th.

Fire Station Update

October is National Fire Prevention Month. Smoke Detectors remain the first line of defense in home fire prevention. The NFPA recommends that you have a smoke detector on every level of your home, in every bedroom and outside your bedrooms as well. Detectors are not recommended close to any cooking vents, directly above any cooking areas or next to ceiling fans. If you are a homeowner in Mount Clemens and in need of a smoke detector, contact Mount Clemens Fire Department during business hours and ask about our smoke detector program.

Special Thanks:

The Mount Clemens Firefighters would like to thank everyone who came out to support us for our annual pancake breakfast. As always, it was a great day raising money for charities and getting to see so many citizens that support us. We would like to thank Hefling's Amish Farm Market and Rinaldi Brand from Shelby Township for their continuous generosity.

Fire Safety Tip:

As summer comes to an end and the colder months are upon us, keep in mind these tips:

1. Burn clean dry firewood in outside and inside fireplaces.
2. Make sure your furnace is free of clutter around the area.
3. Keep dryer exhaust clean of lint buildup.
4. Halloween candy should be inspected by an adult before consumption.
5. Keep chimneys clean to prevent build up in indoor fireplaces.
6. Candles should never be left unattended and should be away from any hazards.
7. Make sure matches and lighters are out of the reach of children.



Compost/leaf pickup season ends December 10th

The City of Mount Clemens will again be enforcing its leaf pick up policy this fall. All leaves that do not fall into the street from the trees must be placed in 30-gallon paper waste bags or 32 gallon or smaller refuse containers marked "compost" or "yard waste".

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.



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Winter Tax Bills

Residents will receive a winter tax bill on or around December 1, 2021, and it will be due on February 28, 2022. Every resident will receive a tax bill, even if your mortgage company pays them on your behalf. Please keep this copy for your records. Any balance remaining on 2021 taxes will be turned over to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office on March 1, 2022. All payments on or after that date will be payable to: Macomb County Treasurer, 1 S. Main St., Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Their phone number is 586-469-5190. Please Note: When writing a check, it must be the exact amount due or a partial payment. We cannot accept an overpayment on taxes.