

# Clementimes

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## CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS DEPARTMENTAL PHONE LISTING

The main phone number for the City of Mount Clemens is **586.469.6818**. For specific departments, please see the options/phone numbers listed below.

Animal Control .....586.469.6847  
Assessing..... x 4  
Cable Television .....586.461.3751  
City Clerk ..... x 3  
City Manager ..... x 7  
Mayor/City Commission  
Community Development..... x 2  
Building/Inspections  
Community Relations ..... x 7  
Dial-A-Ride.....586.469.RIDE  
Downtown Dev. Authority 586.469.4168  
Finance/Accounting ..... x 301  
Fire.....586.469.6840  
Human Resources..... x 5  
Parking Matters ..... x 909  
Public Housing .....586.468.1434  
Dept. of Public Services ...586.469.6847  
Purchasing ..... x 6  
Treasurer's Office..... x 1  
Tax/Water Bills  
Credit Card Payments 1.866.789.5536  
Utilities.....586.469.6889  
Water & Sewer/Water Filtration

Macomb County  
Sheriff's Office.....586.469.5151  
[www.macombsheriff.com](http://www.macombsheriff.com)

41B District Court.....586.469.9300

**Mount Clemens City Hall  
One Crocker Boulevard  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043**

**Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

[www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com)

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## Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

*It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit.*  
- Anonymous

This has been a very exciting year for Mount Clemens. We celebrated our 200th birthday throughout the year, starting with the New Year's Eve fireworks welcoming in the Bicentennial. For those who joined us you will recall how very, very bitter cold the evening was, but we still rang in 2018 with lots of cheer! We also had a fun trip back in time to the 1920's Prohibition Era for the Bootlegger's Ball at the restored Emerald Theatre in June.

Our 1818-2018 Vintage Fashion Show and Tea was a huge success. I want to thank Mrs. Jenny Curatolo and her daughter, KC Curatolo, for an excellent show. Over 200 people enjoyed the fashions and the Three Wife's Tea (compliments of the Crocker House Museum). If you are interested in seeing some of the fashions, there is a wonderful article in the 2018 fall edition of Now magazine. The City has a few copies if anyone is interested in picking one up.

If you've paid a visit to City Hall in the past year, you may have noticed the Hall of History display in the lobby. Each month the display has been changed to highlight the historical collections of various places and organizations in Mount Clemens. Please stop by and look at the interesting historical displays that will run through December. Thank you to all who have taken the time to bring their memorabilia to share with the community.

The Mount Clemens Bicentennial Celebration will continue through the end of the year. Please check

out the City's website and the Mount Clemens DDA Facebook page for more information about additional events.

I want to thank the Mount Clemens Bicentennial Committee, employees and volunteers who have worked so hard to make this year so special. I believe that the founding fathers would be proud to know that we celebrated our cherished past and recognize the potential and opportunity for our future. I can only hope that 200 years from now the people of Mount Clemens will look back and be as proud of the City as we are today.

Mark your calendars! The 43rd Annual Mount Clemens Presents the Macomb County Santa Parade will be on Saturday, November 17, 2018. This year's parade will highlight 200 years of Mount Clemens. If you are interested in participating, sponsoring or volunteering for the parade, please call 586.469.6818 x325.

Have you logged on to the new and improved City website yet? Check it out at [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com). The site has been recently updated to be more user friendly and allow for greater transparency in your city government.

### City Commission Meeting Schedule

Monday, October 15, 2018  
Monday, November 5, 2018  
Monday, November 19, 2018  
Monday, December 3, 2018  
Monday, December 17, 2018  
Monday, January 7, 2019

City Commission meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Agendas, minutes and videos of past meetings are available at [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com).

## CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lisa Borgacz  
City Clerk



### Election News

**State General Election is  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

The last day to register to vote in the November 6, 2018 General Election is Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM to accept absentee applications and ballots.

Polls will be open on Election Day from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

**Voters in Precinct #5 at Cairns  
(Jermaine Jackson) Community  
Center, 58 Orchard, have been  
temporarily relocated to vote at  
Precinct #6 at City Hall, One Crocker  
Boulevard, for this election.**

Please call the City Clerk's Office for any election related questions at 586.469.6818, x3.

## Mount Clemens Community Summit

Join Advancing Macomb and  
Oakland University Macomb for  
a Community Summit in Mount  
Clemens.

**Saturday, October 6, 2018  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Emerald Theatre  
31 N. Walnut**

**Advance registration is required.  
Register at [advancingmacomb.com/summit](http://advancingmacomb.com/summit) or 586.651.0055.**

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

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

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

We'll close out 2018 with our Children's New Year's Eve in Never Never Land and traditional New Year's Eve Gala. New Year's Eve in Never Never Land will be held on Main Street prior to the Gala merriments. Children will have their very own New Year's celebration, complete with a ball drop and mini fireworks display. Our traditional New Year's Eve Gala festivities will follow, including a live band, 50/50 raffle, and the ONLY New Year's Eve fireworks display in the metro Detroit area. On behalf of the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, we would like to wish you a very happy and safe holiday season, and prosperous New Year!

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

- [DowntownMountClemens.com](http://DowntownMountClemens.com)
- Like the Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens)
- Follow us on Twitter: [@MountClemensDDA](https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA)

## Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

### Farmers Market Pumpkin Party & Pork Roast

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
8 AM until Sold Out  
North River Road Parking Lot  
(Between I-94 & NB Gratiot)  
586.493.7600

### Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
1 PM – 3 PM \*NEW HOURS\*  
Fountain Stage and Macomb Place  
586.469.4168

### Trunk or Treat

*Presented by Mount Clemens Optimist Club*  
Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 12 PM – 3 PM  
New County Parking Structure  
586.463.4430

### Downtown Christmas Open House

Christmas Tree Lighting & Take Your Own Photos with Santa  
Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 5 PM – 9 PM  
Fountain Stage, Downtown Mount Clemens  
586.469.4168

### Macomb County Santa Parade

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 10 AM  
Main Street  
586.469.6818 x 317

### Anton Art Center Christmas Market

Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> through  
Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Anton Art Center  
586.469.8666

### Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
Downtown Mount Clemens  
586.469.4168

### Mount Clemens 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Walk

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM  
Tickets available at Mount Clemens

Public Library  
Information: [ellysonm@wowway.com](mailto:ellysonm@wowway.com)  
Marti: 586.783.5898 | Lois: 586.463.2752

### Macomb County New Year's Eve in Never Never Land

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 4 PM – 9 PM  
Main Street  
Information and Tickets: 586.469.4168

### Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30 PM  
Entertainment & Fireworks on Main St.  
Information and Tickets: 586.469.4168

## Mount Clemens Legendary Bones of the Bicentennial



The Mount Clemens Beautification Commission is proud to sponsor the first ever skeleton decorating contest. This new event will hopefully be the first of many to come!

We are asking businesses in the City to sponsor a skeleton. In recognition of this year's Bicentennial, each skeleton will be dressed up as a local legend or famous person who frequented the Bath City over the past 200 years. You may see Christian Clemens - our town's founder, Mae West, George Crocker - the namesake of the Crocker House, Thomas Edison, Mae McKenna - the infamous former Mount Clemens madam and philanthropist or even The Purple Gang might show up!

The skeletons will be on display downtown from October 12<sup>th</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come judge your favorite dressed up skeleton. Ballots will be available at Weirsville Records/Paperback Write Books at 61 Macomb Place and Alleycat Junktiques at 54 New Street. Come out and vote for your favorite.

The money raised through the sponsorship will be used for future garden plantings throughout the city.

Please join us this Halloween season. We hope to see you around town!

## Mount Clemens Tinsel Tour December 1, 2018 - January 1, 2019

Come make merry memories at the **Mount Clemens Tinsel Tour** - the final special event of Mount Clemens' yearlong Bicentennial Celebration. See Mount Clemens aglow with beautifully decorated Christmas trees twinkling along the City's riverfront for the entire month of December!

The **Tinsel Tour Kick-Off** takes place on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at City Hall with plenty of free holiday fun for the entire family:

- Stroll along the riverfront to see the spectacular array of Christmas trees.
- Take in the sounds of the season with festive Christmas carolers.
- Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.
- Visit with Santa and share your Christmas wishes.
- Wander through a Winter Wonderland display just for the kids.

For more information about the Mount Clemens Tinsel Tour, please call the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818 x315.



### Holiday Refuse Calendar

#### Columbus Day

Monday, October 8, 2018

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

#### Veterans Day

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during Veterans Day week - November 5<sup>th</sup> through November 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22, 2018

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Garbage pickup for Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> will be on schedule.

#### Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

There will be NO garbage pickup on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> will be on schedule.

#### New Years Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

There will be NO garbage pickup on Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> will be on schedule.

#### Winter Snow Removal & Snow Emergency Information

Please keep in mind the Street Department will be clearing all major streets first during a snow storm. 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 snow storms 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.

#### Compost/Leaf Pickup Season Ends December 7<sup>th</sup>

The City of Mount Clemens will again be enforcing its leaf pick up policy this fall. All leaves that do not fall into the street from the trees MUST be placed in 30-gallon brown waste bags or 25- to 35-gallon refuse containers 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.

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

The City of Mount Clemens will be closed during the following holidays:

#### Veterans Day

Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Day after Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Christmas Eve Day

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

#### New Year's Eve Day

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

#### New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>



Your place for:

- Learn-to-Skate Classes
- Public Skating
- Youth/Adult Hockey
- Birthday Parties
- Group Outings/Field Trips

To obtain information regarding these programs, please call the arena at 586.307.8202 or visit [www.mountclemensicearena.com](http://www.mountclemensicearena.com).

### Help Us Light Up Mount Clemens for the Holidays!

*Sponsor a Christmas Tree in the City's First Ever Tinsel Tour.*

The City of Mount Clemens is seeking local families, service clubs, schools, scout troops and businesses who are interested in decorating a Christmas tree for the City's first ever Tinsel Tour! The decorated trees will light up the City's riverfront from December 1, 2018 - January 1, 2019 for all to see. Groups may decorate the trees in any theme that they choose, and creativity is definitely encouraged! Memory trees to honor those who have passed away are also an excellent theme option. The Tinsel Tour will debut in grand style with a kick off on Saturday, December 1 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM with free holiday fun for the entire community.

The cost to sponsor a tree is \$75.00, which includes the cost of the tree, signage, 200 white lights, City fees, and proper environmental disposal of the trees. Registration forms and a complete list of rules and guidelines are available in the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818, x315. Call today and help Mount Clemens sparkle in this fun holiday event!



### City of Mount Clemens "Local Treasure" Award Guidelines

The purpose of the Mount Clemens "Local Treasure" Award is to provide recognition to the men and women of our city who have made our city a better place to live through exemplary positive contributions. The spirit of the award is to bring attention to those who have not been recognized and publicly acknowledge their contribution, however large or small.

- The nominee must be a resident or business owner of the City of Mount Clemens; and
- The actions of the nominee must have contributed a positive lasting legacy to our city and its residents.
- Nominations may be submitted by any resident.
- All nominations must be in writing using a nomination form available at City Hall or on the City's website: [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com)
- The "Local Treasure" Award will be made at a City Commission meeting during the month of February.
- **Nomination deadline is Monday, December 17, 2018.**

If you have any questions, please call the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818 x 315.

**What's New?**

The Mount Clemens Fire Department is honored to be a part of our city's bicentennial celebration this year. MCFD has been providing service to this great community for 131 years, dating back to 1888. We are proud to serve the city and the great citizens who reside here.

**Special Thanks**

The Mount Clemens Firefighters would like to thank everyone who came to our Annual Soap Box Derby Pancake Breakfast! All proceeds go to local charities. A special thanks to Hefling's Amish Farm Market for their continued support of the event.

**Fire Prevention**

October is National Fire Prevention Month. In the upcoming weeks MCFD will be going to local schools to give fire safety talks and demonstrations. Some key points for fire prevention in your own home are:

- 1) Have an exit plan.
- 2) Establish a common meeting place outside the house.

- 3) Have functioning smoke detectors in every room, and outside of all sleeping areas. Make sure to test smoke detectors monthly and to change batteries at daylight savings time.

**Fire Safety Tip**

As the weather changes more and more people are enjoying the warmth of a fire in their fireplace. Did you know that after you have a fire, the soot can become hard on the wall of your chimney and become flammable creosote over time? It's always recommended before each winter you plan on burning, to inspect or have someone inspect your chimney to see if it needs cleaning. In addition, always burn dry clean seasoned wood and never use flammable liquids to start your fire in the fireplace.

On behalf of everyone at Mount Clemens Fire Department, we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

**Winter Tax Bills**

- Winter Property Taxes are payable from December 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the City's Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x1. Any tax amounts that remain unpaid after February 28, 2019 will be transferred to Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. Macomb County Treasurer may be contacted at 1 South Main Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043, 586.469.5190.

**Did You Receive A Past Due Notice?**

- Contact the Treasurer's Office if you need to make payment arrangements for a past due water/sewer bill. If you are unable to pay your bill in full, you will need to sign-up to make monthly payments to prevent a service shut off. Once a shut-off is initiated, a \$35 service fee applies, \$70 fee after hours, and the entire balance is due. You can prevent a shut-off by simply going to City Hall Treasurer's Office and making payment arrangements. Cash, Money Order, or Credit/Debit card are accepted.

- If you are unable to make a payment towards your past due bill, contact an agency for help as soon as possible, by simply calling 211.

If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x1.

**Quarterly Parking Permits** may be purchased at City Hall Treasurer's Office.



**Use the Parkmobile app** when parked at a City meter to save time and money. Download the app, register your license plate, link a payment method, then this use app when parked at a City meter, and receive customizable parking expiration reminders.

**Convenient Ways to Pay Bills or Parking Tickets**

There are several easy ways to pay a tax bill, water/sewer utility bill, or parking ticket:

1. **MAIL** a check or money order payable to the City of Mount Clemens, include your remittance, and send to One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043.
2. **24-Hour DROP BOX** located on west side of City Hall parking lot, across from Gazebo, is available for you to place an envelope containing your remittance and a written check or money order payable to the City of Mount Clemens. Do not deposit cash.
3. **PAY IN PERSON** by going to City Hall Treasurer's Office. Cash, check or money order, credit/debit card are accepted and a receipt will be issued. A processing fee applies to credit/debit card payments. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays.
4. **PAY ONLINE** using MasterCard or Visa at City's website [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com), click on the applicable link under Make Online Payments. A processing fee applies.
5. **PAY BY PHONE** by calling 866.789.5536 to pay by check, debit card or credit card. A processing fee applies.

# Mt. Clemens Fire Department

## Open House



**Sunday, October 14th Noon - 4pm**

- Kids Combat Challenge
- Fire Apparatus Display
- Extrication Demonstration
- Emergency Vehicle Display
- Stan The Magical Fireman
- Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Cider and Doughnuts



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586-469-6840

## Crocker House Museum

**Children's Etiquette Class / Social**

Butterfly Etiquette Class  
Tuesday, November 20, 1 PM  
\$15 per student

**Christmas Wassail and Bazaar**

Saturday, December 1, 10 AM – 4 PM  
Sunday, December 2, 1 – 4 PM  
No admission fee

**Christmas Bazaar Tea**

Sunday, December 2, 1 PM  
\$35 members/\$40 non-members

**Jingle Journey in Mount Clemens**

Sunday, December 9, 1 – 4 PM  
Visit the Anton Art Center, Crocker House Museum, and the Michigan Transit Museum.  
Entrance fees at each location.

Please call 586.465.2488 or visit [www.crockerhousemuseum.org](http://www.crockerhousemuseum.org) for event information, to make reservations or to purchase tickets.