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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 Control586.469.6847
Assessing. x 4
Cable Television586.461.3751
City Clerk x 3
City Manager x 7
Mayor/City Commission
Community Development x 2
Building/Inspections
Community Relations x 7
Dial-A-Ride586.469.RIDE
Downtown Dev. Authority 586.469.4168
Finance/Accounting x 301
Fire586.469.6840
Human Resources x 5
Parking Matters x 909
Public Housing586.468.1434
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
Utilities586.469.6889
Water & Sewer/Water Filtration

Macomb County
Sheriff's Office586.469.5151
www.macombsheriff.com

41B District Court586.469.9300

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

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

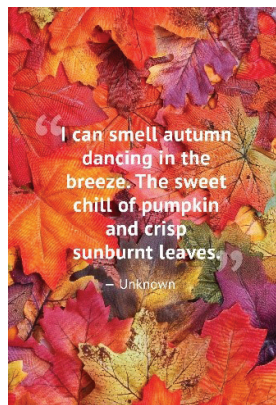
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Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey



I hope each of you had a nice, and more importantly, safe Labor Day and were able to attend some of the events that Mount Clemens held this summer. Thank you to all of our sponsors of the Uptown Friday and Saturday nights concerts. We are also very grateful for the sponsors of the Mount Clemens Clinton River Live Concert, with a special shout-out to Alexander Zonjic who brought this

special night to our city.

Beautification Yard of the Year Award

Thank you to our residents and to the Beautification Commission for all your hard work in keeping Mount Clemens beautiful! Congratulations to all of the nominees. This year's finalists are:

- Antoinette Bartolotta & Mark Callis
1114 Balmoral
- Michael & Glenda Trehwella
435 Clinton River Dr.
- Sue Prusik, 72 Eastman
- Polly Helzer, 93 Canfield
- Leon Taylor, 62 Orchard
- Gerry & Laura Fournier
70 Lodewyck
- **Grand Prize Winner:**
Brian Dale, 20 Ferrin Place

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk



**City Election
is Tuesday,
November 5, 2019**

The next election in the City of Mount Clemens is Tuesday, November 5, 2019 for the following races:

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

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

Voting precincts will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM on Election Day.

Please note that Precinct 5 (Cairns Community Center - 58 Orchard) will be temporarily relocated to Precinct 6 (City Hall - One Crocker) and voters for Precincts 5 and 6 will all vote at City Hall for this election.

Please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3 for questions about the election.



**Skip the Lines and
Vote Absentee!**

All Michigan voters may now vote by absentee ballot without a reason for every

election! To make the process even easier, voters may request to be on the City's Permanent Absentee Voter List. By doing so, voters will be automatically mailed an application requesting an absentee ballot for every election.

We hope that voters will take advantage of "no reason" absentee voting and enjoy the convenience of voting at home, while avoiding the lines on Election Day. To be placed on the Permanent Absentee List, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, option #3.

Annual Santa Parade

It's hard to believe Santa will be coming to town in just a couple months.

The 44th Annual Mount Clemens Presents the Macomb County Santa Parade will be here before we know it. This family tradition will take place on Saturday, November 23rd, 2019, starting at 10:00 AM. We are looking for participants, volunteers and sponsors to be part of this wonderful event. For additional information, please call 586.469.6818 x325, or visit our website at www.MountClemensSantaParade.com.

State of the City

The 2019 Mount Clemens State of the City Address was held on October 4th at the Oakland University Anton/Frankel Center. The presentation will be rebroadcast on the Macomb Cable Network. Please tune in to hear about your city.

Have a wonderful Holiday season!

**No
Soliciting**



**No Knock
List**

Protecting our Mount Clemens residents is a priority for the City Clerk's Office and the department has instituted greater safeguards when it comes to door-to-door solicitors in the City. By working in conjunction with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, requiring stricter background checks and denying access to our neighborhood porches during the holidays, we are trying to keep our residents as safe as possible. In order to grant residents even more control over who visits their homes, the Clerk's Office maintains a "No-Knock" List that contains the addresses of residents who do not wish to be disturbed by solicitors. Door-to-door solicitors are given the list when they pick up their solicitor's license and are prohibited from approaching any of the addresses on the list. Door decals are also

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Fall is in the Air in Downtown Mount Clemens

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 2019 with a new event for kids, NYE Kids Night at the Museum and our traditional New Year's Eve Gala. NYE Kids Night at the Museum will be held at the Macomb Children's Hands On Museum located at 70 Macomb Place 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 entertainment, 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
- Like the Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens)
- Twitter: [@MountClemensDDA](https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA)

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Farmers Market Pumpkin Party & Pork Roast

Saturday, October 26
8 AM until Sold Out
North River Road Parking Lot
(Between I-94 & NB Gratiot)
586.493.7600

Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 26 12 PM – 3 PM
Fountain Stage and Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Trunk or Treat

Presented by Mount Clemens Optimist Club
Saturday, October 26 12 PM – 3 PM
New County Parking Structure at
Main & Market Streets
586.463.4430

Downtown Christmas Open House Christmas Tree Lighting & Take Your Own Photos with Santa

Friday, November 22 5 PM – 9 PM
Fountain Stage, Downtown Mount Clemens
586.469.4168

Macomb County Santa Parade

Saturday, November 23 10 AM
Main Street
586.469.6818 x 317

Anton Art Center Christmas Market

Friday, November 15 through Friday, December 22
Anton Art Center
586.469.8666

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 24
Downtown Mount Clemens
586.469.4168

Macomb County Kids New Year's Eve Event

"A Night at the Museum"
December 31 4 PM – 9 PM
Macomb Children's Hands On Museum
70 Macomb Place
Information: 586.469.4168

Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala

December 31 10:30 PM
Entertainment & Fireworks on Main Street
Information and Tickets: 586.469.4168



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.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Veterans Day

Monday, November 11, 2019

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Day After Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29, 2019

City Commission Meeting Schedule

Monday, October 21, 2019
Monday, November 4, 2019
Monday, November 18, 2019
Monday, December 2, 2019
Monday, December 16, 2019

City Commission meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Agendas, minutes and videos of past meetings are available at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

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- available for residents to serve as an additional reminder for solicitors to steer clear.

- If you would like to add your address to the "No Knock" list, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3, or send us an email at lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com.



Seeking Local Treasure Nominations

- Do you know of someone who makes Mount Clemens a better place to live, work or play? If so, why not nominate them as a Mount Clemens Local Treasure? Local Treasures are Mount Clemens residents who have made a positive contribution to our city, however large or small, and the City would like to recognize them for all of their good deeds.
- To nominate someone for Local Treasure, please use a nomination form (on the City's website) and send it to City Hall by **December 16, 2019**.



Help Us Light Up Mount Clemens for the Holidays!

- 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 Second Annual Tinsel Tour. The decorated trees will light up the City Hall and the riverfront from December 3, 2019 - January 1, 2020 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 Tuesday, December 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at City Hall 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, two strands of 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 or the City's website. Trees must be reserved by November 18. Call today and help Mount Clemens sparkle in this fun holiday event!

Holiday Refuse Calendar

Columbus Day

Monday, October 14, 2019

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

Veteran's Day

Monday, November 11, 2019

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

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28, 2019

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 28th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 29th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 30th. Garbage pickup for Monday, November 25th, Tuesday, November 26th, and Wednesday, November 27th will be **on schedule**.

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

There will be NO garbage pickup on

Wednesday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Wednesday, December 25th through Friday, December 27th. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 23rd and Tuesday, December 24th will be picked up **on schedule**.

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

There will be NO garbage pickup on Wednesday, January 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Wednesday, January 1st through Friday, January 3rd. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 30th and Tuesday, December 31st will be picked up **on schedule**. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

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 6th

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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Tingley
Community Development Director

Snow And Ice Removal Required

Although we may still be enjoying the warm weather of late summer and early fall, it is important to look ahead to the upcoming winter season that will be here shortly. As a very walkable community, with an extended network of sidewalks, it is critical that residents and businesses do their part to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

City ordinances require that *"The occupant of any premises, or the owner of any unoccupied premises, is required to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises cleared, so far as is practicable and reasonable, from snow and ice to facilitate pedestrian use. Where there are no sidewalks, the occupant or owner shall clear a*

path free from snow and ice where a sidewalk would otherwise be, to facilitate pedestrian use. Whenever any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared within 12 hours after it has fallen or accumulated." Failure to remove the snow and ice according to the timeframe of the ordinance may result in the City of Mount Clemens performing this task and placing a lien against the property for all costs incurred, or issuing violation notices against the property.

We all hope this winter season is not a harsh one, but in the event that it is, the City thanks you in advance for your diligence in keeping the sidewalks of Mount Clemens safe.

RECEIVE IMPORTANT NOTICES IN YOUR EMAIL!

Did you know that residents can sign up to receive notifications from the City via email?

The email notification allows the City to send notifications to residents in cases of emergency, meeting cancellations and severe weather announcements.

Residents can sign up to receive email notifications by going to the City's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com, clicking on the "Contact" tab at the top of the Home page, and "Notification Sign Up".

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland
Deputy Treasurer

Winter Tax Bills

Residents will receive a winter tax bill on or around December 1, 2019, and it will be due on February 28, 2020. 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 your 2019 taxes will be turned over to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office on March 1, 2020. 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.

New! More Convenient Payment Options

The Treasurer's Office is pleased to announce the launch of a new electronic billing and payment service through Invoice Cloud, offering customers greater flexibility to view and pay their bills. This service allows new features such as Pay by Text, Automatic Payments, and Paperless Billing. The easy-to-use payment portal provides customers with quick access to their account to view bills, check their balance and make payments. Features include

an "at a glance" dashboard, scheduling one-time or automatic payments, securely storing payment information, and receiving email and text reminders. Visit www.cityofmountclemens.com and click on Pay Bills on the home screen. Phone payments can be made by calling 855.248.6735. Processing fees apply and are listed on the City's website.

Great Ideas For Christmas!!!

Did you know you can purchase City of Mount Clemens apparel and accessories? We have a great selection of styles and sizes available:

T-SHIRTS	\$10
POLO SHIRTS	\$18
SWEATSHIRTS	\$18-23
HOODIES	\$22-25
VESTS	\$22-25
TOTE BAGS	\$10
HATS	\$10-15
COFFEE MUGS	\$ 5-10

Show support of your city by purchasing something today!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captains Richard DeCaussin,
Greg Hoppe and Gregg Shipman

What's New?

October is National Fire Prevention Month. The first step in fire prevention is a detection system and your MCFD has put together a program for the community to help with that. If you haven't heard about our smoke detector program, we offer smoke detectors to our citizens at zero cost. If your home needs a detector you can come to the Fire Station at 2 Dickinson during business hours and we will help you. We want to make sure our citizens have the first line of defense when it comes to fire prevention.

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 who support us. We would like to thank Hefling's Amish Farm Market 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. Halloween candy should be inspected by an adult before consumption.
2. Keep chimneys clean to prevent build up in indoor fireplaces.
3. Candles should never be left unattended and should be away from any hazards.
4. Make sure matches and lighters are out of the reach of children.

On behalf of everyone at Mount Clemens Fire Department, we wish everyone a safe and happy Fall.

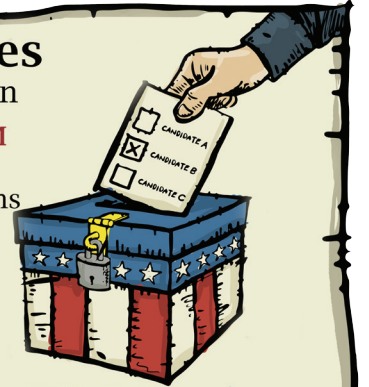
Meet the Candidates

For Mayor & City Commission

Thursday, October 24 at 6:30PM
Mount Clemens Public Library
150 Cass Avenue - Mount Clemens

Sponsored by the
**Mount Clemens Cable
Communications Commission**

This Event Will be Recorded for Playback



Macomb County Santa Parade

Presented by the City of Mount Clemens

Saturday, November 23 at 10AM

Main Street - Mount Clemens

Grand Marshal: Jennifer Ann Wilson, WXYZ



We're counting on You!

The 2020 Census is coming!

The U.S. Census Bureau will be mailing information regarding the 2020 Census to all residents in March, 2020. Census forms need to be completed and returned to the Census Bureau by April 1, 2020, preferably online.

Why is the Census important? The information compiled helps the federal, state and local government plan for the services they require and provide to residents. The population of each city and state

help determine congressional representation, funding and state revenue sharing to local communities. The higher the population, the more funding and representation the City will have at the state and federal level. When residents don't complete the survey form, the City misses out on crucial funding that cannot be adjusted until the next Census in ten years.

In the meantime, anyone interested in working for the Census can visit <https://2020Census.gov/jobs> or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

2019 Mount Clemens Skeleton Contest

We are doing it again this year! The theme is villains, you know bad guys... villains and villainesses!

We are asking businesses in Mount Clemens to sponsor a skeleton in the downtown area again this year.

During the Halloween season, you may see characters like Captain Hook, The Joker, Medusa, Dracula, Cruella de VilYou may even see an evil queen or two.

Skeletons will be on display in the downtown from Friday October 11th through Halloween. So bring the family to Mount Clemens and cast your vote for your favorite skeleton!

This event is sponsored by the Mount Clemens Beautification Commission.

Crocker House Museum

Cemetery Walk & Funeral Tea

Saturday, October 5

The Crocker House will be set for an 1880s wake. Cemetery Walk will feature re-enactors portraying the documented historical past of people buried in Clinton Grove Cemetery.

\$15 members / \$20 non-members

Funeral Tea at 11 AM

\$35 members / \$40 non-members

Gone with The Wind at the Emerald Theatre

Sunday, October 27, doors open at 2 PM, 3 PM film starts

Please join us in celebrating the 80th

anniversary of this epic film. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from the Emerald Theatre at www.theemeraldtheatre.com

Tuesday Tea Talk at Two; Margaret Mitchell & Gone with the Wind

Tuesday, October 29, 2 PM

\$10 members / \$12 non-members

The World of Music in 1869 Tea

Sunday, November 3, 1 PM

\$40 members/\$45 non-members

Tuesday Tea Talk at Two; The Metz Fire of 1908

Tuesday, November 12, 2 PM

\$10 members/\$12 non-members

Silent Christmas Film Tea

Sunday, December 1, 1 PM

\$35 members/\$40 non-members

Jingle Journey in Mount Clemens

Sunday, December 8, noon to 5 PM

Entrance fee

Christmas at the Crocker House:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays 10 AM – 4 PM November 26 & 27, December 3 - 19

Please call 586.465.2488 or visit www.crockerhousemuseum.org for event information, to make reservations or to purchase tickets.



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