



A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mount Clemens

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Message from Mayor Laura Kropp

*"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."
-Henry Ford*

I hope that all of our residents have been staying safe, healthy, and hopeful during this unprecedented time. I would like to thank each of our residents for being patient and understanding as we navigate our way through COVID-19. 2020 has been an unpredictable year so far, but I am happy to see our community helping each other through these tough times as that is what makes us stronger.

Over the past few months we have gained a new member to our team. I would like to welcome our new city manager, Donald Johnson. We are excited to work together to bring new and exciting things to the city for our residents!

During this time we also have worked together with the city commission to develop a strategic plan for the City of Mount Clemens that consists of a mission statement, a vision, and values. Each of these elements are

pieces of a puzzle that will help us reach the goals and objectives for the upcoming years!

Please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns, I always enjoy hearing from our residents! Also, do not forget to shop local and support our Mount Clemens small businesses! Continue to stay safe and have a great holiday season!

Lets Talk!

Please join me for coffee talks via zoom to hear about what we are doing, ask any questions, or share your feedback with me. Check out the city Facebook page for meeting ID numbers closer to the dates below!

Tues. Oct 13th at 9:30 a.m.

Thur. Oct 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Tues. Nov 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Thur. Nov 12th at 6:30 p.m.

To provide ethical, effective leadership and municipal services that enhance the quality of life for an inclusive community.

**Mount Clemens:
The Uptown of
Macomb County**



PRIDE

Progressive: always moving forward

Respectful: of all who live, work, & play in our community

Inclusive & Diverse: mindful of ALL voices

Dynamic: positive & energetic

Ethical: always doing the right thing

City Clerk's Office

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk

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

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

www.cityofmountclemens.com



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**City Election
is Tuesday,
November 3, 2020**



The next election in the City of Mount Clemens is the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Voting precincts will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Please call the city clerk's office at 586.469.6818, option #3 for questions about the election.

Are You Registered To Vote?!

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 19, 2020.**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the City of Mount Clemens Clerk's Office, located at

One Crocker Blvd., Mount Clemens, MI 48043 at the following times:

- Regular business hours:
Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Michigan residents may now enjoy the convenience of registering to vote online at www.Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration. To register to vote online, visitors must have a Michigan Driver's License or Personal Identification Card and qualify to vote in the State of Michigan.

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 register 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.

Save postage by using the city's drop box! Absentee Ballots can be placed in the city's drop box located in the parking lot across from the gazebo at city hall. The drop box can be used for all city business including payments for water and tax bills, parking tickets, as well as absentee ballot applications and voted absentee ballots. The drop box is secure and available 24 hours, 7 days a week!

Absent Voter Ballot Mail
Envelopes - New for 2020

The Absent Voter Ballot envelopes have a new look redesigned to meet USPS standards. All absent voters will receive this blue and white envelope containing their ballot. The brown envelope will no longer be used.

Dates to remember:

Friday, October 30, 2020 - last day to request your absentee ballot by mail until 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2, 2020 - last day to receive your absentee ballot in person in the clerk's office until 4:00 p.m.

Voting In Person at a Precinct

The following precincts will be open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day:

Precinct 1

Turner Chapel Church, 125 Clinton River Drive

Precinct 2

Wilson Gymnasium, 58 South Wilson

Precinct 3

Mount Clemens Community Center, 300 Groesbeck Highway

Precinct 4

Mount Clemens Community Center, 300 Groesbeck Highway

Precinct 6

City Hall, One Crocker Blvd.

Precinct 9

Seminole School, 1500 Mulberry

**Unsolicited Voting Materials**

Please note that the Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office does not send out unsolicited voter registration applications or absentee voter ballot applications to residents. When residents receive these unsolicited voting materials, it is usually sent to them by political parties or voter interest groups. Because these third parties do not have access to any municipality's voter database, they do not know the status of voter registration and may send the applications to residents who are already registered—resulting in a great deal of confusion and frustration to voters. Similarly, these groups have been known to send absentee voter ballot applications to voters who have already sent their completed application back to the city, prompting voters to believe that their original application was never received.

Residents who are unsure if they are registered to vote in Mount Clemens, or wish to check the status of their absentee ballot, may call the clerk's office at 586.469.6818, ext. 310, or visit the Michigan Voter Information Center online at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Make a Difference This Year!

The City of Mount Clemens is seeking residents who wish to make valuable contributions to the city by volunteering to serve on one of the city's many boards and committees. There are currently openings on the following boards:

- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Harbor Commission
- Historical Commission
- Historic District Commission
- Local Officer's Compensation Commission
- Planning Commission

Please visit the city's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com for an application, or call the city clerk's office at 586.469.6818, ext. 3.

DDA

Michelle Weiss
Marketing & Events Coordinator

As we approach the holiday season, we encourage you to think downtown Mount Clemens first when you choose to dine out and for your gift giving needs. Our downtown Mount Clemens businesses need your support now more than ever. The entire business community is working hard to adapt to the current and changing needs of our patrons. Most of our restaurants are offering several options to diners including dine in, curbside, and delivery. Many of our retailers have personal shopping, special offers, and curbside pickup available to shoppers. Gift certificates are always a fantastic way to help our businesses, and they're the perfect present or stocking stuffer.

We're pleased to announce many new businesses that have recently opened, as well as several coming soon.

Geez Louise

Opening Soon

69 N. Walnut

Refinished furniture, functional art, custom blended teas, home goods, hand crafted jewelry, soaps, essential oils and more.

The Cake Experience (Bakery) -

Opening Soon

58 Cherry Street

Deep Cuts Barbershop

Now Open

81 Macomb Place

Cellar 104 Wine Boutique

Opening Soon

104 Macomb Place

JK Millworks

Opening Soon

122 S. Main Street
Custom Wood Working

Katie Anton Photography

Now Open

65 N. Walnut Street

Black Cat Coffee

Opening Soon

55 Macomb Place

The Discovery Center

Opening Soon

48 - 54 Cherry Street
Children's Museum

Du-All Art Supply

33 Crocker Blvd.

Art & Graphic Supplies

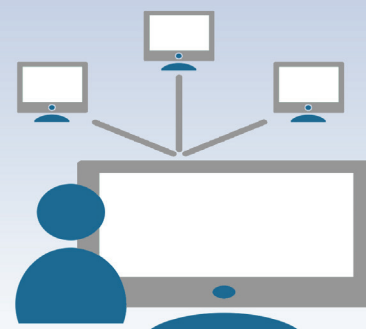
For the latest information on our events and happenings, visit our social media pages.

Facebook: Facebook.com/
DowntownMountClemens
Twitter: @MountClemensDDA
Instagram: @mountclemensdda

**Remote Public Meetings**

Macomb Cable Network will continue to provide remote access to city commission and board of education meetings via Zoom and our YouTube channel.

Visit the city and school district's websites to join our meetings.

**New Sculptures Arrive in Mount Clemens**

On Tuesday, October 6, the Macomb Cultural & Economic Partnership (MCEP) placed 13 sculptures, including continuing two present sculptures in the south end of Mount Clemens. The new sculptures will be in place until October 2021. In the MCEP sculpture program's first year (2018-2019) we placed 8 sculptures in the south end of Mount Clemens. Last year 12 sculptures were placed for a one-year display.

The sculptures are sponsored for a year by the Midwest Sculpture Initiative which coordinates with mid-west artists. The MCEP arranges for financial sponsors for the pieces and locations to place the art works.

The Macomb Cultural and Economic Partnership is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization based in Mount Clemens. Our programs include

bringing international students to visit Macomb County, provide Macomb County students with a variety of opportunities, trips for students and adults to travel overseas (pre-COVID), and improving local communities through visual artistic enhancement and community improvements. They are supported by private funds and receive no government funding.



Holiday Refuse Calendar

Columbus Day
Monday, October 12, 2020

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

Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during Veterans Day week - November 9th through November 13th.

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26, 2020

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 26th.

Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 27th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 28th.

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 2020

There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday, December 25th. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday.

New Years Day
Friday, January 1, 2021

There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday, January 1st. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday.



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
Decemehr 11th**

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 coopera-
tion is appreciated!**

Treasurer's Office

Lori Holland
Deputy Treasurer

Winter Tax Bills

Residents will receive a winter tax bill on or around December 1, 2020, and it will be due on February 28, 2021. 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 2020 taxes will be turned over to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office on March 1, 2021. 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.

Great Ideas For Christmas!!!

Did you know you can purchase City of Mount Clemens apparel and accessories?

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!

Important Numbers
City of Mount Clemens
586.469.6818

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	
Dial-A-Ride	586.469.RIDE
DDA	586.469.4168
Finance/Accounting	x 301
Fire	586.469.6840
Human Resources	x 5
Parking Matters	x 909
Public Housing	586.468.1434
Public Services	586.469.6847
Purchasing	x 6
Treasurer's Office	x 1
Utilities	586.469.6889
Sheriff's Office	586.469.5151
41B District Court	586.469.9300

Community Development

Brian Tingley
Community Development Director

Snow And Ice Removal Required

Although we may still be enjoying the warm weather of 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 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!

2020 Mount Clemens Skeleton Contest

We are doing it again this year!

The theme is witches and wayward souls! We are asking businesses in Mount Clemens to sponsor a skeleton in the downtown area again this year. Skeletons will be on display in the downtown from Friday October 16th 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.

Upcoming Holidays

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

- Veterans Day**
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day**
Thursday, November 26, 2020
- Day After Thanksgiving**
Friday, November 27, 2020
- Christmas Eve**
Thursday, December 24, 2020
- Christmas Day**
Friday, December 25, 2020
- New Year's Eve**
Thursday, December 31, 2020

Upcoming Event!

What? State of the City Address
Where? Emerald Theater
When? November 13th, 8:00 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased through the Macomb County Chamber call 586.493.7600 for details.

If you can't make it to the address, check out the city's YouTube channel, or your local public cable channel!

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.



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.

Does your family have a plan? Visit the city website fire department page for a printable outline to create a plan for your family in case of an emergency!

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

New - Recreation Board!

The recreation board has been recently reestablished! Mayor Laura Kropp states "The city recognizes the importance of parks and recreation for residents of all ages in their daily lives. Our intention for this board is to bring diverse programming and activities for all residents back to Mount Clemens. We are looking to provide more opportunities for all ages to be more active and healthier both physically and mentally." A major goal for the city commission for 2020-21 is to "expand access to recreation for all city residents."

The commission has established four objectives toward accomplishing this goal:

- Establish a parks & recreation advisory board
- Partner with third-party entities to bring in low-cost recreation opportunities
- Seek grants from local foundations to support activities
- Bring programs to underutilized parks