

# Clementimes

A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mount Clemens

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**Have a question?  
Give us a call.**

There's friendly staff available to assist you. 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.

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**Mount Clemens City Hall  
One Crocker Boulevard  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**You may also visit our Web site at  
[www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com).**

## Messages from the Mayor

Summer is here...so are the summer activities and events. With the gas prices as high as they are you may want to plan a vacation right here in the "Clem."

There are a variety of events planned for the summer months from craft shows and Classic Car Cruises to Saturday morning with our own Rosco the Clown.

Spend Friday evenings on the Riverfront listening to music by Air Margaritaville, The Contours, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, Sun Messengers and Terri Lea & the Mustangs. For us Baby Boomers, the Teen Angels will take us down memory lane, back in time when life was less stressful and care free. This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> season of free concerts sponsored by Petitpren, Inc. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a great summer's evening on the banks of the Clinton River.

If you have not had a chance to check out the Anton Art Center or visit the historical Crocker House Museum, what better time than the lazy,

hazy days of summer. Visit the Michigan Transit Museum and take a train ride to the Selfridge Military Air Museum. Kids and adults alike will enjoy the ride.

If going to Metro Beach is on your to do list, Mount Clemens Dial-A-Ride has a shuttle that will take you there and pick you up. For dates and times, please call 586.469.7433.

Rounding out the summer events will be the Bath City Festival and Fireworks. The festival showcases the rich heritage of Mount Clemens and Macomb County. If you have a special treasure that you have always wondered what it is worth, why not bring it to the appraisal tent and get an expert's opinion. By popular demand, the carnival is back with rides and games for all ages. After a fun filled afternoon at the festival, bring your blanket, walk down to the riverfront and enjoy the music and fireworks.

Enjoy your summer.

## Mount Clemens Cancer Relay For Life June 7-8, 2008

As the sun sets on the daylong festivities of the Cancer Relay for Life at the Mount Clemens High School, a second wave of energy seems to be growing. There is still another 12 hours of Relay to go. Luminaries are being lit and dedicated to family members who have been lost to various types of cancer. The heat of the day is subsiding, but movement is everywhere.

The day started off hot and humid with 40 teams in attendance. Mayor Barb Dempsey addressed the crowd at the opening ceremony as the teams surrounded the track at Mount Clemens High School.

The Relay for Life is a 24-hour marathon, with teams competing in a fun effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society. There were Flowers for a Cure, breakfast foods, popcorn, cookies, brownies, sloppy joes, chicken pitas, beads to mark your laps on the track and Beanie Babies available to purchase, with proceeds going to the ACS.

Fruit Fighters, City Avengers, Action Against Cancer, Booty Butt Warriors, Mighty Methodists, Zionic Force and Bates Bombers were just a few of the team names in attendance.

One of the most interesting events was the Mr. Relay Contest. Men dressed in women's clothing and begged for money. The winner made \$150 on one trip around the track.

Rev. Roxie Davis, from the First Presbyterian Church, performed weddings and renewal of nuptials. One wedding had the groom peddling a decorated oversized tricycle and the bride riding backwards.

One of Mount Clemens' local bands played first thing in the morning. Later in the evening, a DJ was spinning records for everyone's enjoyment.

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## Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Summer has arrived and there are a great number of events going on in Mount Clemens for everyone in the family.

When you come for one of the events, don't miss the opportunity to check out one of the dozen of new businesses that have opened in the Downtown over the last year.

### **Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series**

Air Margaritaville (Trop rock and Jimmy Buffett)  
Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

8 PM

Clinton Riverfront Park (across from City Hall)  
586.469.4168

### **Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series**

The Contours (Motown)  
Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

8 PM

Clinton Riverfront Park (across from City Hall)  
586.469.4168

### **Mount Clemens Summer Craft Show**

Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

11 AM – 8 PM (Fri) & 10 AM – 6 PM (Sat)

Macomb Place between Main and Pine Sts.  
Live Music – Friday at Lunchtime and  
Saturday Afternoon

586.469.4168

### **Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series**

Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels

Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

8 PM

Clinton Riverfront Park (across from City Hall)  
586.469.4168

### **Bud Light Classic Cruise Night**

Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

3 PM – 10 PM

Main St. between Cass Ave. and Welts St.  
586.469.4168

### **Classic Car Cruise Street Dance**

"Dancing in the Streets" Music by DJ Eric

Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Main St. between Macomb Pl. and New St.

9 PM – 11 PM

586.469.4168

### **Daughters of Macomb Parade**

Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Main Street at Macomb Place

### **Girls Night Out Downtown**

Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

5 PM – 9 PM

Participating Retailers Downtown  
586.469.4168

### **Saturday Mornings with Rosco the Clown and Friends**

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

10 AM Show – 11:30 AM Lunch

Fountain Stage on Macomb Place  
586.469.4168

### **Bath City Festival Run**

Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

8 AM

Recreation Bowl on Crocker Boulevard  
586.469.4168

### **Old Crowd Parade**

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Main Street at Macomb Place

### **Bath City Festival Carnival**

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> — Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

North Roskopp (Red) Parking Lot

586.469.4168

### **Bath City Festival**

Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> — Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

11 AM – 10 PM (Friday & Saturday)

11 AM – 6 PM (Sunday)

Downtown Mount Clemens  
586.469.4168

### **Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series**

Teen Angels (Classic Rock)

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

8 PM

Clinton Riverfront Park (across from City Hall)  
586.469.4168

### **Bath City Festival Fireworks**

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dusk

Clinton Riverfront Park (across from City Hall)  
586.469.4168

### **Farmers Market Pig and Corn Roast**

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Park and Ride Lot – North River Road  
(between I-94 and NB Gratiot)

10 AM until Sold Out

586.493.7600

### **Mount Clemens Grand Prix**

#### **Soap Box Derby Race**

Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

10 AM

Crocker Boulevard Bridge  
586.468.7746

### **Saturday Mornings with Rosco the Clown and Friends**

Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

10 AM Show – 11:30 AM Lunch

Fountain Stage on Macomb Place  
586.469.4168

### **Mount Clemens Art Party –**

#### **Fundraiser for Anton Art Center**

Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

6 PM

Macomb Place near Anton Art Center  
Tickets - 586.469.8666

### **Farmers Market Spudtacluar Pork-A-Thon Potato and Pig Roast**

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

10 AM – 2 PM

Park and Ride Lot – North River Road  
(between I-94 and NB Gratiot)

586.493.7600

For more information on these and other upcoming events, log on to [www.downtownmountclemens.com](http://www.downtownmountclemens.com).



Turn to page 8 for information and the registration form for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Contest, sponsored by the Mount Clemens Beautification Committee.

You can view sample scarecrows at City Hall in September.

For a complete listing of programs at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena and Fitness Center, please visit the Web site [www.mountclemensicearena.com](http://www.mountclemensicearena.com) or call the arena at 586.307.8202.

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**Holiday Refuse Calendar**

Labor Day - September 1, 2008

There will be NO garbage pick-up on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Pick-up will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Regular refuse pick-up will resume on Monday, September 8, 2008.

NOTE: TRASH PICK-UP WILL RUN ON SCHEDULE DURING COLUMBUS DAY WEEK, OCTOBER 13 - 17, 2008.

**Summer Season Safety**

This is the time of the year when you will see our maintenance crew out and about working along the right-of-way and in the street. We ask that residents and visitors alike be patient and courteous to the crew while they are working along the City streets. We are all working to make our City a better place to live, work, and visit.

**Leaf Pick-up Policy**

The City of Mount Clemens will again enforce its leaf pick-up policy this fall. RAKING AND BLOWING LEAVES INTO THE STREET IN THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS IS PROHIBITED. 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.

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.

The City will schedule a clean-up crew to come down every street at least twice during the fall to pick up the leaves that have fallen from the trees. The City will not release a schedule due to the uncertain weather conditions during the fall season.

Please remember that following City policy will not only be appreciated by the City of Mount Clemens, but also by your neighbor who has been taking the time to bag their leaves.

A City contracted yard waste collection truck will operate through November 29, 2008 only. No compost or yard waste will be picked up after November 29<sup>th</sup>. This truck will pick up only properly contained and bundled yard waste. YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. Brush piles

and yard waste must be placed in 30-gallon brown waste bags or 25- to 35-gallon refuse containers that weigh 50 pounds or less. Brush must be cut into four-foot lengths and tied in bundles. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 pounds or be over 18" in diameter. Large logs and branches over 3" in diameter, as well as stumps or roots, will not be picked up for collection.

Place all yard waste at curbside no earlier than 6 PM the day before your scheduled pick up day and NO LATER THAN 7 AM of your scheduled pick-up day.

Any questions on this policy should be directed to the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847, between the hours of 7 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday or visit our Web site at [www.cityofmountclemens.com/services.htm](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com/services.htm).

**Sanitation FAQs**

*Q. Why can't I put my yard waste at the curb for pick-up in plastic bags?*

A. Since March 28, 1995, the State of Michigan has banned yard waste materials from going to landfills in an ongoing effort to reduce the waste that ends up in landfills. A separate refuse truck operates on your pick-up day, hauling your yard waste to a local composting site that recycles your yard waste and/or turns it into compost. In order for the yard waste to be accepted by the composting site, yard waste must be at the curb in a bio-degradable paper leaf bag or loose in a 25- to 35-gallon garbage can marked "yard waste" or "compost." Please do not mix garbage with yard waste. The contractor will not pick it up because it will get rejected at the compost site.

*Q. I'm cleaning out my garage, what do I do with my old paint cans that are full of paint? Can I place them in a garbage bag and put them out at the curb on my trash day?*

A. Paint cans can be picked up by the refuse contractor as long as the paint is in a non-liquid form. Please do not put your wet paint cans in a garbage bag. The paint will splatter onto the street and all over the truck when the hauler packs the load. You can solidify paint by taking the lids off and letting the paint dry out for a few days or by mixing cat litter, oil dry, or sand in the can until it is in a solid form. Once the paint is solid, you may place the cans in a box with the lids off so the

contractor can see the paint is solid. Please make sure that the box is strong enough to hold the weight of the paint cans and that the overall weight is less than 50 pounds.

**Tree Concerns & Complaints**

Residents with specific complaints or concerns regarding a street tree growing in the City's right-of-way may contact the Forestry Division at 586.469.6847.

**Lost Dogs/Cats**

Mount Clemens takes all stray animals to the Macomb County Animal Shelter. You may contact them at 586.469.5115. If an animal is licensed and wearing tags, the owner will be notified that the pet has been found.

Please be a responsible pet owner and follow these City policies:

- ALL DOGS AND CATS MUST BE LICENSED by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A current RABIES vaccination certificate WITH EXPIRATION DATES must be presented for either species in order to obtain a license.
- A household may have a total of four (4) dogs or cats, or a combination of both totaling four.
- ALL DOGS OR CATS MUST WEAR LICENSE TAGS when outside a building or residence or otherwise outdoors.
- All dogs and cats shall be kept under restraint (leashed) and NOT PERMITTED TO BE AT LARGE.

DOGS AND CATS MUST BE LICENSED even if they never leave the house.

**Dogs and Cats...**

As the weather gets warmer, people and their pets will be outdoors more often. Keep your pet on a leash or in a secured area for the safety of your neighbors as well as your pets. The City does require that dogs and cats are licensed. If you need to obtain a license, they are available at the Treasurer's Office at One Crocker Boulevard with proof of current vaccinations.

Enjoy your summer  
at any one  
of the 12 local parks.  
Page 7 has a picture and  
description of each.

## EXTRA... EXTRA... Read all about it! The Mount Clemens Community Center is now open!

After a long winter of upgrades and remodeling, the YMCA and the City of Mount Clemens have officially reopened the once vacant Community Center. We are fully operational and ready to serve our community.

In collaboration with the City of Mount Clemens, residents will be offered senior programs, teen programs, sport, art, and day camps, as well as our traditional recreational youth and adult sports. Right now, we are going to focus primarily on the active older adults by having the center open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The schedule is subject to change as we are very optimistic and hope to have the center open more days out of the week. Activities will include cards, bus trips, bowling (with the new Nintendo Wii), dances, professional seminars and pot lucks, just to name a few. We will still offer our sports leagues which consist of baseball, soccer, flag football, lacrosse, and adult softball. We plan to have the monthly teen programs running by the middle of the summer.

Beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>, we are going to hold our traditional summer day camp at the Community Center. Our day camp is a state

licensed program that places emphasis on safety, fun, and making positive memories that will last a lifetime. Kids are able to make and meet new friends, "hang out" with our positive role models (counselors) and learn new skills. Camp is Monday through Friday and you can sign up weekly or for the whole summer, whatever works out in your schedule! Each day is filled with action packed games and activities. A typical week will include swimming at the YMCA, field trips, Metro beach, and at the Community Center enjoying the vast open 40-acres of pure fun!

For information about our active older adult programs and teen programs, contact Nikole Staley at 586.468.1411, extension 215 or e-mail at [nstaley@ymcamedetroit.org](mailto:nstaley@ymcamedetroit.org). For sports and camp information, contact Lindsay Sammut at extension 213 or e-mail at [lsammut@ymcamedetroit.org](mailto:lsammut@ymcamedetroit.org).

Please visit our Web site at [www.ymcamedetroit.org](http://www.ymcamedetroit.org) or call 586.468.1411 for a complete listing of our programs.

## CABLE TELEVISION

Patrick Linabury  
Senior Producer

### Macomb Cable Network

For a complete schedule lineup of cable programming, please visit [www.mcnetv.com](http://www.mcnetv.com).

### Comcast Channels 5, 20 & 22 Wide Open West Channel 10, 15 & 18

### Sale Postings

Posting signs on utility and telephone poles in the City of Mount Clemens is prohibited! To promote your garage, lawn, estate or neighborhood block sales, post your notices on cable television! Macomb Cable Network offers this service FREE to all Mount Clemens residents. Your notice should include the time and date of the sale, plus a list of any items of interest that may encourage more business, such as antiques, maternity items or furniture. Send your request in at least two weeks prior to your sale.

Send your sale notice to:

Macomb Cable Network

c/o Sale Notice

155 Cass Avenue

Mount Clemens, MI 48043

E-mail: [LinaburyP@mtcps.org](mailto:LinaburyP@mtcps.org)

Fax: 586.469.7232

## CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lynne Kennedy, City Clerk

The City Clerk's Office prides itself in providing friendly and professional public service. The responsibilities of the City Clerk's office include the following: Animal Licenses, Business Registrations, Preparation of City Commission minutes, Freedom of Information Act Coordinator, Election Administration, Voter Registration, Maintain Code of Ordinances, Maintain Public Records and Custodian of the Municipal Seal.

### Election Information

The next election will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

To obtain an absent voter's ballot application, please call our office at 586.469.6818 x 3, or you can download an application at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

The last day to request an absentee ballot is Saturday, August 2, 2008. The City Clerk's office is open on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

### Voting Precinct Change

Beginning with the August Primary Election, voting precinct #5 will move from the Macomb YMCA to the new Cairns Community Center (58 Orchard). All voters in Precinct #5 will receive new voter identification cards.

### Absentee Voter List

The City Clerk's Office maintains a list of voters who are interested in receiving absent voter applications for every election. We are in the process of updating that list. If you are interested in absentee voting, and would like to receive an application for each election, please contact our office at 586.469.6818 x 3 to be added to our mailing list.

### Don't Want Solicitors Knocking on Your Door? Sign Up for Our New "No-Knock" List

The City recently adopted an ordinance that would regulate door-to-door solicitors. As part of this ordinance, the City Clerk's Office has established a "no-knock" list. This list will

be given to all permitted solicitors and they will be advised that if they attempt to solicit at addresses on the list, their permit may be revoked. If you would like your address to be added to our "no-knock" list, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x 3 or send us an e-mail at [lkennedy@cityofmountclemens.com](mailto:lkennedy@cityofmountclemens.com).

**Please Note:** The "no-knock" list is for residential properties only.

### Code of Ordinances

City ordinances are available for review at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours. The Mount Clemens Public Library also has a copy of our ordinances on file for your convenience. If you like to use your computer to search for documents, the ordinances can be found on-line through a link on our Web site [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com)



Standing in front of the new HME fire engine from left: Firefighter David Buscaino, Firefighter Tony Kirkum, Father Michael Cooney, Firefighter Nick Candela and Captain Mark Percefull.

**What's New?**

- On April 28, 2008, the new HME fire engine went into service. The engine received a blessing from Father Michael Cooney from St. Peter's Church. Shortly after its blessing, the new HME fire engine went on its first fire run.
- The Mount Clemens Fire Department's Web site is up and running. You can now view pictures and get information about the Fire Department at [www.mountclemensfire.com](http://www.mountclemensfire.com).
- On May 25, 2008, the Mount Clemens Fire Department welcomed Jon Kohlmann as the Department Photographer. Mr. Kohlmann is a longtime resident of the City of Mount Clemens and is happy to be part of this new program at the Fire Department. Mr. Kohlmann has an extensive photographic experience and has his own photography business.
- On May 29, 2008, Firefighter Thomas Mocerri received the Firefighter of the Year Award from the Mount Clemens Elks Club. The Mount Clemens Elks Club holds an annual appreciation dinner for public safety personnel from around the county. Firefighter Mocerri received the award because of his dedication and hard work around the fire station.
- The Mount Clemens Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their 26<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing on Friday, August 1, 2008 at the Cracklewood Golf Course. Sponsorships and participants are needed! A hole can be sponsored for \$100 or a foursome can participate for \$400. Please contact Volunteer Firefighter Josh Bigelow at 586.634.6691 for more information.

**Special Thanks:**

The Mount Clemens Fire Department would like to thank Elizabeth Geary for her time and effort in the donation of the Mount Clemens Fire Department's Web site.

Other thanks goes to Father Cooney for devoting his time to the Firefighters of Mount Clemens.

A last thank you goes to Jon Kohlmann for answering the call in the last city news article. The Fire Department looks forward to working with you.

**Fire Safety Tip: Use electricity safely!**

If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Replace frayed or cracked electrical cords and don't overload extension cords. They should not be run under rugs. Also, never tamper with the fuse box or use the improper size fuse.

**Medical Safety Tip:** Drowning claims the lives of nearly 3,000 people every year. Although all age groups are represented, children four years old and younger have the highest death rate due to drowning. Most drowning and near-drowning incidents happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub. In fact, drowning is the leading cause of accidental injury deaths among children under age five. Toddlers may not know how to swim, but they are naturally attracted to water and it only takes a few minutes for a child to drown. Parents, NEVER leave a child alone near water, always watch your children around swimming pools and always use approved flotation devices.

**Quiz:** What's a common name for the hose on the front bumper of the fire engine?

- A. Jumper Hose
- B. Bump Hose
- C. Stretch Line
- D. Trash Line

Answer: D

**Miss an issue of the Clementimes?**

**Need a previous article for reference?**

All past newsletters are posted on-line at [www.cityofmountclemens.com/newsletter.htm](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com/newsletter.htm).

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City Commissioners Karan Bates-Gasior and Matt Dreger went into the dunk-tank to raise money for the ACS, and City Commissioner Jack Johns, Co-Captain for the Mount Clemens City Avengers, walked 20 full miles on the track.

Patrick MacDonald, a local resident, who lost his father, Raymond Malcolm MacDonald, within the last year, played the bag pipes as he led the Luminary March. He wore his father's one-of-a-kind hat with St. Vincent DePaul's pin.

Mayor Dempsey tried her best to hold the Avengers' booth through the night, making sure our relay continued on until the closing ceremonies on Sunday morning. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans. By midnight, the Macomb County Sheriff Deputies were warning all of the Relay participants of an impending thunderstorm. Lucky for the City Avengers, Commissioner Lois Hill showed up on the scene and helped with some pre-packing in case the storms materialized. By 1:30 AM, the sky was flashing with lightning in the distance, and the Relay participants were requested to leave the field for safety reasons. By 2:00 AM, the field was clear. By 3:00 AM lightning had struck only one block over by Miller Street, the power was out and the Relay was finished.

With the power outage, there was no way to hold the closing ceremonies in the morning. Alternate plans to thank everyone by the ACS and to make announcements will be forthcoming.

As a true show of community, a resident of Mount Clemens whose name I did not get, arrived on the scene of the Relay at 1:30 AM. He told me he had seen the weather report on TV at home, and thought he should come up to the school field to help. It was only with his help that the City Avengers got their pavilion down only minutes before the first downpour. Unfortunately, this resident was gone as fast as he arrived. So to you, mystery neighbor, "thank you." Thank you for showing true community spirit by coming out of your home in the middle of the night to help without being asked.

Even with the rain and power outage, Kelli McCoy and her staff from the ACS have done a phenomenal job organizing our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mount Clemens Cancer Relay for Life and we all look forward to working with them again next year.

Totals have not been finalized, but we beat our goal and raised over \$61,000. Thank you to everyone who participated.

*This article was contributed by City Commission Matthew Dreger.*

## TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland  
Deputy Treasurer

### Summer Tax Bills are Due

As you probably know, 2008 summer taxes are due on September 15, 2008. If you are unable to pay the entire amount due, you may make payments toward your balance at any time. If paying in person, we will issue you a receipt with your remaining balance listed. After September 15<sup>th</sup>, a 4% penalty will be added to any remaining balance. This amount will not be penalized again until March 1, 2009, when it is turned over to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection.

### Senior Tax Deferments

If you are age 62 or over before December 31, 2008, and your income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$35,000, you are eligible to apply for a deferment of your summer property taxes. This form must be signed each year before September 15<sup>th</sup> and will give you until February 28, 2009 to pay your summer taxes without penalty. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x 1.

### Is Your Summer Water Bill Hurting Your Budget?

Since water bills are only generated every three months, you have the option of dividing your water bill into three monthly payments. The only disadvantage is that a 5% penalty will be added after the due date on any remaining balance. FOR EXAMPLE, your water bill is \$159.72. You can pay \$53.24 before the due date, \$53.24 the 2<sup>nd</sup> month and \$58.57 (amount includes 5% penalty) the 3<sup>rd</sup> month. Your account will be paid in full before the next bill comes out. Remember, we will make every attempt to work with you on a payment schedule.

### Did You Receive A Past Due Notice?

Please contact our office BEFORE your scheduled shut off date to make payment arrangements. You can prevent your water from being shut off by simply coming in and signing for payment arrangements. Once we have initiated shut off, you have to pay the entire balance due by cash or money order, including a \$25 turn on fee. If you cannot make a payment towards your bill, please contact an agency for help as soon as possible. The United Way may be able to provide contact information for agencies that may be able to assist you. Simply call 211 for help.

## Macomb County Sheriff's Office Mark A. Hackel, Macomb County Sheriff

Enjoy the Water This Summer...  
Boating Safety Tips

Before venturing out in a boat:

- Check your local weather forecast.
- Make a float plan -- tell someone where you are going, how long you will be out, when you are returning and how many people are on board.
- Conduct a safety check of your vessel. Check all hoses, electrical wiring and the ventilation system. Make sure you have plenty of gas.
- Ensure each passenger has a life jacket.
- Take along vessel registration, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, proper identification, horn, a cell phone, marine radio, sun block, tow rope and a portable battery charger pack.



A safety message from the Macomb Auto Theft Squad:

### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CARJACKERS

BE AWARE

- Walk with purpose. Always approach your car with your keys in hand.
- Pay attention to your surroundings, and be alert to nearby activities.
- Always check the back seat before opening your car.
- Be suspicious of anyone asking for directions or handing out flyers.
- Always be aware of your surroundings. Look around and stay alert when you are stopped at an intersection.
- When stopping in traffic, leave enough distance between your car and the one in front of you so you can see their tires.
- Drive in the center lane to make it harder for a would-be carjacker to approach the car.
- Know your route. Use well-lighted streets and well-traveled roads whenever possible.

BE SMART

- Don't drive without first locking your doors and closing your windows.
- Park in well-lighted areas, near sidewalks or

- walkways. Avoid parking near dumpsters, woods, large vans or trucks, or anything else that may limit your visibility. If possible, ask someone to walk with you to your car.
- Put valuables in your trunk or out of sight.
- Try to park in a garage with an attendant. Leave only your ignition key, with no identification.
- Don't get out of your car if you see suspicious people.
- To avoid other thefts that sometimes follow carjackings, separate your car keys from your house and office keys. In addition, do not leave your registration, insurance information, or any information identifying your home or work address in your glove box or car interior. Always keep that information personally with you.
- Keep a good supply of gas in your tank and your car in good working condition.
- Above all, never leave a child unattended in your car - not even for a minute!

WHAT CAN YOU DO IF IT HAPPENS?

- If someone demands your car keys, don't argue and don't resist. Nothing is more valuable than your life!
- Get away from the area as quickly as possible.
- Dial the 911 emergency number and report the crime immediately. If you have a car or portable phone, it is a good idea to program a speed dial with the 911 emergency number.
- Try to remember as many details about the carjacker as possible: sex, race, age, hair & eye color, unusual features and clothing.
- If your house or office keys are taken, change the locks immediately. If a garage door opener is in the car, change the security code immediately.

### Special Sheriff Hotlines

Sheriff Business Line . . . . .	586.469.5151
MACE (Computer Crimes) . . . . .	586.416.1225
MATS (Auto Theft) . . . . .	586.469.6491
Marine Division . . . . .	586.469.5803
SET (Drug Activity) . . . . .	586.493.4861
Traffic Bureau . . . . .	586.469.7704
Jail Information Office . . . . .	586.307.9612
Detective Bureau . . . . .	586.307.9358

### REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

Sheriff Mark Hackel reminds residents that you can e-mail tips or report crime activity to [sheriff@macombsheriff.com](mailto:sheriff@macombsheriff.com)

## Enjoy the City Parks this Summer

There are approximately 124 acres of beautiful parks in the City of Mount Clemens available for all people to enjoy. The Parks Division maintains 12 parks, each with its own unique landscape. For more information, contact the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847.



### Behnke Memorial Dog Park

Located within Memorial Park, this is a one-acre park designed for dog owners to let their

non-aggressive pets have some off-leash playtime. The park features a people/pet drinking fountain, bio-bag disposal and cleanup stations, faux fire hydrant, trees, benches, and a fire obstacle course.



### Clemens Park

Located on Northbound Gratiot at Park Street. The Christian Clemens Monument stands in this

.7-acre shaded park which is perfect for picnics.



### Clinton River Park

Located Downtown along both riverbanks of the Clinton River, this park features large grassy areas, benches,

restrooms, boat wells, a Colonial Bath House, and a gazebo.



### 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.

During the winter months, an outdoor ice skating rink is open from dawn until dusk.



### Lawndale Park

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

tables, and an outdoor ice skating rink open from dawn until dusk during the winter months.



### MacArthur Park

Located on North River Road along the Clinton River, just east of the Macomb Family YMCA. This 2.1-acre park serves

as an arboretum and outdoor classroom for children studying trees and plants. The park includes a jogging path as well as

a boardwalk where boats can dock and people can fish.



### Memorial Park/ Ball Diamonds

Located on North Groesbeck, this is a 40.9-acre park which features eight ball

diamonds, a picnic pavilion, in-line skating court, playground equipment, and a sledding hill. The Macomb Family YMCA manages the scheduling of the ball diamonds at Memorial Field. You may contact them at 586.468.1411.



### Olsen Park

Located on Harrington between Southbound Gratiot and Groesbeck, just east of Mount Clemens Regional

Medical Center. Olsen Park has two lighted tennis courts, a Tot Lot, a tricycle trail, a junior baseball diamond, and picnic tables.



### Rotary Park

Located across the street from the County Court House on North Main Street. A place to relax and absorb

the City's downtown streetscape, it boasts a narrow oasis of plants and flowers with benches and a fountain.



### Shadyside Park

Located off Clinton River Drive, east of Northbound Gratiot along the banks of the Clinton River. A

heavily wooded, 41.6-acre park featuring a picnic pavilion, magic square with ramps for skateboarding, a double basketball court, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, baseball field, fishing facilities, and a handicapped accessible pier with a boat and canoe launch.



### Sleepy Hollow

Located off of Riverside Drive, along the Clinton River. This 12.5-acre park is a wildlife sanctuary and is used by students

as an outdoor education classroom to study nature. It also offers many scenic trails.



### Wilson Park

Located between South Wilson and South Highland at Church Street. This park contains a playground with a

community playscape. It also has a multi-purpose gym for volleyball and basketball.

## Recap of Town Hall Meeting on Law Enforcement Services

The City of Mount Clemens hosted a Town Hall meeting on Law Enforcement Services and information sharing on June 10, 2008. In attendance were Macomb County Sheriff Deputies from the Auto Theft Unit, Youth Bureau, S.E.T. (undercover) Drug Unit and Day, Afternoon and Midnight Shifts as well as the Mayor and members of the City Commission.

Citizens of Mount Clemens brought forth their concerns to the City Commissioners and Sheriff Deputies. A long list of concerns was made and will be used to address many things that could not be resolved at the Town Hall Meeting.

Following the open microphone session, Commissioner Ron Campbell recited some astonishing statistics related to crime and its surprising decrease since the same time period last year.

Overall discussion items included the following:

- The Sheriff Deputies answered questions and shared their views of what they see from their perspective.
- Commissioner Jack Johns gave an overview on how to work with your neighbors to build a community watch group. His handout is available at City Hall.
- Certainly one of the most important messages from the Sheriff's Deputies was: **CALL US!** Don't worry, your identity will be safe. If you see something of concern, **CALL 586.469.5151**. If there is suspicious activity, **CALL**. Your identity will not be disclosed to anyone.

Mayor Dempsey brought up a very good point, don't forget that you have a great tool to help fight crime: the camera in your cell phone. Snap a picture. It may help with identification of a criminal or criminal behavior. A photo of a license plate will help the Sheriff's Office. And don't forget you have e-mail (sheriff@macombsheriff.com) to report a crime, as well.

We must all rise up together to keep our City on track during these hard times. That's when it is always most important. Thank you to all the citizens of Mount Clemens for coming and participating in the Town Hall Meeting.

This article was contributed by City Commission Matthew Dreger.

## Anton Art Center Exhibitions & Events

### Material Matter

Through July 19

### Cranbrook Academy of Art

Chair Show & Habatat Gallery Glass Show

July 25 – September 6

Opening Reception: July 25, 6 PM – 9 PM

### Macomb Community College Center for

#### Continuing Education

Youth Show August 3 – 13

Adult Show August 17 – 27

### Detroit Society of Women Painters & Sculptors

September 7 – 25

Opening Reception: September 7, 1 PM – 3 PM

### Affordable Art & Wearable Art

September 12 – October 3

Opening Reception: September 12, 6 PM – 9 PM

### ArtParty 2008

Thursday, September 18, 6 PM – 8 PM

Honorary Chair Katerina Bocci

Tickets \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door

This July & August, the Anton Art Center is once again partnering with the Macomb Family YMCA to offer an Arts & Rec Day Camp, featuring age-appropriate art activities including drawing, painting, mask-making and puppetry, with afternoons spent at the YMCA. Contact the YMCA to register.

Half-day registration for the arts-only portion is \$75 per week for art center members, \$100 per week for non-members.

Visit our new Gift Shop! The center's Gift Shop is larger, brighter, and even more fun to browse!

For more information on upcoming exhibitions, artist opportunities, classes, or to volunteer, visit [www.theartcenter.org](http://www.theartcenter.org) or call 586.469.8666.

New hours: The center is now open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM to 5 PM; Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM; Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM; Sunday, 12 noon to 4 PM. The center is closed on Mondays.



## City of Mount Clemens 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Contest

The Mount Clemens Beautification Committee is proud to sponsor a colorful and whimsical fall event, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Contest. Your hand built scarecrows will be displayed on October 12, 2008. Use your imagination to create a one of a kind scarecrow for all to see. Stay tuned to the Macomb Cable Network and City Web site for more information.

Scarecrow sponsorship fee is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to the Mount Clemens Beautification. Fill in the form below and mail it to:

The Mount Clemens Beautification Committee  
c/o Junia Querio  
39 Lincoln Avenue  
Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043.

### SCARECROW REGISTRATION FORM

#### Scarecrow Rules:

- The Mount Clemens Beautification Committee will supply the scarecrow framework and name card. Sponsor will supply their own clothing, stuffing and additional props or materials needed to build their scarecrow. There is no theme so BE CREATIVE!!
- Please keep in mind that this is a family friendly event, so keep your entry appropriate.
- A special guest will judge the scarecrows at 3:00 PM the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Fill out the information below and mail in no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

(Contest is open to City Residents, City Employees, City Business Owners, Service Clubs, and Churches.)

Don't forget to tell all your friends and family!