

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.

Accounting	x 1
Animal Control	x 909
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	586.469.HELP
Dial-A-Ride	.586.469.RIDE
Downtown Dev. Authority	.586.469.4168
Finance	x 301
Fire	.586.469.6840
Human Resources	x 5
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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.

Messages from the Mayor

Spring has finally arrived and not too early for me. We had a long, long, long winter.

This was the first winter that the City imposed a snow emergency ordinance and from all accounts, it has apparently worked. According to the DPS employees, this was the first year that they were able to plow the majority of the residential streets without having to weave around several cars. Now that does not mean that every resident was in compliance, since we did have to write some tickets. But, for the most part, by the last snowfall, the residents were aware of the snow ordinance and complied. Thank you so much.

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Someone once told me that a lie or rumor uncontested becomes the truth. How well I found out. Normally, I would not respond to rumors, but there are several that I believe need to be addressed. These rumors have been circulating around our community over the past several months (especially in the Sound Off column in the local *Macomb Daily*). So I would like to set the record straight.

First, regarding the dog ordinance, it was stated by some residents that the City could come into your home for no reason other than to count the number of animals you have. **That is not true.** The City cannot come into your home without a court issued warrant. In order to obtain a warrant from the court, you must have probable cause. The health and safety of the animals and their owners is first and foremost on our minds.

Second, some of you may have watched the City Commission meeting of February 17th, where District Elder D.L. Bradley cited **rumors** that I had stated: 'the white folks do not go to Cairns Center.' Those of you who know me, know that I would never make that kind of remark. For those of you who do not know me well enough, let me assure you I would never make that kind of remark. It has also been stated that the City wants Cairns Center to fail. Again not true. Why would we want to see a brand new building padlocked in our city? The truth of the matter is that the Center is owned

by the Mount Clemens Community Schools, not the City of Mount Clemens. The City owns the land and has leased it to the school district for 99 years. The Mount Clemens Community Schools is a separate governmental body that the City has no jurisdiction over. The Center was built by and is operated by the school district. That being said, the City does not want to see the Center closed and we will do everything possible, short of writing a check.

Due to financial constraints, the City does not have its own recreation program other than what the Macomb Family YMCA provides at no extra cost to the City.

I would encourage anyone who has any questions or hears rumors to please contact me or any of the City Commissioners.

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There are several events that will take place over the next few months I would like to let you know about.

March 10th was the Mount Clemens Relay For Life Kickoff Celebration. This will mark the third year that Mount Clemens has hosted the event. This event brings together more than 3.5 million people across the country each year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and to fight back against a disease that takes too much. This year, Commissioner Jack Johns will chair the event for the Mount Clemens Avengers Team. This year's 24-hour event will

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Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Spring is finally in the air with summer not too far behind. It is during this period that the Downtown comes alive again with a variety of family-friendly events and activities for all ages. This period of renewal is the perfect time to become reacquainted with the many locally-owned businesses that reside here.

Come down to one of the many listed events. Don't forget to stop in and say hello to our business owners.

Girls Night Out Downtown

Thursday, April 23rd

5 PM – 9 PM

Participating Retailers Downtown

586.469.4168

Farmers Market Opens for Season – May 2nd

Every Friday & Saturday – May through November

7 AM – 2 PM

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

586.493.7600

Mount Clemens Spring Craft Show

Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th

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

Macomb Place between Main and Pine Sts.

586.469.4168

Consider *Alfresco* Dining in Metro Detroit's Capital for Outdoor Dining

With over a dozen eateries and bars offering outdoor seating within walking distance of one another, Mount Clemens is Metro Detroit's outdoor dining capital. Our Downtown has a wide selection of outdoor dining options ranging from Italian to bistro with everything in between.

As a four season state, Michiganders love to spend as much time outside eating, drinking, and enjoying themselves as possible. With that in mind, the City Commission recently extended the patio season by several weeks. So when the evenings stay warm in April, consider having your first *alfresco* meal of the year in Detroit's outdoor dining capital! See you there.

All of Downtown Mount Clemens' *alfresco* establishments are within easy walking of one another. This layout lends itself well to a wonderful progressive meal. Consider

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Summer Fun Saturdays

Saturday, May 9th

2 PM

Fountain Stage on Macomb Place

586.469.4168

Farmers Market Flower Festival

Saturday, May 23rd

7 AM – 2 PM

Park and Ride Lot – North River Road

(between I-94 and NB Gratiot)

586.493.7600

Mount Clemens Art Fair

Presented by The Anton Art Center

Friday, June 5th through Sunday, June 7th

3 PM – 9 PM (Fri), 11 AM – 8 PM (Sat),

and Noon – 6 PM (Sun)

Macomb Place between Walnut Street and SB Gratiot Avenue

586.469.8666

Summer Fun Saturdays

Saturday, June 6th

11 AM

Fountain Stage on Macomb Place

586.469.4168

Bud Light Classic Car Show & Cruise Night

Saturday, June 6th

Noon – 10 PM

Main Street between Cass Avenue and Welts Street

586.469.4168

having appetizers at one location, main course at a second stop, dessert at a third, and a nightcap at a fourth. What a wonderful way to spend a beautiful Michigan evening!

Stars & Stripes Festival and Bath City Festival to Partner in 2009

This summer, the great season starting and ending festivals are going to merge together on June 26th through June 28th into one great event. The summer's kickoff entertainment festival and the season-ending historic and cultural festival will be held on the same weekend.

With the tough economy, the Mount Clemens DDA Board voted to merge the Bath City Festival in with the Stars & Stripes Festival. The main goal was to ensure one strong and healthy event. Tight sponsorship revenues and concerns about event revenues made this an easy decision.

Farmers Market Strawberry Social

Saturday, June 20th

9 AM til Sold Out

Park and Ride Lot – North River Road

(between I-94 and NB Gratiot)

586.493.7600

Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series KickOff

Forbes Brothers

Friday, June 26th

8 PM

Clinton River Park (across from City Hall)

586.469.4168

Independence Day Celebration Fireworks

Friday, June 26th

Dusk

Clinton River Park (across from City Hall)

586.469.4168

Stars & Stripes Festival

Includes Bath City Heritage Area

Friday, June 26th through Sunday, June 28th

11 AM – Midnight

Downtown Mount Clemens

586.913.1919

For more information on these and other upcoming events, log on to www.downtownmountclemens.com.

All of the educational and heritage offerings of past Bath City Festivals will be showcased in this year's Bath City Heritage Area at the Stars & Stripes Festival. The History Tent, Craft Demonstrators, Military Displays, Appraisers, Vintage Fashion Show, and period music will be in the Bath City Heritage Area, found in and around the New Street Parking Lot (which is located behind the Art-O-Craft store).

Don't miss the chance to enjoy the offerings of both festivals this June! Mount Clemens' heritage will be exposed to over 300,000 Stars & Stripes Festival-goers. What an opportunity to showcase our community!

Not to leave an empty weekend in August, the Mount Clemens DDA will be hosting a new craft show and summer sidewalk sale event on August 21st and 22nd.



Holiday Refuse CalendarGood Friday – April 10, 2009Refuse pickup will run on schedule April 6th through April 10th.Memorial Day - May 25, 2009No refuse pickup on Monday, May 25th.

Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week.

Independence Day - July 4, 2009Refuse pickup will be **on schedule** during the entire month of July.**Composting program scheduled to begin the week of March 30, 2009**A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the City from *March 30, 2009 through December 4, 2009* only.

NO COMPOST OR YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER DECEMBER 4, 2009.

BEGINNING MARCH 30th, please do one of the three following things to eliminate yard waste:

1. COMPOST YOUR YARD WASTE AT HOME.
2. PLACE ALL COMPOST AT THE CURB IN A 25- TO 35-GALLON REFUSE CONTAINER. THESE CONTAINERS WILL NOT BE EMPTIED IF THEY CONTAIN ANYTHING OTHER THAN YARD WASTE.
3. PLACE YARD WASTE IN LARGE 30-GALLON BROWN PAPER BAGS. THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO SELL 30-GALLON BROWN PAPER BAGS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND CITY HALL.

Compost must be placed at the curb for collection with your household refuse by 7 AM on your regular pickup day. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Brush must be cut into four foot lengths and tied in bundles. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 pounds each or measure over 18" in diameter. Large logs over 3" in diameter, as well as stumps or roots, will not be picked up.

We recommend that residents comply with the City's composting guidelines. This helps us with our efforts in keeping up with constantly changing environmental standards, while still providing efficient and economical refuse collection service within the City of Mount Clemens.

PLEASE REMEMBER, RAKING LEAVES OR GRASS INTO THE STREET IN THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Recycling

The recycling program is available to all residents serviced by the City's refuse contractor. Residents can place their recycling bins at the curb for collection on their regularly scheduled refuse pickup day. The City strongly suggests that residents permanently affix their address to their recycling bin to avoid confusion if a bin is lost. Please contact the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847 for further information about recycling.

Spring Cleanup Week – April 20th through April 24th

The week of April 20, 2009 through April 24, 2009 has been designated as Spring Cleanup Week. This is the week we encourage city residents to participate in getting their yards cleaned up for summer. We ask that all refuse be placed at the curb on your regularly scheduled pickup day. Brush and yard waste must be placed at the curb in compliance with the City's Composting Program.

Scrap wood, railroad ties and lumber must be securely bundled and cannot exceed four feet in length, 18" in diameter or 50 lbs. in weight. Please pound down or remove nails. Carpet and padding must be bundled and cannot exceed four feet in length and 50 lbs. in weight. Window and plate glass must be broken and placed in a secured, sealed container and marked "GLASS". Furniture, appliances, and other large metal items will be accepted. Additionally, latex and oil-based paints can be placed at the curb as long as the paint is solidified. Kitty litter or sand can be added to the paint to make it solid, or you can let it dry naturally. Please place the cans in a box, with the lids off, at the curb for collection.

The City cannot accept large logs over three (3) inches in diameter, stumps or roots, motor oil, anti-freeze, dirt, sod, concrete, or stone.

Hazardous waste of any kind cannot be picked up for collection. Items such as motor oil, antifreeze, brake and transmission fluids, caustic chemicals (oven and drain cleaners), acids (toilet bowl cleaners, ammonia, etc.), pesticides, old medicines, pool chemicals, etc., are classified as hazardous waste materials. These items can be disposed of through the Macomb County Health Department. For further information, call 586.466.7923.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Services.

Tree Concerns & Complaints

Residents with specific complaints or concerns regarding a street tree growing in the City's right-of-way may request that the Forestry Division conduct a tree evaluation at no cost to the resident. If you would like a tree evaluated, please call the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847.

Memorial Tree Program

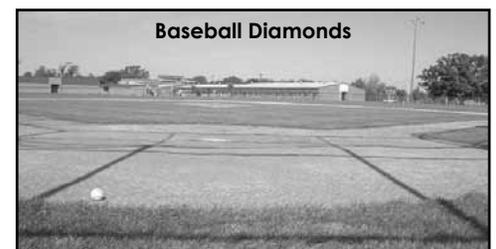
Individuals interested in sponsoring a memorial tree can do so through the Memorial Tree Program. Each tree will have a personalized engraved marker and will be planted in a City park location selected by the sponsor. If you would like more information, call the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847.

Pot Holes

Pot holes typically appear in the Spring during the freeze-thaw cycle and after a constant raining period. If you need to report a pot hole, please call the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847.

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. Dog walkers and cat owners are reminded that City ordinance requires pet owners to clean up after their pets. This ordinance pertains to both public and private property. The City also requires 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.

**Baseball Diamonds**

Baseball season has started and Memorial Baseball Park is groomed and ready to go! Located on North Groesbeck, this 40.9-acre park features eight ball diamonds, a picnic pavilion, an in-line skating court, and playground equipment. The Macomb Family YMCA manages the scheduling of the ball diamonds at Memorial Field. Contact 586.468.1411 for more information.

take place on June 6, 2009 at the Mount Clemens High School athletic field. If you would like more information, please check out The American Cancer Society's website, www.cancer.org, or you may contact Commissioner Johns at jjohns@cityofmountclemens.com. Please join us for a great day to celebrate and remember.

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Mount Clemens is looking to become a "film friendly" community. We are launching a website that will showcase our community to the film industry (stay tuned for launch date). Sara Sommer, Confidential Executive Secretary, and I attended a workshop in Lansing sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League to find out what communities have to do to become part of the film industry. We heard from several people who have had the experience of having a film crew shoot in their town. We also heard from Ken Droz, Manager of Communications, from the Michigan Film Office, who spoke about film incentives and provided valuable information as to what each community needs to do to become a "film friendly" community.

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During the month of April, the City Commission will conduct several workshops to discuss the 2009-2010 budget. The commission will be working with administration to provide a balanced budget. The public hearing will take place in May.

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On Tuesday, May 12, 2009, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, there will be a fundraiser at the Emerald Theatre. Proceeds will go to the Rainbow Connection and the Mount Clemens Santa Parade. It will also be the kickoff for the Stars & Stripes Festival with radio personalities, Motown music, food and beverages. I also understand that there will be some great raffle prizes including autographed paraphernalia from various music artists. Tickets are \$50.00 each and you can call 586.913.1920 for more information. These are two great organizations that are geared towards children.

Upcoming Holidays

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

Good Friday
Friday, April 10th

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25th

CABLE TELEVISION

Patrick Linabury
Senior Producer

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
Fax: 586.469.7232

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bonnie McInerney
Community Development Director



Community Garden



The City of Mount Clemens has begun planning for its first Community Garden. The garden will be located on two adjacent vacant parcels owned by the City on North Walnut, in the Cairns Field area. The City is looking for volunteers and families who are interested in assisting with this project. A pre-planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:00 PM at Mount Clemens City Hall. Representatives from the MSU Extension Office will be at this meeting to answer questions and assist with planning.

If you are interested in this gardening project and are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Bonnie McInerney, Community Development Director, at 586.469.6818 x 901 prior to the meeting date.



Mount Clemens Shirts Available for Sale



Now that the weather is warmer, we have T-shirts available for sale in a vibrant new color. The shirts are navy blue and are imprinted with the City logo as well as "The Clem." Sweatshirts and hoodies are still available.

Prices for the shirts are:

	T-Shirts	Sweatshirts	Hoodies
M – XL	\$6.00	\$15.00	\$22.00
XXL	\$7.00	\$17.00	\$24.00

Go "green" with the City of Mount Clemens and use canvas bags instead of plastic. We now offer navy blue canvas bags with the City logo in white for only \$8.00

The items are available for purchase at City Hall in the City Manager's Office during regular business hours, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818 x 7.



Want the Movie Industry to Come to your House?

As the Mayor mentioned in her messages, the City of Mount Clemens is embracing the movie industry. Residents can register their house/property with the Michigan Film Office to possibly be used in a future film project. Information, as well as the

application, can be found online at www.michigan.gov/filmoffice. The Michigan Film Office will maintain the library, which will be made available for viewing by location professionals worldwide seeking the perfect location for their projects.

What's New?

On March 16, 2009, the Elks Lodge located at 179 South Main Street had their annual Public Safety Awards night. This year the Mount Clemens Fire Department has awarded Firefighter David Buscaino with the Firefighter of the Year award. Firefighter Buscaino is being awarded for his hard work and dedication around the fire station.

On April 3, 2009, the Macomb County Fire Chiefs Association will hold a hockey charity event. Firefighters from Macomb County will be playing against the Detroit Red Wings Alumni. The Mount Clemens Fire Department has elected Firefighter Nick Candela to participate in the event. Firefighter Candela will be the starting goaltender for Macomb County. All proceeds will go to local charities, the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center, and will help Macomb County Firefighters with standardizing new equipment that can be used throughout the county. If you would like to attend, please contact the Mount Clemens Fire Department at 586.469.6840.

Special Thanks

The Mount Clemens Fire Department would like to thank Mangan's Irish Hut for their donation to the Macomb County charity hockey game. Thank you to all of the other businesses that donated.

Fire Safety Tip

As spring approaches, it is time to clean our homes of products that are health and fire hazards. While cleaning your attic, basement, and garage remember:

1. Properly store any hazardous materials and make sure they are sealed correctly.
2. Discard unwanted trash, clothing, wood, rags and paper. They can be fire hazards.
3. Store paint, varnish, turpentine, lighter fluids and vegetable based oils in tightly sealed metal cans. Also, make sure these items are stored away from furnaces, water heaters, and other heat flame sources because they are flammable. Storing these items in a metal cabinet is recommended.
4. Gasoline should never be stored in the house because it is explosive. The flash point of gasoline is -45 degrees F (compared to 169+ degrees F for charcoal starter). Gasoline should always be stored in a tightly sealed UL approved container.

The Macomb County Health Department accepts household hazardous waste, free of charge, from Macomb County residents on scheduled collection days in an effort to assure proper disposal of these materials.

If you have any questions, regarding hazardous material waste you can call the Macomb County Health Department at 586.466.7923.

Medical Safety Tip

When Old Man Winter calls it quits for the year, people all across the world climb ladders to spruce up the exterior of their homes, examine gutters, paint and perform other tasks associated with spring cleaning. While working around the house can be very rewarding, hundreds of thousands of injuries occur each year in the U.S. as a result of mishaps related to electric tools, ladders and lawn mowers.

- On average about 532,000 people make emergency room or doctor visits due to ladder mishaps each year.
- More than 226,000 people are treated annually in hospital emergency rooms for lawn mower injuries - casualties of burns, dismemberment, electric shock, falls and thrown objects.
- Another 119,000 people sustain injuries from power garden tools such as trimmers, lawn edgers and pruners.

Tips to stay safe during spring cleaning:

1. Never work alone.
2. Always protect yourself by using proper protective clothing.
3. Remember to take breaks and always keep hydrated.

Source: American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Quiz

What should you do if you smell gas in your home?

- a) Call Consumers Energy and let them deal with the problem.
- b) Call a handy man to fix the problem.
- c) Call 911.
- d) Try to find the source of the leak yourself.

Answer: (c) You should always call 911 if you smell gas in your home. The fire department has the tools to locate and determine how much gas is in the atmosphere of the home.

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, Custodian of the Municipal Seal, and Updating the City Website.

Candidate Information

Candidate packages for Mayor and City Commission are now available in the City Clerk's Office. The filing deadline is May 12, 2009 at 4:00 PM.

Don't Want Solicitors Knocking on your Door?

Sign Up for our "No-Knock" List

The City adopted an ordinance that regulates 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 email at 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 online through a link on our website www.cityofmountclemens.com.



To obtain information regarding programs at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena please call the arena at 586.307.8202 or visit www.mountclemensicearena.com.

DIAL-A-RIDE

Tammy Murphy
Dial-A-Ride Supervisor

Dial-A-Ride Policy

Over the past few months, Dial-A-Ride has had an increase in ridership. Due to the increased volume, please allow up to an hour and one half of preparation time to insure you arrive at your destination on time. Remember, Dial-A-Ride has a 15 minute window policy. This means that if the bus is scheduled to arrive at 10:00 AM, you should be ready to board the bus between 9:45 AM and 10:15 AM. The driver may be early or late depending on the driving conditions and the promptness of all passengers. Out of courtesy for other passengers, we do ask that you be prepared to board the bus at your scheduled time. If a passenger repeatedly holds up a route, Dial-A-Ride reserves the right to place the passenger on a probationary status and/or loss of service. In addition, Dial-A-Ride reserves the right to request that a personal care attendant be present, if necessary. If a passenger has a disability, the caretaker rides for free.

Dial-A-Ride Holiday Closings

April 10th in observance of Good Friday
May 25th in observance of Memorial Day

Event Service Schedule

June 20th Mount Clemens Historical Homes Tour

Foreclosure Assistance

Foreclosure affects everyone. According to a recent Michigan Municipal League article based upon data provided by Lighthouse Community Development (a group that has done extensive studies on this subject), a home that is foreclosed on, but back on the community's tax rolls within 3 months, costs society (to homeowner, investor, municipality, neighbors) \$22,330. However, if it takes 18 months to return to the community's tax rolls, the cost jumps to \$258,400. These costs include the cost to maintain the foreclosed property, the depressed home prices, decreased taxes and community enforcement.

For those facing foreclosure, there is help available. There are several programs that may allow you to avoid foreclosure and stay in your home. If you would like to learn more about these programs, please contact the Michigan State University Macomb County Extension (MSUE) Office at 586.469.6430. The MSUE services are free of charge to Macomb County residents.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland
Deputy Treasurer

Payment Types

The Treasurer's Office can only accept the following payment types: cash, check, cashier's check or money order. We do not accept debit or credit cards, or third party checks.

Special Assessments

The annual special assessment billings for street paving were mailed around March 1, 2009 and will be due on April 30, 2009. Any unpaid bill will incur a penalty and be placed on the 2009 summer property tax statement.

Did you Receive a Past Due Notice on your Water Bill?

Please contact our office BEFORE your scheduled shut off date to make payment arrangements. You can prevent a shut off by simply coming in and signing up for payment arrangements. Once we have initiated a shut off, you have to pay the entire balance due by cash or money order, including a \$25 service fee. If you cannot make a payment towards your bill, please contact an agency for help as soon as possible. Simply call 211 for help.

Please remember that if you are unable to pay your water bill in full, you need to make monthly payments to prevent shut off. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x 1.



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 walk to the downtown area.

For further information about the featured park, other parks within the city, or to make a park reservation, please contact the Parks Division at 586.469.6847.

Anton Art Center News



2009 Mount Clemens Art Fair, June 5th – 7th

Join us for the revival of The Art Center's 25+ year history of an independent art fair! Fine artists, fine crafters, alternative & urban crafts – music – food – children's craft area

Upcoming Exhibitions

Macomb County All-Students Show

April 5th – May 3rd
Opening Reception & Secondary Student Awards Sunday, April 5th, 1 - 3 PM
Closing Reception & Primary Student Awards Sunday May 3rd, 1 - 3 PM

Lakeside Palette Club Annual

May 10th – 30th
Reception Sunday, May 17th, 1 - 3 PM

Collected

May 15th – June 28th
Opening Reception Friday, May 15th, 6 - 9 PM

Ruby Red Invitational

June 5th – July 12th
Closing Reception Sunday, July 12th, 1 - 3 PM

The Anton Art Center strives to exhibit, educate and inspire. We are committed to the advancement of the arts through quality exhibitions, advocacy and educational programs for Macomb County and environs. The center is a non-profit community organization that relies almost entirely on donations to fulfill its mission. Support the center and support the cultural well-being of our community!

Family memberships cost only \$50 per year. Call us at 586.469.8666 for more membership information.

Gallery Hours: Tues./Wed./Thurs. & Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM; Fri. 10 AM - 6 PM; Sun. 12 - 4 PM; closed Mon.

For more information on upcoming exhibitions, artist opportunities, classes, or to volunteer, visit www.TheArtCenter.org or call 586.469.8666. To get regular email updates, email jcallans@theartcenter.org with "subscribe" in the subject line.

Macomb County Sheriff's Office
Mark A. Hackel,
Macomb County Sheriff
www.macombsheriff.com



Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program is a citizen involvement program of people just like you, in partnership with the Macomb County Sheriff's Office, directly participating in crime detection and prevention. The Sheriff's Office remains responsible for enforcing the law and apprehending criminals and you become better educated on how to protect your family and property.

Neighborhood Watch becomes a great asset in many situations, such as missing or lost children. By providing valuable information to the Sheriff's Office and keeping your Neighborhood Watch group informed, we can make our community a safe and more pleasant place to live.

Crime is not a police problem; crime is a community problem. Crime prevention and detection is a cooperative effort between you and the Sheriff's Office.

For more information, call 586.307.9343.



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



And the Check\$ go to Turning Point and YMCA

It was below zero but that didn't stop the more than 300 hearty souls that came out on January 29th for the 4th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-off to benefit Mount Clemens' own Turning Point and YMCA. This exciting event started four years ago during Super Bowl weekend and it's still going strong.

The Fountain Stage and its surroundings on Macomb Place were covered with bits of ice and snow as the master ice carvers took 250 pound blocks of ice and made them into outstanding sculptures.



Nearly 300 T-shirts and flame-patterned bandanas were pre-sold in the weeks

before the chili cook-off. Those pre-sale T-shirts and bandanas were spotted up and down the streets of our City as pub-crawlers patronized the nine locations that participated in the chili cook-off.

Each establishment had a "Bar-sitter" or two, volunteers checking for bandanas and wrist bands before chili was dished out.

The chili was delicious and the competition was tough. The votes were tabulated and the chili from Orleans was proclaimed the winner. Orleans received the coveted, custom-made hat from City Knits to brag about for the next year until the 5th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-off in 2010.

Great fun was had by all. We thank our local establishments: Bath City Bistro, Buffalo Wild Wings, Your Mother's, John Barleycorn's, Orleans, Fondue Room, Fritt's Pub, Madison's and Wine Sync which featured the chili from the Engine House; City Knits for the Winner's Hat, and the DDA for all their help and certainly all our volunteers. This event was a huge success due to the efforts of everyone involved.

Truly, though, the real winners were the YMCA and Turning Point, both of which received checks in excess of \$1,500 to be used for their valuable work.

Article contributed by City Commissioner Matthew Dreger.

Happenings at the Macomb Family YMCA and Mount Clemens Community Center

The Macomb Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for all of their spring and summer programming. A full menu of youth and adult sports, aquatics, and fitness classes are available. The spring session runs May 4th through June 27th and the summer session runs June 29th through August 15th. For more information on YMCA programming, please contact 586.468.1411.

April 18th, 2009 is Healthy Kids Day at the Macomb Family YMCA. Bring the family in for healthy snacks, exercise, fun activities, and prizes. Membership specials will also be available during the day. For more information on Healthy Kids Day, please contact Membership Director Ted Baggett, Jr. at 586.468.1411 x 209 or tbaggett@ymcamedetroit.org.

Explore, Play, and Grow with the Macomb Family YMCA Summer Day Camp 2009! We're busy finalizing our plans for a summer of new adventures, experiences, friends, and learning! Camp starts the week of June 8th and runs through the week of August 31st. Each week has its' own creative theme and campers will go on weekly field trips to locations such as the Detroit Zoo, Detroit Tigers game, Red Oaks Water Park, among several others! For more information or to learn about our early registration specials, please contact Lindsay Sammut at 586.468.1411 x 213 or lsammut@ymcamedetroit.org.



The City of Mount Clemens



"YARD OF THE YEAR AWARDS" and RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES



Sponsored By:

The Mount Clemens Beautification Committee

The yards of our city will be judged by the following:

- ❖ **Curb Appeal** - Overall appearance of yard; green lawn and walks edged; shrubs, bushes and trees maintained
- ❖ **Innovation** - Unusual use of accents and decorative material
- ❖ **Landscape** - Balance and use of color, variety of hues, shades of green, and texture of plants
- ❖ **Landscape Design** - Total effect, enhancement of home and property

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 12, 2009.

Awards will be presented to residents at an awards ceremony
at the Mount Clemens Community Center on September 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

For more information, please contact Committee Chairperson, Theresa Springer at (586) 321-4745.

"Yard of the Year Award" Application

Mail or return this portion of the form by June 12, 2009 to:

The Mount Clemens Beautification Committee

c/o: Theresa Springer

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Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043

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Check which division you wish to enter:

Residential Industrial Commercial Public Buildings

Industrial, Commercial and Public Buildings (non-profit) will be judged by the same criteria as listed above. Michigan State Master Gardeners will conduct judging.