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You may also visit our Web site at
www.cityofmountclemens.com.

Messages from the Mayor

On May 22, 2009, the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2009 Mount Clemens State of the City address. To recap, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"; actually it is neither the best of times nor the worst of times, but rather a very challenging time.

It could go without saying that City Hall has not been spared from the present economic crisis. Like so many families and businesses, we have had to tighten our belts and find ways to do more with less, without compromising the quantity and quality of services to our residents and business owners.

There are several hurdles we are faced with which are a direct result of the difficult economic climate in Michigan. Our limited ability to experience growth in property tax revenue and future capital equipment and infrastructure needs are just a few of the obstacles we must tackle in the coming year. We all know that this will not be easy.

Like all communities, we are faced with a number of foreclosures and vacant properties that require regular maintenance (such as grass cutting) which is not always taking place in a timely manner by the property owner. Our Community Development Department has enacted a vacant residential structure ordinance in an effort to monitor these homes; however, we need your help. If you know of a property in your neighborhood that is vacant and in need of maintenance, please call 586.469.6818 x 2 and let us know.

During the State of the City address, we touched on several topics from redevelopment of our local buildings and our industrial and commercial investments. For example, the former Saint Joseph Hospital was purchased by Select Specialty Hospital which means the property is now on our tax roll. Select Specialty is currently working with the Michigan Historic Preservation Network to entice developers to rehabilitate the historic section of the property.

We were all sad to see Art-O-Craft, an icon of our city, close this past month. Many of us recall that they have been around at various sites throughout the city for over 50 years. Sadly, it is just another sign of our economic crisis. We want to thank the many owners over the years who gave us fond memories and unique gifts.

Although Art-O-Craft may be gone; we still have a variety of retail, coffee shops, salons, restaurants and businesses, not only in the Downtown area but throughout the city, that need our support.

As we approach the end of the 2009 fiscal year budget, the City will again end in a positive note, even though we are experiencing further reductions at the State level. Our fund balance is approximately \$3,964,000. This could not be possible without everyone: the administration, staff and City Commission, working together to assure fiscal responsibility.

This community is special and I couldn't be more confident that out of these tough times, we will come out stronger and better prepared for the future.

Please take time and read the newsletter which highlights the fun things you can do this summer in your city. Have a great summer and enjoy the many activities taking place throughout the summer months.

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July 4th Trash Pickup

There will **NOT** be a delay with the trash pickup during the entire month of July.

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Lots of great events are happening close to home in your Downtown this summer. What a great way to spend time together with your family. We added several new events and have strengthened others.

Your Downtown retailers are welcoming families throughout the summer with the new Summer Fun Saturdays once a month. Stores and restaurants have specials just for you and your family. Each month, participating businesses and specials change. Each Summer Fun Saturday starts off with a children's show at the Fountain Stage at 11 AM. With these specials, it is a great way to become reacquainted with our family-owned local businesses.

The Summer Summit Art Craft Show and Sidewalk Sale is continuing the long tradition of the end-of-summer sidewalk sale. You won't want to miss all the specials, discounts, and other activities being planned to make that weekend special.

Also new this year is the Mount Clemens Bizarre Bazaar flea market, held every Saturday through September in the North Roskopp (Red) Lot behind the Anton Art Center. Business owner Diane Kubik of Max and Ollie's is orchestrating this weekly event in conjunction with the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority.

This year, the Bud Light Riversight and Sound concerts return with the best line-up in years. There are three National acts mixed with the regular blend of regional and well-known local bands. Come down and enjoy the beautiful setting along the Clinton River with friends and family. (The Clinton River Park is across from City Hall.)

Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series

The Jim Cummings Band (R&B and Funk)
Friday, July 3rd 7:30 PM
Clinton River Park
586.469.4168

Mount Clemens Bizarre Bazaar (Flea Market)

Saturdays through September
8 AM – 2 PM
North Roskopp (Red) Parking Lot
586.868.3092

Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series

Air Margaritaville (Trop Rock, Caribbean Soul, and Jimmy Buffett)
Friday, July 10th 7:30 PM
Clinton River Park
586.469.4168

Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series

Bill Haley's Comets (Rock 'n' Roll)
Friday, July 17th 7:30 PM
Clinton River Park
586.469.4168

Festival of Lights "Walking Pub Crawl"

Thursday, July 23rd 6 PM
Participating Bars and Restaurants
586.295.1021

Mount Clemens Summer Craft Show

Friday, July 24th & Saturday, July 25th
11 AM – 8 PM Fri. & 10 AM – 6 PM Sat.
Macomb Pl. btw. Main & Pine Sts.
Live Music – Friday at Lunchtime
586.469.4168

Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series

Danny D: The Rod Stewart Tribute
Friday, July 24th 7:30 PM
Clinton River Park
586.469.4168

Boat Town USA Parade & Antique Boat Show

Friday, July 24th & Saturday, July 25th
MacArthur Park
8 PM Friday (beer tent)
Noon – 6 PM Saturday (antique boat show)
Dusk Saturday (Festival of Lights Parade along Clinton River)

Summer Fun Saturdays

Saturday, July 25th
11 AM – 5 PM (Children's Show at 11 AM)
Fountain Stage & Downtown Businesses
586.469.4168

Farmers Market 30th Birthday Party

Saturday, July 25th 9 AM to Noon
Park and Ride Lot – North River Road
(btw. I-94 and NB Gratiot)
586.493.7600

Bud Light Riversight and Sound Concert Series

Jr. Walker's All-Star Band
Friday, July 31st 7:30 PM
Clinton River Park
586.469.4168

Bud Light Classic Cruise Night

Saturday, August 1st 3 PM – 10 PM
Main St. btw. Cass Ave. & Welts St.
586.469.4168

Classic Car Cruise Street Dance

"Dancing in the Streets" Music by DJ Eric
Saturday, August 1st 9 PM – 11 PM
Main St. btw. Macomb Pl. & New St.
586.469.4168

6th Annual Daughters of Macomb Parade

Thursday, August 6th 9 AM
Main St. at Macomb Pl.

Girls Night Out Downtown

Thursday, August 6th 5 PM – 9 PM
Participating Retailers Downtown
586.469.4168

Bath City Run/Walk

Saturday, August 15th 8 AM
Recreation Bowl
586.469.4168

129th Annual Old Crowd Parade

Thursday, August 20th 9 AM
Main St. at Macomb Pl.

Summer Summit Art Craft Show and Sidewalk Sale

Friday, Aug. 21st & Saturday, Aug. 22nd
11 AM – 8 PM Fri. & 10 AM – 6 PM Sat.
Macomb Pl. btw. Main & Pine Sts.
Live Music – Friday at Lunchtime
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Holiday Refuse CalendarIndependence Day – July 4, 2009Garbage pickup will run **on schedule** during the entire month of July.Labor Day – September 7, 2009There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, September 7th. Delayed pickup will run beginning on Tuesday, September 8th through Saturday, September 12th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, September 14, 2009.Columbus Day – October 12, 2009Garbage pickup will run **on schedule** during the entire month of October.**Leaf Pickup Policy**

The City of Mount Clemens will enforce its leaf pickup policy again 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 IS APPRECIATED.

The City will schedule a clean-up crew to come down every street at least twice during this season 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.

A City contracted yard waste collection truck will operate through December 4, 2009 only. No compost or yard waste will be picked up after December 4th. 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 6:00 PM the day before your scheduled pickup day and NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM of your scheduled pickup day.

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

Any questions on this policy should be directed to the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday or by visiting our Web site at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

Sanitation FAQs

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.

**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.

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 by following these City policies:

- ALL DOGS AND CATS MUST BE LICENSED by January 1st 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 4.
- 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.

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Summer Fun Saturdays

Saturday, August 22nd
11 AM – 5 PM (Children's Show at 11 AM)
Fountain Stage & Downtown Businesses
586.469.4168

Farmers Market Pig and Corn Roast

Saturday, August 29th
10 AM until Sold Out
Park and Ride Lot – North River Road
(btw. I-94 and NB Gratiot)
586.493.7600

Mount Clemens Grand Prix

Soap Box Derby Race
Saturday, September 12th 10 AM
Crocker Street Bridge
586.468.7746

Summer Fun Saturdays

Saturday, September 12th
11 AM – 5 PM (Children's Show at 11 AM)
Fountain Stage & Downtown Businesses
586.469.4168

Mount Clemens Art Party

Fundraiser for Anton Art Center
Thursday, September 24th 6 PM
Macomb Place near Anton Art Center
Tickets - 586.469.8666

Farmers Market Spudtacular Pork-A-Thon

Potato and Pig Roast
Saturday, September 26th 10 AM – 2 PM
Park and Ride Lot – North River Road
(btw. I-94 and NB Gratiot)
586.493.7600

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



Summer programs at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena include:

- Public Skating
- Learn-To-Skate Classes
- Adult Hockey Leagues
- Youth Drop-In Hockey
- Hockey Camps
- Figure Skating Camp
- Group Outings
- Birthday Parties

To obtain information regarding these programs please call the arena at 586.307.8202 or visit www.mountclemensicearena.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 1-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 tire 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.

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What's New?

- The Mount Clemens Fire Department's thoughts and prayers go out to Firefighter/Medic Eric Carpenter of Shelby Township. Eric Carpenter passed away on May 21, 2009. Eric served the Shelby Township Fire Department for over eight years and was instrumental in the Macomb County Technical Rescue Team. Eric was a husband to Mandy, father to Samuel, Jack, and Brady and beloved friend to all.
- Every year the Mount Clemens Fire Department receives requests for smoke detectors. The Fire Department is asking for your help to lend a hand and donate a smoke detector. All donated smoke detectors must be in their sealed original boxes. Any brand of smoke detector will do. *Remember that smoke detectors save lives.* Donations will be collected at the Fire Department located at 2 Dickinson.
- The Mount Clemens Fire Department is looking for an individual who is interested in serving as the Fire Department Chaplain. This person must be an ordained member of the clergy, in good physical health, and prepared to serve in a crisis situation. If you're interested, please contact Firefighter Nick Candela at 586.405.7343.
- On July 24th, the Fire Department will hold their annual fill the boot program to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Special Thanks

A special thanks goes out to the Mount Clemens Goodfellows. The Goodfellows have donated a 2009 Polaris Ranger.

Fire Safety Tip

Summer is here and it's time to enjoy the hot sun, trips to the beaches, and of course, weekend barbecues. But, it's also time to make plans for a safe summer season.



Barbecue Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the vent tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flames can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- *Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire.* Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

Backyard Fire Pits Safety

- Build fire pits where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves.
- Keep fire pits small, and don't let them get out of hand.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're done. Stir it and douse it again with water.
- Never leave fire pits unattended.



Fireworks Safety

- The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks.
- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near

dry grass.

- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, directions and a warning label, do not light it.
- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.

If you have any questions regarding fire pits or fireworks, please contact the Fire Department at 586.469.6840 or stop into the station, located at 2 Dickinson.

Medical Safety Tip

A bad sunburn can be a very painful lesson in sun safety. Sunbathers can be fooled, because sunburns don't typically show up until three to six hours after sun exposure. There are a few things that can be done to relieve the pain of a sunburn:

- Take a cool bath (not cold!) with two ounces of baking soda. (Avoid using soap on the direct burn.)
- Aloe lotion can be applied to cool and soothe the skin. (Avoid ointments or greasy lotions, which can block sweat glands and keep heat from escaping.)
- Apply 1 percent hydrocortisone cream several times a day to reduce swelling and pain.
- Anti-inflammatory pain medication, like ibuprofen, can help relieve the sunburn.
- Wear pajamas inside out when sleeping to avoid irritation from the seams.
- If skin starts to blister or the sunburn continues to get worse, seek medical attention.

Quiz

Do firefighters still go to school?

- Yes
- No

Answer: (a) Firefighters spend a majority of their time continuing their education. Firefighters must keep up-to-date with new technology and are required by law to have refresher courses in order to maintain their firefighters/EMT licensure.

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 Web site.

Elections

The next election will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. This election will be a City Primary election, which will reduce the number of City Commission candidates from eight to six. Those six candidates will then be on the November ballot. The City Commission candidates are: Gary Blash, Roger Bunton, Rich Dixon, Matt Dreger, Lois Hill, MaryGay Reinhold, Mike Simmons and Michael Wecker.

The last day to register to vote for the August election is July 6, 2009.

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.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is Saturday, August 1, 2009. The City Clerk's Office is open on August 1st from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

Please note: Campaign signs are not allowed in the right-of-way.

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 Web site www.cityofmountclemens.com.



Upcoming Holidays

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

Independence Day
Friday, July 3, 2009

Labor Day
Monday, September 7, 2009

**Survey for Community Needs:
Mount Clemens Community Center**

The Macomb Family YMCA, together with the City of Mount Clemens, seeks to understand what programs and services the residents of Mount Clemens would like to see offered at the Community Center on Groesbeck Highway. The collected information will be used to develop better programs and services for residents.

This is a voluntary and anonymous survey. Answers you give will be kept private and only a statistical report of survey responses will be compiled. Please log onto www.cityofmountclemens.com and follow the link under "Latest News" on the front page to participate. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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

Keeping your home safe

Whether you're home or away on vacation, make your home safe.

- Be sure your outdoor lighting illuminates all entrances to your home.
- Cut back shrubbery to discourage burglars from hiding near windows.
- Keep windows and doors locked at all times.
- Make certain your garage door is closed and locked.
- Install a peephole in your front door.
- Windows and sliding glass doors should be secured with auxiliary locks. Special door pins, available at home improvement stores, and Deadbolt locks should be used on all exterior doors.
- Never hide or store keys or tools outside.

When you're away from home for extended periods, be sure to take precautions:

- Let trusted friends and neighbors know that you'll be away.
- Make your home appear occupied. Attach timers to lights and televisions.
- Have your newspaper and mail held, or picked up by a friend or neighbor.
- Disconnect automatic garage door openers.
- Open some of the drapes or blinds on your windows.

Macomb County Sheriff's Office offers residents in its jurisdictions a free Home Watch program. Deputies will check for signs of break-in or suspicious activity.

To participate, log on to www.macombsheriff.com for a Home Watch form. You must provide the dates and times your home will be unoccupied with a contact phone number of a trusted neighbor or local relative.



To start a Neighborhood Watch email us at:
sheriff@macombsheriff.com

Summer Tax Bills

The 2009 summer taxes are due on September 15, 2009. 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 due. After September 15th, a 4% penalty will be added to any remaining balance. This amount will not be penalized again until March 1, 2010, when it gets turned over to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office.

Senior Tax Deferments

If you are 62 or over before December 31, 2009, (or you are permanently disabled) 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 15th and will give you until February 28, 2010 to pay your summer taxes without penalty. If you have any questions or wish to obtain a form by mail, 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

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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.

remaining balance. FOR EXAMPLE, your water bill is \$159.72. You can pay \$53.24 before the due date, \$53.24 the 2nd month and \$58.57 (amount includes 5% penalty) the 3rd 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 up 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 assist you. Simply call 211 for help.

Now Online!

Assessing and Tax Information is now available online! Follow the link on our Web site www.cityofmountclemens.com.

Happenings at the Macomb Family YMCA

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

Explore, Play, and Grow with the Macomb Family YMCA Summer Day Camp 2009! Camp is off to an exciting start and we do not want your child to miss out on the fun! 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 registration incentives, please contact Lindsay Sammut at 586.468.1411 x 213 or lsammut@ymcamedetroit.org.

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Mount Clemens June 6-7, 2009

It was a true relay this year. Mount Clemens City Avengers' Team Captain City Commissioner Jack Johns handed off the tent and collected money to Commissioner Matthew Dreger as he left for vacation in Maine. Commissioner Dreger handed off the collected money to Mayor Barb Dempsey. Mayor Dempsey handed off the collected money to the Relay for Life Bank Night Committee. Then Commissioner Dreger and Commissioner Karan Bates-Gasior arrived at the Mount Clemens High School Football Field bright and early on Saturday morning, June 6th. They erected the Team Tent, raised the Mount Clemens City Avengers' banner, and handed the tent off to the day time team members.

The day was filled with laps around the track, an auction, survivor events and shopping and eating on the oval track.

Later that night, after the Avengers attended the 10:00 PM Luminary Lighting and made their lap around the track behind the solemn bag piper, the news came – the Red Wings had won their game again.

Then the rain came. By midnight, Mayor Dempsey and Commissioner Dreger packed up as much as possible to a safe and dry place. In true to form relay event style, Team Captain Jack Johns made it back from Maine in time to be handed off the job of taking down the tent and banner. Everyone did a bit, so no one had to do a lot.

Thank you to everyone that gave up some time to help at the tent. Thank you to those who donated and helped to raise funds. Thank you to all the Relay for Life Teams and to the Mount Clemens Relay for Life Committee. You all did a great job!

**Upon request,
the Dial-A-Ride Shopper Route
will now go to Aldi,
located on Groesbeck.**

Anton Art Center News

18th Annual ArtParty

September 24th

5:30-8:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate The Art Center's 40th Anniversary with an extra-special ArtParty! Advance purchase tickets are only \$40, to enjoy food and drink from 30 of the area's best caterers and restaurants, along with musical entertainment, a raffle and silent auction. Call 586.469.8666 to reserve your tickets, today!



Upcoming Exhibitions

Ruby Red Invitational

40 Years of The Art Center

Through July 12th

Closing Reception

Sunday, July 12th 1-3 PM

Invented Memories Group Show

July 10th – August 15th

Opening Reception

Friday, July 10th 6-9 PM

Mount Clemens Art Association

July 19th – August 7th

Opening Reception

Sunday, July 19th 1-3 PM

Detroit Society of Women Painters & Sculptors

August 23rd – September 12th

Opening Reception

Sunday, August 23rd 1-3 PM

Members Only

August 28th – October 4th

Closing Reception

Sunday, October 4th 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 membership costs only \$50 per year. Call us at 586.469.8666 for details.

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, call 586.469.8666 or visit www.TheArtCenter.org. To get regular email updates, visit our Web site and sign up!

City of Mount Clemens 11th Annual Scarecrow Contest

The Mount Clemens Beautification Committee is proud to sponsor a colorful and whimsical fall event, the 11th Annual Scarecrow Contest. Your hand built scarecrows will be displayed in October 2009 with a date and time to be determined. 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 Committee. Fill in the form and mail it to:

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

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Scarecrow Registration Form

Fill out the information below and mail in no later than September 30, 2009.

Sponsor's Name

Address

Phone

Email

(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!**