

Clementimes

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

Messages from the Mayor

As I'm writing this article it's still summer according to the calendar but the weather outside says it's the onset of fall. I am not complaining since I am not a huge fan of 90 degree weather with 100 % humidity, but is it just me or did summer just fly by us? Fall has always been my favorite time of the year for as long as I can remember. I think it had something to do with going back to school (yes, I liked school), football games and the smell of leaves burning in the air. (Please do not burn leaves; it is a violation within the city limits). All that being said, I hope that your summer went well and that you had an opportunity to participate in the many events that took place, such as the Friday night concerts, festivals, craft shows, Saturday mornings with our favorite clown Rosco, and the Selfridge Air Show which featured the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. I want to thank everyone who made these events possible for all of us to enjoy.

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"I can't believe it. Right here where we live. Right here in St. Louis" (Closing line from the 1944 film "Meet Me in St. Louis.") That's right, right here in Mount Clemens, the cameras were rolling and the action was in full swing. The movie industry came to Mount Clemens, due to the quick action of the City Commission in passing ordinances to promote the film industry. We were able to move quickly to provide the necessary sites and assistance to the film crew to make everything run smoothly. The remake of the 1984 movie "Red Dawn," which starred the late Patrick Swayze, will be released in 2010. Although in the movie the town that is being invaded is identified as Spokane, Washington, they were able to film several scenes in our neighborhoods and commercial sites in downtown. Let's hope that the editing crew feels the same way about Mount Clemens as the scouting crew did and we do not end up on the

cutting room floor. Check out the 1984 version of Red Dawn at your favorite movie rental location, then go and see the remake on the big screen next year in 2010. We hope that this will be the first of many movies that will be filmed in Mount Clemens.

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I had a call recently from a resident who was very upset with me because she felt I have not done enough to get the word out about our dog ordinance. I think she felt that we should have written an article in the local newspaper letting everyone know that your dog needs to be on a leash when not in a fenced area. Apparently she has had experiences while taking walks in her neighborhood of dogs running up to her and even nipping at her ankles, while the owners are present, saying, "he or she won't hurt you." She doesn't know that nor would anyone else.

I tried to explain to her that we have had several articles in our Clementimes Newsletter which addressed these issues (May/June 2007, Sept/Oct 2007, July/Aug/Sept 2008, Jan/Feb/March 2009, April/May/June 2009, July/Aug/Sept 2009). There have been articles in both *The Macomb Daily* (2/9/09) and the *Journal* (2/18/09) addressing these issues.

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Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Come and experience all of the great things that your Downtown has to offer you and your family. There are over 30 dining establishments and over two dozen independent retailers in the Downtown district.

Since this January, our Downtown has seen significant investment with three new stores opening, one expansion, and one new restaurant. There are several other new businesses readying to open or in the final planning stages. Please come down and support our independent, local, and unique businesses that have made a commitment to investing in our town.

With the leaves turning and children back in school, Downtown Mount Clemens still has a wide variety of events this season that are fun for the whole family. Come down and have fun in your Downtown!

Cemetery Walk and Funeral Tea

Saturday, October 3rd
Crocker House Museum and
Clinton Grove Cemetery
586.465.2488

Farmers Market Apple Festival

Saturday, October 10th
10 AM – 1 PM
North River Rd. btwn NB Gratiot & I-94
586.493.7600

Third Annual Blood Bath City Art Exhibit

Halloween Party Friday, October 23rd
9 PM – 1 AM
Exhibit Friday, October 9th through
Saturday November 7th
Anton Art Center
10 AM – 5 PM T-Th & Sat; 10 AM – 6 PM F;
Noon – 4 PM S
586.469.8666

The Assessing Office staff will be out in the field this fall to verify building permits and property information. We will have City identification with us and will knock on your door to inform you of our presence.
Thank you, Nancy A. Strehl, Assessor

Farmers Market Pumpkin Party

Saturday, October 24th
10 AM – 1 PM
North River Rd. btwn NB Gratiot & I-94
586.493.7600

Mount Clemens Halloween Party

Saturday, October 24th
1 PM – 5 PM
Downtown Businesses & Fountain Stage
586.469.4168
Show and Trick-or-Treat for Children at
Downtown Businesses

Girls Night Out Downtown

Thursday, November 5th
Participating Retailers Downtown
5 PM – 9 PM
586.469.4168
Fun night of sales, specials, giveaways,
and games for women, with
refreshments
Sponsored by Wine Sync

Downtown Christmas Open House

Friday, November 20th
5 PM – 9 PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168
Tree lighting, sing-along, free Santa
photos, & free horse-drawn carriage
rides
*Sponsored by Mount Clemens
Downtown Development Authority*

Anton Art Center Christmas Market

Friday, November 20th through
Sunday, December 20th
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and
Saturdays 10 AM – 5 PM; Fridays
10 AM – 6 PM; and Sundays Noon – 4 PM
586.469.8666

Macomb County Santa Parade

Presented by the City of Mount Clemens
Friday, November 27th
10 AM
Main St. between Church & Clinton Sts.
586.469.6818 x 317

Santa Luncheon at the Anton Art Center

Friday, November 27th
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
586.469.8666

Christmas Walk

Thursday, December 10th
Tickets Available at Mount Clemens
Public Library
586.465.1538
Sponsored by the Bath City Association

Men's Night Out

Thursday, December 17th
5 PM – 9 PM
586.469.4168
Personal shoppers for men and specials

Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala

Thursday, December 31st
10:30 PM to 12:15 AM
Main St. at the Clock Tower
586.469.4168
Music, karaoke, and entertainment until
Midnight fireworks
*Sponsored by Community Central Bank,
The Macomb Daily, and the Mount
Clemens Downtown Development
Authority*

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



Upcoming Holidays

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

Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2009
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27, 2009
Christmas Eve Day	Thursday, December 24, 2009
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2009
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31, 2009
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2010

Holiday Refuse CalendarColumbus Day – October 12, 2009

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

Veteran's Day - November 11, 2009

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

Thanksgiving Day - November 26, 2009

There will be **NO** garbage pickup on Thursday, November 26th. Garbage pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Thursday, November 26th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 27th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 28th.

Christmas Day - December 25, 2009

There will be **NO** garbage pickup on Friday, December 25th. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, December 26th.

New Year's Day - January 1, 2010

There will be **NO** garbage pickup on Friday, January 1st. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, January 2nd.

Winter Snow Removal

Winter is coming...and with it snow and snowstorms!! Please help us keep our City streets clear of snow by not shoveling or blowing snow onto the streets.

Please use caution when driving in inclement weather. Salt does not react immediately under certain conditions. The lower the temperature, the longer it takes for salt to react. Also, please be friendly to the snowplow drivers and salt truck drivers. They are there trying to make the streets safe for all motorists.

Please keep in mind the Street Department will be clearing all major streets first during a snowstorm. We will, however, plow the side streets as quickly as possible once the major streets are clear.

This winter during snowstorms, please park your vehicles at an off-street location. Parking in a driveway or parking lot will be greatly appreciated. On-street parking can resume after the City has plowed the streets. Also be advised, in the downtown location, all parking meters are labeled "No Parking 2 a.m. – 7 a.m.". If you are parked there between these hours during a snowstorm, your vehicle could possibly get towed.

Whenever there is an abundance of snow accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to extraordinary depths, the City may declare a "**Snow Emergency**". Local television and radio news stations will be alerted when a snow emergency has been declared and cancelled, so tune in for this information during snowstorms or excessive snow falls.

After the initial notice of a snow emergency has been declared, please remove all vehicles within six (6) hours on any major streets and/or within twelve (12) hours on local streets or alleys. Once the entire street has been cleared of snow from curb to curb and no additional snow has accumulated or is predicted to accumulate, vehicles may then resume parking on that street.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Street Department 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 permanently planted in a City park location selected by the sponsor. If you would like more information, call the Department of Public Services office at 586.469.6847.

Adopt-A-Bench

Individuals interested in sponsoring a park bench can do so through the Adopt-A-Bench Program. Each park bench comes with a personalized

bronze plaque with the dates, names, and/or message of your choice. The bench will be permanently installed in a City park of the sponsor's choice. If you would like more information, call the Department of Public Services office at 586.469.6847.

COMPOST/LEAF PICKUP SEASON ENDS DECEMBER 4th

The City of Mount Clemens will again be enforcing its leaf pickup 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 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.

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So again, I am respectfully asking all pet owners to be responsible with your pets and be respectful of other residents who may be walking by your home. Keep your pets from running after people. If you are unsure of what the ordinances are, you can call the City Clerk's Office or check out the ordinances on our Web site www.cityofmountclemens.com.

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The parade committee is in full swing and we are looking for participants, volunteers and sponsors. So if you or anyone you know would like to be part of the 34th Annual Mount Clemens Presents the Macomb County Santa Parade held the day after Thanksgiving, please contact 586.469.6818 x 317 or go online at www.paradeonmain.com. We need everyone's help so we can assure that the Parade goes on. Thank you.

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I want to remind everyone that November 3rd is the upcoming General Election for the City and the Macomb County Charter. Please remember to vote!

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I am always interested in hearing from you. You can reach me at 586.469.6818 x 313 or by email at bdempsey@cityofmountclemens.com.

Dangerous Animals Ordinance

The City of Mount Clemens enacted a "Dangerous Animals" ordinance on August 13, 2009. This ordinance requires all pit bull dogs to be on a leash no longer than four (4) feet in length and held by an adult whenever the dog is outside and not in a pen or kennel as outlined in this ordinance. The dog must also be muzzled. No person shall permit a pit bull dog to be kept on a chain, rope, or other type of leash outside its kennel, pen or fence unless an adult person is in physical control of the leash. Such dogs may not be leashed to inanimate objects such as trees, posts, fences or buildings.

Effective September 13, 2009, all residents who own a pit bull dog in the City of Mount Clemens are required to post signage on their property in accordance with the ordinance.

Effective November 13, 2009, all residents who own a pit bull dog are required to register their animal with the City Clerk. Forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x 3.

Effective December 13, 2009, pit bull dogs must be securely confined indoors, or if outdoors, in a securely enclosed and locked pen, kennel, or fence, which pen, kennel or fence shall be no shorter than six (6) feet in height, when not leashed as above provided. Such pen or kennel shall have secure sides and a secure top attached to the sides. All structures used to confine pit bull dogs must be locked with a key lock or combination lock when such animals are within the structure. Such kennel or pen must have a secure bottom or floor attached to the sides of the pen or the sides of the pen must be embedded in the ground no less than two (2) feet. All structures erected to house pit bull dogs must comply with all zoning and building regulations of the City. All such structures must be adequately lighted and ventilated and kept clean and in a sanitary condition.

Further information about this ordinance, including exemptions, can be obtained at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

DIAL-A-RIDE

Tammy Murphy, Dial-A-Ride Supervisor

15-Minute Window Policy

Over the past few months, Dial-A-Ride had an increase in ridership. Due to the increased volume, please allow up to an hour and 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 request that a personal care attendant be provided if necessary (who rides free

if the passenger has a disability) or passengers may be subject to probationary status and/or a loss of service.

Bag Policy

You may bring as many bags on the bus as you can carry on at one time. If you have too many bags; the driver may refuse to take you to your destination.

Event Service Schedule

October 3, 2009 - Cemetery Walk
October 10, 2009 - Historic Homes Tour
November 3, 2009 - Election Day
Call 586.469.7433 for a free ride to and from the polls.
December 17, 2009
Senior Citizen Christmas Light Tour
Call 586.469.7433 for details and reservations.

SURVIVING AND THRIVING IN 2009

Many people are facing tough times in today's economy. The City of Mount Clemens will be presenting a program in October to give information for coping with many of the stresses and challenges. Representatives from a number of organizations such as Michigan Works!, the MSU Extension Service, CARE, and the Health Department, will help people deal with issues of unemployment, foreclosure, retraining, substance abuse, and knowing how to make the best use of limited resources.

This will be a great opportunity to get information and have your questions answered about many of today's issues. There is no charge for this event. For more information, call 586.469.6818 x 317.

Submitted by City Commissioner Lois Hill

What's New?

The Mount Clemens Fire Department will be holding an Open House on Sunday, October 11th from Noon to 4:00 PM. The Open House will include fire equipment demos, an emergency medical helicopter, entertainment, a pumpkin carving station and donuts and cider.

Special Thanks

- The Mount Clemens Volunteer Firefighters appreciate all of the sponsors and those who participated in their annual golf outing.
- We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association Fill the Boot program that was held in July. The Fire Department was able to raise over \$1,800.
- We would also like to thank those who took part in the Mount Clemens Fire Department Pancake Breakfast.
- A special thanks goes to Hefling's Amish Farm Market on 38953 Harper Ave for donating the sausage every year for the pancake breakfast.
- A special thanks goes to the Farmers Market for all of their donations.
- The Fire Department would also like to thank all who will be attending the Open House and everyone who donated their time.

Fire Safety Tips

Kids and Fire: A Bad Match

Children are one of the highest risk groups for deaths in residential fires. At home, children usually play with fire - lighters, matches and other ignitables - in bedrooms, in closets, and under beds. These are "secret" places where there are a lot of things that catch fire easily.

- Children of all ages set over 35,000 fires annually.
- Every year over 400 children nine years and younger die in home fires.
- Keep matches and lighters locked up and away from children. Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with matches.
- Teach your child that fire is a tool, not a toy.

Tuck Yourself in for a Safe Sleep

- Never smoke in bed.
- Replace mattresses made before the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard. Mattresses made since then are required by law to be safer.

Finally, having working smoke alarms dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. Place at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home and in halls outside bedrooms. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

Medication Safety Tips

1. Review the prescription with your doctor. Make sure you understand exactly what the medication is, how often you need to take the drug and why you will be taking it.
2. Keep a list of all medications and supplements you take, both prescription and over-the-counter, listing:
 - the name of the drug as it is prescribed
 - the brand name if you are receiving a generic (you can look this up easily at any search engine by typing in the generic name followed by "brand name")
 - the dosage of each medication
 - how often you take a dose and how many pills, etc., if you take more than one
 - the manufacturer

Keep in mind that if you are involved in an emergency, one of the first tasks of emergency personnel is to locate what medications you are taking. By having a current list, you can provide an immense amount of information.
3. If possible, use the same pharmacy for all prescriptions. The pharmacy may catch incompatible drug combinations.
4. Read all the prescribing information included with each new drug, checking for possible interactions with medications you are already taking, foods to avoid, etc.
5. Notify your prescribing doctor if your pharmacy changes your prescription from brand name to generic without


his approval.

6. Keep the old pill container until you receive your next refill so you can compare the drug name, manufacturer, dosage and instructions. Notify your doctor if you do not understand why something has changed.
7. Ideally, order refills to be available before you run out of the current supply so you can compare the actual old and new pills. This is also important because if there is any delay in getting the refill, you will still have enough pills to get through the time needed.
8. If a medication has changed from brand name to generic, or from one manufacturer to another, you may want to start taking the new pills while you still have a few of the old ones left. If you exhibit an allergic reaction or the new medication does not seem to have the same effect as the old one, switch back and see whether the allergic reaction disappears or the old medication works better -- then contact your prescribing doctor. (Obviously, if you have a severe reaction at any time to a medication, get help immediately.)

Quiz What do the letters on fire extinguishers stand for?

- a) Classification of different types of fires it extinguishes
- b) Random letters
- c) Only to be recognized by the fire department
- d) When the extinguisher is to be used
- e) Both a and d

Answer: e) The fire extinguisher letters stand for the classification of different types of fires it extinguishes as well as when the fire extinguisher is to be used.



Fall/Winter programs at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena include:

• Public Skating	• Youth/Adult Hockey
• Learn to Skate Classes	• High School Hockey
• Figure Skating Lessons	• Fitness Center Memberships
• Birthday Parties	
• Group Outings	

To obtain information regarding these programs, please call 586.307.8202 or visit www.mountclemensicearena.com.

Election Information

The City General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

The last day the Clerk's Office can mail absentee ballots is Saturday, October 31, 2009. The City Clerk's Office is open on October 31st from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM for processing absentee ballot requests. If you are eligible for an absentee ballot, you can also vote in the City Clerk's Office on Monday, November 2nd, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

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.

Not sure where to vote? Don't wait until Election Day – call the Clerk's Office to find out where your precinct is located.

Don't forget that you will need photo identification when you head to the polls November 3rd. Photo identification can be in the form of a driver's license, passport, State of Michigan I.D. card, or high school or college I.D. Voters

who do not bring picture identification to the polls, or do not possess picture identification, can vote by signing an affidavit at the precinct.

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

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.

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.

remaining balance on your summer tax bill until the end of February. All unpaid 2009 taxes are turned over to the County on March 1, 2010.

Here's a Great Stocking Stuffer Idea: Give the gift of free parking!

Why worry about having change for the meter? The CLEMCARD works like a debit card for parking. Simply insert the card in the parking meter until the desired amount of time is displayed, remove the card, and go about your business – no need to worry about having change! You can purchase them at the Treasurer's Office on the 1st floor of City Hall in any denomination, from \$5.00 to \$100.00. You can also recharge your card as needed at our office. They make great gifts! Our customers who use them love them!

If you reside in or own a **Multi-Family Dwelling** and do not receive City services, please make arrangements with your Non-Municipal waste hauler, if necessary, to remove compost debris from your property.

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 been taking 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 visit our Web site at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

I never know what day I should put my trash out when there is a holiday that week. HELP!!

The Department of Public Services makes every effort to use every venue possible to communicate to the residents when there is an interruption with trash service because of a holiday. There are six (6) holidays that affect the refuse schedule:

- New Years Day (January 1st)
- Memorial Day (May, last Monday of the month)
- Independence Day (July 4th)
- Labor Day (September, first Monday of the month)
- Thanksgiving (November, fourth Thursday of the month)
- Christmas Day (December 25th)

The following are ways you can find your holiday refuse schedule:

- This newsletter "Clementimes"
- Your local cable channel "MCN Network Television"
- Log onto www.cityofmountclemens.com
- Your utility bill
- Call the Street Department at 586.469.6847

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland, Deputy Treasurer

Residents Can Now Get Tax Information Online

You may obtain your tax information online by visiting our Web site www.cityofmountclemens.com. Simply click on the link "Assessing and Tax Information" under Latest News on the home page. You may obtain your own information free of charge by creating an account.

Winter Tax Bills

Residents will receive a winter tax bill in the mail around December 1, 2009, and it will be due on February 28, 2010. Every resident will receive a tax bill, even if your taxes are paid by a mortgage company. Please keep this tax bill for income tax purposes.

You can still make payments toward any

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

School Bus Traffic Safety Tips

School is finally back in session, and for many Macomb County students, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. "The greatest risk for these children is not riding the bus, but when they are approaching or leaving the bus," says Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel. Both children and adults must know and follow traffic safety rules designed to keep them safe.

Student Tips:

- Children should arrive at their bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps or six feet away from the street or curb.
- Do not cross the road or enter the bus until the driver says or signals that it is okay.
- Never walk behind the bus or along side the bus where the bus driver is not able to see you.

Driver Tips:

- Drivers must approach a school bus cautiously.
- Prepare to stop when a slowing bus has its overhead yellow lights flashing.
- You must come to a complete stop at least 20 feet away from the bus when its overhead red lights are flashing.
- Be especially alert where children congregate near bus stops.

Sheriff Mark Hackel wants you to help make this a safe year for our school children. Use caution near school bus stops, school zones and always wear your safety belt.

2009 Sheriff Hunter Safety Classes

Hunting is a tradition in Michigan. Most hunters know that the lasting fun of hunting comes only when it is conducted safely. A hunter safety class is required of all first time hunters born on or after January 1, 1960.

Persons seeking information about upcoming classes may find this information on the Sheriff's Web site www.macombsheriff.com. You can also call Sgt. Larry King at 586.307.9435 or e-mail sheriff@macombsheriff.com.

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is fast approaching and it's a good time for the rest of us to think about safety. "I urge all parents to keep these few, common sense safety tips in mind this season. Let's all make sure our children stay safe this Halloween," says Macomb County Sheriff Mark A. Hackel.

Children should not eat any treats until they're back at home and mom or dad has inspected them. Parents should make sure that candy wrappers are sealed.

When little children take to the streets, the biggest threat they face is motor vehicle traffic – something for parents and drivers to keep in mind.

- For motorists, extreme caution is the rule for Halloween night.
- Expect children to run across the street, coming out of nowhere, oblivious to traffic.
- Children should be accompanied by adults when trick-or-treating.
- A responsible grown-up will be the person with a flashlight, leading the way.
- It's always best to stay close to home and to visit neighbors and friends that you know.
- Make sure children only approach homes that are well lit.
- Treats should be handed out at the door so that youngsters don't have to enter the home.
- Battery powered lights are always a safer alternative to candles inside pumpkins.
- If you decide to use candles, never leave them unattended
- Make sure their costume fits well and check that the child can see through any mask that he or she might be wearing.

2009 Law Enforcement Academy for Seniors

Learn more about the Macomb County Sheriff's Office and Law Enforcement in this comprehensive 5-week class.

Topics to be covered include: Dispatch, Courts, K9 Unit, Detective Bureau, Evidence Technician, Youth Bureau, Gun Range, S.W.A.T., C.O.M.E.T., M.A.C.E., M.A.T.S. Traffic, Marine Division, Dive Team, Explorers, a Tour of Macomb County Jail and Graduation. To register, call Robin Auten at 586.466.8725.

Yard of the Year Results

The Beautification Commission gave out over 105 awards at this year's "Yard of the Year" celebration which was held on September 17th. We enjoyed refreshments and a brief program on the many varieties of hostas and how to care for them. Our guest speaker was from Weigand's Nursery.

It was a nice evening honoring the many residents and businesses who make Mount Clemens a more beautiful place to live. We thank you all and look forward to next year's event. Happy Gardening!

Yard of the Year Winners

Grand Winner

Ray and Bonnie Trahan
152 Clinton Street

Neighborhood Area Winners

1. Southwest Area
Rosemary Spoutz
126 South Wilson
2. South Area
Randy Gruszynski & Robert Wejroch
234 Esplanade
3. Southeast Area
James and Janie Fishback
345 Clinton River Drive
4. East Area
Ron and Julie Sabo
71 Riverside Drive
5. Northeast Area
Carlo and Freida Smith
134 Jones
6. North Area
Deborah Roberts
34 Moser Place
7. Northwest Area
Ray and Bonnie Trahan
152 Clinton Street

Public and Commercial Winner

Mount Clemens Chiropractic

****REMINDERS****

The Scarecrow Contest will take place at the Fire Department's Open House on October 11, 2009.

Don't forget to decorate your home for the annual Snowflake Awards this winter.

YMCA to Offer Enhance Fitness Classes at Community Center to Older Adults

A Whole Lot of Variety

This fitness class is different from the start because it is based on scientific research and input from older adults. The result is one of the most effective fitness classes ever offered.

Enhance Fitness combines three key components of fitness: strength training, flexibility and cardiovascular conditioning. To ensure safety, each exercise was developed by experts in the field of physical therapy, in conjunction with agencies serving older adults. The result is a fun and lively program that works!

At all times you work at your own pace. Your instructor provides individual attention and demonstrates variations and modifications to the program so you can find a level that is perfect for you. All exercises may be performed seated or standing.

What to Expect at Your First Class

Expect a casual atmosphere. Our one hour class is attended by older adults - not athletes - interested in improving their life through exercise. Expect an energetic, certified instructor who leads our series of exercises and provides individual attention. Classes begin with a warm-up period. At times, you work with light soft-weights (provided). Classes finish with a cool-down session. For optimal results, we suggest attending classes three times a week. Interaction among participants is always encouraged - it's another benefit of the class!

A Whole Lot of Fun

Now there's a low-cost fitness program designed for older adults. Introducing Enhance Fitness, a lively and interactive hour-long class filled with variety. Participants are so enthusiastic that 99.4% say they would recommend this program to a friend.

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*Register at the YMCA in person, over the phone using a credit card or online.

All Enhance information was taken from the Enhance Fitness Brochure.

Featured Park of the Month: 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. Outdoor activities include a small softball field and an outdoor ice skating rink open from dawn until dusk during the winter months.

Anton Art Center News



31st Annual Christmas Market Opens November 20th

Christmas Market Members' Preview

November 19th, 5:30 – 8 PM
10% off all purchases; new members welcome!

Christmas Market

November 20th – December 20th
'Tis the Season
Meet the Artists: November 22nd, 1 – 3 PM

Late shopping nights

Fridays, November 20th & 27th;
Thursdays, December 3rd, 10th & 17th

Special discounts for

- School Employees
Nov. 27th, 5 – 9 PM
- Hospital Employees
Dec. 3rd, 5 – 9 PM
- City & County Employees
Dec. 10th, 5 – 9 PM
- Seniors 62 + Older
Dec. 8th, 10 AM – 5 PM

Santa Luncheon

November 27th
11:30 AM
Tickets \$10



Upcoming Exhibitions

Blood Bath City MASKED

October 9th – November 7th
Halloween Party w/ live music
October 23rd, 9 PM – 12 AM
Family Trick-or-Treat
October 24th, 1-5 PM

Macomb Continuing Education

Youth Show through October 10th
Adult Show October 18th – 31st

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November 19th – December 20th
Our second postcard benefit – check our Web site and submit an entry! Free and open to all!

The Anton Art Center's mission is to enrich and inspire the lives of Macomb County residents and visitors of all ages, through the infusion of the arts into everyday life. We achieve this through exhibits, educational programming, community outreach and special events. Our success comes from creative leadership, a strong sense of community and the generosity of our members and supporters.

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