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A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mount Clemens

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CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS DEPARTMENTAL PHONE LISTING

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 Television586.461.3751
City Clerk	x 3
City Manager	x 7
Mayor/City Commission	
Community Development	x 2
Building/Inspections	
Community Relations	586.469.HELP
Dial-A-Ride586.469.RIDE
Downtown Dev. Authority586.469.4168
Finance.	x 301
Fire.586.469.6840
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Treasurer's Office.	x 1
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Water & Sewer/Water Filtration	

Macomb County	
Sheriff's Office.586.469.5151
www.macombsheriff.com	
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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

We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential. ~Ellen Goodman

Happy New Year! 2009 is history and the new year will bring many challenges and opportunities for the City of Mount Clemens.

The new year will find the administration and City Commission continuing to work together to address the ever changing economic issues that face our community.

Mount Clemens is not impervious from the difficulties that the State of Michigan is facing. We continue to see foreclosures, reduction in state revenue sharing, and this year we will see a decline in property revenue taxes. Our costs continue to increase (health care/pensions), our infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, buildings) is in need of repair, and our downtown needs help revitalizing itself. All of these will have an impact on how we do business in the future.

While we are facing many challenges, we will remain open to the potential that often arises out of adverse circumstances. We may find a more economic way of doing business, pursue opportunities to raise revenue through grant funding or other means, and promote our City to small businesses. We just need to work together to make things happen.

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Your participation in the 2010 Census counts. This is how you can help to ensure that Mount Clemens gets its share of federal funding.

What is the Census?

- The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years.
- The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
- The next Census Day is April 1, 2010.
- Your participation in the census is required by law.
- It takes less than 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire.
- Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.
- Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

The Census Bureau will mail or deliver short-form questionnaires to every household in March 2010. A second form will be mailed to households that do not respond to the initial questionnaire.

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Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Winter has settled in upon us, but you won't want to miss a couple of fun Downtown activities. Both of these events can help to snap you out of the winter doldrums.

Fifth Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, February 4th

At participating bars and restaurants
Downtown

Tickets can be purchased in advance at
participating establishments

Starts 6 PM

586.469.4168

Proceeds to support the Macomb Family
YMCA and Turning Point

Fifth Annual Mount Clemens Ice Carving Show

Friday, February 5th through

Sunday, February 7th

Centered near the Fountain Stage at
Macomb Pl. and Cherry St. Mall

Show Opens 4 PM Friday through

Sunday Evening

586.469.4168

Live ice carving will be taking place from
midday Thursday to midday Sunday

In addition, consider checking out both The Crocker House Museum and The Anton Art Center. Each hosts events throughout the winter. Give them a call or look at their Web sites to learn what they have in store for you. The Crocker House Museum may be reached at 586.465.2488 or www.crockerhousemuseum.com or The Anton

Art Center at 586.469.8666 or
www.theartcenter.org.

Please don't forget to visit your locally owned and operated businesses this winter. They all help to retain a vibrancy and support activities in your Downtown year-round. During the cold winter months, they would appreciate seeing you in their businesses, even if it is just browsing or stopping in to say hello.

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

Upcoming Holidays

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18, 2010

Presidents' Day

February 15, 2010

Good Friday

April 2, 2010

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lynne Kennedy, City Clerk

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

Don't Want Solicitors Knocking on your Door? Sign Up for our "No-Knock" List

The City recently adopted an ordinance that would regulate door-to-door solicitors. As part of this ordinance, the City Clerk's Office has established a "no-knock" list. This list will be given to all permitted solicitors and they will be advised that if they attempt to solicit at addresses on the list, their permit may be revoked. If you would like your address to be added to our "no-knock" list, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x 3 or send us an 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 would like to use your computer to search for documents, the ordinances can be found on-line through a link on our Web site www.cityofmountclemens.com.

Boards and Committees

The City of Mount Clemens is proud to have more than one hundred volunteers dedicate their time and talents to the City's boards, committees and commissions. The function and responsibility of each board, committee and commission varies, but all work to improve City services, beautify the City and maintain the City's history as a benefit to all residents and for generations to come.

If you are interested in serving on one of our boards or committees, call the City Clerk's Office 586.469.6818 x 3 for an application.

Thank You!

This holiday season, the staff of the City of Mount Clemens again adopted a local family through the Volunteers of America Michigan. We would like to thank all of the employees who participated in making this Christmas very special. We were able to provide a Christmas dinner, clothes, lots of toys and a variety of household items. Overall, we had an outstanding response and the donations received no doubt put plenty of smiles on their faces.

DESIGN
LAYOUT

SARA SOMMER

Holiday Refuse CalendarMartin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 18, 2010

Garbage pickup will run on schedule January 18th through January 22nd.

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 15, 2010

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of February.

Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 2010

Garbage pickup will be on schedule during the entire month of April.

Christmas Tree Pickup

A special yard waste collection truck is picking up christmas trees until January 22nd. Please make sure that trees are bare and not in a plastic bag when placed at the curb.

Winter Snow Removal

Winter is coming...and with it snow and snowstorms!! Please help us keep our City streets safe and 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 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.

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"** per City of Mount Clemens *Ordinance #30.030*. 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. Vehicles not removed from the streets during a snow emergency may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense. Once the entire street has been cleared of snow from curb to curb and no additional snow has accumulated or is predicted to accumulate, or the snow emergency has been terminated, vehicles may then resume parking on that street.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847.

Composting program scheduled to begin the week of April 5, 2010

A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the City from April 5, 2010 through December 3, 2010 only.

NO COMPOST OR YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER DECEMBER 3, 2010.

BEGINNING APRIL 5th, 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.

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 to keep up with constantly changing environmental standards and still provide 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.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847.

Ice Ponds

The ice ponds will be open in January (weather permitting) at the following City Parks:

- Lawndale Park
- Dorothea/Leonore Park
- Wilson Park

The ice ponds will remain open as weather permits. The hours for skating are from dawn until dusk.

The ponds are for the enjoyment of all ages. Please be courteous to fellow skaters.

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.

Lost Dogs/Cats

Mount Clemens takes all stray animals to the Macomb County Animal Shelter.

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Name & Mailing Changes

To change the mailing address for taxes and assessment notices contact the Assessor's Office. A registered deed or contract is required to change the owner's name on a property parcel.

Important Information for Property Owners

If you are delinquent in paying your property taxes you should know that the law governing late payments has changed dramatically. Public Act 123 of 1999 decreases the amount of time in which owners have to pay delinquent taxes before losing their property. Property taxes that are two years delinquent will now be subject to foreclosure and subsequent sale at public auction. Most importantly, the new law no longer allows for redemption of the property once foreclosure has taken place. Foreclosure is final. Contact the Assessor's Office for more information.

A Reminder to New Homeowners

If you have recently purchased a new or previously owned home in the City of Mount Clemens, please be sure you have submitted a Property Transfer

Affidavit and a Principal Residence Exemption form (formerly known as homestead exemption affidavit) to the Assessor's Office. The closing agent usually provides these forms at the time of closing. The State of Michigan requires prompt submission (within 45 days) of these forms to ensure appropriate taxation.

Important Dates to Remember

In January, personal property statements will be mailed to all commercial and industrial taxpayers. These statements must be completed according to State law. Return the completed forms, by **February 1st** to the Assessor's Office. If you do not fill out and return a personal property statement for your business operation, an estimated value will be placed on that account, as authorized by State law.

Prior to March 1st, assessment change notices will be mailed to the property owners in the City of Mount Clemens. If you disagree with your assessed value for 2010, your chance to appeal the valuation of your property is at the March Board of Review. The dates for

this will be **March 15 & 16, 2010**. Your appeal may be made by letter or in person. **This is the only time that your valuation may be appealed according to State law!!!**

May 1st is the deadline to file for a PRE (Principal Residence Exemption). In order to qualify, the property must be **owned and occupied by the individual** who is applying for the exemption. For more information, contact the Assessor's Office.

Subdivision plat maps are available online through the State of Michigan Web site at www.cis.state.mi.us/platmaps.

Land Division Applications for land division are available at the Assessor's Office. When the application is completed, return it with the required documents and appropriate fee to the Assessor's Office.

If you have questions or need more information, the Assessor's Office can be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at 586.469.6818 x 4.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland, Deputy Treasurer

Winter Tax Bills

Residents should have received a winter tax bill in the mail around December 1, 2009, and it is due by February 28, 2010. If you received a summer bill in error, please throw that bill away. Since February 28th falls on a Sunday, we will accept payments in our office on Monday, March 1st until 4:30 PM. Any 2009 tax that remains unpaid after that date will be transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. You may call their office at 586.469.5190 for more information.

The winter tax bill consists of 0.9496 mills and includes the following County items: Macomb County SMART, Macomb – Chpt. 20 (drain), Huron-Clinton Authority (Metro Parks), Veterans Millage and Zoological Authority. Every resident receives a tax bill, even if your taxes

are paid by a mortgage company. Please keep this tax bill for income tax purposes.

Riverfront Gazebo

The Treasurer's Office will be able to take 2010 reservations for the gazebo on February 1, 2010. The fees are: \$50.00 for the first hour and \$25.00 for each additional hour.

Dog/Cat Licenses

You may purchase animal licenses that expire January 1, 2011 at the Treasurer's Office. You will need to present a current rabies certificate. The costs are \$5.00 per year for spayed/neutered and \$10.00 per year for male/female. If you would like to renew your license by mail, contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x 3. Any licenses renewed after February 28, 2010 will be subject to penalties.

DIAL-A-RIDE

Tammy Murphy
Dial-A-Ride Supervisor**Special Weather Statement**

During extreme weather conditions, Dial-A-Ride, the Shopper Route and the Shuttle services may be cancelled or provide limited services such as emergency calls and/or customers going to work or to the doctor.

A Friendly Reminder

Due to the increased volume of customers, there is an average wait of 30 to 45 minutes. Please allow sufficient time to arrive at your destination.

Holiday Closing

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18, 2010

What's New?

- On December 2nd and 3rd the Mount Clemens Fire Department held their first ever charity hockey tournament at Mount Clemens Ice Arena. Sergeant Chuck Jawor organized the event which included seven teams and sponsorship from the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- The Mount Clemens Fire Department is looking for an interested person to serve as the Fire Department Chaplain. Interested individuals must be an ordained member of the clergy, in good physical health, and prepared to serve in a crisis situation. If you are interested, please contact Firefighter Nick Candela at 586.405.7343.

Special Thanks

- The Mount Clemens Firefighters appreciate all of the sponsors and those who participated in the first Mount Clemens charity hockey event. The Fire Department was able to raise about \$1,500 for the MDA.
- Special thanks to all who volunteered in the Santa parade and helped make the event a success.

Fire Safety Tip

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, carbon monoxide poisoning is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America. Carbon monoxide detectors are available, but you need to understand how they work and what their limitations are in order to decide whether or not you need a detector and, if you purchase a detector, how to use it to get the best protection.

Where Should I Place a Carbon Monoxide Detector?

Because carbon monoxide is slightly lighter than air and also because it may be found with warm, rising air, detectors should be placed on a wall about 5 feet above the floor. The detector may be placed on the ceiling. Do not place the detector right next to or over a fireplace or flame-producing appliance.

Keep the detector out of the way of pets and children. Each floor needs a separate detector. If you are getting a single carbon monoxide detector, place it near the sleeping area and make certain the alarm is loud enough to wake you.

What Do I Do if the Alarm Sounds?

Don't ignore the alarm! It is intended to go off before you are experiencing symptoms. Silence the alarm, get all members of the household to fresh air, and ask whether anyone is experiencing any of the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning such as headache, dizziness, nausea, fatigue, or confusion among others. If anyone is experiencing symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, call 911. If no one has symptoms, ventilate the building, identify and remedy the source of the carbon monoxide before returning inside, and have appliances or chimneys checked by a professional as soon as possible.

Additional Carbon Monoxide Concerns and Information

Don't assume that you are safe from carbon monoxide poisoning just because you have a detector installed. Carbon monoxide detectors are intended to protect healthy adults, so take the ages and health of family members into account when assessing the effectiveness of a detector. Also, be aware that the life span of many carbon monoxide detectors may be as little as two years. The 'test' feature on many detectors checks the functioning of the alarm and not the status of the detector. There are detectors that last longer, indicate when they need to be replaced, and have power supply backups -- you need to check to see whether a particular model has the features you require.

When deciding whether or not to purchase a carbon monoxide detector, you need to consider not only the number and type of carbon monoxide sources, but also the construction of the building. Newer buildings may have more airtight construction and may be

better insulated, which makes it easier for carbon monoxide to accumulate.

Medication Safety Tips

Cold Emergencies

Hypothermia: Signs & Symptoms

Signs and symptoms of this dangerous condition which can become life-threatening are: shivering, dizziness, numbness, confusion, weakness, impaired judgment, impaired vision and drowsiness.

Hypothermia victims pass through five stages, with each stage more serious and leading to death!

1. Shivering
2. Apathy
3. Loss of consciousness
4. Decreasing pulse and breathing rate
5. Death

FIRST AID

Seek professional help. Get the victim out of the cold and into dry clothing. Warm the body SLOWLY! Give nothing to eat or drink unless victim is FULLY CONSCIOUS!

Quiz

What is the best way to extinguish a grease fire in a pan?

- a) Turn stove off and cover the pan with a lid or a wet towel
- b) Put water on it
- c) Put baking soda on it
- d) Bring it outside

Answer: a) When possible try to cover the pan with a lid. This will deprive the fire of oxygen and will eventually extinguish the fire.



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

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

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

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You may contact them at 586.469.5115. If an animal is licensed and wearing tags, the owner will be notified that the pet has been found.

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

- ALL DOGS AND CATS MUST BE LICENSED by January 1st of each year. A current RABIES vaccination certificate WITH EXPIRATION DATES must be presented for both cats and dogs in order to obtain a license.
- A household may have a total of four (4) dogs or cats, or a combination of both totaling four.
- ALL DOGS AND 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.

Dangerous Animal Ordinance

The City of Mount Clemens enacted a "Dangerous Animal" ordinance (#35.270) on August 13, 2009. This ordinance requires pit bulls dogs in the City of Mount Clemens 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.

Proper signage must also be posted on the property in accordance with the ordinance where a pit bull dog resides.

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.

All 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.

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.

Items that will be collected include food and beverage cans, clear glass bottles and jars with lids, plastic bags and containers marked #1 through #7, newspapers, glossy inserts, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, office paper, aluminum foil, paperback books, telephone books, kitchen pots and pans, and non-waxed coated cardboard (including cereal boxes, tissue boxes, etc.). Large corrugated cardboard (such as moving boxes, etc.) must be flattened to 2' x 2' sections or smaller prior to placing them in the bin. We apologize, but Styrofoam cannot be collected at this time.

Please contact 586.469.6847 for further information about recycling or if your bin has been lost or stolen.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL REQUIRED

Sidewalk Ordinance 30.114

The occupant of any premises, or the owner of any unoccupied premises, is required to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises cleared, so far as is practicable and reasonable, from snow and ice to facilitate pedestrian use. Where there are no sidewalks, the occupant or owner shall clear a path free from snow and ice where a sidewalk would otherwise be, to facilitate pedestrian use. Whenever any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared within 24 hours.

Enforcement and Failure to

Comply: Failure to remove the snow and ice according to the time frame of the ordinance may result in the City of Mount Clemens performing this task and placing a lien against the property for all costs incurred.

The full ordinance may be found through a link on the home page of the City's Web site, www.cityofmountclemens.com. Scroll to the bottom, and click the "Mount Clemens Code of Ordinances" button. It will redirect you to the Municode.com site which has all of the ordinances for Mount Clemens.

Featured Park of the Month: 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.

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

**A safety message from the
 Macomb County Sheriff's Traffic
 Division**

Winter Driving Check List

- Keep your vehicle's tires at the recommended pressure and routinely check the tire pressure during the cold weather.
- Keep your car's windshield fluid at full strength and the reservoir full. Also keep new wiper blades on front and rear wipers, if so equipped.
- Keep your car washed for better visibility to other drivers.
- Remove ice and snow from all lights, windows and license plate before driving.
- Check all lights and replace them when necessary.
- If you are stranded in a winter storm, DO NOT leave your vehicle. Stay with the vehicle and wait for help.

**Call 911 to Help Get Drunken
 Drivers Off the road**

Sheriff Hackel is encouraging commuters to pick up their cell phones and dial 911 when they suspect a fellow driver is operating under the influence. "One call could save a life," says Sheriff Hackel.

40 percent of callers to 911 reporting a drunken driver are correct. In other cases, the seemingly intoxicated driver has been sleeping or on medication.

"If you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911, and always have designated driver." ~ Sheriff Mark A Hackel

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

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Households that still do not respond will be called or visited by a census worker. (Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.) To ensure an accurate and fair count of all populations, the Census Bureau needs someone in your household to respond to the census questionnaire. More information can be found at www.census.gov.

Thank You

The 2009 Mount Clemens presents the Macomb County Santa Parade was the best by far. There were over 160

units in the parade, including Grand Marshal Ron Savage from Fox 2, the Budweiser Clydesdales and of course Santa & Mrs. Claus. I would like to thank the many volunteers, sponsors and the parade committee members for their many hours of planning, staging and participating in the parade.

For more information on the City of Mount Clemens, please visit www.cityofmountclemens.com. I also encourage you to keep up-to-date with all that is happening in our great city and let your voice be heard as we work together to "Build a Better Mount Clemens."

Get your Mount Clemens Merchandise!

The City of Mount Clemens has Sweatshirts, Hoodies, Coffee Mugs, and Tote Bags for sale at City Hall. Items can be purchased from the City Clerk's Office or the City Manager's Office. For more information, please call 586.468.6818 x 7.

Sweatshirts	
SIZES - S - XL	\$15.00
XXL	\$17.00
Hoodies	
SIZES - S - XL	\$22.00
XXL	\$24.00
Mount Clemens Coffee Mugs	\$3.00
Mount Clemens Travel Mugs	\$5.00
White Canvas Tote Bags	\$5.00
Blue Canvas Tote Bags	\$8.00

**Mount Clemens Man Finds
 Giant Mushroom**

- Paul Dellacasa, a resident on Sheridan Street in Mount Clemens, located a large mushroom in early October.
- The monstrous mushroom was over two feet long, nine inches thick and weighed more than seven pounds.
- Mr. Dellacasa previously lived in Benabbio, Italy where he used to grow these types of mushrooms. According to him, they are safe to eat.



**Upcoming Road
 Construction Projects**

Beginning in spring 2010, there will be several road construction projects in the area. Southbound Gratiot from Cass Avenue in Mount Clemens to Sunnyview in Clinton Township will be repaved.

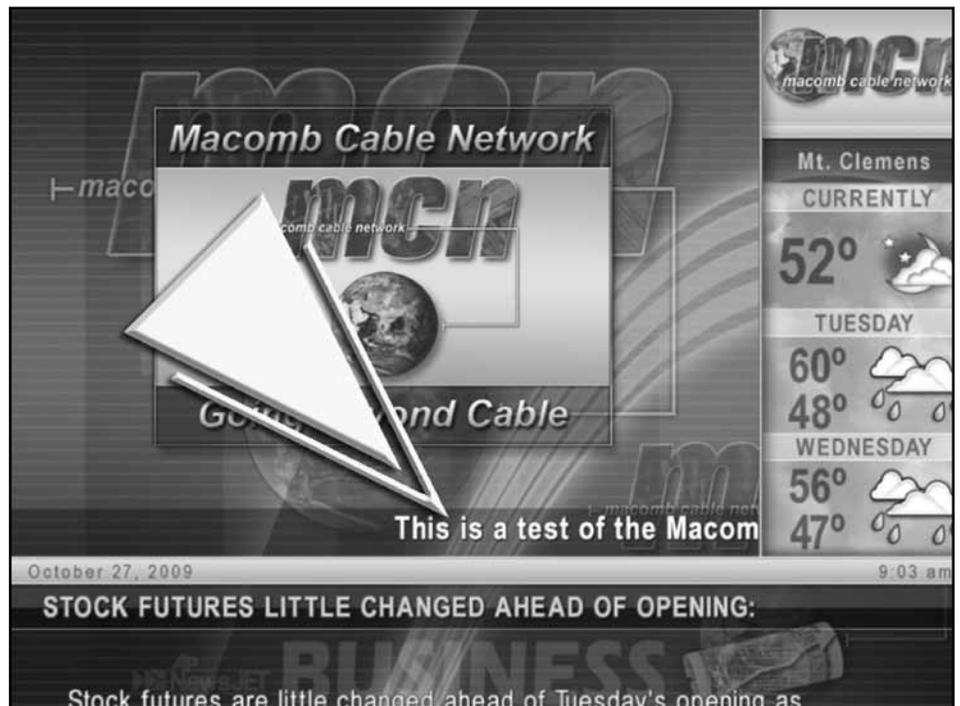
Construction will also begin on South Main and Rathbone in the spring. These two projects are being funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

In addition, North Avenue will be under construction beginning in the fall.

Macomb Cable Network Launches News Crawler in Mount Clemens

To better serve the residents of the City of Mount Clemens, the Macomb Cable Network is launching a news crawler. The news crawler is a function of the Mount Clemens Message Center, which airs on Comcast channel 22 and Wide Open West channel 18. It can also be seen on Comcast channel 5 and Wide Open West channel 10 from 1 PM – 3 PM and 9 PM – 9 AM daily.

The crawler appears in the lower section of the Community Calendar and will not interrupt other messages. This is a vast improvement over previous emergency communication strategies. At the outset, this news crawler will only be used to display urgent information, such as school closings, snow emergencies and traffic detours. The crawler will remain on the air until the situation is resolved. For more information on this and other programs, contact Senior Producer, Patrick Linabury at 586.461.3751 or email LinaburyP@mtcps.org.



Anton Art Center News

Upcoming Exhibitions

Michigan Annual XXXVI

Juried by Charles McGee
January 22 – February 27
Opening Reception & Awards:
Friday, January 22, 6-9 PM

Gloria Goeddeke Retrospective

In the Boll History Gallery
January 22 – February 27
Opening Reception:
Friday, January 22, 6-9 PM

Warren Tri-County Annual Show

In the Petitpren Community Gallery
January 31 – February 21
Closing Reception:
Sunday, February 21, 1-3 PM

Close to Home

In the Petitpren Community Gallery
February 26 – March 20
Opening Reception:
Friday, February 26, 6-9 PM

Macomb County K-6 Show

March 7-19
Opening Reception & Awards:
Sunday, March 7, 1-3 PM

Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show

March 28 – April 17
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Sunday, March 28, 1-3 PM

Target Free Family Fun Sundays

Join us for a different craft each month!
Free and open to all – no reservation necessary:

- Sunday, January 31, 1-4 PM
- Sunday, February 28, 1-4 PM
- Sunday, March 14, 1-4 PM



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!