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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 Control586.469.6847
- 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 x 7
- Dial-A-Ride586.469.RIDE
- Downtown Dev. Authority .586.469.4168
- Finance. x 301
- Fire.586.469.6840
- Human Resources x 5
- Parking Matters x 909
- Public Housing586.468.1434
- Dept. of Public Services . .586.469.6847
- Purchasing x 6
- Treasurer's Office. x 1
- Tax/Water Bills
- Credit Card Payments 1.866.789.5536
- Utilities.586.469.6889
- Water & Sewer/Water Filtration
- Macomb County
- Sheriff's Office.586.469.5151
- www.macombsheriff.com
- 41B District Court586.469.9300

**Mount Clemens City Hall
One Crocker Boulevard
Mount Clemens, MI 48043**

**Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

www.cityofmountclemens.com

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Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

With this edition of the newsletter, I am going to turn over my section to Marilyn Lane, State Representative of District 31, which includes Mount Clemens. Marilyn makes herself available to the residents of our community, and her district, by offering her assistance with the various state agencies and programs.

Lansing Connection

State Representative Marilyn Lane

I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent Mount Clemens in Lansing. I am honored and humbled to serve you and our neighbors each day at the Capitol. I am here to serve you and your family! Please contact us if we can be of any assistance or to share your views on the most important issues facing our state. As your State Representative, I can help you with information on a number of important services and programs, including:

- Accessing Unemployment Insurance
- Avoiding Home Foreclosure or Utility Shut-offs
- Veterans Benefits and Services
- Services to the Aging
- Food Assistance Program
- Michigan Women, Infants, and Children Program
- Family Independence Program
- Medicaid
- MiChild
- Michigan Assistance and Referral Service
- MiRx Prescription
- State Emergency Relief Program
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Friend of the Court Issues



Best Wishes,

**Marilyn Lane, State Representative
District 31
Michigan House of Representatives
Proudly Serving Clinton Township, Fraser, Mount Clemens
marilynlane@house.mi.gov
Office: 517-373-0159
Fax: 517-373-5893**

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland, Deputy Treasurer

Property Taxes

All remaining 2012 property taxes have been transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer for collection. Payments must be made to: Macomb County Treasurer, 1 South Main Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Their phone number is 586.469.5190.

The 2013 summer taxes will be sent out by July 1, 2013, and will be due on September 16, 2013.

How to Pay a Parking Ticket

There are several easy ways to pay a parking ticket. You can make a check or money order payable to the City of Mount Clemens and use the envelope provided with the ticket. You can come in person to the Treasurer's Office, located on the first floor of City Hall, and we will issue a receipt. The forms of payment accepted at the counter are cash, check, or money order. We also offer a convenient way to pay using

a debit/credit card. To pay online, go to www.cityofmountclemens.com or call 1.866.789.5536. A processing fee of \$1.50 will apply.





Springtime in Downtown Mount Clemens

Spring is in the air, which means patio openings and outdoor events will soon be happening in Downtown Mount Clemens. We are in the process of revamping our events schedule to bring you some brand new events, as well as some refreshed classic favorites. Stay tuned for our soon-to-be-released complete Calendar of Events for 2013.

We are pleased to announce several new business openings in Downtown Mount Clemens.

- **Chaos Studio Salon** – Now open at 116 Macomb Place with an expanded offering of services for clients.
- **Courthouse Café & Grill** – Now open at 39 North Main Street, serving breakfast and traditional Lebanese cuisine.
- **Chantel's Jail House Deli** – Now open at 64 Macomb Place (formerly Maya's Deli), serving breakfast, homemade soups, sandwiches, salads, and more.
- **Gabriel's Vacuum** – This longtime downtown business has relocated to 64 Cherry Street.
- **Macomb Music Theatre** – Located at 31 North Walnut Street, opening show to be held April 13 featuring Jazz legends Gerald Albright, Norman Brown, and Alex Bugnon.

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Moonlight Madness Pajama Party

Friday, April 19 5 PM – 9 PM
At Participating Downtown Businesses
586.469.4168

Let's Move Festival of Races

Saturday, April 27 9 AM
www.letsmovefestival.com

Farmers Market Opens for Season

Saturday, May 4 7 AM – 1 PM
Open Every Friday & Saturday
7 AM – 1 PM
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Farmers Market Flower Daze

Saturday, May 4 through
Saturday, June 1
North River Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Made in Michigan Show

Friday, May 10 11 AM – 8 PM
Saturday, May 11 10 AM – 6 PM
Downtown on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Summer Fun Saturdays

Clown Day with Rosco
Saturday, May 11 11 AM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Kiwanis Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 11 12 PM – 2 PM
Macomb Place at Main Street
586.469.4168

31st Mount Clemens Art Fair

Presented by the Anton Art Center
Saturday, June 1 10 AM – 8 PM
Sunday, June 2 10 AM – 6 PM
586.469.8666

22nd Annual Bud Light Classic Car Show & Cruise Night

Presented by the Friends of Mount Clemens
Saturday, June 1 10 AM – 10 PM
596.469.4168

Summer Fun Saturdays

Rosco the Clown
Saturday, June 1 11 AM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Clinton River Canoe Classic

Sunday, June 3 10 AM
Clinton River Park near City Hall

Additional June events to be announced. Watch our website for details.

For the latest information on our upcoming events and happenings...

- Visit our website: DowntownMountClemens.com.
- Like the Official Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens
- Follow us on Twitter: @MountClemensDDA.



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.

Candidate Information

Candidate packages for Mayor and City Commission are now available in the City Clerk's Office. The filing deadline is August 13, 2013 at 4:00 PM.

Code of Ordinances

City ordinances are available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The Mount Clemens Public Library also has a copy of our ordinances on file for your convenience. If you like to use your computer to search for documents, the ordinances can be found on-line through a link on our website 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.

Currently, there are vacancies on the Beautification Advisory Committee and the Historical Commission.

If you are interested in serving on one of our boards or committees, call the City Clerk's office (586.469.6818 x3), or visit our website, for an application. APPLY NOW! You don't have to wait for a vacancy to occur to file your application. We will keep applications on file for one year.

The Mount Clemens Historical Commission

19th Annual HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2013

\$12 Advanced Tickets
\$15 On Tour Day at Departure Point

Come join the Mount Clemens Historical Commission for the 19th Annual Historic Homes Tour on **Saturday October 12, 2013**. Admire some of the area's finest historic properties inside and out! Our special tour buses will depart every 20 minutes between 9am and 2pm from the Roskopp parking lot adjacent to the Anton Art Center at 125 Macomb Place. Get your tickets early and reserve the departure time of your choice.

Tickets are now on sale at the Mount Clemens Public Library 150 Cass Avenue and may also be purchased by mail or online.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.MountClemensHistory.org
or Call Theresa Jarratt at 586-306-7284

Holiday Refuse Calendar

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2013

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 27th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 27th through Friday, May 31st. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 4, 2013.

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, 2013

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, July 4th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Thursday, July 4th through Friday, July 5th. Garbage pickup for Monday, July 1st, Tuesday, July 2nd, and Wednesday, July 3rd will be picked up **on schedule**.

Composting program scheduled to begin the week of April 1, 2013.

A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the City from **April 1, 2013 through December 6, 2013 only**.

NO COMPOST OR YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER DECEMBER 6, 2013.

BEGINNING APRIL 1ST, 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 MARKED "COMPOST". 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 feet 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 to help us with our efforts in keeping 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.

Dogs & Cats...

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

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

- **ALL DOGS AND CATS MUST BE LICENSED.** 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 (4).
- **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.

Crocker House Museum

Please call 586.465.2488 for information and reservations or visit www.crockerhousemuseum.com

Spring 2013 Calendar

Museum open for tours March – December, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 AM – 4 PM and the first Sunday of each month excluding holidays

Fannie Farmer Tea

Sunday, April 7, Noon

A Guest of the Confederacy Tea Talk

Tuesday, April 16, 2 PM

Trip to Port Huron

Friday, April 26

Tabloid Eleanor Roosevelt Tea Talk

Tuesday, May 14, 2 PM

Garden Taste and Tour & Garden

Saturday, June 22

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27th

Independence Day
Thursday, July 4th



MOUNT CLEMENS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Mount Clemens Historical Commission will be presenting an Award to homeowners who complete an "outstanding restoration project" to the exterior of their home.

Further information is available at City Hall or call 586.465.1538 with any questions.



MOUNT CLEMENS ICE ARENA

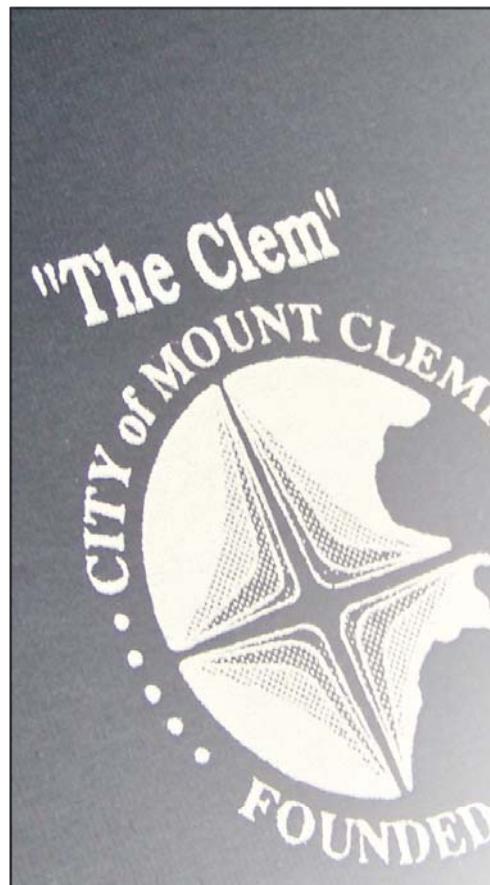
Your place for:

- Learn-to-Skate Classes
- Public Skating
- Youth/Adult Hockey
- Birthday Parties
- Group Outings/Field Trips

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

City of Mount Clemens Apparel & Accessories

A variety of City apparel and accessories are available for purchase in the City Manager's Office. Below is a list of what items are available. Stop in and pick up yours today!



ITEM/DESCRIPTION	SIZES	PRICE
T-SHIRTS: Navy Blue w/white logo	M – XXL	\$ 7.00
SWEATSHIRTS: Navy Blue w/white logo	S – XXL	\$18.00
HOODIES: Gray & Blue w/white logo	S – XXL	\$22.00
ZIP HOODIES: Navy Blue w/white logo	S – XXL	\$30.00
POLO SHIRTS: Navy Blue w/white logo	S – XXL	\$15.00
BACK PACKS		\$8.00
TOTE BAGS		\$10.00
BASEBALL CAPS		\$5.00

Proactive Code Enforcement (PACE) Program

As the warmer weather approaches, many of us begin our spring cleaning. It is important to remember that it is not just the inside of our homes that need a good cleaning, but the exterior as well. The Homeowner's Self Test for Blight will help you as you take a walk around your property and begin your spring clean-up. This checklist outlines the primary uses, structures, activities, and conditions that are defined as blight by Mount Clemens City Ordinances.

The Community Development Department wants to work with residents to enhance the quality of life in the community by protecting the character and stability of residential and commercial areas. Maintaining your property helps to maintain property values for not only your own property, but for the community as a whole.

As one part of this effort, the City is in the first year of its Proactive Code Enforcement (PACE) program. Starting last June, Code Enforcement officers began canvassing Neighborhood Areas 3 and 9, as identified on Page 69 in the City Master Plan. Neighborhood Area 3 is bounded by Canfield to the north, Southbound Gratiot to the east, Cass to the south, and the railroad tracks to the west. Neighborhood Area 9 is comprised of the area south and east of the Clinton River bounded roughly by Riverside, Avery and Michigan. This area also includes

the properties that abut the Clinton River along North River Road. Due to existing conditions, staff also inspected the alleys that are located in the southwest quadrant of the City in 2012.

As the City completes the canvassing of these two Neighborhood Areas this spring, it will transition to Neighborhood Areas 5 and 11 over the summer. Neighborhood Area 5 is bounded by Northbound Gratiot, North River Road, Macomb Daily Drive, and the City limits to the north east. Neighborhood Area 11 is bounded by Northbound Gratiot (south of Cass/Crocker) and the Clinton River.

Please be on the lookout for a presentation that is being prepared regarding the PACE program. It will further outline the goals and process of the program and will be made available on the City's website.

Please take a few moments to look over the Homeowner's Self Test for Blight. If you have any questions about this or the PACE program, please contact the Community Development Department at 586.469.6818 or via email at codeenforcement@cityofmountclemens.com.

HOMEOWNER'S SELF TEST FOR BLIGHT

All of the following items currently are defined as blight under the Elimination of Blight Ordinance, Section 19.002.

Take a stroll around your property and check off any of the following items that you may find to exist at your house or rental property.

- The open storage of any litter, junk, debris, rubbish, or refuse on your property or in your street.
- The accumulation of stagnant water in a swimming pool, containers or tires that can be conducive to mosquito breeding.
- The infestation of any property or premises by insects, rodents or other vermin.
- The storage of unlicensed/inoperable motor vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles and utility trailers in the street or on your private property.
- The storage of licensed/operable motor vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles and utility trailers on the grass or dirt of your property.
- The open storage of building supplies and materials on any property, without a valid active Building Permit.
- The use of tents, port-a-johns, or trailers for a period longer than 7 days, unless approved by the Planning Commission or Community Development and is included on a site plan.
- The storage of a roll off dumpster on your property for more than 48 hours after the necessary repairs have been done.
- The existence of a partially completed structure that does not have a valid Building Permit in force, or has not been completed in a reasonable time.
- The failure to maintain landscaping, mow the lawn regularly, trim all shrubbery, eliminate all noxious weeds, or shovel the snow.
- The existence of peeling paint, missing siding, roofs in disrepair, broken or missing gutters or windows and unsafe porches and stairs.
- The existence of any structure that's damaged by fire or other natural disasters or by neglect is deemed uninhabitable as a dwelling.
- The existence of any vacant building that's open to trespass or that is in such severe disrepair that it allows entry by persons or elements.

The Mount Clemens Beautification Commission
presents the

YARD OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Applications are being accepted for the 2013 Yard of the Year.

Yards will be judged by the following criteria:

- ♦ **Curb Appeal** | Overall appearance of yard; green lawn, walks edged, shrubs, bushes, and trees maintained
- ♦ **Innovation and Landscape Design** | Total effect, enhancement of home and property, unusual use of accents and decorative material (Artificial flowers fall under this category; they will not be judged for the use in your landscape plants)
- ♦ **Landscape** | Balance use of color, variety of hues, shades of green and texture of plants

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 28, 2013. Yards will be judged during the week of July 8 - July 12, 2013 and the Awards Ceremony will be held in September. For more information, please contact the Public Services Department at 586.469.6847 (between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM).

"Yard of the Year" Application

Detach and return this portion of the form by June 28, 2013 to:

Mount Clemens Beautification Commission
c/o Department of Public Services
95 Eldredge
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Name | _____

Address | _____

Circle the division you are entering

Residential Industrial/Commercial Public Buildings