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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	586.469.6847
Assessing.	x 4
Cable Television	586.461.3751
City Clerk	x 3
City Manager	x 7
Mayor/City Commission	
Community Development	x 2
Building/Inspections	
Community Relations	x 7
Dial-A-Ride	586.469.RIDE
Downtown Dev. Authority .586.469.4168	
Finance.	x 301
Fire.	586.469.6840
Human Resources	x 5
Parking Matters	x 909
Public Housing	586.468.1434
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 Office586.469.5151
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

"Summer is the time when one sheds one's tensions with one's clothes, and the right kind of day is jeweled balm for the battered spirit. A few of those days and you can become drunk with the belief that all's right with the world."

~Ada Louise Huxtable

Summer has arrived in all its splendor and excitement. This year several new events have been added to our summer schedule (please see the DDA Calendar of Events). The one that I am most excited about is the Farmers Market--they have added a third day to the market. Starting Wednesday, July 10, 2013, the Market will be in downtown Mount

The City of Mount Clemens is proud to have many volunteers that 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 citizens for generations to come.

Below is a list of the current vacancies:

Beautification Advisory Committee

This board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

The function of this board is to study and develop plans for the beautification of streets, alleys, yards, lots, etc.; to study and develop plans for improving the health, sanitation, safety and cleanliness of the City; encourage and recommend the placing and planting of trees, flowers, etc.; study and evaluate information

Clemens, located in the Roskopp Parking Lot by the Anton Art Center, from 3 PM to 7 PM. The Market will continue to be located on North River Road on Fridays and Saturdays. They will be accepting Bridge Cards, SNAP benefits, MasterCard, Visa and Discover.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the changes to the Fireworks legislation that went into effect last year as well as the City ordinance that was enacted in response to the legislation. The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Act 256 of 2011, legalized the sale of consumer fireworks in Michigan and delegated to local

Boards and Committees

of community improvements and to make recommendations; to sponsor, plan, promote and carry out campaign activities for the restoration, preservation and enhancement of the beauty of the City.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

This board meets as needed.

Established under PA 147, their function is to review and make recommendations on Brownfield places that come before the City. The members have specific expertise in areas of redevelopment. Their approval of any plan is merely a recommendation for approval by the City Commission.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

This committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 3 PM.

The DDA board is required as long as the City has a DDA in existence. The function of the board is to provide

Water Quality Report

The 2012 Water Quality Report for the City of Mount Clemens can now be accessed through the City's website. To view the City's report, please go to: www.cityofmountclemens.com, click on "Departments" and on the left side go to "Utilities." Located in the middle you will see a link for the Current Drinking Water Quality Report for 2012.

communities limited control over the use and discharge of fireworks. Please be advised that no person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks in the City except on the day proceeding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. For more information regarding the City's Fireworks Ordinance, please visit our website at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

oversight in the implementation of the DDA work plan approved by the City Commission.

Historical Commission

This commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

Historic District Committee

This committee meets quarterly at 7 PM.

Retirement System Board of Trustees

This board meets quarterly in January, April, July, and October at 10 AM.

The function of this board is for the general administration, management, and responsibility for the proper operation of the Retirement System.

If you are interested in serving on one of our boards or committees, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, x3, or visit our website at www.cityofmountclemens.com for an application.

Summer Fun in the Sun in Downtown Mount Clemens

If you are looking for fun in the sun this summer, look no further than your own hometown downtown here in Mount Clemens! Summer is the perfect time of year to grab the family and walk into town to enjoy our events, unique shops, and wonderful dining establishments. Patios are open and in full swing, so soak up the beautiful weather in Downtown Mount Clemens while you can!

Our summer events schedule is packed with family friendly happenings, most of which are FREE. Many of your favorites return this summer including Dog Days of Summer, Uptown Friday Night Concerts, and more.

NEW this summer is the 99.5 WYCD Nashville in the Neighborhood concert series featuring local and national artists right on the streets of Downtown Mount Clemens. Grab a chair and head into town for free music and great entertainment.

After many years of absence, we are very pleased to announce that the farmers are returning to Downtown Mount Clemens. The Mount Clemens Farmers Market will hold a Wednesday Market from 3 PM until 7 PM right in Downtown Mount Clemens. The market will be located in the Roskopp Parking Lot at Southbound Gratiot and Macomb Place. A mid-week market provides those who work within the downtown as well as residents an additional opportunity to shop for local, certified homegrown produce and products. Please note, Friday and Saturday markets will run under regular hours in the Farmers Market location on North River Road.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our first ever Downtown Oktoberfest coming in late September.

Remember to think Downtown Mount Clemens first for your shopping and dining needs. Supporting your hometown business district supports the local economy.

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

- Visit our NEW website:
DowntownMountClemens.com.
- "Like" the Official Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens)
- Follow us on Twitter:
[@MountClemensDDA](https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA).

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

Nashville in the Neighborhood Concert

Wednesday, July 10 7 PM – 9 PM
Downtown on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Wednesday Downtown Farmers Market

Wednesdays, July 10 – September 18
3 PM – 7 PM
Downtown in the Roskopp Parking Lot at Southbound Gratiot & Macomb Place, adjacent to The Anton Art Center
586.493-7600

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Friday, July 19 7:30 PM – 9 PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Farmers Market Family Day

Saturday, July 20 7 AM – 1 PM
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Friday, July 26 7:30 PM – 9 PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

10th Annual Daughters of Macomb Parade

Thursday, August 1
Meeting & Parade
Main Street at Macomb Place

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Friday, August 2 7:30 PM – 9 PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Queen Mum's Tea

Sunday, August 4 1 PM
Crocker House Museum
586.465.2488

Nashville in the Neighborhood Concert

Wednesday, August 7 7 PM – 9 PM
Downtown on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Wednesday Farmers Market

*Fresh, Certified Home Grown
Produce is Coming to
Downtown Mount Clemens!*



**The Mount Clemens Farmers Market will be in
Downtown Mount Clemens EVERY Wednesday
July 10 - September 18 from 3-7pm**

**The Market will be held in the Roskopp Parking Lot
located at Southbound Gratiot & Macomb Place,
adjacent to the Anton Art Center**



Information: 586-493-7600
MountClemensFarmersMarket.com

Dog Days of Summer

Saturday, August 10 10 AM – 5 PM
Downtown on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Summer Fun Saturdays

Fun with Scooby Doo & Friends
Saturday, August 10 10 AM – 11 AM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Farmers Market Battle of the Chefs

Saturday, August 10 7 AM – 1 PM
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

133rd Old Crowd Parade

Thursday, August 15
Main Street at Macomb Place

Downtown Mount Clemens Beach Party

Friday, August 16 7:30 PM – 9 PM
Downtown Mount Clemens
Businesses
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Friday, August 16 7:30 PM – 9 PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Bath City Run/Walk

Saturday, August 17 8 AM
Starting Line at Rec Bowl
586.469.4168

Uptown Friday Night Concert

Friday, August 23 7:30 PM – 9 PM
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Farmers Market Corn & Pig Roast, Customer Appreciation Day

Saturday, August 24
9 AM until Sold Out
North River Road Parking Lot
586.493.7600

Mount Clemens Grand Prix Soap Box Derby Race

Saturday, September 7 10 AM
Crocker Bridge
586.468-7746

Nashville in the Neighborhood Concert

Wednesday, September 11
7 PM – 9 PM
Downtown on Macomb Place
586.469.4168

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Holiday Refuse Calendar

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.

Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2013

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, September 2nd. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, September 2nd, through Friday, September 6th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, September 9, 2013.

Columbus Day

Monday, October 14, 2013

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



Leaf Pickup Policy

The City of Mount Clemens will again be enforcing its leaf pick up 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 6, 2013 only. No compost or yard waste will be picked up after December 6th. 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 PM the day before your scheduled pick up day and **NO LATER THAN 7 AM** of your scheduled pick up 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 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday or visit our website at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

How is Property Assessed?

- The Assessor is responsible for discovering, listing and assigning value to every property within the City's jurisdiction. By law, the Assessor is required to reassess each property in the city annually. The Assessor's Office monitors all sales and analyzes the local real estate market relative to economic conditions, supply and demand factors, and other influences that affect value.
- A property record card indicating ownership and sale information as well as property characteristics of every parcel in the city is maintained in the Assessing Office. The Assessor uses the characteristics of your property in connection with the analysis of the real estate market to estimate a market value and assessed value for your property.
- The taxable value is based on last year's taxable value raised by the consumer price index or 5%, whichever is lower, until a property is sold or the assessed and taxable values become equal.
- It is a common misconception that our office alone determines your tax bill. This is not so. There are several different elements that enter into the tax formula. The Assessor's Office is responsible for only one of those factors.

Transfers of Ownership

When a sale or other transfer of ownership takes place on a property, in the following year, the taxable value is uncapped and then becomes the same as the assessed value. From that point forward, the property is capped and can only increase by 5% or the consumer price index, whichever is less, as long as no new additions or improvements to the property are made.

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 Assessing 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

June 1st Deadline for filing the Principal Residence Exemption. To qualify for the Principal Residence Exemption, the property must be owned and occupied by the taxpayer claiming the exemption. If a portion of the property is rented out, the exemption will be adjusted accordingly.

July 1st Summer tax bills are mailed by the Treasurer's Office. Taxes are normally due by September 15th but are due by September 16, 2013 as the 15th falls on a Sunday.

July 16th July Board of Review is held. This meeting is to correct qualified errors only. It is for appealing Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemptions, property classifications or for Poverty Exemptions. No assessment value appeals will be heard.

Subdivision Plat Maps

Subdivision Plat Maps are available online through the State of Michigan website at www.cis.state.mi.us/platmaps/sr_subs.asp.

Land Division Applications

Applications for land division are available at the Assessor's Office.

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DOGS & 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. When you walk your pet, as a courtesy to your neighbors, please make sure you clean up after them. Also, 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.

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 four.
- 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.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lynne Kennedy
City Clerk

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 PM.

Don't Want Solicitors Knocking On Your Door? Sign Up For Our "No-Knock" List

The City adopted an ordinance that regulates door-to-door solicitors. As part of this ordinance, the City Clerk's Office has established a "no-knock" list. This list will be given to all permitted solicitors and they will be advised that if they attempt to solicit at addresses on the list, their permit may be revoked. If you would like your address to be added to our "no-knock" list, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x 3 or send us an email at lkennedy@cityofmountclemens.com. Please Note: The "no-knock" list is for residential properties only.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland, Deputy Treasurer

Summer Tax Bills

The 2013 summer taxes are due on Monday, September 16, 2013. Normally, they are due on September 15th; however, since this date falls on a Sunday, we will accept payments on the next business day. If you are unable to pay the entire amount due, you may make payments toward your balance at any time starting July 1st. If paying in person, we will issue you a receipt with your remaining balance due. After September 16th, a 4% flat penalty will be added to any remaining balance. This amount will not be penalized again until March 1, 2014, when it gets turned over to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office.

Senior Tax Deferments

If you are 62 or over before December 31, 2013, (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

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Farmers Market Tater & Pork Roast,

Customer Appreciation Day

- Saturday, September 14
- 9 AM until Sold Out
- North River Road Parking Lot
- 586.493.7600

22nd Annual Mount Clemens Art Party

- Thursday, September 19 5:30 PM
- Downtown on Macomb Place
- 586.469.8666

Downtown Mount Clemens

Oktoberfest

- September 27-29
- 586.469.4168

Farmers Market Apple Festival

- Saturday, September 28
- 8 AM until Sold Out
- North River Road Parking Lot
- 586.493.7600

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2013

you until February 28, 2014 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 x1.

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. Please keep in mind that a 5% penalty will be added after the due date on any remaining balance. FOR EXAMPLE, your water bill is \$150.00. You can pay \$50.00 before the due date, \$50.00 the 2nd month and \$52.50 (\$50 x 5%) 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 reasonable 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

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- 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 at 586.469.6818 x307.

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.

Crocker House Museum

Rosie the Riveter Tea

Sunday, September 8, 1 PM
Crocker House Museum
586.465.2488
www.crockerhousemuseum.com

signing for payment arrangements. Once we have initiated shut off, you must pay the entire balance due by cash or money order, including a \$25 service fee. If you cannot make a payment towards your bill, please contact an agency for help as soon as possible. Simply call 211 for help.

New Parking Laws

The State of Michigan has passed a law under the Michigan Vehicle Code, allowing the Secretary of State to deny the renewal of a driver's license to anyone who has three (3) or more unpaid parking tickets. The driver must also pay a \$45 clearing fee when such action takes place. If you have unpaid parking tickets with the City of Mount Clemens, you can pay them conveniently online at www.cityofmountclemens.com. There is a link to our online payment system right on the home page – just scroll down and it's in the center in blue typeface. You can also pay-by-phone by calling 866.789.5536. There is a \$1.50 processing fee and you can use your debit card, credit card, or checking account.

Mount Clemens Community Schools

Mount Clemens Community Schools--Transformed

We are excited about the opportunity to re-energize our district and want to answer questions for citizens about the revitalized programs awaiting students this fall.

Will we have our same teachers?

Yes! For the most part, our students will have the same terrific teachers they have now – some will simply have classes in a different building.

What will be at Seminole?

Seminole will be a wonderful early childhood center with programs and services through grade 3. All early childhood programs from King will move to Seminole and we will add services to our early childhood special education program by accepting students at age 2 years, 8 months.

Where in the middle school will 4th and 5th grade students be located?

Our 4th and 5th grade students will have their own entrance under the beautiful portico, off Cass Avenue. We'll welcome POHI students to the 1st floor of the middle school, 4th and 5th grade classes will be on the 1st and 2nd floors, and 6th through 8th grade students will be housed on the third floor. We'll also move the library and Promethean Boards so teachers will enjoy the same resources in their new buildings. Hallways and common areas will be carefully supervised by security and staff during the school day.

Will 4th and 5th graders eat lunch with high school students?

No. At the secondary campus, we will have three lunch periods: one for grades 4-5, another for grades 6-8, a third for high school students. There will be **free breakfast and lunch for all students next year.**

What about transportation for next year?

We are currently revamping bus routes. Please check the district's website this summer for specific routes and school starting and ending times.

Will there be athletics?

Absolutely yes! Our school board values what athletics bring to the educational program and offered sports will include football, volleyball, basketball, and track. Check our website, www.mtcps.org, for more information.