



Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

Enclosed you will find an important survey in which the City Commission is seeking input from our residents to help us set our future goals and budget projections for the upcoming years. I urge all our residents to fill out and return the survey as soon as possible, but no later than November 12, 2013. You can mail in the survey, leave it in the drop box at City Hall, or drop it off at any City department. The City appreciates you taking your time to help us define our future path.

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"Local Treasure" Award

Nomination forms are now being accepted for the "Local Treasure" award. The nominee must be a resident or business owner of the City of Mount Clemens. Nominations may be submitted by any resident and must be submitted using a nomination form. Nomination deadline is December 16, 2013.

Nomination forms are available at City Hall in the City Manager's Office or on the City's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com. Please contact the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818, x315, if you have any questions.

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Now Accepting Applications FOR ALL Boards and Committees.

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City Commission Meeting Schedule:

- Monday, October 7, 2013
- Monday, October 21, 2013
- Monday, November 4, 2013
- Monday, November 18, 2013
- Monday, December 2, 2013
- Monday, December 16, 2013
- Monday, January 6, 2014

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lynne Kennedy, City Clerk



Election Information

The City General election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

The last day the City Clerk's Office can mail absentee ballots is Saturday, November 2, 2013. The City Clerk's Office is open on November 2nd 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 4th, 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 City Clerk's Office to find out where your precinct is located.

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 x3 to be added to our mailing list.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Jeffrey Wood, Public Services Director

Holiday Refuse Calendar

- Columbus Day
- October 14, 2013
- Garbage pickup will run **on schedule** during the entire month of October.

Veteran's Day

- November 11, 2013
- Garbage pickup will run **on schedule** during Veteran's Day week -
- November 11th through November 15th.

Thanksgiving Day

- November 28, 2013
- There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 28th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 29th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 30th.

Christmas Day

- December 25, 2013
- There will be NO garbage pickup on Wednesday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Wednesday, December 25th through Friday, December 27th.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland
Deputy Treasurer

- **WINTER PROPERTY TAX BILLS** will be mailed out on or around December 1, 2013, and will be due on February 28, 2014. Every resident will receive a tax bill, even if your mortgage company pays them on your behalf. Please keep this copy for your records. We will accept partial payments on 2013 taxes until February 28th. Please keep in mind that any 2013 taxes that remain unpaid will be transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office on March 1, 2014. All payments made on or after that date will be payable to: Macomb County Treasurer, 1 South Main St., Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Their phone number is 586.469.5190. Their website is www.macombgov.org/treasurer/index.htm.

New Year's Day

January 1, 2014
There will be NO garbage pickup on Wednesday, January 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Wednesday, January 1st through Friday, January 3rd. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, January 6, 2014.

Compost/Leaf Pickup Season Ends December 6th

The City of Mount Clemens will again be enforcing its leaf pick up policy this fall. 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 marked "compost" or "yard waste."

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.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED RESIDENT SURVEY ON PAGES 3-4

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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](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens)
- Follow us on Twitter:
[@MountClemensDDA](https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA)

Downtown Mount Clemens Restaurant Week

October 7th – October 12th
Downtown Mount Clemens Restaurants
586.469.4168

Mount Clemens Historic Homes Tour
Saturday, October 12th
Tickets Available at Mount Clemens Public Library
586.306.7284

Columbus Day Parade
Presented by the Italian American Cultural Society
Saturday, October 12th 10 AM
Main Street
586.226.1582

Farmers Market Soup Day
Saturday, October 19th
8 AM until Sold Out
North River Road Parking Lot
(Between I-94 & NB Gratiot)
586.493.7600

Farmers Market Pumpkin Party
Saturday, October 26th 8 AM – 1 PM
North River Road Parking Lot
(Between I-94 & NB Gratiot)
586.493.7600

Halloween Spooktacular
Saturday, October 26th 1 PM – 4 PM
Fountain Stage and Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Trunk or Treat
Presented by Turning Point
Saturday, October 26th Noon – 3 PM
County Parking Structure at Main & Market Streets
586.463.4430

3rd Annual Macomb County Zombie Walk
Presented by the Anton Art Center
Saturday, October 26th 9 PM
Macomb Place
586.469.8666

Christmas Market Preview
Friday, November 15th 5:30 PM – 9 PM
Anton Art Center
586.469.8666

Downtown Christmas Open House
Christmas Tree Lighting & Free Photos with Santa
Friday, November 22nd 5 PM – 9 PM
Fountain Stage, Downtown Mount Clemens
586.469.4168

Christmas Market
November 15th – December 22nd
Anton Art Center
586.469.8666

Macomb County Santa Parade
Friday, November 29th 10 AM
Main Street
586.469.6818 x317

Small Business Saturday
Saturday, November 30th
Downtown Mount Clemens
586.469.4168

Mount Clemens Heritage Holiday
December 1st 1 PM – 4 PM
Sponsored by Anton Art Center, Crocker House Museum, and Michigan Transit Museum
586.469.8666 or 586.465.2488

Christmas Walk
Sponsored by Bath City Association
Wednesday, December 4th
Tickets Available at Mount Clemens Public Library

Macomb County New Year's Eve in Never Never Land
December 31st 4 PM – 9 PM
Main Street
Information and Tickets: 586.469.4168

Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala
December 31st 10:30 PM
Entertainment & Fireworks on Main Street
Information and Tickets: 586.469.4168

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

- **Veteran's Day** Monday, November 11, 2013
- **Thanksgiving Day** Thursday, November 28, 2013
- **Day after Thanksgiving** Friday, November 29, 2012
- **Christmas Eve** Tuesday, December 24, 2013
- **Christmas Day** Wednesday, December 25, 2013
- **New Year's Eve** Tuesday, December 31, 2013
- **New Year's Day** Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Mount Clemens Community Schools

Good things come in threes

As the saying goes, "good things come in threes." And good things have been happening in Mount Clemens Community Schools. First, and pretty important, the district has no negative labels attached to it from the state. No priority school labels. No focus school labels. Second, we improved the finances for the district during the 2012-2013 school year. Our Board has been relentless in ensuring we do everything we can in turning around the financial standing of the school district. And we have. Standard and Poor's even upgraded our rating to stable! Third, our CAP (Context and Performance) scores show that when looking at data on a level playing field, our CAP scores shine!

In terms of CAP scores, **Seminole Academy** ranks 4th in Macomb County and is one of only four elementary schools (of 170) in the county with an "A" rating. We couldn't be more thrilled. We scored better than almost all of the elementary schools in

Macomb County. Much better. Based on CAP scores, **Mount Clemens High School** ranks 4th of 35 high schools in Macomb County, well above Arts Academy in the Woods and Michigan Collegiate – two high school charters in Macomb County.

All of our schools are accredited by the prestigious North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

You can read more about our district at www.mtcps.org. Consider subscribing to the superintendent's blog to stay updated with what is going on in our district. We are adding programs that are unique to Mount Clemens, such as our NEW Sea Cadets program from the Great Lakes Anchor Foundation.

Good things are happening in Mount Clemens Community Schools and residents of the district can enroll students at any time during the school year. **Strong community schools means a strong city.** Help build our city stronger by placing your child in Mount Clemens Community Schools.

Crocker House Museum Upcoming Events

Crocker House Cemetery Walk at Beth Tephilath Moses Cemetery
Sunday, October 6th

Tuesday Tea Talk at Two: The Hebrew Calendar
Tuesday, October 15th 2 PM

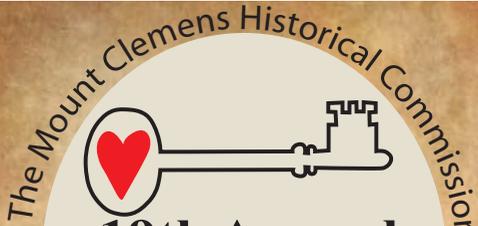
"Dressing for the Weather: 150 Years Ago" Afternoon Tea
Sunday, November 3rd 1 PM

Tuesday Tea Talk at Two: Dating and Caring for your 19th Century Photographs
Tuesday, November 12th 2 PM

Spirits of Christmas Past Tea & Tour
Sunday, December 8th 1 PM & 3 PM

Simply Dickens Christmas Tea
Sunday, December 15th 1 PM

For information and tickets, please call 586.465.2488 or visit www.crockerhousemuseum.com



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

RESIDENT SURVEY

As a resident of Mount Clemens, you are being asked to complete this survey so we can better understand the services that are important to you. Completing this survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes. Please return it to City Hall, One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043 or any City department. The survey can also be placed in the drop box at City Hall. All surveys must be returned by November 12, 2013. If you have any questions, please call the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818 x315.

Section 1: Please place an "x" in the appropriate box:

To maintain the current level of Sheriff Department services, I would support a Charter Amendment to increase the millage.

Yes No

To maintain the current level of Fire Department services, I would support a Charter Amendment to increase the millage.

Yes No

To maintain current levels of City services, I would support a local income tax rather than an increase in property taxes.

Yes No

I would prefer to see City services reduced rather than pay additional taxes.

Yes No

Section 2: Rate the importance of the following services by circling the appropriate number:

	Essential	Very Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
Sheriff Staffing Level (current staffing level: 4 per shift)	5	4	3	2	1
Sheriff Neighborhood Patrols	5	4	3	2	1
Traffic Enforcement	5	4	3	2	1
Full-time Fire Department Staffing Level (current staffing level: 4 per shift)	5	4	3	2	1
Fire Safety Education	5	4	3	2	1
Fire Code Enforcement	5	4	3	2	1
Volunteer Fire Department	5	4	3	2	1
Snow Removal	5	4	3	2	1
Tree Trimming and Removal	5	4	3	2	1
Neighborhood Road Repairs	5	4	3	2	1
Street Sweeping	5	4	3	2	1
Roadside/Median Maintenance	5	4	3	2	1
City Parks Maintenance	5	4	3	2	1
City Street Tree Planting/Replacement	5	4	3	2	1
Dial-A-Ride	5	4	3	2	1
Building Inspection Services	5	4	3	2	1
Code/Blight Enforcement Services	5	4	3	2	1
Rental Registration & Inspection Program	5	4	3	2	1
Vacant/Abandoned Residential Structure Registration Program	5	4	3	2	1
Certificate of Occupancy Program for Vacant/Abandoned Residential Structures	5	4	3	2	1
On-Line Bill Payment	5	4	3	2	1
City Hall Hours of Operation (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)	5	4	3	2	1
Response Time for Water Bill Issues (high bill, reread, final read, stop box/ curb stop issue, meter issue, leaks, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1
Response Time for Street Drain Issues, Sewer Backups, or Low Water Meter Pressure	5	4	3	2	1

Section 3: Of the information sources listed below, please mark the two that are your primary sources of information about City services?

- _____ City of Mount Clemens Website (www.cityofmountclemens.com)
- _____ Macomb Cable Network Community Calendar (www.mcntv.com)
- _____ City of Mount Clemens Clementimes Newsletter
- _____ Local Publications (The Macomb Daily, The Journal)
- _____ Word of Mouth
- _____ Viewing City Commission Meetings (aired on Cable TV or viewed online)
- _____ Viewing the Cable TV Governmental Channel (Comcast – channel 5 / WOW – channel 10 / AT& T Uverse – channel 99)
- _____ Other _____

Section 4: Please place an “x” in the appropriate box:

Do you use the City’s on-line bill payment program?

Yes No

Would you like the City to accept credit card payments at City Hall?

Yes No No Opinion

Are you a registered voter?

Yes No

How long have you lived in Mount Clemens? _____

Do you rent or own your residence? _____

Additional Comments:

**Thank you for participating in the City of Mount Clemens’ citizen survey.
Your opinions are important and will help us to provide better service in the future.**