



## 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 Office .....586.469.5151  
[www.macombsheriff.com](http://www.macombsheriff.com)

41B District Court .....586.469.9300

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

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

[www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com)

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## Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. ~Author Unknown*

April is National Volunteer Month. National Volunteer Month is a time to honor and recognize the many people who dedicate themselves to making our community a better place to work, live and play. I would like to thank all of the people who have given their time and talent to volunteer for the many boards and committees we have.

National Volunteer Month is also about recognizing and encouraging people to engage in our community. If you would like to serve on a board or committee, please fill out an application. You do not have to wait until there is an opening. Your application will be placed in an open file for future appointments.

Please visit the City Clerk's section of the newsletter for more information about Boards and Committees.

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### Important Information For Residents Who Have Dogs: **Free Spay/Neuter**

In keeping with the mission to "protect the health and safety of our residents, and to protect animals and promote their humane treatment," the Macomb County Animal Control Division applied for and received funding from PetSmart Charities to reduce animal control "hotspots" in the county, including the City of Mount Clemens.

- The decision to spay or neuter your dog is an important one and it can be the single best decision you make for his/her long-term welfare. Getting your

dog spayed or neutered can help reduce the number of homeless pets, improve your pet's health, reduce unruly behavior and save on the cost of pet care.

- Surgeries are performed at "All About Animals" surgery center in Warren, Monday through Friday. Transportation aid is available Mondays and Wednesdays.
- If you have any questions or want to make an appointment, please contact "All About Animals" at 586.879.1745 or visit their web site at [www.allaboutanimalsrescue.org](http://www.allaboutanimalsrescue.org). You can also contact Macomb County Animal Shelter at 586.469.5115.
- Surgery is performed by licensed veterinarians who specialize in spay/neuter surgery. Pets can safely be sterilized beginning at 8 weeks of age who weigh 2 lbs or more.
- The cost for procedures is being covered through a grant from Pet Smart Charities and can save pet owners \$125 per animal on average.

As always if you have any questions, issues or just want to talk, please feel free to contact me at 586.469.6818, x315, or email me at [bdempsey@cityofmountclemens.com](mailto:bdempsey@cityofmountclemens.com).

## FYI... Water Meter Modernization

The City is updating water reading devices. Affected homes will receive a letter from the City. Contractor employees will have a City ID card. For more information, visit [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com) or call 586.469.6889 x 502.

## TREASURER'S OFFICE

- Lori Holland  
Deputy Treasurer

### Property Taxes

- All remaining 2014 property taxes have been transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. Payments must be made to: Macomb County Treasurer, 1 S. Main St, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. The phone number is 586.469.5190, and the website is: <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer/index.htm>.
- The 2015 summer taxes will be sent out July 1, 2015, and will be due on September 15, 2015.

### Convenient Ways To Pay Your Bills

- You can pay your current year taxes (only available July 1<sup>st</sup> thru February 28<sup>th</sup>), water bills, and parking tickets, online at [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com), or over the phone at 1.866.789.5536. When paying online, the link is right on our home page – just scroll down a little bit. Please keep in mind that a processing fee will be applied to these payments. If you have any questions regarding this service, please call the Treasurer's Office at 586.469.6818 x1. A secure drop box is also available 24 hours a day, just inside the first door of City Hall. Please do not deposit cash.

### Moving?

- Please request a final water bill once you know what date you will be moving. The City will come out and obtain a reading and prepare your bill. Requests made before noon can be processed the same day and will be ready after 3:00 PM. Requests made after noon will be ready the next business day after 3:00 PM. The bill can be faxed, mailed, or picked up in the Treasurer's Office. Please call 586.469.6818 x303 to request a final bill or for billing questions.

## 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 2015.

We are also pleased to announce we will be launching a long overdue Resident Discount Program. As a way of saying thanks to Mount Clemens residents for supporting their local downtown business community, residents will be given a "Key to the City" that will unlock exclusive resident-only discounts and offers available year-round. The program will launch at a Resident Appreciation Meet & Greet event featuring sales and refreshments on Saturday, April 11 from 10 AM until 5 PM.

The May 4-8, 2015 is National Small Business Week. Be sure to get out and support the local businesses that support your local economy all year long.

## Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

**Resident Appreciation Day**  
Saturday, April 11 – 10 AM – 5 PM  
Launching Resident Appreciation Discount Program  
Residents will receive their own "Key to the City"  
Meet & Greet Business Owners, Sales, Refreshments  
586.469.4168

**Let's Move Festival of Races**  
Saturday, April 25 9 AM  
[www.letsmovefestival.com](http://www.letsmovefestival.com)

**Farmers Market Opens for Season**  
Saturday, May 2 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 2 through Saturday, June 6  
North River Parking Lot  
586.493.7600

### Made in Michigan Show

Friday, May 8 11 AM – 8 PM  
Saturday, May 9 10 AM – 6 PM  
Downtown on Macomb Place  
586.469.4168

### Summer Fun Saturdays

Rosco the Clown  
Saturday, May 9 11 AM  
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place  
586.469.4168

### Kiwanis Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 9 12 PM – 2 PM  
Macomb Place at Main Street  
586.469.4168

### 99.5 WYCD Nashville in the Neighborhood Concert

Sponsored by Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority and Petitpren Inc.  
Wednesday, June 3 7 PM  
Information: 586.469.4168

### Bud Light Classic Car Registration Night

Presented by the Friends of Mount Clemens. Sponsored by Moran Chevrolet, Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, and Petitpren Inc.  
Featuring Live Music Stage  
Friday, June 5 5 PM – 10 PM  
586.469.4168

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Bud Light Classic Car Show & Cruise Night

Presented by the Friends of Mount Clemens. Sponsored by Moran Chevrolet, Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, and Petitpren Inc.  
Saturday, June 6 Noon – 10 PM  
586.469.4168

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Rosco the Clown  
Saturday, June 6 11 AM  
Fountain Stage on Macomb Place  
586.469.4168

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Mount Clemens Art Fair

Presented by the Anton Art Center  
Saturday, June 6 11 AM – 7 PM  
Sunday, June 7 11 AM – 5 PM  
586.469.8666

### Farmers Market Strawberry Social

Saturday, June 20 8 AM till Sold Out  
North River Road Parking Lot  
586.493.7600

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

The City will be closed during the following holidays:  
**Memorial Day** Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Independence Day** Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Mount Clemens Riversight & Sound Concert

Sponsored by Oakland University  
Macomb County  
Friday, June 26 8 PM  
Mount Clemens Riverfront  
586.469.4168

### Independence Day Celebration Fireworks

Presented by Wayne & Joan Webber Foundation  
Friday, June 26 Dusk  
Mount Clemens Riverfront  
586.469.4168

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](http://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).

## Crocker House Museum

### Fashions of Yesteryear with Jinny Curatolo

Saturday, April 18 at Noon  
First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall  
168 Cass Avenue  
Tickets: \$35 for Macomb County Historical Society members; \$40 for non-members

### The Life of Jefferson Davis (Tea Talk at Two)

Tuesday, May 12, 2 PM  
Tickets: \$8 for Macomb County Historical Society members and \$10 for non-members

### Children's Etiquette Class

Sunday, June 7, 1 PM  
Ages 6 - 13 recommended  
Tickets: \$15 per person

### Annual Crocker House Garden Walk & "All About GMO's" Garden Breakfast

Saturday, June 27, 9 AM - 4 PM  
Tickets: \$10 for Macomb County Historical Society members; \$15 for non-members. Breakfast tickets: \$8 for Macomb County Historical Society members; \$10 for non-members

**For additional information or to purchase tickets, call 586.465.2488.**

## The Anton Art Center Exhibits, Educates and Inspires

### Calendar

#### Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show

Saturday, March 14 – Tuesday, April 14  
FREE  
See the talent of students in the 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and appreciate the work of teachers in developing that talent. Over 250 pieces of work; includes senior portfolios that are used in college admission decisions.

#### Fair and One Square

Friday, May 8 – Wednesday, June 10  
FREE  
Opening reception: Friday, May 8 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, FREE  
Are things really better in small packages? This exhibit has a size restriction of 12 inches in all directions.

#### Inspired by Rivera & Kahlo

Saturday, May 30 – Friday, June 26  
FREE  
Opening reception: Saturday, May 30, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, FREE  
Art inspired by the work, lives and times of Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo created by members of the Mount Clemens Art Association, Warren Tri-County Fine Arts and Lakeside Palette Club. A Detroit Institute of Arts community partnership event.

#### Mount Clemens Art Fair

Saturday, June 6, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM  
and Sunday, June 7, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
FREE  
Join us for a fine arts and crafts fair, with clay demonstrations, children's art making by the Detroit Institute of Arts, and performing arts.

The Anton Art Center has a new mission "to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts." In keeping with this mission to serve people of all ages, we conducted a pilot program last year that provided art classes at a senior citizen apartment complex and guided tours at the Art Center for people in assisted living facilities and senior organizations. In some cases, the groups also stayed for lunch and feather bowling at the Bath City Bistro...a true Mount Clemens experience!

Because senior citizens make up between 13% - 30% of the county's population depending on the community in which they live, the Art Center recently applied for a grant to expand the successful pilot program.

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**Holiday Refuse Calendar**

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2015

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 1, 2015.

Independence Day

Saturday, July 4, 2015

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

**Composting program scheduled to begin the week of March 30, 2015**

A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the City from **March 30, 2015 through December 4, 2015 only.**

**NO COMPOST OR YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER DECEMBER 4, 2015.**

**BEGINNING MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>,** 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 dogs and cats 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.
- 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.

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](http://www.mountclemensicearena.com).

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Election Workers**

If you are interested in working at a precinct for future Elections, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3, or email [lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com](mailto:lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com) for an application. This application can also be found on the City's website, [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com), on the City Clerk's page. To qualify as an Election Inspector, you must be at least 18 years old; a registered voter in the State of Michigan; and attend a training session prior to the Election and once every two years thereafter.

**Special Election – May 5, 2015**

The State Legislature has called for a

**MCCS: A Vibrant Summer Hot Spot**

Can you feel the energy and excitement? Mount Clemens Community Schools is a vibrant, summer hot spot!

The district is offering an exciting summer opportunity open to all MC students who have completed kindergarten and have not yet finished fifth grade.



In our new Summer Learning Academy, students will participate in a book

club, weekly themed activities and outings, math and STEM activities, walking field trips and board game competitions. The program will run from 7 AM to 5:30 PM and enrolled students will be served breakfast and lunch. This program will qualify for DHS day care assistance.

Elementary Summer School will begin on June 22 and run through the summer. Details will be available at Seminole in May.



Mount Clemens Community Schools will again host SpringHill Summer Day Camp.

Summer day camp provides a wonderful balance of activity, learning, and independence for campers. During their time at camp, kids experience life-changing lessons as they learn new skills and form bonds with other campers and their

counselors.

No matter the age, kids can face issues of confidence and identity at school. When they arrive at camp, the competition and need to impress disappears as the focus becomes new friends, fun activities and personal growth.

Reserve the dates on your calendars: June 26 through July 3.



The Detroit Arsenal will be hosting our students at a summer sports camp. More information will be available as the team develops the program.

When you need to cool down this summer, remember



that Mount Clemens Community Schools has obtained a public performance site license that enables the district to show any movie licensed for "Home Use Only" from the major Hollywood Studios.

The first movie, *Frozen*, was shown on February 28 in the Grand Auditorium.

Different district organizations and school clubs will be hosting movies monthly.

For more specific information about any of the above activities, please look at the district website, [www.mtccps.org](http://www.mtccps.org) and the Mount Clemens Battling Bathers Facebook page.

Lisa Borgacz  
City Clerk

Special Election to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, which will include a state-wide ballot proposal asking voters to allow for a 1% increase in Michigan's Sales Tax. If you are interested in voting by absentee ballot, or would like to know which precinct to vote at, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3.

**Boards & Committees**

If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of the City's many Boards & Committees, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3, or email [lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com](mailto:lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com) for an application. The application and a list of Boards can

also be found on the City's website at [www.cityofmountclemens.com](http://www.cityofmountclemens.com) under "Boards & Committees".

**No Knock List**

As part of the City's Door-to-Door Solicitor's Ordinance, the City Clerk's Office has established a "No-Knock" list. This list is given to all solicitors upon issuance of a Door-to-Door Solicitor's permit. If you would like to add your address to the list, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3 or email [lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com](mailto:lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com).

## Spring Cleaning

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.

If the City identifies blight throughout the community, property owners will receive a violation notice, describing the nature of the violation and a timeframe within which it should be taken care of. If this timeframe lapses without any progress, the City will often send a second notice of violation, again giving a timeframe for compliance. If the property is not brought into compliance or progress has not been made, the City will then issue a court summons through the 41-B District Court. Once a case is in the court system, final penalties, fees, etc. are decided by the court and its judges.

Please take a few moments to look over the Homeowner's Self Test for Blight. If you have any questions, please contact

the Community Development Department at 586.469.6818 x2 or via email at [codeenforcecement@cityofmountclemens.com](mailto:codeenforcecement@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.

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As we await a decision about the grant, I would like to share with you some of the research that demonstrates that older adults clearly benefit from active participation in the arts.

One article discussed visual arts as contributing to enriching participants' mental lives, setting new challenges, developing new skills, and helping to preserve individuals' identities.<sup>1</sup> Other research indicates "positive effects of participation in creative programming on age-related cognitive functioning, improvement in balance, decrease in anxiety and hostility, decrease in depression, increase in mastery, and increase in well-being."<sup>2</sup> These are solid reasons to experience art!

So if you are older and want to maintain your functioning, consider the Anton Art Center. You don't have to be good at art or even artistic to try something new and to receive a health benefit from participating. We have a complete line-up of spring/summer classes: drawing, watercolor, ceramics and weaving. For a schedule, check our website, [theartcenter.org](http://theartcenter.org), or call 586.469.8666.

The Anton Art Center is located at 125 Macomb Place in downtown Mount Clemens. It is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 AM – 5 PM; Friday from 10 AM – 6 PM and Sunday from Noon – 4 PM.

<sup>1</sup>Noice, T., Noice, H., and Kramer, A. "Participatory Arts for Older Adults: A Review of Benefits and Challenges." *The Gerontologist*. 2013.  
<sup>2</sup>Castora-Brinkley, M., Noelker, L., Prohaska, T. and Satariano, W. "Impact of Arts Participation on Health Outcomes for Older Adults." *Journal of Aging, Humanities, and the Arts*. 2010.

The Mount Clemens Beautification Commission presents the

# YARD OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Applications are being accepted for the 2015 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 26, 2015.** Yards will be judged during the week of July 13 – July 20, 2015 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 26, 2015 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