



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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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Tingley
Community Development Director

The Mount Clemens Train Depot – Supporting Our History

The Mount Clemens Train Depot is located at 200 Grand Avenue west of the downtown area in the city of Mount Clemens. It was built in 1859 as a passenger depot along the Grand Trunk's Port Huron to Detroit line. The Depot was designated a Michigan State Historic Site in 1973 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981. Since 1980, through a lease agreement with the City, the Michigan Transit Museum has occupied and helped care for the buildings and grounds. The Michigan Transit Museum was established in 1973 as a non-profit corporation to compile and record historical data on mass transportation systems and equipment, and to collect, preserve, display and operate such equipment.

Since 2010, the City has partnered with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office and the federal National Park Service on two grant projects for the exterior rehabilitation of our historic Train Depot. As a Certified Local Government through these agencies, the City has been able to utilize special grant funds to complete the repair and restoration of exterior brick and masonry, the repair and painting of exterior woodwork and arched brackets, and the rehabilitation and painting of exterior windows on the south facing wall. These projects have amounted to an approximate \$50,000 investment into the Train Depot. The majority of this funding has come from the federal government, including Community Development Block Grant Funds, which have been used as the local match for the previous two grant projects.

The City was recently awarded a third grant for the replacement of

the roof at the Train Depot in 2015, which would complete the exterior rehabilitation of this important resource. This project has a budget of \$40,000, of which \$24,000 would be funded by the National Park Service. As a part of the grant application, the City Commission has adopted a resolution which commits up to \$16,000 in City funds to be used for the local match. This was necessary due to no Community Development Block Grant funds being available for this grant cycle. **While the City has committed to supply this matching fund, the goal is to seek corporate and private donations to offset the local match amount.** The Michigan Transit Museum is accepting donations for the fundraising effort. Since the beginning of 2014, approximately \$5,400 has been raised for the project.

As we enter 2015, please take some time to consider a donation to the Michigan Transit Museum for the roof project. The Michigan Transit Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, run entirely by unpaid volunteers, and your donations may be tax-deductible. Any donations received in excess of the \$16,000 would be used towards rehabilitation projects of the other structures at the Train Depot property. More information about the Michigan Transit Museum can be found at www.michigantransitmuseum.org.

If you have any questions about the upcoming grant project, please contact the Community Development Department at 586.469.6818 x2. For general questions about the Train Depot or about making a donation, please contact the Michigan Transit Museum at 586.463.1863.

ASSESSING

Nancy Strehl
Assessor

A Resident's Guide to Understanding Assessments

- **Important Assessing Dates**
- Assessment notices should be in the mail by March 1, 2015.
- March board of review dates are as follows:
 - Monday, March 16, 2015
9 AM to noon and 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM
 - Tuesday, March 17, 2015
1 PM to 4 PM and 6 PM to 9 PM
- **APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY**
- To schedule an appointment, call 586.469.6818 x4 after you receive your 2014 assessment notice.
- **Proposal "A" of 1994**
- On March 15, 1994, Michigan voters approved the constitutional amendment known as Proposal A. It was designed to limit the growth in property taxes by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) until ownership in the property was transferred. Prior to Proposal A, property taxes were based on the State Equalized Value (SEV), which may fluctuate from year to year. With the implementation of Proposal A, property taxes are based on your property's Taxable Value (TV).
- **Taxable Value**
- In 1994, all properties became "capped". The property's SEV then became the new Taxable Value. From that point forward, Taxable Value could increase in the following three ways: 1. transfer of ownership or 2. a physical change to the property or 3. a change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) not to exceed 5%. This is also referred to as the Inflation Rate Multiplier.
- **Transfer of Ownership**
- When a transfer of ownership takes place on a property, the Taxable

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The Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year. As we embark on the New Year, we will keep you informed on new, exciting developments and projects that are percolating within our Downtown district. Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for the most up to date information on events and new happenings in Downtown Mount Clemens.

Downtown Mount Clemens Events Calendar

10th Annual Fire and Ice

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, January 29th

Starts at 6 PM

At Participating Bars and Restaurants Downtown

Tickets can be purchased in advance at participating establishments 586.469.4168

Proceeds benefit Mount Clemens Goodfellows and the Anton Art Center

10th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Carving Show

Friday, January 30th through

Sunday, February 1st

Centered near the Fountain Stage at Macomb Place & Cherry Street Mall Show formally opens 4 PM Friday and runs through Sunday evening

586.469.4168

Live ice carving will be taking place from midday Thursday to midday Sunday. NEW addition this year, a Family Warming Center featuring fun and activities for the entire family. More exciting information to be announced.

Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14th

Shop & Dine Local – Shop, dine, and have a great time in Downtown Mount Clemens

St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 17th

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Downtown Mount Clemens at our variety of restaurants and bars.

Made in Michigan Show

Friday, May 8th through

Saturday, May 9th

Nashville in the Neighborhood

Concert Series Returns

Dates TBA

Bud Light Riversight & Sound Concert

Friday, June 26th at 8 PM

Independence Day Celebration

Fireworks

Friday, June 26th at Dusk

Stay tuned for our soon to be announced complete line up of events for 2015.

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), and follow us on Twitter: [@MountClemensDDA](https://twitter.com/MountClemensDDA).

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 19th

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 16th

Good Friday
Friday, April 3rd



Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

Oprah Winfrey, *O Magazine*

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Now that the New Year is upon us, most people see this as an opportunity to decide what to change and what new goals to set. This same prospect applies to the City. This is a perfect chance for us to reflect on the decisions we've made, change what needs to be changed and set some new goals. Thanks to the voters, the Charter Amendment was approved and the Commission will now have some important decisions to make during the 2015/2016 budget process. Please remember you are always welcome to reach out to me or anyone on the City Commission with your ideas or concerns. We are here to listen and respond to your thoughts and needs.

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If this winter is anything like the winter of 2014, we should be prepared and know what is expected of us. When there is an abundance of snow on the ground, the City will call a Snow Emergency. What this means is you need to get your car off of the street so that the Department of Public Services crew can do their job. Please keep your sidewalks cleared and keep a watchful eye out for your neighbors. If anyone needs help and you are able to give it, consider paying it

forward and assisting your neighbor in need.

For those in need of assistance, please remember these important numbers: 2-1-1. This is an easy to remember telephone number that can connect residents to important community and human services.

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I would like to once again remind everyone that we have openings for volunteers on several of our boards. If you are interested, please complete and return the Application on the last page of the newsletter. You may also contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, x3, or visit our website at www.cityofmountclemens.com.

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Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors and participants who all helped to make this year's Santa Parade a huge success. Also, special thanks to our Grand Marshal, Andrew Humphrey, WDIV Meteorologist; the Clydesdale Horses, compliments of Petitpren, Inc.; and to all who came out to watch the parade. It's nice to see a long time (39 years) tradition continue to grow.

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City Commission Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Monday, February 2, 2015

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Monday, March 2, 2015

Monday, March 16, 2015

Monday, April 6, 2015

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk

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 online through a link on the City's website, www.cityofmountclemens.com. Look for "Code of Ordinances" on the Home page or the City Clerk's page.

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 permit. They are advised, at that time, not to solicit at the addresses on the list. If you would like to add your address to the list, please call the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818 x3 or send us an email at lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com. Please note: The "No-Knock" list is for

residential properties only.

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 for an application. The application and a list of Boards can also be found on the last page of this newsletter or on the City's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com under "Boards & Committees".



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.

Holiday Refuse Calendar

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2015

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, January 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule on Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 29th through Wednesday, December 31st, will be picked up on schedule. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 19, 2015

Garbage pickup will run on schedule January 19th through January 23rd.

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 16, 2015

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

Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 2015

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 on your regular garbage day until January 23rd. Please make sure that trees are bare and not in a plastic bag when placed at the curb.

Winter Snow Removal

Please keep in mind the Street Department will be clearing all major streets first during a snow storm. 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 snow storms 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 should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Services at 586.469.6847.

Mount Clemens Community Schools

Mount Clemens Schools
Creating a Community
of Caring



THAW has partnered with the Michigan Department of Human Services and Mount Clemens Community Schools to provide energy assistance to keep you and your family safe and warm this winter.

In Mid-November, through its successful partnership with the DHS Pathways to Potential (P2P) program, Mount Clemens welcomed a representative of The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW), Vivian Grant. Vivian is located at the high school, but serves families in all three of our buildings.



Vivian Grant



THAW helps Michigan residents pay their energy bill during tough times. To make the process easier for those in need, THAW works through the P2P agents to provide energy assistance to eligible families.

To make an appointment, stop by the P2P office at Seminole or the Secondary Complex for available appointment times. Or, Vivian can be reached by email at vgrant@thawfund.org.

Are You Eligible?

- Applicant must have a student that attends the school.
**If not, please call THAW's referral line at 1-800-866-8429 for an agency near you.*
- Account balance cannot exceed \$1,250 for combined (gas and electric) accounts or \$625 for single accounts (gas or electric).
- Applicant must have a valid Michigan driver's license or State ID.
- Account must be residential, not commercial.
- Account must be in the applicant's name and he/she must live at the service address.
- Account must have a past due balance, shut off notice, disconnected service or have an immediate need for deliverable fuel. A bill/invoice is required.
- Applicant must pay unauthorized usage charges.
- Applicant has paid at least \$225 on single or \$450 on combined accounts within the past six months.
- Proof of household income is required. Income must be at or below 150% of the current Federal Poverty Level guidelines.

FAMILY SIZE	INCOME
1 Person	\$17,505
2 Person	\$23,595
3 Person	\$29,685
4 Person	\$35,775
5 Person	\$41,865
6 Person	\$47,955

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Value is uncapped to the Assessed Value for the following year. From that point forward, the Taxable Value is capped until the next transfer.

Physical Changes

Any change in Assessed Value due to a physical change will also change the Taxable Value beyond the CPI increase. Any loss in value would be subtracted and any new value would be added after applying the Inflation Rate Multiplier/CPI. All assessments are based on what is physically on the property as of each December 31st.

Most maintenance items such as roofs, siding, windows, etc., are not considered as a physical addition to the property.

Inflation Rate Multiplier/CPI

Every year the State of Michigan calculates the Inflation Rate Multiplier. The multiplier is calculated by statute, on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as measured by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics and is based on a two year average of the Consumer Price Index using the state fiscal year. All property in Michigan will have an average increase based on the Inflation Rate Multiplier or 5% (whichever is lower).

The 2015 Inflation Rate Multiplier is 1.016.

Market Value

The Assessed Value represents 50% of a property's Market Value. The figure is calculated through a study of sales in the city for a two year period. The State regulated dates for the two year study time frame are 10/1/2012 through 9/30/2014. The city is divided into nine (9) different study areas and sales in each area are evaluated to establish the percentage that values will change.

Foreclosures

The State Tax Commission has issued specific guidelines regarding the inclusion of foreclosure sales in assessor's sales studies. These guidelines require the assessor to review each foreclosure sale utilizing the established criteria. The assessor makes a determination based on the guidelines whether to include specific sales in the study.

For a list of **Frequently Asked Questions**, please visit www.cityofmountclemens.com/assessing.htm.

The Anton Art Center Exhibits, Educates and Inspires



Calendar

Perspective: Detroit

Saturday, January 17 –
Sunday, February 27, FREE
Opening reception: Saturday, January
17, 1 PM – 3 PM, FREE
Juried exhibition of the Mount Clemens
Art Association, Warren Tri-County Fine
Arts and Lakeside Palette Club with
juror Jack O. Summers.

Michigan Annual XLII

Friday, January 30 – Tuesday, March
3, FREE
Opening reception: Friday, January 30,
6 PM – 8 PM, FREE
Juried exhibition of varying media by
artists throughout Michigan with
juror Nancy Mitchnick.
Boll History Gallery Exhibition: *The Art
Center in 45 Years*

Valentine's Day Clay Workshop

Saturday, February 14, 1 PM – 3 PM
Celebrate with a date by making

mugs together. Art Center
Member, \$25. Non-Member, \$35.

**Macomb County Annual Secondary
Student Show**

Saturday, March 14 – Tuesday, April
14, FREE
Awards Reception: Saturday, March
14, 1:30 PM for 7th, 8th & 9th grades;
2:30 PM for 10th, 11th & 12th grades,
FREE

**Classes Galore – Explore
Your Creativity This Winter!**

Children's art classes are more
affordable now at the Anton Art
Center thanks to a grant from the
National Endowment for the Arts.
Children, ages 6 – 12, who join the
Art Center may attend *Mixed Media
Saturday Workshops* for free while non-
members may attend for the low cost
of \$10 per session. These classes were

extremely popular last year, so please
call early to register at 586.469.8666.

January classes are *Print-making &
Beyond*: January 17, Monotype,
January 24, Drawing in Natural
Prints and January 31, Rearranged
Collograph. February classes are
Multi-Cultural Designs: February 14,
Petroglyph, February 21, Mola, and
February 28, Mandala. March classes
are *3-D Me*: March 14, Soft Sculpture,
March 21, Cube, and March 28,
Dimensional Portrait.

Ceramics at the center is taught by
Audrey Long, an experienced and
talented ceramics artist. Six week
Tuesday classes for youth, ages 6 – 12,
involve pinching, coiling and glazing
clay. The cost is \$75 for a member
and \$95 for a non-member. Six week
Wednesday classes for teens, ages
13 – 18, involve making cylinders and
bowls on the wheel. The cost is \$80 for

a member and \$100 for a non-
member. Call 469.8666 to register.

The Anton Art Center is also the place
for adults to do something different.
Learn photography, drawing,
watercolor, ceramics and weaving
from talented, experienced artists
here in our beautiful 1904 building.
Some classes meet once and other
classes meet for eight weeks. Prices
and times vary. For a schedule, check
our website, theartcenter.org, or call
469.8666.

Our purpose is to exhibit, educate
and inspire people through the arts.
Please come to an exhibit and take a
classes...you are bound to be inspired!
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.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____
Number/Street City / Zip Telephone

LENGTH OF TIME YOU HAVE LIVED IN MOUNT CLEMENS: _____

DO YOU PRESENTLY OR HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON A
BOARD OR COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS?
 YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE LIST THE BOARDS AND/OR COMMITTEES AND THE
TERM EXPIRATION DATE(S): _____

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF OUR CURRENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. PLEASE NOTE WHICH BOARD OR COMMITTEE THAT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
SERVING (PLEASE RATE YOUR SELECTIONS WITH #1 BEING THE BOARD YOU WOULD PREFER TO SERVE ON FIRST).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS | <input type="checkbox"/> HOUSING COMMISSION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOARD OF REVIEW | <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY | <input type="checkbox"/> HOUSING CORPORATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY | <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTION COMMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING COMMISSION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TV COMMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTRICAL BD OF EXAMINERS & APPEALS | <input type="checkbox"/> RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> HARBOR COMMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLINTON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL | <input type="checkbox"/> HOUSING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS | <input type="checkbox"/> YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORICAL COMMISSION | |

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT:

Name of Business/Firm/Owner Title or Position Type of Business

Number/Street City/Zip Telephone

LIST YOUR JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

PLEASE LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: _____

EDUCATION: (Optional) _____

PLEASE LIST TWO PERSONAL REFERENCES

1. _____
Name Address Telephone

2. _____
Name Address Telephone

I hereby certify that this form is true and accurate to
the best of my knowledge.

Signature Date

Please return this application to: City Clerk's Office, One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043