



A Quarterly Publication from the City of Mount Clemens

October/November/December 2015

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	
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

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Messages from Mayor Barb Dempsey

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."

~Stanley Horowitz

It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone. It seems like we wait for months and months to enjoy fun in the sun and before you know it, fall is here again. Although I have to admit fall has always been my favorite time of the year. I hope that you and your family had an opportunity to participate in the many events that were held this summer. From the Uptown Friday Night Concert series, to the Nashville in the Neighborhood Concerts, to the Mount Clemens Grand Prix Soap Box Derby and the most recent Oktoberfest, Mount Clemens had a lot to offer its residents and visitors. Summer may be over, but there are still plenty of things to do in Mount Clemens. Please see the DDA calendar for full details of the upcoming events.

Speaking of upcoming events, I would like to let everyone know that the **Mount Clemens Presents the Macomb County Santa Parade** has been moved from the day after Thanksgiving to the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 10:00 AM**. This will be the 40th year the parade will march in Mount Clemens! We are looking for volunteers to help the day of the parade. If your high school junior or senior needs community service hours, this would be a great event for them to volunteer. If you know of any organization that would like to participate in the parade, please contact 586.469.6818, x 325, or visit our website www.Mount-Clemens-Santa-Parade.com.

On October 9th, I gave the State of the City presentation. This event was sponsored by the Macomb County Chamber and it was held at Oakland University Anton/Frankel Center. The presentation is available for viewing on your local Cable network station and also on the City's website.

We are taking applications for "Local Treasures." The nomination deadline is December 15, 2015. Please see page 3 of the newsletter for award guidelines and application information. If you have any questions, please contact the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818, x315.

City Commission Meeting Schedule

- Monday, October 19, 2015
- Monday, November 2, 2015
- Monday, November 16, 2015
- Monday, December 7, 2015
- Monday, December 21, 2015
- Monday, January 4, 2016

Agendas and videos of past City Commission meetings are available on our website www.cityofmountclemens.com.

Important Upcoming Assessing Dates

Assessment Notices should be in the mail by March 7, 2016

2016 March Board of Review dates are as follows:

- Monday, March 21, 2016
- Tuesday, March 22, 2016

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Tingley
Community Development Director

Snow and Ice Removal Required

- Although we may still be enjoying the warm weather of late summer and early fall, it is important to look ahead to the upcoming winter season that will be here shortly. As a very walkable community, with an extended network of sidewalks, it is critical that residents and businesses do their part to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice.
- City ordinances require that "The occupant of any premises, or the owner of any unoccupied premises, is required to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises cleared, so far as is practicable and reasonable, from snow and ice to facilitate pedestrian use. Where there are no sidewalks, the occupant or owner shall clear a path free from snow and ice where a sidewalk would otherwise be, to facilitate pedestrian use. Whenever any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared within 12 hours after it has fallen or accumulated." Failure to remove the snow and ice according to the timeframe of the ordinance may result in the City of Mount Clemens performing this task and placing a lien against the property for all costs incurred, or issuing violation notices against the property.
- The full ordinance may be found through a link on the home page of the City's website, www.cityofmountclemens.com. At the top, click on the "Mount Clemens Code of Ordinances" tab. It will redirect you to the Municode.com site which has all of the ordinances for Mount Clemens. We all hope this winter season is not as harsh as the last two, but in the event that it is, thank you for your diligence in keeping the sidewalks of Mount Clemens safe.

Fall is in the air, leaves are changing, and we are gearing up for our fall and holiday events in Downtown Mount Clemens. The Downtown Halloween Spooktacular is our signature children's event and it kicks off our fall festivities. This free event features a wide variety of activities and fun for all!

Continuing our longstanding tradition, we usher in the holiday season at our annual Downtown Mount Clemens Christmas Open House. Santa will arrive by horse drawn sleigh and he will light up all of the downtown decorations. Afterward, families can enjoy free carriage rides, free photos with Santa, and fun activities in many of the downtown businesses. The Macomb County Santa Parade has a new date this year! Santa will make a grand appearance in the parade held in Downtown Mount Clemens on Saturday, November 21 at 10 AM.

This year, we again encourage you to shop small instead of the mall on Small Business Saturday and throughout the entire holiday shopping season. Patronizing small, independently owned local businesses helps support our local economy. Downtown Mount Clemens has numerous retail stores with great unique gift giving ideas for the most difficult people to shop for on your list. The Anton Art Center Holiday Market is another great holiday shopping opportunity, and nearly all of our downtown restaurants offer gift certificates. If you are looking for a place to hold your holiday party, there are over a dozen venue options right here in Downtown Mount Clemens.

We'll close out 2015 with our Children's New Year's Eve in Never Never Land and traditional New Year's Eve Gala. New Year's Eve in Never Never Land will be held on Main Street prior to the Gala merriments. Children will have their very own New Year's celebration, complete with a ball drop and mini fireworks display. Our traditional New Year's Eve Gala festivities will follow, including a live band, 50/50 raffle, and the ONLY New Year's Eve fireworks display in the metro Detroit area.

On behalf of the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, we would like to wish you a very happy and safe holiday season, and prosperous New Year!

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).

Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 24th 1 PM – 4 PM
Fountain Stage and Macomb Place
586.469.4168

Trunk or Treat

Presented by Mount Clemens Optimist Club
Saturday, October 24th 12 PM – 3 PM
County Parking Structure at Main & Market Streets
586.463.4430

The Case of the Dead Paparazzi Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt

Presented by Clinton Township Recreation Department and Mount Clemens DDA
Friday, October 30th 8 PM – 10:30 PM
Macomb Place
586.286.9336

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Steven Brown
City Manager

- There's a new head of operations in town. Over the last three months, the City's water and sewer operations have been under the management of F&V Operations and Resource Management, Inc. (FVOP).
- FVOP was hired to manage the day-to-day operations and oversee the City staff in the Utilities Department for one year. The decision to hire a management company was necessitated by the retirement of the Utilities Director.
- Already FVOP has made some pipe changes that have led to doubling the capacity of the sludge

dewatering equipment and saved more than \$35,000 by leading staff in the repair of ozone water units. FVOP's General Manager, Blair Selover, will serve as the utilities director and has put together a team of certified operators to work with him.

While the management is new, the 17 City operators at the water filtration plant, wastewater plant and sewer collection system and water distribution system are basically the same.

Future plans for this innovative collaboration will include a renewed



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.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

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

Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26th

Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27th

Christmas Eve Day
Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25th

New Year's Eve Day
Thursday, December 31st

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1st

Columbus Day

Monday, October 12, 2015

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

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during Veterans Day week - November 9th through November 13th.

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26, 2015

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 26th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 27th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 28th. Garbage pickup for Monday, November 23rd, Tuesday, November 24th, and Wednesday, November 25th will be on schedule.

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 2015

There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule on Friday, December 25th only. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 21st through Thursday, December 24th will be picked up on schedule.

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2016

There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday, January 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule on Friday, January 1st only. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 28th through Thursday, December 31st will be picked up on schedule.

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL & SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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"**. 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. Once the entire street has been cleared of snow from curb to curb and no additional snow has accumulated or is predicted to accumulate, vehicles may then resume parking on that street.

Compost/Leaf Pickup Season Ends December 4th

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.

**City of Mount Clemens
"Local Treasure" Award Guidelines**

The purpose of the Mount Clemens "Local Treasure" Award is to provide recognition to the men and women of our city who have made our city a better place to live through exemplary positive contributions. The spirit of the award is to bring attention to those who have not been recognized and publicly acknowledge their contribution, however large or small.

- The nominee must be a resident or business owner of the City of Mount Clemens; and
- The actions of the nominee must have contributed a positive lasting legacy to our city and its residents.
- Nominations may be submitted by any resident.
- All nominations must be in writing using a nomination form available at City Hall or on the City's website at www.cityofmountclemens.com.
- Nomination deadline is December 15, 2015.
- The "Local Treasure" Award will be made at a City Commission meeting during the month of February.

If you have any questions, please call the City Manager's Office at 586.469.6818 x 315.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Lisa Borgacz
City Clerk

**City General Election
November 3, 2015**

- The City General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The purpose of the election is to vote for the Office of Mayor and City Commission. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. If you're not sure which precinct to vote at, please contact the City Clerk's Office. Please remember to bring identification if voting at the precinct.

Would you like to vote by Absentee Ballot?

- If you find that you will not be able to attend the polls to vote on Election Day, or that you would like to be added to our Permanent Absentee list, you may request an Absentee Voter's Ballot from the City Clerk's office. To obtain an absentee ballot, voters must meet one of the following criteria:
 - 1) I am 60 years of age or older;
 - 2) I am physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another;
 - 3) I am an appointed precinct worker in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside;
 - 4) I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day;
 - 5) I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion;
 - 6) I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Please contact the City Clerk's Office for an application or to request to be added to the Permanent Absentee list.

Election Workers

If you are interested in working at a precinct for future Elections, please contact the City Clerk's office for an application. This application can also be found on the City's website, 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.

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 for an application. There are currently openings on the following boards: Beautification Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Zoning Appeals-Alternate, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Harbor Commission, Historical Commission, Historic District Commission, Traffic Safety Committee.

If you should have any questions or would like further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 586.469.6818, option 3, or email the City Clerk at lborgacz@cityofmountclemens.com.

Mount Clemens Volunteer Fire Department

The City of Mount Clemens has openings for Volunteer Firefighters.

The list of qualifications as well as the Application for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department, City of Mount Clemens, One Crocker Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. You can also visit our website, www.cityofmountclemens.com.

The Anton Art Center Exhibits, Educates and Inspires

Christmas Market 2015

Friday, November 13th –
Wednesday, December 23rd
Members & Sponsors Preview
Thursday, November 12th, 5:30-8 PM
Meet the Artists Reception Sunday,
November 15th, 1-3 PM
LAST SHOPPING DAY Wednesday,
December 23rd.

For more information, contact the
Anton Art Center at 586.469.8666
or visit www.theartcenter.org. The
Anton Art Center is located at 125
Macomb Place. Office hours are
Tuesdays – Saturdays, 10 AM – 5 PM.

Sapphire Show

Saturday, September 26th –
Friday, October 16th
Selected works from members of
the Mount Clemens Art Association,
Warren Tri-County Fine Arts, and the
Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair
Shores. Juror Valerie Allen. A black,
white, and sapphire themed exhibit:
celebrating the Anton Art Center's
45th anniversary.

****CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC NOVEMBER
25 & 26 and DECEMBER 24-31 &
JANUARY 1-4. Re-open on January
5, 2016.**

Jim Pujdowski Retrospective

Friday, November 13th –
Wednesday, December 23th
Meet the Artists Reception Sunday,
November 15th, 1-3 PM. Host Mount
Clemens Kiwanas Club.

Crocker House Museum

Tuesday, October 27, 2 PM

"Wouldn't it be Deadly" & "Move your Blooming Corpse" Book Talk

Local author book talk: Tickets cost
\$8 for members of the Macomb
County Historical Society and \$10 for
non-members. Reservations required.

Sunday, November 1, 1 PM

Apron History Tea

Come learn about apron history
with Carol Brodbeck. A full tea will
be served to include Three Wives
Tea, scone with mock Devonshire
cream and jam, a variety of tea-
sandwiches and desserts. Tickets are
limited, non-refundable and cost \$30
for members of the Macomb County
Historical Society & \$35 for non-
members. Call for your reservation at
586.465.2488.

Sunday, December 6, 1 – 4 PM

Create a Christmas Memory: Art, Trains & History in Mount Clemens

Enjoy a day in Mount Clemens with a
visit to the Anton Art Center, Crocker
House Museum, and the Michigan
Transit Museum.

Christmas activities for the whole
family at each site. Santa will be here
at the Crocker House for "take your
own" photographs in the nursery.
Entrance fee at each location.

Sunday, December 13, Noon to 6 PM

Crocker House Victorian Christmas Wassail & Bazaar

Victorian Christmas Wassail and
Bazaar. You are welcome to shop
and dine or just shop.

Brunswick stew, plum pudding,
roasted chestnuts and hot wassail.

If you wish to attend the Wassail
tickets cost \$25 for members and \$30
for non-members. There will be two
seating times; 12:15 and 3:15 PM.

Tickets are limited, non-refundable,
and cost \$25 for members of the
Macomb County Historical Society
and \$30 for non-members. (\$15 / \$20
is a tax-deductible gift, charitable
license MICS/CT6869.)

Please call 586.465.2488 for tickets
and information.

Sunday, December 20, 1 PM

Christmas Carols on the Dulcimer Afternoon Tea

Join us with Ranka Mulkurn as
she delights us with carols on the
dulcimer while we enjoy a full
afternoon tea to include Three Wives
Tea, scones with mock Devonshire
cream and jam, a variety of tea-
sandwiches, and desserts. Tickets
are limited, non-refundable and cost
\$35 for members of the Macomb
County Historical Society & \$40 for
non-members. Please call for your
reservation at 586.465.2488.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Lori Holland
Deputy Treasurer

Winter Tax Bills

Residents will receive a winter tax
bill in the mail around December 1,
2015, and it will be due by February
28, 2016. Every resident will receive a
tax bill, even if your taxes are paid by
a mortgage company. Please keep
this tax bill for income tax purposes.

You can still make payments
towards any remaining balance on
your summer tax bill until the end of
February. All unpaid 2015 taxes are
turned over to the County on March
1, 2016.

Here's A Great Stocking Stuffer Idea

Give the gift of free parking!
Why worry about having change for
the meter? The CLEMCARD works
like a debit card for parking. Simply
insert the card in the parking meter
until the desired amount of time is
displayed, remove the card, and
go about your business – no need
to worry about having change!
You can purchase them at the
Treasurer's Office on the 1st floor of
City Hall in any denomination, from
\$5 to \$100. You can also recharge
your card as needed at our
office. They make great gifts. Our
customers who use them love them!

Mount Clemens Community Schools

Clinic Serves Youth Ages 10-21 and Their Families

The Clem Care School-Based
Health Center sponsored by Henry
Ford Health System is the place for
teenagers and young adults to go
for health problems big or small.

It's Convenient, Professional and Affordable!

If you're like most people, you feel
great most of the time. Occasionally,
small health problems occur and
these problems can be warning signs
of a temporary illness or a serious
disease. Sometimes illnesses can be
caused by problems like poor diet or
too much stress-conditions that can
damage your health for life. Clem Care
strives to provide comprehensive,
interdisciplinary, and confidential
health services that will meet the
needs of students in an atmosphere
that is caring and provides mutual
respect.

Services are available to youth ages 10
years through 21 years who reside in
the Mount Clemens area.

If you are under 18 years of age,
a consent form must be signed by
a parent or guardian. The consent
form must be renewed annually with
updated health history and insurance
information. A copy of the student's
vaccine record also needs to be
submitted and will be kept on file
as well as entered into MCIR, the
Michigan state vaccine computer
registry.

All services are confidential and are
offered for a low cost or no charge.



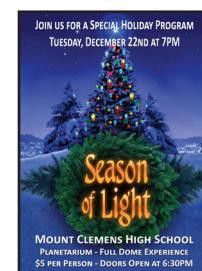
All students are eligible to receive
health care regardless of their
insurance situation. The health
center accepts all insurances. Third
party insurance will be billed for
appropriate services through the
School-Community Health Alliance
of Michigan billing service.

If the student has no health insurance
the Clem Care Center can assist
with an online Medicaid application
to determine eligibility and obtain
insurance, if eligible. At this time,
there are no out-of-pocket expenses
billed to the student for services.

Monthly Movies in the Grand Auditorium

Beginning in October, we will be
hosting movies each month through
May in the Grand Auditorium.
Watch building newsletters, the
website, and our Facebook page for
more information.

Welcome Winter by Celebrating the Solstice



Join us on Tuesday,
December 22 at
7 PM in the
Domed Theater
to welcome the
Winter Solstice.