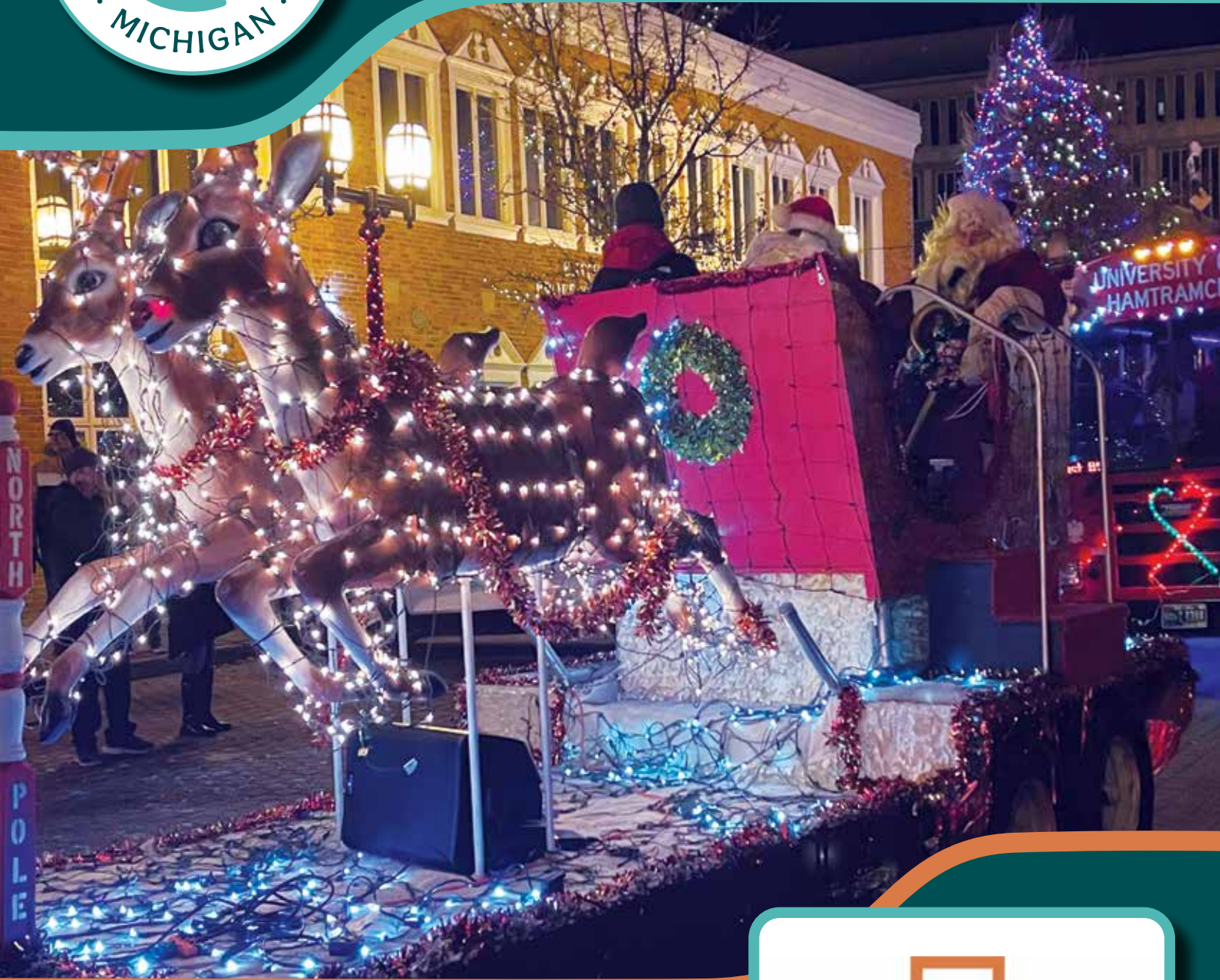




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UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

12/15, 1/5, 1/20, 2/2, 2/17, 3/2



MAYOR'S UPDATE:

A Season of Momentum—and Bright Lights Ahead

Neighbors and friends,

The timing of our Clementime's Newsletter print deadline happens to be before the November Election. It is my greatest hope that as you are reading my update, I am still your mayor! As we turn the page into December, January, and February, I want to look back on a fall season that was one of the busiest—and most meaningful—our city has seen in years. Together, we've taken major steps to secure reliable infrastructure, reactivate our downtown, and set the stage for a strong year ahead.

Breaking ground on our Drinking Water Connection project. This milestone represents years of planning, state partnership, and diligent work by our City team and commission. It's a once-in-a-generation investment to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable water for Mount Clemens residents and businesses. Thank you to everyone who helped move this forward; it's a textbook example of fiscal responsibility paired with long-term vision.

A new future at 20 South Main Street. The City's purchase of 20 South Main opens the door to a modern municipal campus and new possibilities for our riverfront. Relocating City Hall and the Fire Department will free up valuable waterfront property for future mixed-use development and public space—growing our tax base while keeping the riverfront accessible to all.

Cherry Street Mall and Macomb Place: open again. Reopening these key corridors is a major step in our Downtown Revitalization Project. Thank you to our residents, visitors, and especially our downtown merchants for your patience during construction. With each phase, we're building a safer, more walkable, more beautiful downtown that will serve us for decades.

State of the City: clarity, candor, and community. This fall's State of the City Address was a chance to share clear progress and practical next steps—from infrastructure to recreation, from fiscal stability to public art and parks. I'm grateful to City staff, our partners, and every resident who shows up, asks good questions, and helps us keep moving forward together.

What's Next: Winter Mount Clemens

Mount Clemens Light Parade — Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Bundle up and bring the whole family downtown as we light up Main Street and kick off the holiday season in true Mount Clemens style. It's one of our most beloved traditions—full of sparkle, music, and community pride. I hope to see you there!

Holiday shopping makes a difference. This winter, your purchases have power. Every gift you buy in our downtown helps local businesses that have weathered construction with resilience and good humor. Make an evening of it: stroll the lights, grab dinner, pick up a few gifts, and discover a new favorite shop. If you love what's happening downtown, the best way to show it is to shop local.

A Note of Thanks

To our City staff and department heads, our commission, our business owners, and our residents—thank you. The progress we're celebrating is the result of teamwork: careful planning, tough choices, and a shared belief that Mount Clemens is worth every bit of effort. We're building a city that works today and inspires tomorrow.

As we head into the new year, let's keep that momentum. Support our shops and restaurants. Invite friends to experience our events. Share the good news of Mount Clemens. The lights we hang this season are a reminder: when we pull together, our City shines.

With gratitude,
Mayor Laura Kropp



IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Emergency
9.1.1.

Fire
586.469.6840

City Hall
586.469.6800

Utilities
586.469.6889

Animal Control
586.469.6847

Dial-A-Ride
586.469.RIDE

DDA
586.469.4168

Public Housing
586.468.1434

Public Services
586.469.6847

41B District Court
586.469.9300

COFFEE TALK DATES

(Second Tuesday and Second Thursday of the month)

December

- Tuesday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee

January

- Thursday, January 8, 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- Tuesday, January 13, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill

February

- Tuesday, February 10, 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee



CLERK'S OFFICE

MOUNT CLEMENS ELECTIONS IN 2026

Mount Clemens voters will head to the polls on August 4, 2026, for the State Primary, and on November 3, 2026, for the State General Election. The offices to be elected in 2026 include the following:

- Governor/Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- US Senate
- US House
- State Senate
- State Representative
- Macomb County Executive
- State Board of Education
- University of Michigan Regents
- University Trustees Wayne State
- University Governors
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the District Court
- Judge of Probate

Voting precincts will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, and there will be nine days of early voting for both elections.

Please call the city clerk's office at (586) 469-6800, option # 4, for questions about the elections.



UNSOLICITED VOTING MATERIALS

Please note that the Mount Clemens City Clerk's Office does not send out unsolicited voter registration applications or absentee ballot applications to residents. When residents receive these unsolicited voting materials, it is usually sent to them by political parties or voter interest groups. Because these groups do not have access to any municipality's voter database, they do not know the status of voter registration and may send the applications to residents who are already registered—resulting in a great deal of confusion and frustration to voters. Similarly, these groups have been known to send absentee ballot applications to voters who have already sent their completed application back to the City, prompting voters to believe that their original application was never received.

Voters who are unsure if they are registered to vote in Mount Clemens, or wish to check the status of their absentee ballot, may call the Clerk's Office at (586) 469-6800, option #4, or visit the Michigan Voter Information Center online at www.michigan.gov/vote.

GLWA WATER SYSTEM GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



Picture from left to right: City Commissioner Erik Rick, Utilities Director Leonard Bertrand, City Manager Gregg Shipman and Mayor Laura Kropp



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2026!

The City of Mount Clemens is seeking residents who wish to make valuable contributions to the City by volunteering to serve on one of our many boards and committees.

Please visit the City's website at www.mountclemens.gov for an application, or call the City Clerk's office at (586) 469-6800, option 4.



COMMUNITY INFO

HOLIDAY REFUSE CALENDAR

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule on Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 22nd through Wednesday, December 24th will be picked up **on schedule**.



COMPOST/LEAF PICKUP SEASON ENDS DECEMBER 5TH

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 paper waste bags or 32 gallon or smaller 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.



NEW Parking Kiosks

The City has removed the single space parking meters and installed two new Pay Stations in the New Street Municipal Parking Lot. One of them is located near Pine Street at the entrance to the lot and the other near the entrance to Cherry Street Mall from the lot. There will also be two of these machines placed on Macomb Place, one near Pine Street and one near Walnut Street. The machines have a full alphanumeric keypad and color screen, allowing users to input

their license plate number and choose the desired amount of parking time. The user follows the prompts on the screen and enters the required data (license plate number, and amount of time) the machine computes fee. Once payment is confirmed the information is stored in the system and the user can then choose whether or not they want to print a receipt. Payment options currently include coins, bills, credit cards, and contactless card.

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 snowfall.

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.



Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees can be placed at the curb with your regular garbage. Please make sure that trees are bare and not in a plastic bag when placed at the curb.



CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS 2026 HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE

New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1, 2026

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, 2026.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 19, 2026

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

Presidents' Day – Monday, February 16, 2026

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

Good Friday – Friday, April 3, 2026

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

Memorial Day – Monday, May 25, 2026

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 25th through Friday, May 29th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 1, 2026.

Independence Day – Saturday, July 4, 2026

Garbage pickup will run on schedule during the entire week of June 29th through July 3rd, as Independence Day falls on Saturday.

Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2026

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, September 7th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, September 7th through Friday, September 11th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, September 14, 2026.

Columbus Day – Monday, October 12, 2026

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

Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11, 2026

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

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26, 2026

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, 2026

There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday, December 25th. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, December 26th. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 21st through Thursday, December 24th will be picked up on schedule.

New Year's Day – Friday, January 1, 2027

There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday, January 1st. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, January 2nd. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 28th through Thursday, December 31st will be picked up on schedule. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, January 4, 2027.





DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Downtown Mount Clemens is a special place this holiday season with the completion of the Downtown Revitalization Project. Come downtown for a day of shopping and enjoy an outstanding meal or snack at one of the many restaurants. Finish off your visit by taking a stroll down the streets to view our beautiful Christmas tree and light displays throughout the downtown. Grab an adult beverage in the Oasis Social District from a participating restaurant until 11:00 p.m.

We encourage you to shop small and local 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 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 venues right here in Downtown Mount Clemens.

The sixth annual Mount Clemens Christmas Light Parade will return to the downtown on Saturday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. You can join Santa and his sleigh in all the fun with cars, golf carts, motorcycles, trucks, and floats decorated with hundreds of lights. The parade route can be found on our website at www.downtownmountclemens.org.

We'll close out 2025 with NYE Kids Night and our traditional New Year's Eve Gala. NYE Kids Night will be held at the Discovery Center of Macomb located at 54 Cherry Street prior to the Gala merriments. Children will have their 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 entertainment, 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 in downtown, visit our website: www.downtownmountclemens.org. Like the official Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens), and follow us on Twitter(X) and Instagram @MountClemensDDA.



DOWNTOWN MOUNT CLEMENS EVENTS CALENDAR

Downtown Mount Clemens Annual Light Parade

Saturday, December 13, 7PM

Downtown Streets

(586) 469-4168

Mount Clemens Kids New Year's Eve Event

Wednesday, December 31, 4 PM – 9 PM

Kids Fireworks Show at 9 PM on Main Street

Discovery Center of Macomb

54 Cherry Street

(586) 469-4168

Mount Clemens New Year's Eve Gala

Wednesday, December 31, 10:30 PM

Entertainment & Fireworks on Main Street

(586) 469-4168

20th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, January 29, starts at 6PM

At participating Uptown Bars and Restaurants

Tickets can be purchased in advance at participating establishments

(586) 469-4168

Proceeds benefit Mount Clemens Goodfellows and the Anton Art Center

20th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Show

Saturday, January 31 – Sunday, February 1

Sculptures will be displayed on Macomb Place and Cherry Street Mall

Details available at:

www.downtownmountclemens.org

(586) 469-4168

Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14

Shop & Dine Local – Shop,

dine, and have a great time in Downtown Mount Clemens

Make your dinner reservations early.



For more information on these and other upcoming events, log on to:
www.downtownmountclemens.org



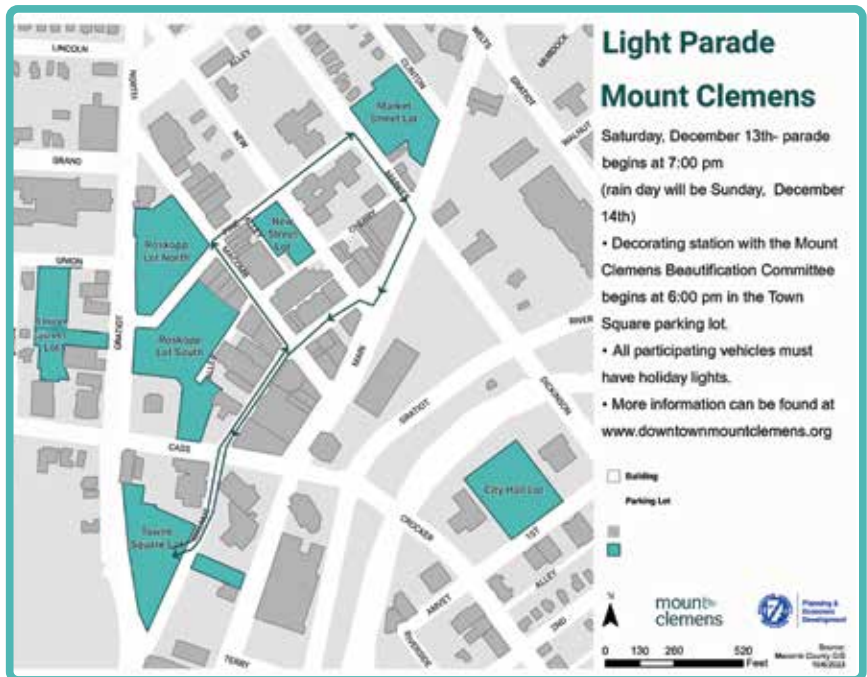
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONTINUED



FREE PARKING

Once again, the City will be offering **FREE AFTER 3** Parking in the downtown district from November 17 through January 1.

Please visit the downtown for all your holiday shopping needs.



Light Parade Mount Clemens

Saturday, December 13th- parade begins at 7:00 pm
(rain day will be Sunday, December 14th)

- Decorating station with the Mount Clemens Beautification Committee begins at 6:00 pm in the Town Square parking lot.
- All participating vehicles must have holiday lights.
- More information can be found at www.downtownmountclemens.org



FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Almost half of the home-decorations fires in December are started by candles.	Think about using battery-operated flameless candles.	Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.
Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.	A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.	More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.
Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.	Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.	Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/holiday and nfpa.org/winter.





MOUNT CLEMENS RECREATION

RECREATION WINTER 2025/26

Adult Open Run Basketball:

Ages: 18+ Cost: \$5 Drop in fee

Dates: Fridays, 8pm-10pm (year round)

Description:

Looking for a great way to have fun and get some cardio??? Join us for our adult open run basketball at Cairns Community Center. Games are 10 minutes and winner stays on the court. Join us with 4 of your friends or join a team when you get here.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St, Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Basketball Train & Play

Cost: \$40/8 week session

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm-8pm, 1/6/2026-2/26/2026

Description:

Train and Play Basketball is here! Whether you are a beginner just starting out or an intermediate player looking to sharpen your skills, this program is designed to help you learn the fundamentals of the game in a fun and supportive environment. Our experienced coaches focus on developing your dribbling, shooting, passing, and defensive skills while fostering teamwork and sportsmanship.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St, Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Bingo

Ages: 50+ Cost: \$2/Per Card, winners get gift bag

Date: 2nd Monday of each month, 6pm-7:30pm (year round)

Description:

Every 2nd Monday of the month come over to Cairns and join us for BINGO! A great time to socialize, make new friends, and have fun!

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 ext 520

Cardio Drumming

Ages: 16+, minors must be accompanied by a paid adult.

Cost: \$48/6 week session

Dates: Winter Classes TBD (year round)

Description:

This is a workout that involves lots of sweat, music and a good time! Improve your coordination, focus, burn calories and strengthen muscle groups. Kim Michal from Rise Up Nutrition cannot wait to bring this fast-paced exercise routine to the City of Mount Clemens!

Location: Wilson Gym, 58 South Wilson St., Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 ext 520

Creative Movement Class

Ages: 2-4 (with parental participation)

Cost: \$30

Date: Tuesdays, 10:30am-11am, 1/6/2026 -2/10/2026

Description:

Developing motor skills, coordination, and self expression through imaginative games and guided prompts. These classes are dynamic and fun, encouraging young ones to use their feelings and creativity to explore movement, build confidence, and lay a foundation for future dance training and physical activity.

Location: Mount Clemens C.C., 300 N Groesbeck Hwy, Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Crochet Club

Ages: 18+ Cost: Free

Dates: Thursdays, 11am-1pm & 5pm-7pm (year round club)

Description:

Community Crochet Class where people from the community come together to crochet. Beginner or Advanced all are welcome.***Supply Exemption for Senior Citizens, we can provide your materials***

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Daddy Daughter Dance

Ages: 5-10 years old

Dates: Saturday, 5pm-7:30pm, 12/6/2025

Cost: \$35/Couple (\$10 for additional Child,

\$45/Couple/Non-Resident)

Description:

Daddies bring your daughters to an enchanted evening. This year's theme is "Love you to the Moon and Back," come join us for an enjoyable evening of dancing, food, and treats. All couples will receive a Portrait Picture to remember the night.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520



**Dance Hip Hop Class**

Ages: All ages Cost: Beginners Class Free,
Advanced Class \$48/6 Week Session
Date: Tuesdays, 7pm-8pm (year round)

Description:

Ever wish you knew how to breakdance? Join our Hip Hop / Street Dance Class, hosted by the "Donut Krew." The class has an amazing instructor that will have you feeling like you're ready for a dance battle. Beginner or Advanced dancers are welcome.
Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens
Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Homeschool PE (Co-Ed)

Ages: K - 3rd, 1pm-2pm
4th - 6th, 2pm-3pm
Cost: \$5 per student/per session
Date: Mondays & Thursdays (Winter, Spring, and Fall)

Description:

Do you homeschool your child/children? Join our PE class. We offer a great way for them to get some exercise, socialize, learn about sports, and make new friends. Class Sizes are 20 participants
Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens
Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Hustle Dance Class

Ages: All ages Cost: Beginners Class Free,
Advanced Class \$48/6 Week Session
Date: Tuesdays, 7pm-8pm (year round)

Description:

Ever wish you knew how to Hustle Dance? Join our Hustle Dance Class. The class has an amazing instructor that will have you feeling like you're ready to hit any dance floor and show what you can do. Beginner or Advanced dancers are welcome.
Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens
Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Learn to Skate

Ages: All ages
Cost: \$86/Residents, \$96/Non-Residents (8 week program)
Date: Thursdays, starting 1/8/2026

Description:

From your tiniest Tot to your seasoned skater, this is where it all begins. This professional program offers quality instruction on many comprehensive skill levels. Our professional instructors will conduct classes in a positive atmosphere, making learning to skate a fun experience for beginners of all ages. Classes are 25 minutes long and meet once a week for 8 weeks.
Location: Mount Clemens Ice Arena, 200 N Groesbeck Hwy, Mount Clemens, Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Open Books 2 Open Gym

Ages: All ages
Cost: Free
Date: Wednesdays, 3:30pm-5:30pm

Description:

Do you love to read as much as you love to play? It is important to exercise your body and your mind. Join us to open some books before you head to an open gym.
Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens
Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Senior Art Class

Ages: 50+ Cost: Free for Seniors
Date: Thursday, 7pm, 1/15/2026 & 2/19/2026

Description:

Join us for our engaging Senior Art Class, in the welcoming space of the Cairns Community Center. This program is offered in collaboration with the Anton Art Center, bringing expert guidance and a rich artistic experience directly to our community. Designed specifically for seniors, this class provides an excellent opportunity to unleash your creativity, explore various art techniques, and connect with fellow art enthusiasts in a supportive and friendly environment. Whether you are a seasoned artist or just starting out, this class welcomes all skill levels and encourages self expression through creative mediums.
Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens
Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Senior Bus Trip to Meadowbrook

Ages: 50+ Cost: Free for Seniors (50+), \$10 for family members under 50
Date: Wednesday, 12/3/2025 Leave Cairns @ 10am; Return 2pm

Description:

Join us for our end of the year Senior Bus Trip! We will be going to Meadowbrook to enjoy the "Holiday Walk" tour. See old friends, make new friends, and enjoy the festive atmosphere.
Location: 350 Estate Dr, Rochester, MI 48309
Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Senior Christmas Party

Ages: 50+ Cost: Free for Seniors (50+), \$10 for family members under 50
Date: Friday, 7pm-10pm, 12/19/2025

Description:

Join us for the annual Senior Christmas Party on Friday, December 19th! This special event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holiday season surrounded by friends, neighbors, and members of the Mount Clemens community. Enjoy an evening filled with festive music, delicious refreshments, and joyful company designed to bring warmth and cheer during this wonderful time of year.
Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens
Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520



RECREATION WINTER 2025/26 CONT'D

Senior Game Night

Ages: 50+ Cost: Free

Date: Fridays, 7pm-9pm (year round)

Description:

Seniors, are you looking for something to do on Friday Nights??? Join us for our Game Night! Play cards, board games, finish a puzzle, or just come to relax and talk.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Sewing Club

Ages: 50+ Cost: Free

Date: Tuesdays, 11am-1pm (year round club)

Description:

Community Sewing Class where people from the community come together to sew. Beginner or Advanced all are welcome. ***Supply Exemption for Senior Citizens, we can provide your materials***

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Teen Night Fridays

Ages: 13+ Cost: Free

Date: Fridays, 5pm-8pm

Description:

Looking for something to fill your Friday Nights??? Come join us for Teen Night. Make new memories and make new friends, playing in the Gym, Game Room, or just hanging out.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520

Tree Decoration Creation Night

Cost: Free

Date: Tuesday, 12/9/2025

Description:

Join us for Tree Decoration Creation Night on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6 pm inside the Cairns Community Center! Bring your family and friends to craft beautiful decorations that will brighten our community this holiday season. This event is perfect for all ages and a wonderful way to celebrate together.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St., Mount Clemens

Register on site or contact: (586) 469-6800 Ext 520



Check out
[Mountclemensrecreation.activityreg.com](https://mountclemensrecreation.activityreg.com)
or call (586) 469-6800 Ext. 520 to
register for upcoming programming,
Sports Camps, events, and more!!!



City of Mount Clemens Local Treasure Awards

LOCAL TREASURE AWARD INFORMATION

Don't forget! The deadline to nominate someone for the Local Treasure Award is Monday, December 22, 2025. Visit the City's website at www.mountclemens.gov and click on the link Local Treasure Award for the nomination form and guidelines.



TREASURER'S OFFICE

WINTER TAX BILLS

Residents should receive a winter tax bill in the mail around December 1, 2025, and it is due by March 2, 2026. After March 2, 2026 any 2025 tax amount that remains unpaid will be transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. You may call their office at (586) 469-5190 for more information.

EVERY RESIDENT RECEIVES A TAX BILL, EVEN IF YOUR TAXES ARE PAID BY A MORTGAGE COMPANY. PLEASE KEEP THIS TAX BILL FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

2026 DOG/CAT LICENSES

All renewals must be made during the months of January and February, or a penalty will apply. Please bring the rabies certificate signed by the veterinarian. The fees are: \$8.00/neutered and \$15.00/not neutered. All renewals after February 28th will include a \$10 penalty.

DELINQUENT TRANSFER TO TAX FEE

Please note: any delinquent bill moved onto the property taxes will incur a 15% fee. **This fee will not apply to sidewalk invoices.**

NEW CLOTHING SALE!

Need ideas for Christmas presents? Come to City Hall and check out our fashionable line of clothing with the City logo! We have t-shirts, polos, sweatshirts, hats, and coffee mugs.

FREE OPTION FOR PAYING WATER BILLS – AUTO PAY



The Treasurer's Office now offers an option to pay your water bill by ACH check for **no fee**. You will be required to fill out a form in our office, providing your routing and bank account information. Your water bill balance will automatically draft from your bank account on the due date each month. For more information, stop in or call (586) 469-6800 Ext 2. You can also

email Lshipman@mountclemens.gov.



**KEEPING IT WATERSHED
FRIENDLY IN THE WINTER**
*5 TIPS FOR WINTER WEATHER
& CLEAN WATER!*

When snow and ice melt, dissolved salts on roadways are carried into adjacent storm sewers that enter our local rivers, lakes and streams. Once in the water there is no way to remove the chloride, and at high concentrations chloride harms fish and plant life.
Below are a few tips for keeping salt use down and waterways healthy

- 1 Shovel First:** The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use. Break up ice with an ice scraper or shovel snow off walkways, then decide if application of de-icer or salt is necessary to maintain traction.
- 2 Slow Down:** Drive for winter conditions and be courteous to slow-moving plows. The slower they drive, the more salt will stay on the road where it's needed.
- 3 Use Sparingly:** More salt does not mean less ice. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet). One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. Also be patient; salt takes time to work. Applying more before allowing time to take affect will lead to unnecessary contamination.
- 4 Sweep It Up:** If extra salt or sand is visible on dry pavement, it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. The excess can be swept up and reused for the next snow or disposed of in the trash.
- 5 Wait For Warm Weather:** Most salts stop working efficiently when the temperature is below 15 degrees. You can use sand instead for traction in these frigid conditions.



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This project has been funded wholly or in part through Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Nonpoint Source Program using Watershed Council Support funds.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Roots and Shoots StoryThyme

Mondays ~ 10:30am-11am

Homegrown for Elementary Homeschool Scholars

Wednesdays ~ 1pm-2pm

We will not meet on the days we have Home Grown Elementary Field Trips

Baby Sprouts StoryThyme

Thursdays ~ 10:30am-11am

iPad Digital Art

Mondays, December 8 and December 22 ~ 4pm-5pm

Registration required

Home Grown Elementary Field Trips

Wednesdays, December 10, January 14, February 18 ~ 1pm-2pm

Registration required; *the regular Home Grown for Homeschool Scholars program will not be in session these days.*

Paper People: Early Childhood Substance Abuse Prevention Program

Wednesdays starting January 7 ~ 4:30pm-5pm

Elementary Storytime Celebrating Black History Month

Tuesday, February 17 ~ 4pm-4:45pm

Connections and Conversations

Monday, February 23 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Registration required

SPECIAL EVENTS

New Parent Group

Wednesdays, December 3, January 7, February 4 ~ 6pm-7pm

Lock-In at the Library

Friday, December 5 ~ 5:30pm-8pm

For Mount Clemens Public Library cardholders only;
Registration required



LOCK-IN AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, December 5 from 5:30pm-8pm

Caregivers, **do you need a night out to recharge without the kids?** Children ages 5-12 are invited to a fun library lock-in with our librarians! We'll enjoy pizza, snacks, crafts, mini golf, and many more memorable activities. For **Mount Clemens Public Library cardholders only; registration required!**



**Scan the QR Code
to Register!**





SUPER SATURDAYS

Paws and Pages

Saturdays, December 6, January 3, February 7 ~ 12pm-1pm
Registration required

Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 13 ~ 12pm-12:30pm and 12:30pm-1pm
Registration required

DIY Hot Cocoa Kits

Saturday, December 20 ~ 11am-12:30pm

New Year Make or Take Craft

Saturday, December 27 ~ 10:15am-11:15am

Laser Tag at the Library

Saturday, January 3 ~ 11am-1pm
Registration required; multiple time slots are available

Family Art Studio: hosted by the Anton Art Center

Saturday, January 10 ~ 12pm-1:30pm
Registration required

Art Workshop 101

Saturdays, January 17 and February 14 ~ 11am-12pm

Kid's Art Studio

Saturday, January 24 ~ 10am-11am

Show Your Patterns' K-Pop Drop-In

Saturday, January 24 ~ 11am-1pm

DIY Lego Day

Saturday, January 31 ~ 10am-12:30pm

Fairy Tea Party

Saturday, February 7 ~ 11am-1pm
Registration required

DIY Valentine Bundles

Saturday, February 14 ~ 11am-12:30pm

Roller Coaster Science

Saturday, February 21 ~ 12pm-1pm

DIY Lego Club

Saturday, February 28 ~ 10am-1:30pm





LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUNG ADULTS

COMMUNITY

Anime and Manga Club for Teens

Tuesdays, December 2, January 6,
February 3 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

CRAFTS AND TECH LAB

Cozy Perler Bead Studio

Monday, December 8 ~ 3pm-4:30pm

Self Love Kits

Wednesday, December 10 ~ 3pm-4pm

Crafting with Comics

Tuesday, December 16 ~ 3:30pm-5:30pm
Registration required

Pasta Maker Printmaking with Local History

Tuesday, January 20 ~ 4pm-5:30p
Registration required

Teen Tech Time

Thursdays, December 11, February 12 ~ 3pm-5:30pm;
Thursday, January 22 ~ 11:30am-2pm

Art with Pony Beads

Tuesday, February 10 ~ 3:30pm-5:30pm

Make Your Own Body Scrub!

Wednesday, February 11 ~ 3pm-4:30pm

FOOD

Snack Frosty

Friday, December 19 ~ 3pm-4:30pm

DIY Hot Chocolate Bar

Wednesday, January 7 ~ 3pm-4:30pm

Too Hot to Handle

Friday, January 23 ~ 11am-12:30pm

Cookie Decorating

Monday, February 2 ~ 3pm-4:30pm

Taste of Soul

Friday, February 20 ~ 3pm-4:30pm

GAMES AND MOVIES

***The Maze Runner* Movie Night!**

Wednesday, January 14 ~ 3pm-5pm

Black History Movie Day ~ *Creed* (2015)

Thursday, February 5 ~ 3:15pm-5:30pm

Black History Movie Day ~ *King Richard* (2021)

Thursday, February 19 ~ 3:15pm-5:45pm

ADULTS

COMMUNITY

Adult Book Club

Mondays, December 8, January 12,
February 9 ~ 6pm-7pm

Family Bingo Night

Wednesday, February 18 ~ 6pm-7pm

Detroit 67 ~ Looking Back to Move Forward

Wednesday, February 25 ~ 6pm-7pm





ADULTS (CONT'D)

CRAFTS

DIY Hand Warmers

Monday, December 1 ~ 6pm-7pm
Registration required

Paper Crafting at the Library

Wednesdays, December 3, January 21,
February 25 ~ 5pm-8pm
Registration required

Tech It Out Fridays!

Fridays, December 12, January 9,
February 13 ~ 1:30pm-3:30pm
Registration required

Good Afternoon Crafters

Thursdays, December 18, January 15,
February 19 ~ 2pm-3:30pm
Registration required

DIY Basket of Cheer!

Saturday, December 20 ~ 11am-12:30pm
Registration required

January Craft to Go!

Friday, January 23 and Saturday, January 24 ~ drop in
Registration required to receive a craft

Personalized Heart Plaques

Wednesday, February 11 ~ 6pm-7pm
Registration required to receive a craft

Black History Month Craft to Go!

Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28 ~ drop in
Registration required to receive a craft

EDUCATIONAL

Resume Reviews

Mondays ~ 5pm-7pm

Let's Be Prepared! (Power of Attorney, Deeds, Living Trusts, and Wills)

Tuesday, December 9 ~ 11am-12:30pm



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULTS (CONT'D)

FITNESS AND WELLNESS

Yoga with Del

Wednesdays, December 3, January 7,
February 4 ~ 6:45pm-7:45pm

Sound Therapy with Singing Bowls

Saturday, December 6 ~ 11am-12pm

Isha Foundation - Wellness Saturdays

Saturdays, January 10, February 14,
March 21 ~ 11:30am-1pm

MOVIES

Movie Saturdays - Celebrating Black History Month

Saturday, February 7, 14, 21, 28 ~ 11am-1pm





LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

COMMUNITY

Historical Non-Fiction Book Club

Tuesdays, December 9, January 13,
February 10 ~ 4:30pm-5:30pm

MCGG Let's Talk...Genealogy

Wednesdays, December 10, January 14,
February 11 ~ 6:30pm-7:45pm

MCGG Holiday Potluck

Friday, December 12 ~ 12pm-2pm

MCGG Friday Meeting

Fridays, January 9 and February 6 ~ 1pm-3pm

Watercolor Wreaths

Friday, December 19 ~ 2:30pm-4:30pm
Registration required

Pasta Maker Printmaking with Teens

Tuesday, January 20 ~ 4pm-5:30pm
Registration required

GUEST SPEAKERS

Songs and Stories of Ireland with Edna Reilly

Monday, February 2 ~ 2pm-3pm

Telling Your Stories, Finding Your Roots

Saturday, February 28 ~ 11am-1pm



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Wednesday - 12pm-8pm • Thursday - 10am-6pm
Friday - 10am-5pm • Saturday - 10am-2pm
Closed Sunday



Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting the Anton Art Center in 2025! Whether you joined us at ArtParty, visited an exhibition, took a class, or shopped in the Art Market, you helped keep the arts strong in your community!

Because of you, the Art Center continues to be a place where creativity and community come together. Inside our galleries you'll find inspiring exhibitions by local and regional artists. Within our studios and classrooms, people of all ages find opportunities to explore their own creativity. And in our Art Market, you'll discover unique, handmade treasures crafted by Michigan artists.



Thank you for being part of this journey. If you'd like to support the Art Center as we step into a new year, your gift — of any size — helps us continue this work. Most of all, we hope you'll join us in 2026, to explore, create, and celebrate the arts.

The Anton Art Center belongs to the whole community, and we hope you'll continue to visit often — bring a friend, bring your family, or just stop in and say hello. The Art Center is here for everyone.

With gratitude,

Matt Matthews
Executive Director
Anton Art Center



ANTON ART CENTER'S 47TH ANNUAL

Holiday Market

NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 21, 2025



The Holiday Market has returned to the Anton Art Center for its 47th year! Visitors will have the opportunity to shop handmade gifts and decor made by 100+ local artisans, including ornaments, holiday decor, apparel, jewelry, fine art, glass, photography, pottery, home decor, and more.

Holiday Hours

Tuesday - Saturday from 10am - 5pm
Sunday from 11am - 3pm
Closed to the public November 26-27

Special Events

Downtown Open House & Hot Cocoa Bar

Friday, November 21, 5-8pm

Santa Parade & Hot Cocoa Bar

Saturday, November 22

Meet the Artists Reception

Sunday, November 23, 1-3pm

Ornament Workshop

Sunday, December 4, 12:00-2:00pm



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www.theartcenter.org/holiday-market



ART CLASSES



Additional classes and workshops, and the most up to date information about class schedules can be found by visiting www.theartcenter.org/classes.

Kids Ceramics

Ages: 6-12 Experience Level: All

Dates: Session 1: January 6 - February 10 (6 wks)

Session 2: February 17 - March 31 (6 wks)

Time: Tuesdays 4:15 - 5:45 pm

Cost: \$100, supplies included

Students will gain ceramics experience by exploring pinch pots, coil, sculpture, & glazing.

Kids Mixed Media Workshops

Ages: 6-12 Experience Level: All

Dates: Session 1: January 10, 17 & 24

Session 2: February 14, 21 & 28

Time: Saturdays, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Cost: \$15/class or 3 classes/\$39, supplies included

This workshop offers fundamental knowledge of different 2D art mediums and their applications. Students can register for all three sessions, or may drop in for one.

Adult Ceramics

Become familiar with ceramics through various techniques such as pinching, slab, coil, and wheel-throwing.

Tuesday Beginner Ceramics

Dates: Session 1: January 6 - February 24 (8 wks)

Session 2: March 3 - April 21 (8 wks)

Time: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$240, plus 25lbs of clay for \$25

Tuesday All Level Ceramics

Dates: Session 1: January 6 - February 24 (8 wks)

Session 2: March 3 - April 21 (8 wks)

Time: Tuesdays 6:15 - 9:15pm

Cost: \$240, plus 25lbs of clay for \$25

Wednesday All Level Ceramics

Dates: Session 1: January 7 - February 25 (8 wks)

Session 2: March 4 - April 22 (8 wks)

Time: Wednesdays 6:15 - 9:15pm

Costs: \$240, plus 25lbs of clay for \$25

Thursday All Level Ceramics

Dates: Session 1: January 8 - February 26 (8 wks)

Session 2: March 5 - April 23

Time: Thursdays 10:15am - 1:15pm

Cost: \$240, plus 25lbs of clay for \$25

Spring Break Camp

Have some creative fun with a variety of projects during spring break at The Art Center
Kids Ages: 6-10 Teens: Ages 11-16

Drawing: Cartooning & Comics

Ages: 11-17 Experience Level: All

Dates: Session 1: January 10 - February 14 (6 wks)

Session 2: February 21 - March 28 (6 wks)

Time: Saturdays, 1:30 - 3:00pm

Cost: \$100.00, supplies included

Students will learn to draw in a cartoonish style, creating characters, using perspective and putting it all together in a comic book.

Art for Teens

Ages: 12-18 Experience Level: All

Dates: Session 1: January 7 - February 11 (6 wks)

Session 2: February 18 - March 25 (6 wks)

Time: Wednesdays, 4:30 - 6pm

Cost: \$100, supplies included

Students will learn various techniques in multiple 2D mediums.

Teen Ceramics

Ages: 12-18 Experience Level: All

Dates: Session 1: January 8 - February 12 (6 wks)

Session 2: February 19 - April 2 (6 wks)

Time: Thursdays, 4:14 - 5:45pm

Cost: \$100, supplies included

Students will gain ceramics experience by exploring pinch pots, coil, sculpture, & glazing.

All Level Painting: Acrylics

Experience Level: All

Dates: January 8 - March 5 (9 weeks)

Time: Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30pm

Cost: \$250, plus supplies

Students will learn to work with this versatile medium or expand their skills in a creative space.

Watercolors

Experience Level: Beginner

Dates: January 6 - February 10 (6 wks)

Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$150.00, supplies included

Experience Level: Beyond the basics

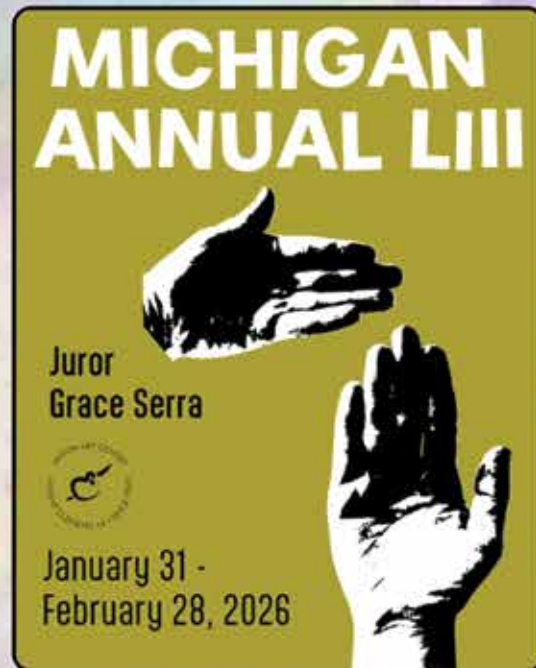
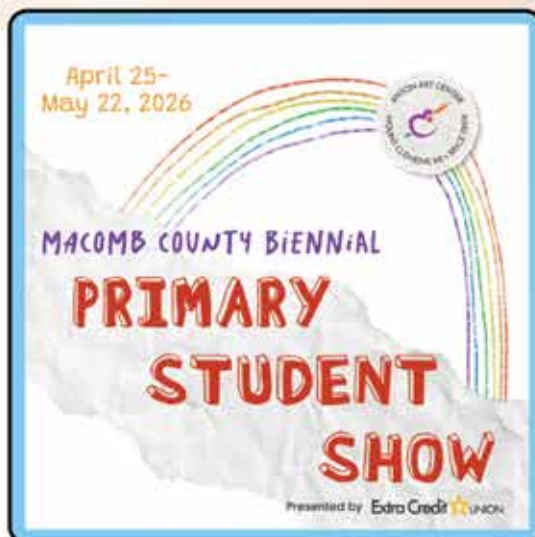
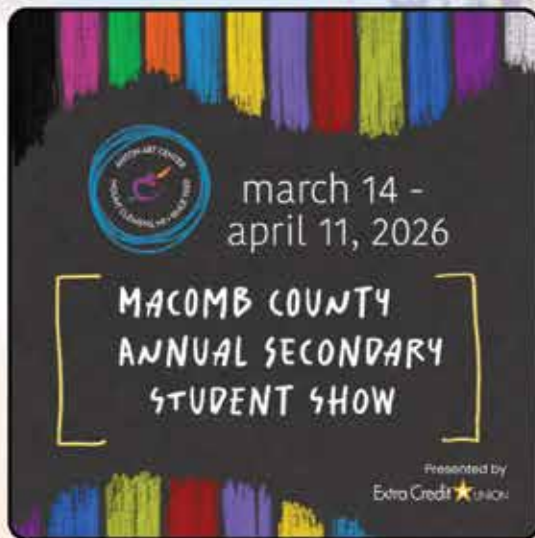
Dates: February 17 - March 24 (6 wks)

Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$150.00, supplies included

Artist Opportunities

The Anton Art Center offers opportunities for artists of all ages and mediums to exhibit their work, including our 53rd annual Michigan artist competition, a biannual local art group show, and our K-12 student art competitions.



Hundreds of artworks by youth and adult Michigan artists will be on display in the galleries January - May 2026.

Details and submission information at theartcenter.org/artist-opportunities

the Community Resource Guide



Mount Clemens Edition

"Connecting Residents to Community"

Highlighted in this Edition:

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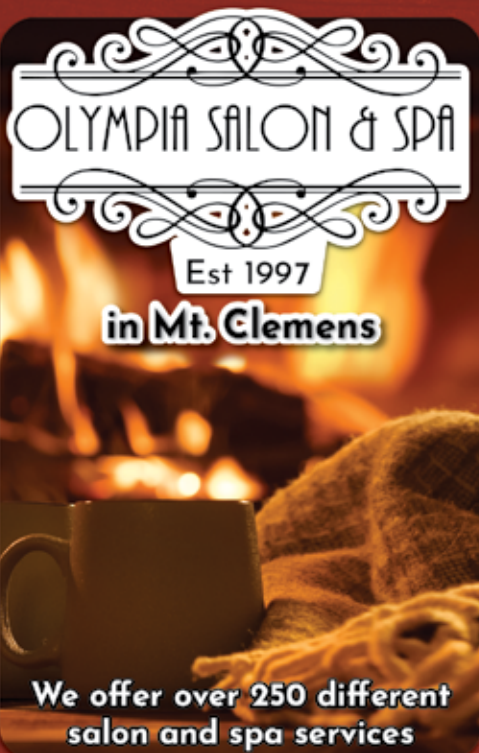
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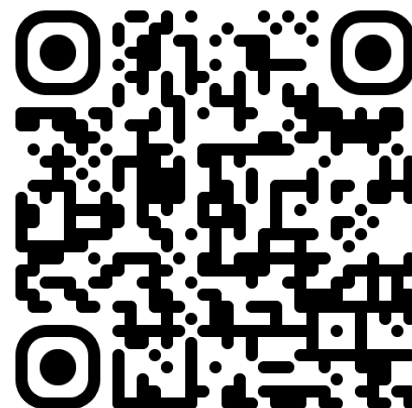


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MCF takes pride in providing children in crisis with the necessities their parents either can't or won't. All referrals for assistance must come from the local school district, social service agency, etc. For information on how you can help support their efforts, visit their webpage at: www.macombcharitablefoundation.org or call: (586) 232-3473



Impact Business Community Launches INNOVATE Program to Empower Local Entrepreneurs

The **Impact Business Community** is proud to announce the launch of **INNOVATE** — a bold, forward-thinking program designed to inspire growth, collaboration, and lasting success among local business owners. This new initiative brings together some of the area's most passionate entrepreneurs and thought leaders to help members learn, connect, and build thriving, resilient businesses.

"Every business owner deserves access to the tools, knowledge, and support that help them thrive," says **Alisha Congiolo**, Founder of Impact Business Community. "This program isn't just about education — it's about empowerment. When one business grows, our whole community grows."

INNOVATE is more than just a program — it's a **movement** and will officially kick off January 2026, welcoming members into an energizing space for shared learning and leadership.



ALISHA CONGIOLOSO

After anticipation and preparation, the wait is OVER!



Stay tuned! In future editions of Clementines, this section will be exploring the evolving landscape of business—from emerging trends and strategic innovations, to the people and ideas driving growth.

Whether you're a seasoned leader or an aspiring entrepreneur, these insights are designed to inform, inspire, and empower.

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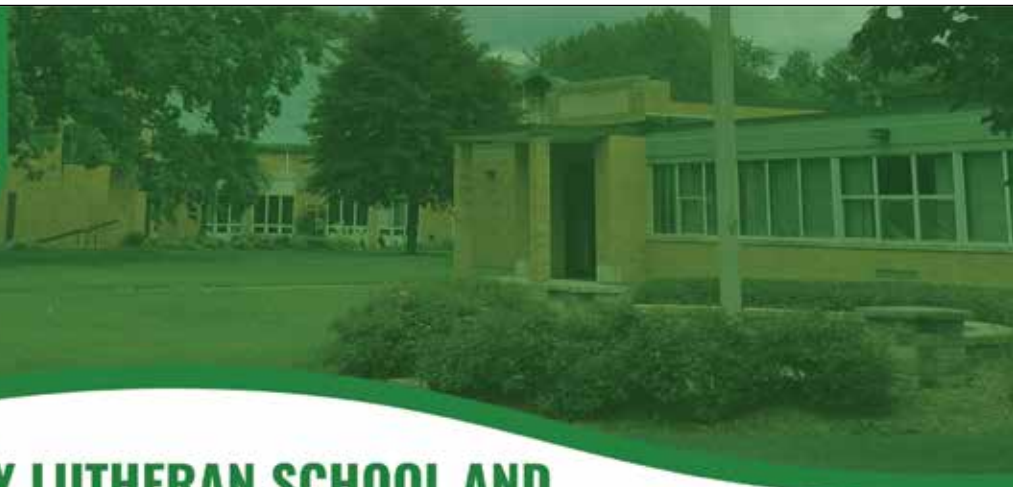
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Fixed-Rate Mortgages: A Smart Choice for Stability

As more buyers opt for fixed-rate mortgages, locking in a stable monthly payment, it's clear that this is an ideal time to take advantage of predictable loan terms. In uncertain times, a fixed-rate mortgage offers peace of mind, ensuring your payment stays the same for the life of the loan. This is especially important for buyers looking to avoid the unpredictability of adjustable-rate loans.

Refinancing Could Work for You, Too

If you already own a home, refinancing could be a great way to lower your monthly payments or consolidate debt. With many homeowners taking advantage of refinancing, this could be the moment for you to adjust your mortgage terms to better suit your financial goals.

The Housing Market is Stabilizing—Don't Miss Out

While home prices have slowed after a period of rapid growth, many areas still have strong demand, and inventory remains limited. This means that homes in desirable locations are still selling quickly. By acting now, you can secure a home before prices potentially rise again or available properties become even scarcer.

In short, with stable mortgage options, steady home prices, and the potential for long-term financial benefits, now is a smart time to buy. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or looking to refinance, taking action now could help you lock in favorable terms for years to come.



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CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS REAL ESTATE MARKET

\$216,257

AVERAGE SALE PRICE

▲ 18.9%
FROM Q3 2024

▲ 6.8%
FROM Q2 2025

42

NUMBER
OF SALES

▼ 22.2%
FROM Q3 2024

▼ 6.8%
FROM Q2 2025

36

AVERAGE DAYS
ON THE MARKET

▲ 140.0%
FROM Q3 2024

▲ 63.6%
FROM Q2 2025

48

AVERAGE MONTHLY
INVENTORY

0.0%
FROM Q3 2024

▼ 3.8%
FROM Q2 2025

28.0%

ABSORPTION
RATE¹

▼ 22.2%
FROM Q3 2024

▼ 12.6%
FROM Q2 2025

MARKET ACTIVITY

Single Family • Detached

QUARTER (Q3 2025) OVER QUARTER (Q2 2025)

▲ 17.4%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

YEAR-OVER-YEAR (for Q3 2025 vs. Q3 2024)

▲ 12.5%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

The market in City of Mount Clemens remains strong with continued low sales as the result of low inventory. This trend does appear to be reversing as the year-over-year figures suggest. Please note that with small amounts of data, average sale price is likely to fluctuate, noticeably, and is a less reliable indicator than Days on Market.

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¹An absorption rate between 15.4% and 18.3% is considered a market in balance. Higher favors sellers, lower favors buyers..

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UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Average Sale Price – Very Good: For owners, this is fantastic news—watch your home's value rise like bread in a warm oven. For buyers, it's a clear sign: the time to buy is now, before prices climb and you're left wishing you'd acted sooner (and before your dream home is just a story you tell at dinner parties).

Days on Market (DOM) – Neutral: All a matter of perspective. For those who remember the days when homes vanished from the market faster than your leftovers at a family barbecue, 36 days feels like you could read War and Peace—twice. For buyers, it's finally possible to take a deep breath, ponder the options, and maybe even debate paint colors before signing on the dotted line. The market's gone from a sprint to a brisk walk, and everyone's catching their breath.

Inventory – Good: While an uptick might make would-be buyers break into a happy dance, as long as there isn't a dramatic vanishing act of available homes, the market stays as healthy as your neighbor who runs marathons and brags about kale smoothies.

Absorption Rate – Seller's market: It's still a seller's market, but the recent dips suggest things are mellowing out—like turning down the heat after a rolling boil. Sellers (if they don't price their homes as if they come with a gold mine in the backyard) should be smiling, while buyers can finally exhale and maybe even treat themselves to a celebratory coffee before making an offer.

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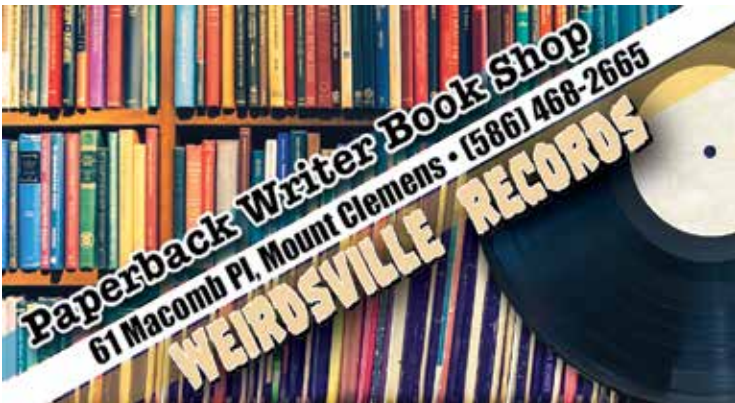
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