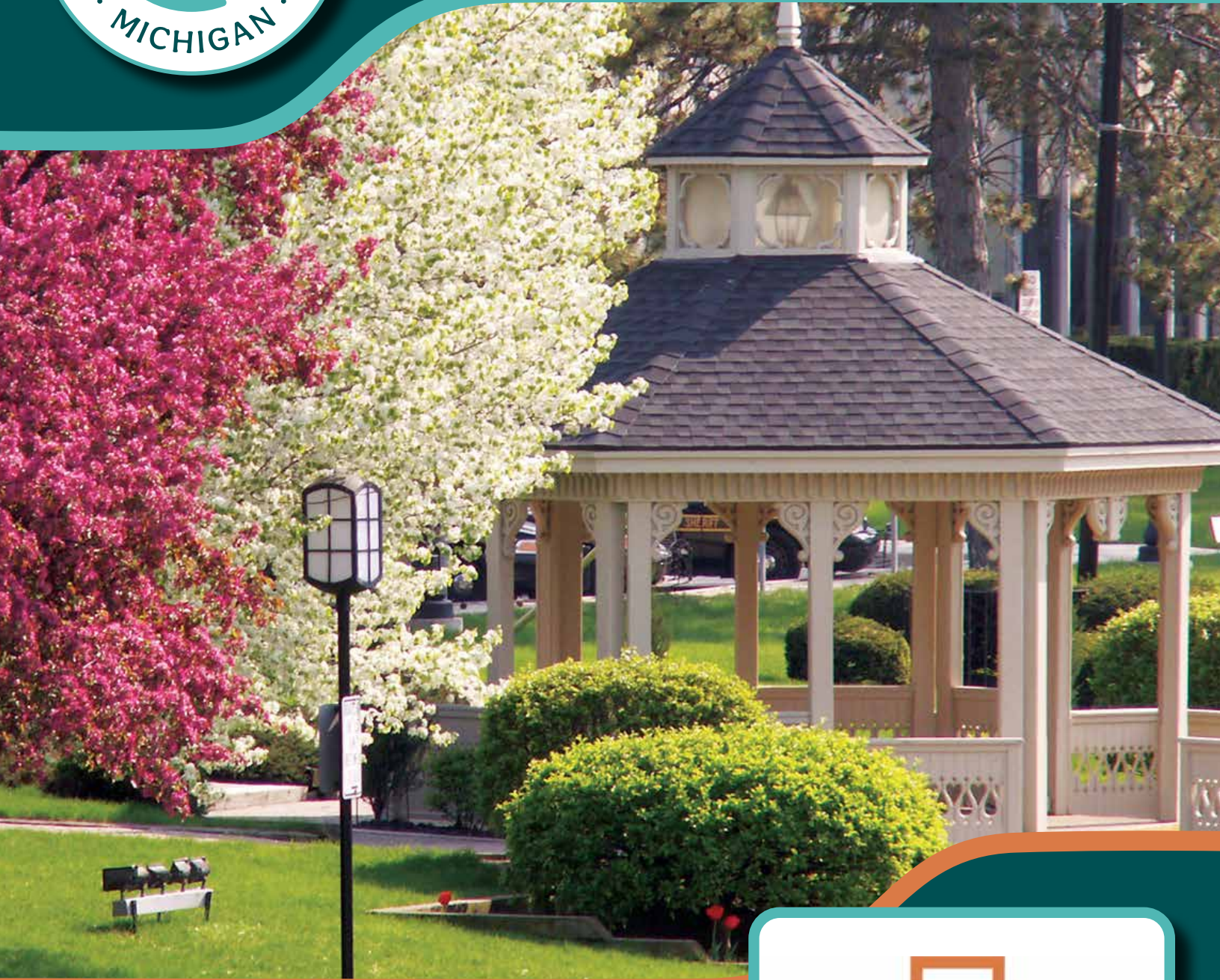




# Clementimes



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**Mount Clemens Public Library**  
*Bathing in Knowledge since 1865*





### MAYOR'S UPDATE:

I hope this spring edition of Clementime's Newsletter finds you ready to tackle new projects! At City Hall, our staff and City Commission are working on goal setting and budget season. We are doing all the preparation to make sure we are moving the city forward in a positive direction. Look for published dates on the city's website [www.mountclemens.gov](http://www.mountclemens.gov) for both our strategic planning meetings and budget workshops. Members of the public are always welcome to join us.



Have you heard about our Downtown Revitalization Project? In early summer 2024 we will begin construction on the Cherry Street Mall, New Street parking lot and Macomb Place. This large-scale redevelopment promises to be a total transformation of the area. Watch for construction dates, street closures and important information on the city's social media channels as well as our website. Please make sure to continue supporting our downtown businesses throughout construction. A small amount of inconvenience now will pay off for everyone soon.

Spring is an excellent time of year to look around your property to evaluate any potential blight that may have occurred over the winter. To facilitate the spring clean-up our waste removal contractor will begin picking up yard refuse on March 25, 2024. If we all do a little to improve our property, Mount Clemens will shine!

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact my office at 586-469-6800 ext. 315 or email me: [Lkropp@mountclemens.gov](mailto:Lkropp@mountclemens.gov)

**COFFEE TALKS with Mayor Kropp**

- Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, March 7, 2024 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill

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- Executive Assistant**  
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- City Clerk**  
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- Commissioner**  
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- Commissioner**  
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Questions or comments? Please email [info@drivecreativeservices.com](mailto:info@drivecreativeservices.com)

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### UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 5/6, 5/20

### 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**  
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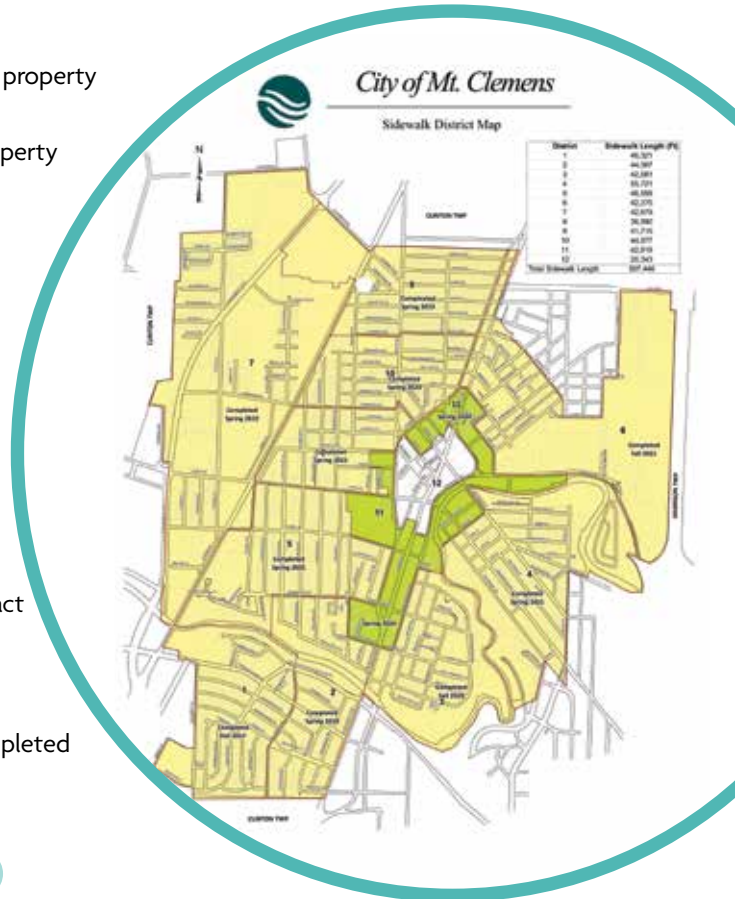
# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## 2024 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM- DISTRICT 11

The City of Mount Clemens sidewalk repair program was established in 2017 by the City Commission. This program was developed to repair hazardous sidewalks within the public right of way throughout the city. The sidewalk program established ten districts, along with a downtown district, to equally divide sidewalk lengths. To date, districts 1 through 10 have been completed. In the spring of 2024, the sidewalk program will continue in district 11 (see map). Each property owner is responsible for the repair of hazardous sidewalks located adjacent to their property as outlined in City of Mount Clemens Ordinance 10.100- Sidewalks City of Mount Clemens, Michigan.

Below is a list of important dates that you should keep in mind if you own property within district 11:

- On or about 1/22/2024 the city forwarded notices to all affected property owners by US Mail. This notice outlined the two options available to property owners for the replacement of sidewalks. Please carefully review the letter you received - it will explain the benefits and requirements of the two options.
- On or around 3/6/2024 the city's engineering firm, AEW, will begin marking sidewalks. The target date for completion of marking is 3/20/2024.
- 4/17/2024 is the tentative start date for sidewalk repairs by the city's licensed contractor. 6/28/2024 is the expected construction completion date by the City's licensed contractor.
- Property owners can prepay the amount due for their sidewalks and receive a 10% discount on the same. The prepayment window is April 1, 2024 through June 23, 2024. **After April 1st**, owners may contact the City Treasurer's office at (586) 469-6800 ext. 2 to determine the amount due.
- If a property owner does not pay during the prepayment window of 4/1/2024 through 6/23/2024, they will receive an invoice for the completed work in the beginning of August.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR / MARQUEE SIGN

Non-profit events or non-profit organizations may be promoted on the Government Access Channel or on the marquee sign at Cass and Gratiot- go to the City's website: [mountclemens.gov/messagerequest](https://mountclemens.gov/messagerequest) and complete the form.

## EMAIL & SMS NOTIFICATIONS



Residents who want to stay up to date on what is happening in Mount Clemens are encouraged to sign up for email notifications, SMS notifications, or both. There are two types of notifications- alert and newsletter. Alerts only go out during events like water main breaks, traffic detours, road closures and severe weather. To

sign up for notifications, go to [mountclemens.gov/notify](https://mountclemens.gov/notify) and fill out the application form.

## SALE NOTICES (APRIL - SEPTEMBER)



Posting sale notices on utility poles violates city ordinances. Our cable staff will post your yard, garage or estate sale notice for FREE on the government

access channel. Go to [mountclemens.gov/salenotice](https://mountclemens.gov/salenotice) and enter the information for your sale. The earlier you make your request, the longer your sale notice will run on the message board. At least two weeks' notice is recommended.



## CLERK'S OFFICE



### IMPORTANT DATES AND VOTER INFORMATION

#### STATE PRIMARY ELECTION IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

The next election in the city of Mount Clemens is the state primary election on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Voting precincts will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Please call the city clerk's office at 586.469.6800, option #4 for questions about the election.

#### THREE WAYS TO VOTE

As a Michigan voter, you have options on how you may cast your ballot:

1. **Absentee Voting** – Sign up to be on our new Permanent Absentee Ballot list and you will automatically be sent a **ballot** for every election—no more applications are needed.
2. **Early In-Person Voting** – For every federal and state election, Mount Clemens voters may come to Mount Clemens City Hall and cast their ballot in person beginning the second Saturday before the election and ending the Sunday before the election for nine consecutive days of early voting. Early voting hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily during this nine day period.
3. **In-Person Voting at Precinct on Election Day** – Vote in person at your voting precinct from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Please contact the city clerk's office at 586.469.6800, option #4, or by email at [cmartin@mountclemens.gov](mailto:cmartin@mountclemens.gov) for more information.

#### WE ARE YOUR ELECTION OFFICIALS

Your Mount Clemens city clerk's office is your trusted source for all information regarding Michigan election practices and procedures. Please contact us immediately if you have any questions or concerns regarding the election process.

We are honored to provide you with transparent, professional service while assisting you in exercising your constitutional right to vote.

**Cathleen Martin**  
**Mount Clemens City Clerk**  
[cmartin@mountclemens.gov](mailto:cmartin@mountclemens.gov)  
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**Nancy Carter**  
**Mount Clemens Deputy City Clerk**  
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## DID YOU KNOW?



Art in a community can provide numerous benefits to residents. Beyond inspiring creativity and provoking thought, it can also lead to understanding among different cultures and serve as a focal point to bring us all together.

As you drive through the streets of Mount Clemens, you may notice various outdoor sculptures on display at locations on North and Southbound Gratiot as well as Main Street.

The outdoor Mount Clemens Sculpture project began in 2018 and the sculptures are on display thanks to the Macomb Cultural & Economic Partnership (MCEP) in collaboration with the MI Sculpture

Initiative LLC. The program is funded by private sponsorships from businesses and residents in the local area. The sculptures are rotated annually in October. For more information to sponsor the Sculpture Project and other MCEP initiatives, check out their website at [www.mcepmacomb.com](http://www.mcepmacomb.com).



THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE'S

## SPRINGTIME ARBOR DAY EVENT



Friday, April 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm

This event will take place at the  
**Cairns Community Center**  
58 Orchard Street, Mount Clemens

Plan your spring and summer activities in Mount Clemens!  
Meet one on one with many local organizations including **Anton Art Center, the YMCA, MSU Master Gardeners, and the Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation Department.**  
Join us for birds, butterflies, basketball and a tree raffle.

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**



# COMMUNITY INFO

## HOLIDAY REFUSE CALENDAR



### Good Friday – Friday, March 29, 2024

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

### Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2024

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 27th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 27th through Friday, May 31st. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 3, 2024.

### Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2024

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, July 4th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Thursday, July 4th through Friday, July 5th. Garbage pickup for Monday, July 1st, and Tuesday, July 2nd, and Wednesday July 3rd will be picked up *on schedule*.

### YARD WASTE PICKUP IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MARCH 25, 2024

A special yard waste collection truck will operate in the City from March 25th through December 6th only.

**NO COMPOST OR YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AFTER DECEMBER 6, 2024.**

**BEGINNING MARCH 25th**, please do one of the three following things to eliminate yard waste:

1. COMPOST YOUR YARD WASTE AT HOME.
2. PLACE ALL COMPOST AT THE CURB IN A 32 GALLON OR SMALLER REFUSE CONTAINER MARKED “COMPOST” OR “YARD WASTE”. THESE CONTAINERS WILL NOT BE EMPTIED IF THEY CONTAIN ANYTHING OTHER THAN YARD WASTE.
3. PLACE YARD WASTE IN LARGE 30-GALLON BROWN PAPER BAGS.

**Compost must be placed at the curb for collection with your household refuse by 7 a.m. on your regular pickup day. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Brush must be cut into four feet lengths and tied in bundles. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 pounds each or measure over 18” in diameter. Large logs over 3” in diameter, as well as stumps or roots, will not be picked up.**

We recommend that residents comply with the City’s composting guidelines to help us with our efforts in keeping up with constantly changing environmental standards and still provide efficient and economical refuse collection service within the City of Mount Clemens.

**PLEASE REMEMBER, RAKING LEAVES OR GRASS INTO THE STREET IN THE CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Services at (586) 469-6847.

## PHOTO CONTEST

Would you like to see your picture of Mount Clemens on the cover of the next issue? Submit your seasonal photo for the June/July/August issue to **Paddles@Mountclemens.gov**



# MOUNT CLEMENS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF REYNOLDS

I wanted to take a moment to share with you some important safety tips that will help keep you and your family safe in 2024.

As we enter the Spring months a few things will no doubt come to everyone's mind: those dreaded Spring-Cleaning chores, and perhaps even worse...the "Springing" forward of our clocks. I cannot help you with either of those, but I can remind you that this is also the ideal time to check your Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. NFPA statistics clearly demonstrate that over 60% of home fire fatalities occur where no detectors are present or are not working, and Carbon Monoxide can present serious risk at any time throughout the year.

Early detection is paramount and will help your family stay safe. To protect yourself, your loved ones, and your property, you must have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. These inexpensive devices quickly work to alert occupants of danger and dramatically reduce the likelihood of injury/fatality during home fires and/or Carbon Monoxide incidents. Please be sure you have them installed and that they work. A detector without batteries,



or with dead batteries, will **NOT** sound during an emergency. There is only **ONE WAY** to be certain; **Check your Smoke Detector(s) and Carbon Monoxide Detector(s) Batteries as part of your Spring-Cleaning Process.**

The Mount Clemens Fire Department wishes you a beautiful and safe Spring of 2024!

Yours in Life Safety,  
**Dan Reynolds**  
Mt. Clemens Fire Chief

## Smoke Alarms at Home

**SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART** of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



### SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

### FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



Mount Clemens Fire Department  
586-469-6800  
2 Dickinson Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

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# DDA

## REDISCOVER AND EXPLORE DOWNTOWN MOUNT CLEMENS

Spring is in the air, which means patio openings and outdoor happenings are right around the corner in Downtown Mount Clemens. The time has never been better to get out, take a walk, explore and enjoy the unique retail stores, restaurants, and bars located within our downtown. Don't forget to enjoy The Oasis Social District when coming downtown to shop and dine. The Social District is where people can buy and drink alcoholic beverages outdoors in the city's downtown area from these participating businesses:

- Abbibo – 76 Macomb Place
- Cellar 104 – 104 Macomb Place
- Gumbo's – 53 N. Walnut Street
- New Age Noodles – 143 N. Main Street

The early Spring schedule will include the Made in Michigan Art & Craft Show, the Annual Car Show and Cruise and the Health & Wellness Fair.

New businesses have opened and more will be opening soon, so we invite you to rediscover and explore your downtown and reconnect with the many great businesses and special events.

Many exciting things are happening downtown. We are pleased to announce several new businesses in Downtown Mount Clemens.

- Real Taco Express – 71 N. Main Street
- Uma's Market & Café – 52 N. Walnut Street
- Photography Studio – 65 Macomb Place Suite D
- BrideMaid Beautiful – 81 N. Main Street

National Small Business Week is April 28 to May 4, 2024. Be sure to get out and support the local business that supports your local economy all year long.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Made in Michigan Show

Art, Craft, & Vendor Show featuring Live Music  
Saturday, May 11 – 10AM – 7PM  
Sunday, May 12 – 10AM – 5PM  
Downtown on Macomb Place  
586.469.4168

### Bud Light Classic Car Registration Night

Featuring Live Music Stage  
Friday, May 31 – 5PM – 9PM  
596.469.4168

### Annual Bud Light Classic Car Show & Cruise Night

Featuring Live Music on Main Stage  
Saturday, June 1 – 9AM – 9PM  
596.469.4168

### Health & Wellness Fair

Featuring Live Entertainment  
Wellness & Health Vendors  
Healthy Food Options  
Saturday, June 15  
Noon to 7PM  
Free Parking

For the latest information on our upcoming events and happenings...

<https://www.cityofmountclemens.org>

Like the Downtown Mount Clemens Facebook Page:  
[www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownMountClemens)

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram:  
@MountClemensDDA





# CITY COMMISSIONION

## AND THE 2024 LOCAL TREASURE AWARD GOES TO...



**Former City Commissioner and lifetime Mount Clemens resident, Glenn Voorhess, is this year's recipient of the Local Treasure Award (see nomination below). The award was presented to Glenn at a February city commission meeting by Mayor Pro Tempore Laura Fournier. As is tradition, Glenn will serve as Grand Marshall of this year's Mount Clemens Santa Parade. Thank you, Glenn, for being such a great friend to the City of Mount Clemens!**

Glenn Voorhess is a lifelong resident of Mount Clemens. He was born at St. Joseph's Hospital, graduated from Mount Clemens High School, and married his wife, Monica, at St. Peter's Church. Together they raised two daughters in Mount Clemens.

Glenn served the City of Mount Clemens in many roles, including being a City Commissioner, Retirement Board Member, School Board Trustee, and City Finance Director (1998-2002). Glenn

had a 25-year career as a banker with First National Bank of Mount Clemens and he is now serving as the citizen representative on the Retirement Board.

While serving in his multiple roles for the City of Mount Clemens, Glenn's professionalism, experience, and calm demeanor aided him and those he served in making decisions that have positively impacted the citizens of Mount Clemens.

Glenn is very proud of the city he has grown up in and served for many years, and is known for using the phrase, "Once a Bather, always a Bather". For over 20 years Glenn has been the first one in line to pay his property taxes.

Glenn's service and dedication to the City of Mount Clemens is deeply appreciated and his positive mark will be left on the city for many generations to come. **For all these reasons Glenn Voorhess is a local treasure.**

## MEET THE NEW ADDITIONS TO YOUR MOUNT CLEMENS CITY COMMISSION



From left to right: Commissioner Erik Rick, Commissioner Theresa Scruggs McGarity, Commissioner Spencer Calhoun and Mayor Laura Kropp (not pictured: newly elected Commissioner Jill Towner Yore).

Spencer Calhoun has been a resident of Mount Clemens for three years and is currently employed as a labor organizer with the Michigan AFL-CIO. He's focused on promoting economic development throughout the city by attracting new businesses. Spencer is also committed to

supporting the city's neighborhoods by investing in parks, community centers and neighborhood clubs.

Theresa Scruggs McGarity is a lifetime resident of the city and works as a senior office assistant for Macomb Community Action. Theresa has previously served as a Mount Clemens Traffic and Safety commissioner as well as a commissioner for the Housing Commission. One of Theresa's goals is to promote transparency in the decision-making process.

Jill Towner Yore is a lifetime resident of the city and is a director with Henry Ford Health. Her goals as a commissioner include ensuring fiscal and economic stability for the city while working alongside residents to maintain a vibrant downtown and thriving neighborhoods.

## DEPARTING COMMISSIONER RON CAMPBELL



The city of Mount Clemens would like to thank former city commissioner Ron Campbell for a job well done. His longtime service to the city as a commissioner

since 2007 ended this past November. Ron's presence at commission meetings will be missed and his many years of service have been greatly appreciated. Ron, who is a lifelong resident of Mount Clemens, made it a priority during his years as a city commissioner to engage with the residents and identify ways to improve the city by making it cleaner and safer for residents and businesses. Thank you, Ron, for your commitment to public service and to the City of Mount Clemens!



# TREASURER'S OFFICE

## SPRING UPDATE

### 2023 PROPERTY TAXES

All 2023 property taxes with balances remaining have been transferred to the Macomb County Treasurer's Office for collection. Payments must be made to: Macomb County Treasurer, 1 S. Main St, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. For more information call 586-469-5190, or visit:

<http://www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer/index.htm>.

The 2024 summer property taxes will be payable from July 1 – September 16, 2024.

### CONVENIENT WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILLS

Online at [www.mountclemens.gov](http://www.mountclemens.gov) or by calling 855-248-6735 (processing fee applies). We also offer a free auto-pay option for your water bill. You can obtain an authorization form on our website, or by stopping in our office. A secure drop box is also available in our parking lot, across from the gazebo.



## WATER BILL PAYMENT INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

### NEED HELP PAYING YOUR WATER BILL?

If you need help paying your water bill, simply call 211 for assistance.

# MOUNT CLEMENS RECREATION

## RECREATION SPRING 2024

### Pickleball Gym Time: (Ages +18) (\$30 unlimited gym time)

Monday and Wednesday Mornings: starting February 5th  
Monday and Wednesday Afternoons: starting January 8th  
Thursday Nights: starting January 11th

Check our website <https://mountclemensrecreation.org> for all of the available time slots and SignUp Genius.

The fastest growing sport in the U.S. has taken over the Wilson Gymnasium. Be part of the hype!

Registration is required. \$30 for unlimited gym time. Facility is not guaranteed to be open without enrollment. Pickleball will be canceled when there is a SNOW DAY. If school is canceled in any one of the following districts, the gym will be closed: Mount Clemens, L'Anse Creuse, Clintondale, Chippewa Valley, Anchor Bay. After you have registered please go back onto [mountclemensrecreation.org](http://mountclemensrecreation.org) website and sign up for the various time slots on the SignUp Genius Icons (you can sign up for multiple dates and times from each of the sign ups). \*No longer accepting drop-ins. \*We don't provide paddles or balls.  
Location: Wilson Gym 58 S. Wilson.

### Eccentric Science

#### Experiments: (Ages: K-6)

(\$50 for all classes or \$15 drop-in) Saturdays, March 16th, April 13th, May 18th, June 22nd, July 20th, 2024.

Welcome to Eccentric Science Experiments where you can learn about a variety of science topics through fun experiments for kids from kindergarten to 6th Grade. The kids

will be able to participate in a variety of science experiments chosen from a range of science topics chosen by the instructors in advance. The classes will be run by both the Discovery Center of Macomb and the Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation Department located at 54 Cherry St.



### Book Club: (Ages: +18) (free)

Friday, March 22nd, 2024

Join the Mount Clemens Public Library at the Mount Clemens Community Center for a book club meeting.



# REDISTRIBUTION OF HAPPINESS

Lowell Joerg is a resident of Stockton, California. At 95 years old, he's made quite a name for himself on the internet. He has spent the last 30 years of his life "redistributing happiness" by purchasing antique postcards and sending them back to their original locations with a letter attached. Some of the recipients of his random kindness respond and thank him, which in turn makes him happy knowing that he is "redistributing happiness". As you can imagine, many of the antique postcards he has found are unique and some are very vintage. Mayor Kropp is a recent recipient of a little of Lowell's happiness. He mailed her a postcard of the Mount Clemens

Court House Square that is postmarked in 1910 (see Lowell's letter to Mayor Kropp and his vintage postcard of Mount Clemens below). Being 95 years old prevents Lowell from browsing stores for postcards as much as he used to, but if you Google his name, you can quickly find out how to help him continue to

make others happy through Operation Postcard and his "Redistribution of Happiness" adventure. Thanks Lowell, for bringing smiles and happiness to so many! (watch for Mayor Kropp's response to Lowell in the next issue of the Clementines).



January 3, 2024

Ms Laura Kropp  
Mayor of Mt Clemens  
One Crocker Blvd.  
Mount Clemens MI 48043

Good Morning:

Sometime ago I was at an antique store and found this circa 1910 picture card of your beautiful Courthouse Square. Lots of changes, I bet. How it made its way to California we'll never know.

At any rate, I hope it brightens your day.

I said to myself, "By golly, I think I'll send it back where it can be appreciated. Heritage is important. Enlarged and posted up it will start a nice conversation.

Well, I gave 6.00 for it so if you want it for 7.00 or 8.00 it would really be appreciated. Toss in a little postage if you want, too.

My dear wife, now passed, used to laugh at me and say, "if you hear from those folks you'll have to take me to lunch."

Last June 26th I celebrated my ninety-fifth birthday. I don't know where all that time went but I'm still going strong "as far as I know."

I like to call my little hobby a "RE-DISTRIBUTION OF HAPPINESS." Our world sure needs it. Here's wishing you and your staff a Happy New Year!

Lowell Joerg

Stockton CA 95207

PS: My daughter says you should check me out on GOOGLE.  
PS: Send along something about yourselves. I love a souvenir.

*Lowell Joerg*





# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

 WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE 

Mount Clemens Public Library **strives to understand** your needs and wants.  
Take this 10-minute survey to **help us learn how we can improve** your library experience.



## YOUTH

### GERMINATION STATION GREENHOUSE

Programs for Growing Readers Birth through Grade 2

#### **MinT: Mondays in Text**

Mondays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

These hour-long sessions will actively engage with different types of print or digital text, as students follow recipes, create STEAM projects, and conduct their own research. Grades K- 2. Register on our website - [www.mtclub.org](http://www.mtclub.org)  
*\*Older students are welcome to participate as Ms. Autumn's helpers!*

#### **Kindergarten Blooms**

Tuesdays from 4pm-5pm

Designed to give Kindergarteners extra support with literacy skills through fun and engaging centers, focusing on identifying the letters of the alphabet and beginning sounds. Register on our website - [www.mtclub.org](http://www.mtclub.org)

#### **Baby Sprouts StoryThyme**

Wednesdays from 10:30am-11am

During this 30-minute storytime, children from birth to 24 months and their caregivers will explore their growing world with books, music, and more! Registration is not required.

#### **Roots and Shoots StoryThyme**

Thursdays from 10:30am-11am

In each 30-minute interactive storytime, we will examine the roots of Emergent Literacy development, as we share a unique type of picture book and explore how each type enhances your child's growth as a reader. Geared towards preschoolers, ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Register on our website - [www.mtclub.org](http://www.mtclub.org)



### GERMINATION STATION GARDEN

Programs for Growing Learners in Grades 3 and up

#### **BASIL: Balanced After School Interactive Literacy**

Mondays from from 4pm-6pm

Whether students are looking for homework help, or just somewhere safe and fun to be after school, this is the place for them! Our staff will provide creative projects, games, and activities to build literacy in hands-on ways. Our Literacy Specialist will be available to work with students and/or parents, as well as share community resources to address any further literacy-based needs. Registration is not required.

#### **Saplings After School**

Thursdays from 4pm-6pm

Reading directions and following recipes are important skills. Each week, we'll make an afterschool snack and then do some fun crafts, experiments or games! Registration is not required.



## BEYOND THE GARDEN GATE

Enrichment Programs for Children and Families

### Chess Club

Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Grades 1-5: Whether you're an experienced player looking for a match or new to the game and looking to learn, join us at Chess Club. Registration is not required.



### Homeschool Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays from 12:00pm-2:00pm

Homeschool families: bring your lunch and meet other homeschool friends. When you're finished, stick around to play board games, create with LEGOs, or enjoy any of our other resources together! This program is open to homeschoolers of all ages and their caregiver teachers. Registration is not required.

## SUPER SATURDAYS

### Dr. Seuss Family Storytime

March 2nd from 10:30am-11:00am

Celebrate Dr. Seuss (on his birthday!) as we read some well-loved and lesser known selections by one of the most famous children's authors of all time. Stay to make a truffle tree craft and learn some environmental tips from the Lorax. All ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

### ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Reading by Example! (Read-Aloud Pizza Party!)

March 2nd from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Here at the library we encourage a love of literacy, but there are many people in our community who want to do the same! Grab a slice of pizza, choose a seat, and listen to some of our local leaders 'read' by example, as they share one of their favorite books. All ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

### Welcome Spring! Storytime

March 9th from 10:30am-11:30am

Ring in the spring with seasonal stories and activities! All ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

### Make Your Own Plushie!

March 9th from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Pick a pre-cut shape, sew it, stuff it, and decorate it to make a friend of your very own! Sewing is done with thick, plastic needles through pre-made holes. Great for young crafters wanting to learn the basics of sewing! All ages are welcome! Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### St. Patrick's Day Family Storytime with Author Deb Kaiser

Saturday, March 16th from 10:30am-11:15am

Join local author, Deb Kaiser, as she reads her book, *Late for St. Paddy's Day*. She will teach us what it means to be brave, and share a little of her own Irish heritage. All ages welcome! Registration is not required. *\*Guess how many pieces are in the Leprechaun's pot o' gold at the program for a chance to win a signed copy of her book!*

### Sweet Treats

March 16th from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Children ages 5-12 will read a recipe and use volume measurements while creating a delicious dessert called Puppy Chow! Children in Kindergarten-2nd grade must be accompanied by an older sibling or adult. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org) *\*Please note that this program uses peanut butter.*

### Draw What You Hear!

March 23rd from 10:30am-11:30am

This activity focuses on self-expression and using your senses. You'll be listening to different types of music and drawing whatever they make you feel! Let the music guide you as you make beautiful works of art. For all ages! Registration is not required.

### Friendship Bracelets

March 23rd from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Come make some fun bracelets with pony beads and charms! Wear them with pride or share them with your friends! For grades 3 and up. Registration is not required.

### Poetry Family Storytime

April 6th from 10:30am-11:00am

Come listen to poems from famous and lesser known poets, and try writing your own poetry in various styles! Families of all ages are welcome. Registration is not required.



# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

## YOUTH (CONT'D)

### **ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Young Authors Workshop**

April 6th from 12:30pm-1:00pm

Explore different writing techniques and participate in a group writing project! Individual and collaborative pieces could be shared at our *Literacy Learning Fair* on May 4th. For grades 1 and up. Younger participants are welcome with older siblings or adults available to assist. Registration is not required.

### **Sensory Storytime**

April 13th from 10:30am-11:30am

Join us for a calm, structured storytime with fun sensory activities. All ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

### **DIY Kaleidoscope**

April 13th from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Learn to make your own kaleidoscope! A fun STEAM activity to learn about light and symmetry! For grades 3 and up. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### **Preschool Storytime: Bears**

April 20th from 10:30am-11:30am

Preschoolers are invited to a thirty minute moving and grooving storytime! Registration is not required.

### **Puzzle Palooza**

April 20th from 12:30pm-1:30pm

We will have puzzles of all kinds for you to solve! We will also have blank jigsaw puzzles so that you can have your very own personalized puzzle to take home with you. For children in kindergarten and up. Registration is not required.

### **Trolls Double Feature**

April 27th from 10:15am-1:30pm

Join us in watching *Trolls* and *Trolls: World Tour* back to back! Dressing up and singing along are both strongly encouraged! All ages are welcome. Registration is not required.

### **May the 4th Be With You! Family Storytime**

May 4th from 10:30am-11:00am

Explore the power of the inner qualities which can make us all heroes. Families of all ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

### **ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Celebrate Literacy!**

May 4th from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Literacy Learning Fair! Germination Station participants will be invited to share a project or creation from any of our programs throughout the year. Light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome to participate and attend! Registration is not required.

### **Springtime Jamboree at the Library**

May 11th from 10am-1pm

Join us as we prepare our new raised garden beds with library-grown seedlings! We will also have gardening-themed crafts, light refreshments, and free gardening kits to pass out! All ages are welcome. Craft supplies and gardening kits available while supplies last. This event is weather-permitting. Registration is not required.

### **Interactive Storytime**

May 11th from 10:30am-11:30am

Get up! Get down! Make noise! Be quiet! Join us as we read books encouraging lots and lots of audience participation! All ages are welcome. Registration is not required.

### **Preschool Storytime: Spring has Sprung!**

May 18th from 10:30am-11am

Preschoolers will enjoy stories about spring! Registration is not required.

### **Bubble Man Ron Loyd**

May 18th from 12pm-1pm

Join us when this spectacular Bubbleologist puts on a magical show with this soapy solution! All ages are welcome. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)





# YOUNG ADULTS

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### Young Adult Advisory Board (YAAB)

First and Third Wednesday of the Month from 3:30pm-4:30pm

- **Wednesday, March 6th & 20th**
- **Wednesday, April 3rd & 17th**
- **Wednesday, May 1st & 15th**

Calling all young adults! Help shape the YA Department at your library by joining the Young Adult Advisory Board. As a YAAB member, you will help plan programs, decorate the YA space, and earn community service hours for it! This is also a great opportunity to gain leadership and volunteer work experience. Registration is not required.

### YA D&D Club

Second and Fourth Thursday of the Month 4pm-7pm

- **Thursday, March 14th & 28th**
- **Thursday, April 11th & 25th**
- **Thursday, May 9th & 23rd**

We will be playing Lost Mine of Phandelver! New and experienced players are welcome. This club is great for players ages 12-18. Space is limited, register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### YA Crochet Club

Third Monday of the Month from 4pm-5pm

- **Monday, March 18th - Cat Toy Fishies**
- **Monday, April 22nd - Lily Pad Coaster**
- **Monday, May 20th - Water Bottle Holder**

Whether you've been crocheting for years or have yet to pick up a hook, consider stopping in for Crochet Club! Each month, we will have a new beginner-level project and time to practice your stitches. Registration is not required.



### YA Write Club

Tuesdays from 4pm-5:30pm

- **Tuesday, March 26th - DIY Writer's Blocks**
- **Tuesday, April 23rd - Playing Wayfinder**
- **Tuesday, May 28th - Detailing Original Characters**

We're practicing our creative writing skills! Join us each month as we learn new skills to elevate our creative writing. We will also learn about submitting writing pieces for publication. Registration is not required.

## CRAFTING

### String Art

Thursday, March 7th from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Use push pins, yarn, and a foam board to create unique wall art! All materials provided. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### Tissue Paper Mug

Wednesday, March 13th from 4:30pm-6pm

Make a custom cup using Mod Podge and tissue paper! All materials provided. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### DIY Candles - Part 1: Candle Holders

Monday, March 18th from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Use clay to create a tea light candle holder that you can use in combination with DIY tea light candles made in part 2 of this series! Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### DIY Candles - Part 2: Tea Light Candles

Wednesday, March 20th from 4:30pm-6pm

We will be making homemade tea light candles using beeswax! Those who participated in the Candle Holders program will paint and decorate their previously made projects. New participants will choose from pre-made candle holders. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)



## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### YOUNG ADULTS (CONT'D)

#### Clay Imprints with Plants & Flowers

Wednesday, April 10th from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Nature is art! Use leaves, flowers, and other 'nature items' to create unique clay coasters or decorative pieces. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

#### Perler Beads

Monday, April 15th from 4:30pm-6pm

Bring your creative ideas to life using perler beads! Participants will be provided with perler beads and a mat to make their creations on. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)



#### Mason Jar Oil Lamp

Wednesday, April 24th from 4:30pm-6pm

Create your own scented 'lamp' with just a mason jar, oil, and essential oils! All materials will be provided. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

#### Gel Air Fresheners

Thursday, May 2nd from 4:30pm-6pm

A simple 3 ingredient craft to bring fresh smells to wherever you are! Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

#### Suncatchers

Monday, May 13th from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Create your own suncatcher to display at home! All materials will be provided. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

#### Thumbtack Dragon Egg

Tuesday, May 21st from 4:30pm-6pm

Take home your very own 3D-printed dragon and create a dragon egg using thumbtacks! All materials will be provided. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

## TECH LAB FUN

#### LEGO Stop Motion Animation

Tuesday, March 5th from 3pm-6pm

Using our Green Screen and Stop Motion Studio, we are going to learn some animation techniques using LEGO pieces! Registration is not required.

#### Minecraft Characters on the Glowforge

Tuesday, March 19th from 3pm-5pm

Using our Glowforge laser cutter, we are going to be designing and engraving our own 3D Minecraft characters. We will also have Minecraft playing on our PS5. Due to the technology we are going to be using, this program is exclusively for ages 12-18. Registration is not required.

#### Tunnel Books with the Cricut Maker

Tuesday, April 2nd from 3pm-5pm

A tunnel book is a form of artist book that uses the layering of cut paper to create a scene of depth and imagination. We are going to be using our Cricut Maker to design and cut out cool new pieces of art! Registration is not required.

#### 3D Printed Miniatures: Part 1 - Design and Print

Tuesday, April 16th from 3pm-6pm

In this first part of "3D Printed Miniatures," we are going to be designing custom miniatures on Eldritch Foundry and printing them out on our 3D printers. Registration is not required.

#### 3D Printed Miniatures: Part 2 - Painting

Thursday, April 18th from 3pm-6pm

In this second part of "3D Printed Miniatures," we are painting our printed minis. Anyone who missed the first session will be able to choose from a selection of minis available to paint. Registration is not required.

#### Star Wars Lightsaber Crafts

Tuesday, May 7th from 3pm-4:30pm

With a bit of circuit knowledge, some LED lights, and colorful straws, we are making lightsaber art that actually lights up. We will also be making lightsaber keychains using Perler Beads. Registration is not required.







## YA FILM SCREENING

### ***On the Basis of Sex (PG-13)***

Friday March 22nd from 3:00pm-4:45pm

For Women’s History Month, we are highlighting the inspiring acts of the late Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsberg. This film is rated PG-13. This Young Adult program is reserved for library users ages 13-18. Registration is not required.

### ***The Hate U Give (PG-13)***

Friday, April 12th from 3pm-4:45pm

April is Celebrate Diversity Month! This film follows a young woman as she must maneuver a world of social and racial injustice after witnessing her childhood friend die by police brutality. This film is rated PG-13. This Young Adult program is reserved for library users ages 13-18. Registration is not required.

### ***Coco (PG)***

Friday, April 26th from 3pm-4:45pm

To support diverse voices, we are screening this beloved Disney film. It is a story that celebrates Mexican culture, a love of music, and ultimately, the importance of family. This film is rated PG. This Young Adult program is reserved for library users ages 12-18. Registration is not required.

### ***Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13)***

Friday, May 24th from 3pm-4:45pm

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and we are celebrating with a screening of this award-winning film! This film is rated PG-13. This Young Adult program is reserved for library users ages 13-18. Registration is not required.



## YA GAMEDAY

### ***Overcooked on the PS5***

Friday, March 8th from 3pm-4:45pm

Overcooked is a collaborative (yet chaotic) cooking game. Players will work together to prepare, cook, and dish out food to hungry customers. Registration is not required.



### ***Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - The Hinokami Chronicles Tournament on PS5***

Friday, May 10th from 3pm-4:45pm

Join us for our Demon Slayer tournament! Registration is not required.

## YA LIFE SKILLS 101

### ***Money Management Game & Jeopardy***

Monday, April 8th from 3pm-5pm

In this first installment of YA Life Skills, we are going to be using candy to learn how to budget effectively. Then, we will have a game of Jeopardy to put those budgeting skills to use! Registration is not required.





# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

## ADULTS

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

#### Resume Reviews

Mondays from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Bring your resume to our Adult Librarian for a resume review! We will critique and revise it for your next job search. Registration is not required. If you cannot come in on Mondays, please call us at 586.469.6200 for an appointment.

#### Tablet Tuesday Tutoring

Tuesdays from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Our Adult Services team can assist you with any and all tablet questions, including smart phones! Registration is not required. If you cannot come in on Tuesdays, please call us at 586.469.6200 for an appointment.

#### Computer Basics Walk-in Sessions

Wednesdays from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Need assistance learning how to maneuver basic computer functions? Stop by our reference desk for help! Registration is not required.

#### Social Media 101 - Walk-in Sessions

Thursdays from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Stop by our reference desk for help getting started on social media! Registration is not required.

## COMMUNITY

#### Adult Learning Center

Mondays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

- Monday, March 11th
- Monday, April 1st & 29th
- Monday, May 13th

The Adult Learning Center provides free small groups and one-on-one tutoring services for Mount Clemens patrons. Space is limited, register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

#### Pop-Up Bookmobile Library

Wednesday, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 1pm-2:30pm

Join us at Shadyside Park to sign-up for a library card and checkout/return materials from our bookmobile library! We will set up anyone who wants to use the Libby App to receive FREE ebooks & audiobooks using your library card. Registration is not required.

#### Springtime Jamboree at the Library

Saturday, May 11th from 10am-1pm

Join us as we prepare our new raised garden beds with library-grown seedlings! We will also have gardening-themed crafts, light refreshments, and free gardening kits to pass out! All ages are welcome. Craft supplies and gardening kits available while supplies last. This event is weather-permitting. Registration is not required.

## FITNESS & WELLNESS

#### Yoga with Del

First Thursday of the Month from 6:45pm-7:45pm

- Thursday, March 7th
- Thursday, April 4th
- Thursday, May 2nd

Join us at our library for a rejuvenating yoga session! All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle. Registration is not required.

#### Yoga for Beginners

Saturday, March 2nd from 11am-12:30pm

The Isha Foundation is back for this tranquil yoga and meditation series. Please bring a yoga mat and water. Registration is not required.

#### POUND Workout Class

Monday, April 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 6pm-7pm

Here is your chance to take a FREE full-body cardio drum-playing class and bring out your inner rockstar! Please bring a yoga mat and a water bottle. Registration is not required.

#### Meditation for Beginners

Saturday, April 6th from 11am-12:15pm

The Isha Foundation presents Meditation for Beginners. All levels are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle. Registration is not required.





## GUEST SPEAKERS



### Ghost Hunting in Michigan

Wednesday, March 6th from 6pm-7:30pm

The SouthEast Michigan Ghost Hunters Society is one of the oldest paranormal groups in Michigan. This presentation will take us on a journey into the unknown and the unexplained - where the paranormal comes to life. Registration is not required.

### Singing The Good Old Songs Again with Gary Brandt

Saturday, March 9th from 11am-12pm

Gary Brandt is a popular singer and songwriter from Michigan. Singing the good old songs again, Gary carries on the tradition of music with a 12-string guitar, a good song, and a humorous story. All are welcome to join us for a great concert to start your Saturday! Registration is not required.

### Michigan Beer: A Heady History Presentation

Wednesday, April 10th from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Join local author Patti Smith for her interactive presentation about Michigan beer! She'll entertain us with stories and photos from local brewers and how early immigrants brought their distinctive beer styles to Michigan. Registration is not required.

### The Jazz Kings - Bob Gracin Concert

Saturday, April 13th from 11am-12pm

April is Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM) and what better way to celebrate the rich history of jazz than with a musical performance by The Jazz Kings! Registration is not required.

### Mushroom Foraging with Lorenzo Lo Piccolo

Thursday, April 25th from 6pm-7:30pm

Join Lorenzo Lo Piccolo to learn about Michigan's mushrooms. Mr. Lo Piccolo will bring many dry specimens and a wide range of knowledge for this fast-growing springtime outdoor activity. Registration is not required.

### Spring Beauties with Cheryl English

Wednesday, May 1st from 6:30pm-7:30pm

From Trout Lilies to Trillium, from the exotic to the familiar, explore some native alternatives for your spring garden. This presentation will give you a wide range of ideas to make your garden pop with color! Registration is not required.

### Bombs Away: Great Lakes Bomber Bases with Ric Mixer

Wednesday, May 22nd from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Join us for this extraordinary lecture by Ric Mixer as we recognize the commitment of members of America's military services. Registration is not required.

## CRAFTING

### Papercrafting at the Library

First Thursday of the Month from 5pm-8pm

- Thursday, March 7th - Easter Candy Holder
- Thursday, April 4th - "Family is Every-thing" Scrapbook Layout
- Thursday, May 2nd - Birthday Cards

Join your fellow crafters and create the themed project or work on any project of your choosing. You will need basic scrapbook tools and supplies. Space is limited, register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)



### Good Afternoon Crafters

Second Thursday of the Month from 2pm-3:30pm

- Thursday, March 14th - Leprechaun Win Bottles
- Thursday, April 11th - Recycled CD Spring Wreath
- Thursday, May 9th - American Wood Flag Craft

Join us for a different DIY craft each month! Space is limited, register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)



# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

## ADULTS (CONT'D)

### St. Patrick's Day Candle Making

Saturday, March 16th from 11am-12pm

We will be working in our library kitchen and melting our own wax. Please be prepared to work with some heat and to have some fun! Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### DIY Epoxy Resin Photo Holder

Thursday, May 16th from 6pm-7pm

Display your favorite photos on your new favorite photo frame! We will be creating the base out of epoxy resin. Feel free to bring in any of your own fun additives (glitter, foil, photos, stickers, etc.) Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### DIY Glass Vase Painting

Thursday, May 30th from 6pm-7pm

Looking for a cool, new vessel for your plants and/or floral arrangements? Stop by our library to create a one-of-a-kind vase with our stained glass paints and jars! Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

## GET TECHY

### Tech It Out Fridays!

First and Third Friday of the Month from 1:30pm-4:00pm

- Friday, March 1st & 15th
- Friday, April 5th & 19th
- Friday, May 3rd, 17th & 31st

Learn how to work our state-of-the-art tools and machinery, such as our 3D printers and laser cutter! Aprons and gloves will be provided. Registration is not required.

### DIY Glowforge Acrylic Keychain

Tuesday, March 12th from 6pm-7pm

Put on your creative caps for this one! Join us in making a DIY acrylic keychain with our Glowforge, and decorate with paint after! Please come to this course prepared with a design for your keychain in mind as time is limited. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### DIY Cricut Plant Hanger

Thursday, April 18th from 6pm-7pm

Ramp up for green thumb season with a nifty new plant hanger made with our Cricut machine! Requires some hand crafting but assistance will be available. Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### Video Production Basics

- Saturday, April 20th and 27th from 11am-12pm
- Saturday, May 4th from 11am-12pm

Video Production Basics is an introductory workshop class for all levels. We will focus on video making, tricks, editing, and software. This 3-part workshop will be hands-on. Bring your smartphone or camera. You can come to 1 or all 3 classes! Registration is not required.

## ADULT BOOK CLUB



### *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan

Tuesday, March 19th from 6pm-7pm

As England becomes enmeshed in the early days of World War II and the men are away fighting, the women of Chilbury village forge an uncommon bond. Registration is not required.

### *The Watchmen* by Alan Moore

Tuesday, March 26th from 6pm-7pm

This book brings exceptional graphic artwork to life as the characters race against time to find a killer, with the fate of the world hanging in the balance. We will discuss the success of *Watchmen* which has spawned a blockbuster film, television series, and multiple spinoffs. Registration is not required.

### *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

Tuesday, April 23rd from 6pm-7pm

As Lara recalls her past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. Registration is not required.

### *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

Tuesday, May 21st from 6pm-7pm

This story encompasses the many different aspects of soldier life during the Vietnam War, but also about the before and the after. Registration is not required.



## GAMES

### Name That Tune

- 80's - Tuesday, March 5th from 6pm-7pm
- 90's - Tuesday, April 16th from 6pm-7pm
- 2000's - Tuesday, May 14th from 6pm-7pm

Join us for a fun music trivia night series! Contestants will hear a song snippet and have to guess the title for a chance to win a decade themed prize. Registration is not required.

### Family Bingo Night

Monday, March 18th from 6pm-7pm

Happiness is calling "BINGO!" Everyone is welcome for this fun night out! Registration is not required.

### Trivial Pursuit: 1990's

Thursday, March 28th from 6pm-7pm

Take a trip back to the 1990's with an evening of Trivial Pursuit! Bring your noggin, love for nostalgia, and your game face! Register on our website - [www.mtclub.org](http://www.mtclub.org)

### Detroit Trivia Night

Tuesday, April 30th from 6pm-7pm

How well do you know Detroit? Show off your Motor City knowledge at our Detroit Trivia Night! Refreshments will be provided, as well as prizes! Register on our website - [www.mtclub.org](http://www.mtclub.org)

### Pop Culture Trivia

Tuesday, May 28th from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Think you know your stuff? Join us for this fun and engaging evening of trivia on all things pop culture! Registration is not required.



## LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

### HISTORICAL NON-FICTION BOOK CLUBS

Thursday, March 7th from 5:30pm-6:30pm

- March's book pick is *The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts* by Loren Grush. Registration is not required.

Thursday, April 11th from 5:30pm-6:30pm

- April's book pick is *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi. Registration is not required.

Thursday, May 9th from 5:30pm-6:30pm

- May's book pick is *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. Registration is not required.

### GUEST SPEAKERS



### 60 Years Later - The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Tuesday, March 12th from 6pm-7:45pm

Kennedy assassination expert, Jay Hernandez, brings a fact-based perspective to events and discusses how recently released classified documents shed light on what we thought we knew. Registration is not required.

### Capitol Women

Thursday, March 14th from 6pm-7pm

Join historian and curator of the Michigan State Capitol, Valerie Marvin, as she gives an exciting talk about the women who were pivotal in shaping our state's history "under the dome" of the Capitol building. **This will be a hybrid in-person and Zoom presentation.** Registration is not required.



# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

## LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY (CONT'D)

### Arab Dance and Mosaic Craft

Saturday, March 23rd at 11am-12pm

This event will showcase a Dabke dance demonstration. Participants have the opportunity to learn the Dabke, a traditional folk dance performed in several countries of the Arab world. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to make their very own mosaic craft tile to take home. This craft is fun for all age ranges! Register on our website - [www.mtclib.org](http://www.mtclib.org)

### Michigan Women Who Made a Difference

Monday, March 25th at 6pm-7pm

Learn about the women who helped shape Jewish Michigan. This program will be presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. Registration is not required.

### Gratiot: A Man, A Fort, A Road, A Lighthouse

Tuesday, March 26th from 6pm-7pm

Hear stories about the how and why of the fort, as well as famous residents, and the exciting life of the Fort's namesake. Registration is not required.

### Of Icebergs and Inquiries: Michiganders on the Titanic

Tuesday, April 9th from 6pm-7pm

Join us to learn about the Michigan survivors and victims, as well as Senator Smith's far-reaching quest for answers. Registration is not required.

### Anishinaabe 101

Thursday, April 18th from 6pm-7pm

Your service area includes the Indigenous peoples of Michigan, the Anishinaabe. How much do you really know about them? What implicit bias do you hold that we can address? What historical traumas have they experienced that lead to modern day barriers to outreach and care? What are some cultural protocols for a diverse group of people like the Anishinaabe? Let's take a walk together and learn from Waganakising Odawakkwa, Meredith Kennedy. Registration is not required.

### Understanding the Arab American Community

Tuesday, April 23rd from 6pm-7pm

This general presentation touches on what makes a country Arab, the differences between the Arab World and the Middle East, ethnic and religious diversity within the Arab World, the history of Arab immigration to the United States, Arab American demographics, and Arab American culture. An optional brief overview of Islam may be included in this presentation. Registration is not required.

### Dairies and Dairy Farms in Macomb County Before Bulk Milk

Tuesday, April 30th at 6pm-7pm

Dairy farms dominated land use around Mount Clemens into the late 20th century. This talk focuses on Macomb County's small farms and the dairies that bought their milk. ***This will be a hybrid in-person and Zoom presentation.*** Registration is not required.

### A History of Black Detroit Legacy: Black Bottom & Paradise Valley

Tuesday, May 7th from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Join Black Bottom Archives (BBA) for a two part learning series dedicated to celebrating the history of Black Detroit, and exploring the craft of oral history collection. For part 1 of their learning series, they will share the history of the Black Bottom and Paradise Valley community and its continued influence and impact today. Registration is not required.

### Archiving Our Voices: Oral History Training

Tuesday, May 14th from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Join Black Bottom Archives for part 2 of their learning series, a dedicated space for attendees to learn about the artistry of oral history collection. We will spend time learning about different oral history methods, best practices, suggested tools, and spend time practicing as a community. Registration is not required.

### Schools in Mount Clemens and Surrounding Areas: 1947-1960

Tuesday, May 21st at 6pm-7pm

Public and religious schools in Mount Clemens have a long history. This talk shines an overview on the city's public and religious schools, with the presenter giving his own insight on his experience at Mount Clemens High School. ***This will be a hybrid in-person and Zoom presentation.*** Registration is not required.

### Jewish Detroit presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan

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## Mount Clemens Edition



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**Mount Clemens Real Estate Trends • Susie Q's Kids • TrueLife Academy  
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The Community Resource Guide, Mount Clemens edition is a seasonal publication that provides all residents and businesses an opportunity to share local stories, upcoming events and business services within our community.

If you or someone you know have an event to promote, a story to share or an idea for the upcoming June 2024 Edition, **email us at [info@drivecreativeservices.com](mailto:info@drivecreativeservices.com)**

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This is Jennifer and Nicole from TrueLife Academy, we are a nonprofit that serves adult individuals with developmental and physical disabilities. Our overall plan is to develop a day program and residential program in Macomb County, Michigan. We wanted to update you on what we have been up to. We are currently hosting Wednesday Socials once a month in partnership with Macomb Township Parks and Recreation. This includes events such as pizza and bingo, crafts, dances, and many other activities. As we look ahead this year, we plan on hosting Life Skills workshops. More to come on that, so please refer to our website and facebook page for more information.

As TrueLife Academy embarks on this exciting journey, we are seeking support to help us spread the word and secure the necessary resources to make a meaningful impact. As a fledgling nonprofit, we recognize the importance of building a strong foundation, and we believe that with your help, we can achieve great things.

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## UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

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

Consumers appear to have adjusted to rates where they are, using adjustable-rate mortgages as a short-term measure, expecting to refinance should lower rates appear. While rates remain volatile, purchasing now vs. a year from now will only see buyers paying more for homes.

### Understanding the numbers:

**Average Sale Price – Okay:** While averages are lower in Q4 2023, this is most likely based on the mix of homes sold, and the motivation of the seller. If an investor, for example, as rates increased in Q4, they sold inventory to lock in profits. Furthermore, on a market of rising rates, investors are more flexible when negotiating than owners who need the equity to purchase a new place to live.

**Days on Market (DOM) – Healthy:** A DOM of under 30 days indicates there is strong buyer interest, but there is also some opportunity for buyers not to be rushed.

**Inventory – Neutral:** Up quarter over quarter, down year over year. More is better, with declining interest rates sales should increase.

**Absorption Rate – Seller's market:** Buyers need to remain aggressive when they find a home they really want. An absorption rate at these levels means the market is very competitive from a buyer's perspective.

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