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UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
12/2, 12/16, 1/6, 1/21, 2/3, 2/18



MAYOR'S UPDATE:

As we enter the holiday season, I would love to share good news with you.

Thanks to our State Delegation, State Representative Denise Mentzer and State Senator Kevin Hertel, the State of Michigan issued three generous appropriations totaling 8.5 million dollars. The first appropriation of 5 million dollars is for the demolition and remediation of the former Victory Inn site. The second appropriation of two million dollars is allocated towards riverfront revitalization. The third will be used for the build out of our Septic Receiving Station at the wastewater treatment plant. All of these appropriations have significant implications for the city. The first having significant potential for future economic development of that property and corner of the city. The second alleviating strain on the city's general fund to pay for projects that would otherwise never be affordable.

Over the past quarter your city commission has been busy attending events like the Anton Art Party, State of Mount Clemens address, the Martha T. Berry fall fundraiser, Macomb Habitat for Humanity Gala, and the Grand Opening of the Cairns Community Center playground. Issues your city commissioners have worked on is the approval of the 24-25 Mount Clemens Strategic Plan (see the plan at the City's website www.mountclemens.gov). The commission also approved a parking study to be conducted in the next six months. This study is intended to evaluate our current parking system and parking lots. This will give insight into what the commission's priorities should be for the foreseeable future in parking and our parking lots.

On behalf of the City Commissioners and City of Mount Clemens staff members, I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous 2025!

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



COFFEE TALKS with Mayor Kropp

- Tuesday, 12/9 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday, 1/9 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee
- Tuesday 1/14 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Tuesday 2/11 9:30 a.m. John's Family Grill
- Thursday 2/13 6:30 p.m. Black Cat Coffee

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



CLERK'S OFFICE

IMPORTANT DATES AND VOTER INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 4, 2025 CITY ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Application materials will be available in the city clerk's office in March 2025 for the following November 4, 2025 city election races:

Mayor – One (1) to be elected for a 2-year term

City Commission – Three (3) to be elected for a 4-year term

To qualify as a candidate, you must be:

- At least 18 years of age.
- A registered voter.
- A resident of the city for at least 365 days immediately prior to the last day of filing for office.

Please call the city clerk's office at 586.469.6800, option 4, for more information about running for these vital offices.



JOIN THE PERMANENT BALLOT LIST

Because absent voter applications will no longer be used in the absentee ballot process, voters must transition from the permanent *application* list to the permanent *ballot* list (if they haven't done so already) to automatically receive a ballot in the mail. Please call the city clerk's office at 586-469-6800, option 4, for more information about the permanent ballot list.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2025!

The City of Mount Clemens is seeking residents who wish to make valuable contributions to the city by volunteering to serve on a board or committee. Please visit <https://mountclemens.gov/boards> to learn more about the opportunities to serve, or call the city clerk's office at 586-469-6800, option 4.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WINTER 2024

SIDEWALK SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL



Now that we are in the middle of another winter season here in Michigan, it is important to consider the removal of ice and snow from our sidewalks. As a very walkable community, with an extended network of sidewalks, it is critical that residents and businesses do their part to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice for both safety and quality of life concerns.

City ordinances require that *“The occupant of any premises, or the owner of any unoccupied premises, is required to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises cleared, so far as is practicable and reasonable, from snow and ice to facilitate pedestrian use. Where there are no sidewalks, the occupant or owner shall clear a path free from snow and ice where a sidewalk would otherwise be, to facilitate pedestrian use. Whenever any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared within 12 hours after it has fallen or accumulated.”*

Failure to remove the snow and ice accordingly may result in the City issuing a violation notice or performing the task and billing the responsible property owner. We all hope this winter season is not a harsh one, but in the event that it is, the city thanks you in advance for your diligence in keeping the sidewalks of Mount Clemens safe.

LOCAL TREASURE AWARD INFORMATION

Don't forget! The deadline to nominate someone for the Local Treasure award is Monday, December 16th. Click on the Announcements tab at www.mountclemens.gov for the nomination form and guidelines.



**City of Mount Clemens
Local Treasure Awards**

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Mount Clemens Beautification Committee would like to encourage all residents to decorate their homes this holiday season to brighten the City and enhance our neighborhoods.



HOLIDAY SEASON DOWNTOWN



Visit downtown Mount Clemens this holiday season and check out the Tinsel Tour trees in the Cherry Street Mall area. The decorated trees will be lit from Sunday, December 8th until Thursday, January 2nd .



MOUNT CLEMENS FIRE DEPARTMENT

A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF REYNOLDS

Good Day Mount Clemens,
As winter is fast approaching, I feel it is important we communicate some winter fire safety tips. Did you know that each year there are 1,900 fatalities and over 8,000 injuries in the US from residential fires that occur **during the winter months alone**, with "Heating equipment" as the number One cause? Let's talk about a few measures you can take to reduce the risk to you and your family.

- Keep anything combustible a minimum of 3 feet from a heating source; such as a Fireplace, Wood Stove, Space heater, etc.
- If you have a fireplace, be sure to have it inspected. Creosote can build up and be the source of a fire. Cracks in the flue can also lead to a fire. Only a qualified professional can do a proper inspection.
- Do not overload electrical outlets; overloaded circuits can short-out and start a fire.
- If you enjoy a real Christmas Tree, it must be kept always watered. Dry Christmas Trees can become incredibly dangerous and create a fast-moving fire in your home.

Also, please remember that your stove/oven is NOT designed to heat your home and can create some serious fire risks. If you need assistance with home heating costs, please reach out to **THAW**, The Heat and Warmth Fund at **1-800-866-8429**. They may be able to provide you some assistance.



Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

<p>Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p>	<p>Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.</p>	<p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p>
<p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p>	<p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p>	<p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>
<p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p>	<p>Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.</p>	

FEMA | U.S. Fire Administration | Michigan Department of Fire Safety | NFPA

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

Clemites, the single most important thing you can do to protect your family is to install Smoke/Fire Detectors. Early detection of a fire is the key to reducing the loss of life and protecting your home from significant damage. **It is my goal as Fire Chief to have a working smoke detector on every floor of every home in Mount Clemens.** This is how we will become a more fire safe community. Did you know that the Mount Clemens Fire Department can provide Mount Clemens residents with a financial need free Smoke Detectors for their home? We can. If you need a Smoke Detector, please visit the Mount Clemens Fire Station at 2 Dickinson St. and we will gladly provide you with a measure of safety for your home (Mount Clemens residents with ID only please).

Please use these tips to ensure you and your family have safety as a priority. The Mount Clemens Fire Department wishes you all a happy and safe winter season!

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



COMMUNITY INFO



HOLIDAY REFUSE CALENDAR

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2024

There will be NO garbage pickup on Wednesday, December 25th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Wednesday, December 25th through Friday, December 27th. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 23rd and Tuesday, December 24th will be picked up **on schedule**.

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.

Any questions on this policy should be directed to the Department of Public Services at 586-469-6847, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or visit our website at www.mountclemens.gov/sanitation.

COMPOST/LEAF PICKUP SEASON ENDS DECEMBER 6TH

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.

Winter Snow Removal

Please keep in mind the Street Department will be clearing all major streets first during a snow storm. We will, however, plow the side streets as quickly as possible once the major streets are clear.

This winter during snowstorms, please park your vehicles at an off-street location. Parking in a driveway or parking lot will be greatly appreciated. On-street parking can resume after the City has plowed the streets.

Whenever there is an abundance of snow accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to extraordinary depths, the City may declare a “Snow Emergency” per City of Mount Clemens Ordinance #30.030. Local television and radio news stations will be alerted when a snow emergency has been declared and cancelled, so tune in for this information during snow storms or excessive snow falls.

After the initial notice of a snow emergency has been declared, please remove all vehicles within six (6) hours on any major streets and/or within twelve (12) hours on local streets or alleys. Vehicles not removed from the streets during a Snow Emergency may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner’s expense. Once the entire street has been cleared of snow from curb to curb and no additional snow has accumulated or is predicted to accumulate, or the Snow Emergency has been terminated, vehicles may then resume parking on that street.

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





2025 HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE

New Years Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Wednesday, January 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule beginning Wednesday, January 1st through Friday, January 3rd. Garbage pickup for Monday, December 30th and Tuesday, December 31st will be picked up *on schedule*. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Martin Luther King, Jr. – Monday, January 20, 2025

Garbage pickup will run *on schedule*

Presidents Day – Monday, February 17, 2025

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

Good Friday – Friday, April 18, 2025

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

Memorial Day – Monday, May 26, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, May 26th. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, May 26th through Friday, May 30th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, June 2, 2025.

Independence Day – Friday, July 4, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Friday ONLY, July 4th. Friday's pickup will be on Saturday, July 5th. Garbage pickup for Monday, June 30th through Thursday, July 3rd, will be picked up *on schedule*.

Labor Day – Monday, September 1, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Monday, September 1st. Pickup will run one day behind schedule for the entire week beginning Monday, September 1st, through Friday, September 5th. Regular garbage pickup will resume on Monday, September 8, 2025.

Columbus Day – Monday, October 13, 2025

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

Veteran's Day – Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Garbage pickup will run *on schedule* during Veteran's Day week - November 10th through November 14th.

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27, 2025

There will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 27th. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 28th and Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 29th. Garbage pickup for Monday, November 24th through Wednesday, November 26th will be *on schedule*.

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*.

New Years 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.





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THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN DOWNTOWN MOUNT CLEMENS



Downtown Mount Clemens is a special place to be this holiday season. 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 pm.

We encourage you to shop small instead of the mall on Small Business Saturday and throughout the entire holiday shopping season. Patronizing small, independently owned local businesses helps support our local economy. Downtown Mount Clemens has numerous retail stores with great unique gift giving ideas for the most difficult people to shop for on your list. The Anton Art Center Holiday

Market is another great holiday shopping opportunity, and 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 fifth annual Mount Clemens Christmas Light Parade will return to the downtown on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 pm. 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. To register for the light parade visit bit.ly/3Cmi4A5.

We'll close out 2024 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 new 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.

Light Parade Mount Clemens

Saturday, December 14th- parade begins at 7:00 pm (rain day will be Sunday, December 15th)

- Decorating station with the Mount Clemens Beautification Committee begins at 5:00 pm in the Town Square parking lot.
- All participating vehicles must have holiday lights.
- More information can be found at www.downtownmountclemens.org

Legend: Building (grey), Parking Lot (teal)

Scale: 0 130 260 520 Feet

Logos: mountclemens, Macomb County GIS



DOWNTOWN MOUNT CLEMENS EVENTS CALENDAR

Anton Art Center Christmas Market

Tuesday, November 19 through Sunday, December 22
Anton Art Center
586.469.8666

Small Business Saturday Downtown

Saturday, November 30 – 10AM – 5PM
Downtown Businesses and Restaurants

Downtown Mount Clemens Annual Light Parade

Saturday, December 14 – 7PM
Downtown Streets
586 469-4168

Mount Clemens Kids New Year's Eve Event

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

Macomb County New Year's Eve Gala

December 31 – 10:30 PM
Entertainment & Fireworks on Main Street
586.469.4168

19th Annual Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Thursday, January 30 – starts at 6PM
At participating Uptown Bars and Restaurants
Tickets can be purchased in advance at participating establishments
Starts at 6 PM
586.469.4168
Proceeds benefit Mount Clemens Goodfellows and the Anton Art Center

19th Annual Mount Clemens Ice Show

Saturday, February 1 – Sunday, February 2
Sculptures will be displayed on the Fountain Stage and the Cherry Street Mall
Details available at: www.downtownmountclemens.org
586.469.4168

Valentine's Day

Friday, February 14

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

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



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.



TREASURER'S OFFICE

WINTER TAX BILLS

Residents should receive a winter tax bill in the mail around December 1, 2024, and it is due by February 28, 2025. Any 2024 tax amount that remains unpaid after that date 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.

2025 DOG/CAT LICENSES

You may purchase 2025 animal licenses in the Treasurer's Office starting January 2, 2025. All renewals must be made during the months of January and February, or a penalty will apply. Please bring the rabies certificate that is 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

Any delinquent bill that is 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 new 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 x2. You can also email lshipman@mountclemens.gov.

MOUNT CLEMENS STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The collection of storm water is an important responsibility of the City of Mount Clemens. The City maintains storm sewer infrastructure ranging from local street drainage to large diameter collection pipes. In Mount Clemens most storm water is collected in catch basins and makes its way into the Clinton River. The City also maintains storm water outfalls to the Clinton River and Greiner Drain. These surface water discharges are permitted by the State of Michigan by a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Storm Water permit.

The Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) for the City of Mount Clemens is available on the City's website for public comment.

The full text of the City of Mount Clemens **Storm Water Management Program (SWMP)** document can be reviewed by going to the City's website, clicking on Departments, Utilities, then Stormwater Management Plan.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email Leonard Bertrand, Utilities Director at lbertrand@mountclemens.gov or call (586) 469-6818



MOUNT CLEMENS RECREATION

RECREATION WINTER 2024/25

Community Sewing Club:

Community Sewing Club

Ages: +18 Cost: Free

Dates: Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Description:

Join the Community Sewing Class where people in the community come together to sew. Sewing materials are not provided, please bring your own supplies.

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

Register in person at the Cairns Community Center or at:

<https://mountclemensrecreation.org>



Community Crochet Club:

Ages: +18 Cost: Free

Dates: Thursdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:30p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Description:

Join the Community Crochet Class where people from the community come together to crochet. Crochet materials are not provided, please bring your own supplies.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St, Mount

Clemens. Register in person at the Cairns Community Center or at:

<https://mountclemensrecreation.org>

Teen Night:

Ages: 13+ and over may remain with a waiver signed by a legal guardian.

Cost: \$3 per person, drop-in fee

Dates: Fridays 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Description:

Get ready for a night of bonding, making memories, and enjoying a wide range of fun filled activities. Activities include a video game room, open gym, and a game room.

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

Register in person at the Cairns Community Center.

Cardio Drumming:

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

Cost: \$48 per person

Dates: January 7- February 1, 2025 Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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 will bring this fast-paced exercise routine to the City of Mount Clemens.

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

Register at: <https://mountclemensrecreation.org>

Bingo Night:

Ages: 18+ Cost: \$2 per bingo card

Dates: 2nd Monday of every month, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Description:

Gather your family and friends for an evening of fabulous prizes, and unforgettable memories.

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

Register in person at the Cairns Community Center.

Senior Walk

Ages: 55+ Cost: Free

Dates: Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Description:

Are you looking for a fun way to get moving? Join us for our weekly walking on Wednesdays.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St, Mount Clemens. Register in person at the Cairns Community Center.





MOUNT CLEMENS RECREATION

RECREATION WINTER 2024/25

How Sweet It Is To Be Loved By You: Daddy Daughter Dance:

Date: December 14, 2024, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Registration: \$45 per couple, \$10 each additional child

Description:

Mount Clemens Parks and Recreation is hosting a “How Sweet It Is to Be Loved by You” Daddy Daughter Dance! Join us for an exciting and fun evening that dads and daughters will never forget. Including pictures, crafts, sweets, treats, light refreshments, and dancing.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St, Mount Clemens
Register at: <https://mountclemensrecreation.org> or call (586) 469-6800 Ext. 520



FUTURE PROGRAMMING

Boys Train and Play Basketball

Ages: 8 – 9 and 10 – 12 years old

Cost: \$90

Date: To be determined

Description:

Learn about the basketball FUNDamentals

This is a train and play basketball model, where participants will train (going through drills and learning skills). The participants will then play games against other participants in a team setting.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St, Mount Clemens
Will soon be available for registration. See website for details, mountclemensrecreation.org

Girls Train and Play Basketball

Ages: 8 – 9 and 10 – 12 years old

Cost: \$90

Date: To be determined

Description:

Learn about the basketball FUNDamentals

This is a train and play basketball model, where participants will train (going through drills and learning skills). The participants will then play games against other participants in a team setting.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St, Mount Clemensee
website for details, mountclemensrecreation.org
Will soon be available for registration.



Senior Prom

Ages: 55+

Cost: To be determined

Date: To be determined

Description:

You are invited to our Senior Prom, a formal event for 55+ seniors. Bring a date or bring some friends for a fun evening of music, dancing, and light refreshments.

Location: Cairns Community Center, 58 Orchard St, Mount Clemens
Will soon be available for registration. ee website for details, mountclemensrecreation.org



OUR LIBRARY HAS A NEW WEBSITE!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO CHECK IT OUT

OR SEARCH WWW.MTCLIB.ORG



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH

GERMINATION STATION GREENHOUSE

Programs for Growing Readers Birth through Kindergarten

Baby Sprouts StoryThyme

Wednesdays ~ 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!

Roots and Shoots StoryThyme

Thursdays ~ 10:30am-11am

In each 30 minute interactive story time, we will examine the roots of Emergent Literacy development, as we follow the Ready to Read Michigan model, and Talk, Sing, Read, Write, and Play! Geared towards preschoolers, ages 2-5.

**No sessions on December 26 or January 2.*

GERMINATION STATION GARDEN

Programs for Growing Learners in Kindergarten-Grade 5

Drop-in STEAM Afterschool

Weekdays (when school is in session!) ~ 3:30pm-5pm

- Monday - Science
- Tuesday - Technology
- Wednesday - Engineering with Legos
- Thursday - Art Studio
- Friday - Math Games

Each day we will have a rotation of activities available for students and families to explore! For Kindergarten-grade 3; Students in grade 2 and under will need to have an adult or older sibling with them at all times.

American Sign Language

Mondays ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Ages 7 and up are invited to join professional ASL interpreter and Mount Clemens resident, Jeanne Coker for a 6 week course in signing, deaf history, and culture! The first 45 minutes will cover more basic skills and content, geared toward anyone 7 years old and up! Parents and children are encouraged to attend this portion together! The second half of the class will go more in depth and allow for some discussion and personalized instruction. Register on our website.

**There will be no sessions on MLK Jr. Day January 20 or Presidents' Day February 17. Ms. Autumn's MinT students are encouraged to attend, and will resume regular STEAM classes in March.*



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUTH (CONT'D)

GERMINATION STATION GARDEN

Home Grown for Homeschool Scholars

Wednesdays ~ 2pm-3pm

Ms. Laura and our homeschool scholars will explore the world with books and hands-on activities. STEAM, book club, and community service will be just a few of the topics that we will delve into during our sessions together.

BEYOND THE GARDEN GATE - OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Open Books 2 Open Gym at Cairns Community Center

Wednesdays ~ 3:15pm-5:15pm

Get your brain and body active through independent or shared reading activities followed by time to play a variety of sports in the gym or outside. Our literacy specialist and former Albion College point guard, Ms. Autumn, is excited to meet with students on and off the court! For ages K-12; Children 12 years and younger need to have an adult remain in the building. A lounge area and computers are available.

Family Storytime at Cairns Community Center

Thursdays ~ 6pm-7pm

All families are welcome to this storytime! We will be exploring language through books, fingerplays, music, flannel board, and puppets with our Youth Services librarian, Ms. Laura.

**No session on December 26 or January 2.*



SPECIAL EVENTS

Mount Clemens Youth After Hours Activity Night!

Friday, December 13 ~ 5:30pm-8:30pm

Our library staff will be hosting a night full of fun, food, and festivities to celebrate the holiday season, and give parents a chance to prepare or take a moment to pause. Students in grades 1-8 are invited to come for crafts, STEAM projects, video games, a movie, snacks, and even make their own pizzas using our brand new in-house pizza oven!

Registration is required by Friday, December 6th.

**Mount Clemens Residents/Card Holders Only*





ROSEMARY! SATURDAYS

ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Exercise and Literacy Skill-Building

Saturday, December 14 ~ 11am-12pm

Move 4 Life will be offering a FREE KidStretch Workshop - an intro to joint health training for active kids grades K-5. In this 60-minute intro workshop, we help kids and parents fast track their understanding of how their joints work, how healthy joints help their bodies move, and practices they can begin immediately to have the best chance at having healthy joints for as long as possible in the future. Register on our website.

ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Music and Literacy Development

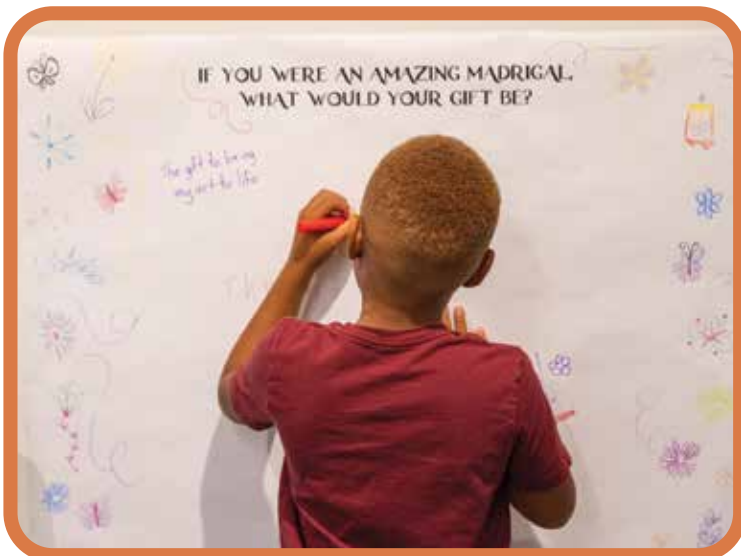
Saturday, January 11 ~ 11am-12pm

All ages are welcome to join us and local musicians from Ardis Music! We will be exploring how learning to play an instrument, reading music, and/or singing can promote literacy development through listening skills, memory, language acquisition, and motor skills.

ROSEMARY! Saturdays: Art and Literacy

Saturday, February 8 ~ 11am-12pm

Art builds your brain! All ages are welcome to join us and local artists from Anton Art Center as we explore how creating and observing art can promote spatial relation skills, print awareness, descriptive vocabulary, and connections between left and right brain functioning.



SUPER SATURDAYS

DIY STEAM

Saturday, December 7; January 4; February 1 ~ 12pm-1pm

The Youth Department will have a STEAM activity that families can work on together! Children younger than grade 3 need a caregiver present with them.

Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, December 21 ~ 12pm-1pm

Are you crafty? Do you like candy? Come join us for gingerbread house and cookie decorating.

DIY Hot Cocoa Kits

Saturday, December 28 ~ 10:30am-11:30am

Make your own hot cocoa mix and take it home with you! Perfect for warming up on a snowy day. Children grade 3 and under will need an adult to help them.

DIY Bird Houses

Saturday, January 18 ~ 12pm-1pm

Mr. Bob Winkler, retired MCHS teacher and birder, will share his love for birds! Then each family can make a beautiful birdhouse to take home.

Sweet Treats

Saturday, February 15 ~ 12pm-1pm

Calling all chocolate lovers! Valentine's Day might be over, but who can resist smooth chocolate pudding, crunchy cookies, and a sweet gummy worm? We are going to be making and enjoying dirt cups! Children in grade 2 and under will need an older sibling or adult to help them. Register on our website.

Pajama Storytime

Saturday, February 22 ~ 10:30am-11:15am

Wear your comfiest PJs, and bring your favorite stuffed animal and blanket for a super cozy storytime. For families with kids of all ages!

Matilda Movie Day

Saturday, February 22 ~ 11:30am-1:15pm

Wear your PJs, bring a blanket, and get cozy while we watch 1996's *Matilda*! This movie is rated PG.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY BOARD (YAAB)

YAAB Meeting

- Wednesday, December 4; January 15; February 5 ~ 3:30pm-5pm

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.



COMMUNITY

Escape Room at the Crocker House

- Thursday, February 6 ~ 3pm-7pm
- Wednesday, February 19 ~ 3pm-7pm

Have you always wanted to participate in an escape room? Well, now's your chance! Solve the clues in each room to win at the historical Crocker House Museum! Register on our website. *Please note: This is an off-site event hosted at the Crocker House Museum.*

Practicing Self-Love

Thursday, February 13 ~ 4pm-6pm

Join us in creating self-love kits in celebration of National Self-Love Day! Register on our website.

COOKING

Peppermint Bark Making

Monday, December 2 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

Get an early taste of a classic Christmas snack, as we whip up our own peppermint bark. Combine your preferred chocolate with your favorite toppings and indulge in your creation! Register on our website.

Chocolate Covered Anything Workshop

Monday, December 16 ~ 4pm-6pm

We will be using a chocolate covered fountain to make sweet treats! We are providing fruit, pretzels, and cookies to cover in chocolate for this event.

Cookie Decorating

Thursday, January 16 ~ 4pm-6pm

Come turn a plain everyday cookie into an edible masterpiece. Guaranteed to be just as fun as it is delicious!





CRAFTING

DIY Snow Globes

Wednesday, December 11 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

Create your very own winter wonderland that can fit in the palm of your hands at our DIY snow globe making session! Once you're done, feel free to shake things up and make it snow whenever you want. Register on our website.

Let's Make Snowflakes!

Monday, December 23 ~ 4pm-6pm

Get creative by creating and decorating DIY snowflakes with us!

DIY Lantern Making

Monday, January 6 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

Make your day a little brighter with our DIY lantern making activity! Design your own custom lantern that you can take home and hang wherever you'd like.

Creating Vision Boards

Wednesday, January 8 ~ 4pm-6pm

We will be using pictures, magazines, and quotes to plan out our goals for the future!

Let's Brew a Potion!

Tuesday, January 21 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

Prepare to get a little messy as we mix liquids together and see their reactions!

Bubble Gum Slime

Monday, February 3 ~ 4pm-6pm

Slime that looks just like bubble gum? Yes it's real, and you can make it! Join us as we celebrate National Bubble Gum Day with a fun craft.

GAMES

Retro Gaming Console Night

Tuesday, December 3 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for blasts from the past console games! This program is for ages 13 and up.

Trivia Contest

Thursday, January 30 ~ 3:30pm-4:30pm

Are you ready to put your knowledge to the test? Join us for three rounds of Kahoot Trivia, and earn your spot on the podium. Winners for each round will earn a grand prize!

Chopstick Sprint

Wednesday, February 12 ~ 4pm-6pm

Ready. Set. GO! Chopstick Sprint is a hilarious game where players use chopsticks to see who can pick up the most items. Winners for each round will be awarded a prize!



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

YOUNG ADULTS (CONT'D)

MOVIES

Christmas Movie Marathon

Wednesday, December 18 ~ 3:30pm-5:30pm

Winter is here! Which means there is no better time than now to cozy up and binge your favorite holiday movies. Grab your popcorn, relax and binge watch Christmas classics!

Ready Player One Movie Night

Thursday, January 2 ~ 3:30pm-6pm

We will be watching *Ready Player One* at the library! In 2045 the planet is on the brink of chaos and collapse, but people find salvation in the OASIS: an expansive virtual reality universe created by eccentric James Halliday. Snacks will be provided.

WRITING

Let's Write a Haiku!

Monday, February 3 ~ 4pm-5:30pm

Learn how to write a haiku at the library! We will write haikus, then decorate the poems.



ADULTS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Resume Reviews

Mondays ~ 4pm-7pm

Bring your resume to our Adult Department for a review! We will critique and revise it for your next job search.

Tech Help

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays ~ 5pm-7pm

Stop by our reference desk for assistance on computer, tablet, and smartphone questions.



ADULT BOOK CLUB

Adult Book Club

Tuesdays ~ 6pm-7pm

- January 21 - *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
- February 18 - *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson



COMMUNITY

DIY Fleece Scarves Donation

Tuesday, December 10 ~ 1pm-7pm

We need the community's help! Our staff will be making DIY fleece scarves for those in need this coming winter. We will also be assembling care kits to go along with the scarves. Any assistance, and fleece and care items donations, will be greatly appreciated. This is a drop-in session, please come and go as you wish.

Capturing the Magic: Cell Phone Holiday Photography Class

Wednesday, December 11 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Dive into the world of cell phone photography as photojournalist, Monica Morgan, reveals her expert secrets to mastering lighting, composition, and creative editing—all using your smartphone! This 1.5 hour workshop will include one hour of instruction, ending with a half-hour of honing your phone photography skills with a holiday photo shoot setup! Register on our website.

Holiday Card Making Week

Monday, December 16 - Saturday, December 21

Stop by our library and create a one-of-a-kind greeting card for the season! This fun, creative, and passive program is for all ages. Supplies will be in Study Room 1, and will be available all week during library hours.

Movie Musical Saturdays

Saturdays in January ~ 11am-1pm

- January 4 - *La La Land*
- January 11 - *West Side Story*
- January 18 - *The Color of Purple*
- January 25 - *Hamilton*

January is the month to relax and regroup after the busy holiday season. Join us at the library for Movie Musical Saturdays! We will provide popcorn and drinks, but feel free to bring your own snacks. All movies are rated PG-13.

Escape Room

- Monday, January 13 ~ 1pm-6pm
- Wednesday, January 15 ~ 1pm-6pm
- Friday, January 17 ~ 10am-3pm

The mission: you all work at the library. It is a very nice job, but sometimes you and your co-workers get into trouble. You need to find the missing books...before you get fired! Call our Reference Desk and a staff member will sign you up in teams of 2 to 3 people for a 45 minute game to ESCAPE! **(586) 469-6200 ext. 2**

Tea Party

Wednesday, February 19 ~ 6pm-7pm

January is National Hot Tea Month. What better way to celebrate than with a tea party! We will sample a variety of teas and bite-sized sweets, as well as play *Downton Abbey* and *Bridgerton* trivia. This program is for ages 16 and up. Register on our website.

COOKING

DIY Holiday Mocktails

Tuesday, December 17 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

We will be getting into the holiday spirit at the library! We will be concocting three different winter holiday-themed mocktails. Each patron will receive recipe cards and a taste test of each mocktail! Register on our website.

DIY Pizza Party

Thursday, February 27 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Join us as we break out our new revolving pizza oven with your own mini pizza recipe creations! All supplies will be provided. Register on our website.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULTS (CONT'D)

CRAFTING

Papercrafting at the Library

Thursdays ~ 5pm-8pm

- December 5 - Christmas Cards
- January 2 - Christmas Scrapbook Layout
- February 6 - Valentine Heart Box & Card

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. Register on our website.

Good Afternoon Crafters

Thursdays ~ 2pm-3:30pm

- December 19 - Gift Card Holders
- January 16 - Recycled CD Wreath
- February 13 - Button Heart Wall Art

Join us for a different DIY craft each month! Register on our website.

Tech It Out Fridays!

Fridays ~ 1:30pm-3:30pm

- December 6 and 20 - Sewing Hand Warmers
- January 10 and 24 - Wood Whittling
- February 7 and 21 - Library Love Tote Bags and Bookmarks

Learn how to work our state-of-the-art tools and machinery, such as our 3D printers and laser cutter! Each month will have a different theme for the projects that we create.

Glowforge Laser Engraving Night

Thursday, December 12 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for a night of Glowforge laser engraving creativity! Design two decorative aluminum tags showcasing your personal style. Register on our website.

DIY Holiday Candles

Saturday, December 14 ~ 11am-1pm

Get into the winter holiday spirit by creating cozy and warm candles with us! You can choose from a variety of scents and a red, green, or gold tin to create your own candle! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

Alcohol Ink Snowflake

Monday, January 6 ~ 6pm-7pm

Alcohol ink is a dye-based, alcohol-based ink that is fast-drying, highly pigmented, and transparent. With the inks, tools and our imagination, we will create a unique 12"x12" masterpiece to display in your home all winter long! Register on our website.

Sewing Machine Open Session

Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29 ~ 12pm-1:45pm

Did you know our library has 4 sewing machines available for the public to use? Stop by any of these open sewing machine sessions to work on your own projects, or learn how to use our sewing machines with a simple hands-on tutorial!

Painting Winter "Welcome" Banners

Tuesday, January 14 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Beat the winter blues with us by getting into the creative spirit! We will be painting "Welcome" canvas banners with a winter theme in mind. All supplies will be provided. Register on our website.

Family Birdhouse Making Day

Saturday, January 18 ~ 12pm-1pm

Did you know Chickadees, Nuthatches, Cardinals, and Blue Jays are year-round Michigan residents? Join us in making a birdhouse for the colder months! Retired Mount Clemens High School teacher, Mr. Winkler, will be assisting us. Register on our website.





DIY Valentine Sun-Catcher

Tuesday, January 28 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

All you need is love! Join us in our makerspace as we craft our own DIY Valentine-themed sun-catchers! All materials will be provided. Register on our website.

Winter Diorama

Friday, January 31 ~ 2pm-3:30pm

Calling all creatives! Make your own winter themed diorama at the library with a variety of unique supplies. Register on our website.

Throw Pillow Cover

Saturday, February 8 ~ 11am-1pm

Celebrate Black History Month using our sublimation printer! We will be celebrating past and present achievements of African Americans with special sublimation transfer pictures to choose for a fun decorative throw pillow. Register on our website.

Secret Message Candle Making

Wednesday, February 12 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us for candle making with a twist! Register on our website.

GAMES AND TRIVIA

Winter Walk-In Game Play

Select Thursdays ~ 2pm-3:30pm

- January 9 - Checkers and Chess
- January 23 - Dominoes
- February 13 - Scrabble
- February 27 - Cards

Winter is a great time to get back to the slower life of playing games! We will have the following games set out for patrons to play while staying warm in our library.

Retro Gaming Console Night

Tuesday, December 3 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for blasts from the past console games! This program is for ages 13 and up.

Family BINGO Night

Tuesday, February 11 ~ 6pm-7pm

All are welcome to join us for a great family night of Bingo... with a twist! To celebrate President's Day, we will be playing Bingo by honoring our country's leaders using their pictures instead of Bingo numbers. Fun, prizes and education for the whole family!

GUEST SPEAKERS

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

Wednesday, December 4 ~ 11am-12:30pm

Let's start off the New Year informed and prepared! We are pleased to offer this great informational workshop presented by Simasko Law, located here in Mount Clemens. They will discuss Power of Attorney, deeds, living trust, wills and how to pre-plan for the future. This is a free presentation.

The Compleat Meadmaker presented by Ken Schramm

Wednesday, December 4 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us for a presentation by Ken Schramm, co-founder and head meadmaker at Schramm's Mead, located in Ferndale, MI. Mr. Schramm's book, *The Compleat Meadmaker*, will take us on a timeline of the ever growing business of home production honey to fruit and herb variations wines.

Detroit Unseen presented by Bob Huston

Saturday, February 1 ~ 12pm-1pm

Join us for this fascinating lecture and photography presentation of Detroit, both past and present. Detroit Unseen will take us around Detroit from abandoned buildings to the regrowth of today.

FITNESS AND WELLNESS

Yoga with Del

Thursdays, December 5; January 2;
February 6 ~ 6:45pm-7:45pm

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.

Exercise Line Dancing 101

Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29; February 5 ~ 6pm-7pm

Join us for a new Wednesday night exercise class, with a twist! We will be offering an exercise line dancing class at Mount Clemens Community Center on 300 North Groesbeck Hwy for all ages and skill levels.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

BOOK CLUB

Historical Non-Fiction Book Club

Select Dates ~ 5:30pm-6:30pm

Tuesday, December 17

- *George, Nicholas, and Wilhelm: Three Royal Cousins and the Road to World War I* by Miranda Carter

Monday, January 6

- *The Weight of Vengeance: The United States, The British Empire, and the War of 1812* by Troy Bickham

Tuesday, February 11

- *Byron: A Life in Ten Letters* by Andrew Stauffer

CRAFTS

DIY Yarn Wall Hanging

Thursday, December 12 ~ 6pm-7pm

Learn how to make a wall decoration with yarn and a metal hoop! Register on our website.

LECTURES

Thomas Edison, Inventor of the 20th Century

Tuesday, January 14 ~ 6pm-7pm

Did you know Thomas Edison has many Michigan connections? Get the real story behind the War of the Currents, and separate Edison Myth from Edison Fact!

Romance Novels: A Love Story

Wednesday, February 5 ~ 6:30pm-7:30pm

Romance novels have been written and enjoyed for centuries and currently is the top selling genre. We will be discussing the origins of the romance novel, early contributors, and why modern series like *A Court of Thorns and Roses* make readers swoon!



WORKSHOPS

Historical Database Workshops

Mondays, December 16; January 27;
February 24 ~ 11am-12pm

Drop-in to our Local History and Genealogy Room if you have any questions on how to use the historical databases the library offers.

Preserving Your Family History

Fridays, December 20; January 24;
February 21 ~ 11am-12pm

Drop-in to our Local History and Genealogy Room if you have any questions on how to use the digitization equipment the library offers.



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FHA loans, insured by the Federal Housing Administration, have rates ranging from 5.5% to 6.5%. They require a minimum down payment of 3.5% and include upfront and annual mortgage insurance premiums.

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These rates are influenced by economic conditions and lender policies, which directly impact how affordable buying a home can be. It's important for homebuyers to shop around and consult with mortgage brokers or lenders to find the best mortgage options tailored to their budget and financial situation. Brokers can provide valuable insights and help navigate the complexities of mortgage terms and rates, ensuring buyers make informed decisions.



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Garrett has a degree in Business and vast experience in sales, making a natural transition from the insurance business to real estate in 2015. Born and raised in Sterling Heights, he's lived in Metro Detroit his whole life, gaining deep knowledge of Mt. Clemens and its surrounding areas. Recognized and trusted throughout the community, Garrett firmly believes that beyond expertise, trust is the key to success in both retail real estate and the investment side.



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FROM Q3 2023

32.1%

ABSORPTION
RATE¹

▼ 13.6%
FROM Q2 2024

▼ 5.7%
FROM Q3 2023

MARKET ACTIVITY

Single Family • Detached

QUARTER (Q3 2024) OVER QUARTER (Q2 2024)

▲ 3.4%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

YEAR-OVER-YEAR (for Q3 2024 vs. Q3 2023)

▲ 1.7%
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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UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Average Sale Price – Good: Prices continue to climb modestly from the previous quarter with the decline from a year ago attributable to a larger percentage of homes for sale being over \$250,000 in 2023 than in 2024. The rise in prices helps those owning homes to increase net worth, but at 2.7% the increase is offset by the reduction in interest rates.

Days on Market (DOM) – Brisk: At just over two weeks, good homes sell quickly and buyers need to be decisive when they see a home they like.

Inventory – Improving: While this increases competition for sellers, it increases opportunity for buyers. Because there are still more buyers for houses than there are houses for sale, this competition is not creating any downward pressure on prices.

Absorption Rate – Seller's market: The absorption rate continues to move downward to the buyers advantage, but sellers are still in control of negotiating all other factors considered.

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Changes Coming to the Buying and Selling of Residential Real Estate

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Beginning on February 21, Michigan's Earned Sick Time Act requires employers of all sizes provide paid earned sick time (EST) to all Michigan employees. Employees will accrue sick time at a rate of one hour for every 30 hours worked. Businesses with 10+ employees must allow at least 72 hours of paid sick time per year to be used to the extent the leave is accrued. Businesses with fewer than 10 employees must allow at least 40 hours of paid sick time annually, plus an additional 32 hours of unpaid sick time to the extent leave is accrued. Unused sick time can be carried over, but employers may limit annual use to no more than 72 hours. For further information and details about ESTA visit Michigan.gov/EarnedSickTime. Be proactive and save yourself headaches, hassles, & money!

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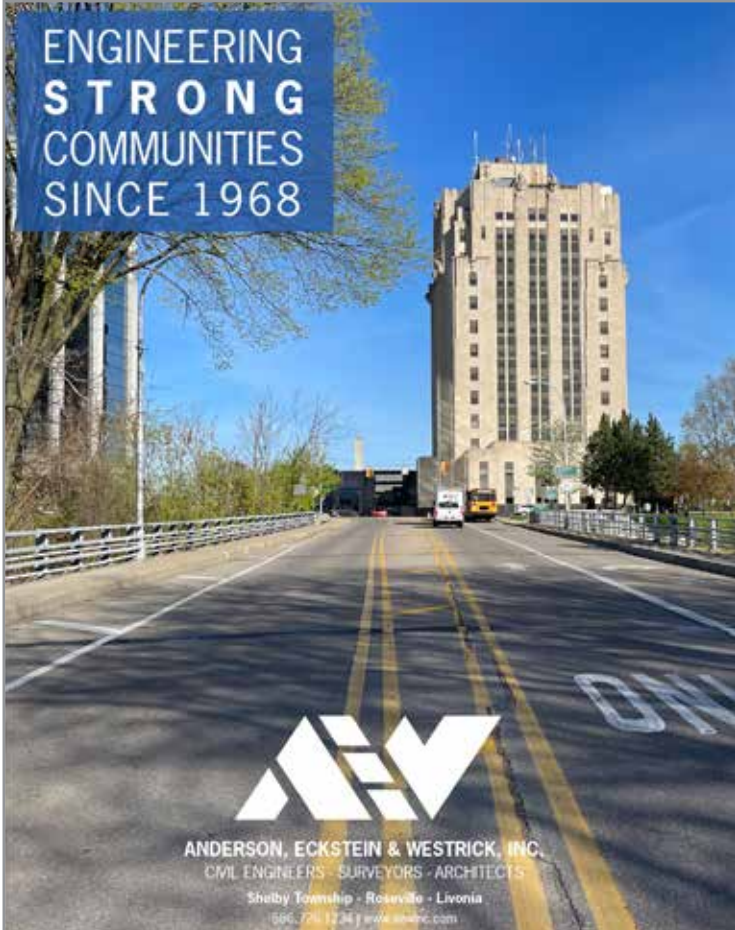

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This is Jennifer and Nicole from **TrueLife Academy**, we are a nonprofit that serves adult individuals with developmental and physical disabilities. Our overall plan is to develop a day program and residential program in Macomb County, Michigan. We are diligently saving funds with the goal of establishing a brick-and-

mortar location for **TrueLife Academy**. This physical space will serve as a central hub for our programs and services, allowing us to better meet the needs of the community and expand our reach.

We are currently hosting Tuesday Adaptive events once a month in partnership with Chesterfield Township Parks and Recreation and Wednesday Socials once a month in partnership with Macomb Township

Parks and Recreation. Please refer to our website (truelifeacademyinc.org) and our facebook page for more information.

We are currently planning a Scrapbooking & Craft Crop Fundraiser for March 22nd from 9am-9pm at the Chesterfield Township Community Center. We are looking for participants, raffle basket donations, and volunteers for our event.

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.

Thank you,
Jennifer Trevorrow
TrueLife Academy, Inc.
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Upcoming Holiday Events in Mount Clemens

- December 14 | Light Parade 7pm
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The beer made its celebrated debut on July 6, 2024, and quickly became a hit, prompting an emergency delivery to meet demand. Currently, Pearl Foam Export is available on tap locally at two historic establishments that originally served this iconic beer including The Rec Bowl. This revival not only pays homage to Mount Clemens' rich brewing history but also offers a taste of nostalgia. Don't miss the chance to taste a piece of our heritage—visit The Rec Bowl and raise a glass to history!

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