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Hotts Spots: Downtown Mount Clemens kicks off summer with big weekend

Classic cars, music, art and more take over the Clem

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Downtown Mount Clemens will buzz with activity in this first weekend of June with art, music, classic cars and more.

And the city's collection of bars, diners and restaurants will have extra workers, food and refreshments on hand to accommodate the crowds.

"We have a little bit of everything to cater to everybody's interests," said Jennifer Hawk, social media director for Bath City Bistro.

Here is a brief look at what the Clem has to offer this weekend:

- Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Kenny G performs an intimate concert Friday at the newly reopened Emerald Theatre, 31 N. Walnut. G, who turns 60 on Monday, has had a recording career spanning nearly three decades and 23 albums. He blends elements of R&B, pop and Latin into a jazz foundation that made him a prominent artist in contemporary jazz.

Doors open at 7 p.m., music starts at 8 p.m. Some tickets are still available for \$125-\$40 at ticketweb.com.

- Dozens of vintage vehicles will roll down Main Street Saturday in the free Mount Clemens Cruise, now in its 26th year. That's longer than the Woodward Dream Cruise has been around.

"Over the years, local people ... came out here to display their cars," said Steve Charlie of the nonprofit Friends of Mount Clemens, which puts on the event. "People like Mount Clemens as a venue to gather and talk, and you have all of the bars and restaurants down here, so everybody stays for a long time."

Charlie estimates 250 cars will be on display to a crowd of 5,000 to 8,000.

Highlights include Mount Clemens native and race car driver Tracy Leslie as the grand marshal, a trivia contest hosted by Top Hat John, a children's parade and Kids Zone, and a flame-thrower contest sponsored by Three Blind Mice Irish Pub. The event begins with a judged car show at 9 a.m., and transitions into an open cruise 3-10 p.m. On Friday evening, there is an open cruise 5-10 p.m. Visit mountclemenscruise.com.

- The Anton Art Center presents Art! Macomb Fair, a free annual art show featuring a variety of artists showing off their creations and some inviting the public to create their own masterpieces. In addition, there are free children's activities and entertainment, along with the Detroit Institute of Arts' DIA Away truck, and a docent-led walking tour of the DIA's Inside/Out installation. Enjoy a bite to eat from food trucks including Big Boy, Chicken Shack and El Charro.

"Art! Macomb marks the 35th year that the Anton Art Center will host an art fair in downtown Mount Clemens," said Phil Gilchrist, the center's executive director. "This longstanding Mount Clemens tradition is an opportunity to bring our community together in support and celebration of art."

The fair takes place around Macomb Place.

Hours are noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. theartcenter.org.

- ABC Magic Shop presents a special magic show at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. Saturday at Masonic Temple, 65 N. Walnut. Tickets are \$5. abcmagicstore.com.
 - The Rock Room inside the Emerald Theatre has DJ Brent Scudder providing a sonic backdrop to socializing in this cozy, second-floor facility Friday night with host Anson Wells. Music goes from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. On Saturday, it's Daniel Harrison performing with Mike Adkins, who is Uncle Kracker's guitarist. Doors open at 8 p.m., the music starts about 10 p.m. No cover.
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