

# COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR RETIREMENT NEWS

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**St. Clair County  
Retiree News & Links**  
[www.stclaircounty.org](http://www.stclaircounty.org)  
Click on Offices,  
Retirement System

**BCBS of Michigan**  
1 877 790-2583  
[www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com)

**Medicare Advantage**  
1 866 684-8216

**Brown & Brown**  
for SCC BCBS questions  
call Judy or Olga  
1 866 421-0478

**Delta Dental**  
1 800 524-0149

**Prescription Mail Order**  
OptumRx  
1 855-811-2223

**MedTipster**  
Free Generic Drug  
Program  
1 877 226-2378  
[www.medtipsterfree.com](http://www.medtipsterfree.com)

**Check out the new  
website!**

[Stclaircounty.org/offices/166](http://Stclaircounty.org/offices/166)

## Health Care Changes 2024

There are no major changes to the retiree healthcare for 2024 for the under 65 and over 65 groups. There are always some *minor* changes to the ancillary services and medications may change tiers or formularies. Virtual Care (previously Blue Cross Online Visits) has changed to Teladoc Health. We encourage you to create an account at BCBSM.com or download the app where you can access and manage all aspects of your health plan anytime, anywhere and even access/request new cards. Delta Dental remains the same through 2024 as well as MedTipster.



## Senior Services Available to SCC Residents

**Did you know ...** St. Clair County has a Senior Citizens' Millage and provides numerous services to resident seniors (many without an income limitation). The Senior Millage was approved by voters in 2022 for funding through 2025. These services are available to St. Clair County residents 60 years and older. There are 12 different service providers with over 25 services. The services range from counseling, transportation, legal assistance, health/fitness classes, recreational activities to home delivered meals, respite care and so much more. Additional details can be found on the Commission on Aging's website:  
<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/60>.

**For assistance with services, please call (810) 987-8811** to speak with an Information & Referral Specialist. You can also call your local senior center (Capac, Marine City, Port Huron and Yale) to get information on classes and activities near you.



## New Retirements

### November:

Barbara Barnes, Lori Eschenburg,  
Peter Frontiero, James Johnson,  
Michael Klemmer

## Deaths Reported

**Our sincerest condolences to  
the families of:**

Shirley Bearden,  
Pamela Kidd



## Important Dates

**Retirees' Association—General  
Member Meetings:**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

Council on Aging Senior Center  
600 Grand River Ave. PH.

**Cost:** \$5.00

**Doors open:** 11:30am, Lunch  
served promptly at Noon.

**Speaker:** Health Department;  
Health Considerations for  
Seniors.

**Christmas Party:** December 6,  
2023

**Info email:**

scra917@gmail.com.

**Tuesday, November 21st, 2023**

**8:00 am—**Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting. Administration  
Building 200 Grand River Ave,  
PH; Donald Dodge Auditorium.



- [Stclaircounty.org/Offices/455](http://Stclaircounty.org/Offices/455)
- [Stclaircountylibrary.org/events](http://Stclaircountylibrary.org/events)
- [Bluewater.org/events](http://Bluewater.org/events)
- [tinyurl.com/SCCParksNews](http://tinyurl.com/SCCParksNews)

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## Veterans Dinner

Gateway Assembly is honoring Veterans, Active Duty and their Spouses, Widows/Widowers of Veterans and Gold Star Parents at the Veterans Dinner on November 9th. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner will be served at 6:15pm. **FREE** to those listed above and \$50 per person for all other attendees.

**2796 S. Van Dyke Rd. Imlay City, MI. 48444  
(810) 724-8110**

**\*\* Eventbrite.com to register \*\***

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## VETERANS DINNER

**FREE TO**  
VETERANS  
ACTIVE SERVICE  
MILITARY SPOUSES  
WIDOWS & WIDOWERS  
GOLD STAR PARENTS

**ALL OTHERS \$50/PERSON**

NOV 9  
6P-8P

(810) 724-8110



## Medicare Part B Premium and Deductible

Medicare Part B covers physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical and health services not covered by Medicare Part A. Each year the Medicare Part B premium, deductible, and coinsurance rates are determined according to the provisions of the Social Security Act. The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$174.70 for 2024, an increase of \$9.80 from \$164.90 in 2023. The annual deductible for all Medicare Part B beneficiaries is \$240 in 2023, an increase of \$14 from the annual deductible of \$226 in 2023. \*CMS.gov. This is not a cost that comes from St. Clair County or effects your pension.

## Fraud Alerts!

Because of the world we live in today, all changes to direct deposit and address changes will be confirmed by calling the phone number on file.



**Please make sure to keep this information updated so that we can contact you in a timely manner if we suspect any fraudulent activity.**



## Seconds Matter in an Emergency



Protect your loved ones by creating a Smart911 Safety Profile. You can provide 9-1-1 with life-saving information in an emergency and receive important community and weather alerts.

**Download the App Today.**



Smart911.com™

## New Retirement Website!

Commonly requested information and forms can be found on the St. Clair County's Retirement Website. While there, check out the year's newsletters, health benefits section, community resources, retirement ordinance, meeting schedule, and much MORE!

## Required Annual Notices

The Required Annual Notices have been mailed out as required by Federal Regulation. These notices are for your information and review and were included with your November Pension Check mailing. There is no action you need to take. For any questions regarding these notices, please contact Human Resources at 810-989-6910.

## United in PURPOSE

In a world that seems increasingly divided, it's nice to know there is one thing that unites this community, and that is **United Way**. Whether it is offering youth social and learning opportunities, safe housing for the homeless or critical emergency needs for seniors, since 1924 United Way stands ready to help St. Clair County residents in so many ways! And the methodology is easy, through payroll deduction or single donations, every dollar United Way receives is accounted and based on need. We couldn't be prouder to lead this year's effort to help our community come together to *Live United*. This year St. Clair County employees and retirees have another easy way to contribute – via the online portal: [www.uwstclair.org/scc](http://www.uwstclair.org/scc). While the payroll deduction isn't available for retirees, we've added the security of using credit cards via PayPal. Please join us in giving. Paul Miller, WPHM/Radiofirst ; Matt Markham, QCountry/Radiofirst

**UNITED in PURPOSE**

Where Everyone, Everywhere  
Has the Opportunity to Thrive.  
Because WE are Stronger Together!

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