

# 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  
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)

### Upcoming County Holidays:

**Veterans' Day**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**Day after Thanksgiving**

## Flu Shot Reimbursement

Retirees and spouses who have Medicare Advantage, the plan covers a shot once per flu season in the fall or winter and the deductible does not apply.

The County has offered to reimburse the cost of the flu vaccination for retirees and spouses who are less than 65 and not covered under the Medicare Advantage plan. Simply send your original receipt to St. Clair County Human Resources —Retirement, 200 Grand River Ave. Ste. 206, Port Huron, MI 48060 for reimbursement through your monthly pension check. Please be advised receipts for flu reimbursement must be received **within 60 days**. Flu vaccines can also be obtained at local pharmacies and at health care provider offices.

## Senior Homelessness, Housing Matters

**Homeless Solutions** - Senior homelessness affects communities throughout the country, and St. Clair County is no exception. As populations age and economic challenges persist, an increasing number of seniors face homelessness or housing instability. Addressing this requires compassionate approaches prioritizing supportive services, affordable housing options, and robust community partnerships.

Local organizations like Housing Matters, Inc. and Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home play crucial roles. Housing Matters' Foundations program in Port Huron provides temporary housing and support services funded by St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage. Meanwhile, Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home offers on-site care, including medication administration, personal care, meals, and activities, aiming to transition seniors to stable housing. These efforts are bolstered by collaborations with agencies like the Public Guardian and Blue Water Safe Horizons, ensuring comprehensive support and developing long-term housing solutions for vulnerable seniors.

Last year, 21 homeless seniors received emergency placement and transitioned permanent housing. Together, our community strives to ensure every senior has a dignified and secure place to call home in their later years with the support of the millage funds.

Additional millage-funded senior services can be found on the Commission on Aging's website:  
<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/60>.

## New Retirements

### October:

Larry Moretz (September)  
William Farrer

## Deaths Reported

Our sincerest condolences to the families of:

William Danneels,  
Regina Gerstenberger  
Charlotte Kelly



## Important Dates

Retirees' Association—General  
Member Meetings:

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024**

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

**Cost:** \$5.00

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

**Speaker: Julie Ganhs, Senior  
Millage Administrator SCC**

**Next meeting:**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

**Info email:**

[scra917@gmail.com](mailto:scra917@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

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



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## Medicare Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for Medicare Advantage is upon us. You will be receiving a lot of marketing calls and materials from companies trying to get you to switch to their plan. It is your right to decide on a plan that suits you, but please keep in mind that an individual can only be enrolled in one Medicare Advantage plan at a time. Enrolling in another Medicare Advantage plan may automatically disenroll you from the St. Clair County Retiree Medicare Advantage plan. **If you wish to remain on the County Policy, there is no action you need to take.** If a covered dependent newly becomes Medicare eligible through age or disability, you should notify our office immediately.

Please be aware that scammers will be at an all-time high during this enrollment period and will impersonate Medicare or another organization you may know. **No one should be asking for your Medicare, Social Security, bank or credit card information-DO NOT share this information. They do not need any personal information to provide a quote.**

To learn more about your Medicare Rights, visit [medicare.gov/basics](http://medicare.gov/basics) to see a list of rules. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Frizzle in the Human Resources office at (810)989-6910.



COUNCIL ON AGING -  
PORT HURON SENIOR CENTER  
600 GRAND RIVER AVE., PORT HURON

## Senior Power Day

Join us for the 39th Annual Senior Power Day!

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

Come participate in the exciting activities and take steps towards a better lifestyle!

- Complimentary Breakfast for Seniors
- Free Health Screenings
- Vaccinations
- Valuable Information & Resources for Seniors in St. Clair County

YOU ARE CORDIALLY  
INVITED TO THE

## 4th Annual Pink Tie Gala



Join us as we celebrate the 4th Annual Pink Tie Gala to help raise much needed funds for the Taking a Shot at Breast Cancer fund supporting breast cancer patients here in St. Clair County.

Blue Water Convention Center  
Friday, October 18th, 2024  
Tickets - \$65 per person

Doors Open at 6pm  
Dinner at 7pm  
Open Dance Floor & Cash Bar!  
\*\*\*\*BWCC Does not accept credit cards\*\*\*\*  
Silent Auction



FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:  
[www.takingashotatbreastcancer.org](http://www.takingashotatbreastcancer.org)

QUESTIONS - CONTACT EMILY:  
[egoudy@takingashot.org](mailto:egoudy@takingashot.org)



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## ART HOP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 5-8 PM

## Downtown Port Huron

## Plant Swap

Dive into greenery at the Marysville Library branch's Plant Swap extravaganza! Bring your botanical treasures and swap seeds, bulbs, and cuttings with fellow plant enthusiasts. Local experts from the Blue Water Conservation District, Friends of the Saint Clair River, and MI Gardener will be participating in this event to grow together and cultivate community spirit in the heart of Marysville! Don't miss out on this bloomin' good time!

**Monday, October 21 9:00am—8:00pm**