

# COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR RETIREMENT NEWS

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**BCBS of Michigan**  
1 877 790-2583  
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1 866 684-8216

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

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1 800 524-0149

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1 855-811-2223

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Program  
1 877 226-2378  
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## 2025 Tax Updates

The Federal and State tax deductions for retiree and beneficiary pension payments have been updated to reflect 2025 IRS tax tables. If you notice a slight difference in your net retirement payment beginning January 2025, it is likely due to a change in the new tax tables. If you have questions about your tax liability, please consult your tax advisor.



## White Elephant Adult Bingo Night

Do you have a holiday gift you received that's just not your style? It's time to give it a new home! Join us for White Elephant Bingo, where the laughter is contagious and the prizes are delightfully quirky.

Bring your re-gifted treasures and enjoy a night filled with fun and unexpected surprises. As we play bingo, you'll have the chance to win (or steal!) fabulous prizes from your fellow participants. Gather your friends and family for an evening of good cheer, friendly competition, and lots of laughs. Whether you're in it for the bingo or the thrill of the white elephant swap, this is a night you won't want to miss!

Don't forget to bring your best sense of humor and a gift ready for re-gifting! We can't wait to see you there!

Wednesday, January 8th Capac Library

## New Retirements

**January:**  
Michael Zoeplitz  
Scott Baldwin  
Douglas Jones  
Jennifer Huffman  
Mary Hart

## Deaths Reported

**Our Sincerest  
Condolences to the  
Families of:**

Vickie Albert, David Ponke,  
Robert Taylor

## Important Dates

**Retirees' Association —  
General Member  
Meetings:** (automatically  
cancelled if Port Huron Schools  
are closed due to weather)

**No January 2025 Meeting**

**Next meeting:** Wednesday,  
February 7, 2025.

**Info email:**  
[sccra917@gmail.com](mailto:sccra917@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

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

## St. Clair County Retirees' Association

We would like the opportunity to introduce you to, and invite you to join, the St. Clair County Retirees' Association (SCCRA), a 501(c)4 Corporation.

The Association is a voluntary, non-profit group, founded in 1989 to promote and protect the common welfare and retirement interests of retired public employees of St. Clair County. While the Association is not sponsored by the County, they do support the SCCRA efforts by including the meetings in the monthly Retirees' Newsletter and sharing information annually on health care benefits and changes. SCCRA membership is available to retirees from all departments of the County or their surviving spouses. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

Except for the summer recess in July and August, meetings are currently held the first Wednesday of each month at the Council on Aging Senior Center, located in Port Huron. The doors open at 11:30 am and lunch is served at 12:00 noon for \$5. Guest speakers address various issues, often those of special interest to retirees.

Please contact [scra917@gmail.com](mailto:scra917@gmail.com) or call 810-937-9360 to find out how to join.

## Coping with a Loss

Visiting Nurse Association & Blue Water Hospice (VNA & BWH) provides compassionate, high-quality care to patients and families facing acute, chronic, and terminal health issues. Through their Private Duty Home Care, Home Health, and Hospice divisions, the goal is to keep you in your home as long as possible – where you are most comfortable. They do provide care in facilities as well, including hospice care in their Blue Water Hospice Home.

VNA & BWH's Bereavement program offers support groups for anyone in St. Clair County who has experienced a loss, providing a safe, compassionate, and encouraging environment. Together, participants can find the strength and hope needed to continue living life to the fullest, after the loss of a loved one. It is important to understand what you are experiencing during and after a loss is completely normal; everyone processes grief differently, and you will learn to manage your loss in your own way and at your own pace. VNA & BWH services are funded, in part, by your St. Clair County Senior Citizens Millage.

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



## Don't Forget Your Tax Documents

It's tax season. As a reminder, don't forget to take the tax letter you received when you retired and any other supporting documentation you may need when you schedule an appointment with your tax advisor. You should also expect to receive your 1099-R in the mail at the end of January/Beginning of February. If you need an additional copy of your letter or your 1099, contact us at: (810)989-6910. **Please allow enough notice for us to prepare and mail reprinted copies.**