

# COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR RETIREMENT NEWS

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May the joy of Christmas  
fill your home with love,  
your heart with hope,  
and your life with laughter.  
Merry Christmas!

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Retiree News & Links  
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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:

Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Eve

## Health Care Changes 2025

### BCBS Retiree <65 Retirees Policy: Non-Medicare

#### Eliminated:

1. Coverage for all over the counter medications that are not mandated. (Medtipster as well)
2. Coverage for GLP1 medications approved by FDA for weight loss treatment only. GLP1 medications approved by the FDA for diabetes treatment will continue to be covered. **BCBS will send letters to those members directly impacted by this change.**

#### Added:

1. Coverage for diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
2. Pillar Rx – program through BCBS that assists with the cost for qualified medications. You may receive a call from Pillar Rx to set up if you have a medication that qualifies.

### BCBS Retiree >65 Retirees Policy: Medicare

#### Changed:

1. Formulary changed to MA Healthy Value Enhanced Formulary starting 1/1/25. **BCBS will send letters to those members directly impacted by this change.**

#### Eliminated:

1. Medtipster - removing coverage for all over the counter medications that are not mandated.

There are always some *minor* changes to the ancillary services and medications may change tiers or formularies. We encourage you to create an account at [BCBSM.com](http://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 2025.

## December 65 Plus Payments

A 65 Plus payment has been included in the December check for retirees who are 65 years of age or older. Each retiree who worked 20 or more years, the additional amount in the December check will be \$16.00 for each full month that you were 65 years of age or older. If you as a retiree worked less than 20 years, your December check will reflect an additional amount of \$14.00 for each full month that you were 65 years of age or older.

The first time you receive your retiree 65 plus payment upon reaching 65 years of age, the payment will be prorated. The following year you will receive the full amount in the December check. In addition, if a retiree passes away during the given year, the beneficiary will be mailed a one time 65 plus payment in December for each month during the year that the retiree was age 65 prior to passing.



## Deaths Reported

Our sincerest condolences to  
the families of:

Andrew Diggins

## Important Dates

Retirees' Association—General  
Member Meetings:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

### CHRISTMAS PARTY!

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

Cost: \$5.00

Cost is free for members who  
have paid their 2025 dues.

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

Next meeting:

**No January Meeting**

Info email:

[sccra917@gmail.com](mailto:sccra917@gmail.com).

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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





## Songs of Irish Christmas with Enda Reilly

Award winning Songwriter Enda Reilly will sing a blend of his original, some well-known and a few old Irish Christmas songs to give a uniquely Irish perspective on the holiday season. Regardless of age or beliefs, everyone can get ready for the festive season with this program of Christmas songs! This program is at the Don Dodge Auditorium, across the street south and behind the Port Huron/Main Branch of the St. Clair County Library System on 200 Grand River Ave. Thursday, December 5th 2-3pm and 6-7 pm.



**ST. CLAIR'S  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

# Christmas MARKET

**DECEMBER 14TH & 15TH 2024**  
**ST. CLAIR RIVERVIEW PLAZA**



**THUMB COAST  
live THEATERS**

# CHRISTMAS CABARET

**DECEMBER  
11 & 12,  
18 & 19**

Get in the holiday spirit with a concert series at the Snug. Enjoy traditional carols & songs from favorite artists like Elvis, Nat King Cole, Judy Garland, Bing Crosby & More!

**The Snug  
Theatre**



**36th Annual  
Festival  
OF  
TREES**

[mclaren.org/phFestival](http://mclaren.org/phFestival)  
Friday, December 6th  
5:00 pm—9:00 pm

**Mclaren**  
PORT HURON FOUNDATION

Blue Water Convention Center



**LIGHTED  
CHRISTMAS  
PARADE**

JOIN US FOR A JOLLY  
GOOD TIME!

**7TH DEC - 5:00**  
VILLAGE GREEN PLAZA TO MARYSVILLE PARK



**NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA  
WINDJAMMER - LEXINGTON**



**COOKIES & COCOA  
with Santa**

Take a picture with Santa and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa at Sperry's before the parade kicks off!

**Friday, Nov. 29  
4-5:30 PM**

**Sperry's, 8th Street Eateries  
301 Huron Ave. Port Huron**

**SPERRY'S MOVIEHOUSE**