

COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR RETIREMENT NEWS

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Retiree News & Links**
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Retirement System

BCBS of Michigan
1 877 790-2583
www.bcbsm.com

Medicare Advantage
1 866 684-8216

Brown & Brown
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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

IRS 1095 Forms—Health Coverage

Form 1095, Health Coverage, provides you with information about your health care coverage if you, your spouse or your dependents were enrolled in coverage through an insurance provider or self-insured employer last year. **The forms will be mailed out in March of 2024. However, it is important to note that this form is not required to complete your taxes.** You are likely to get more than one form if you had coverage from more than one provider, you changed coverage or employers during the year, or if different members of your family received coverage from different providers. Please note that retirees in the Medicare Advantage plan will **not** receive a form.

For more information or if you have any questions regarding filing your taxes and your 1095 form, please contact your tax specialist.

Smart911

Smart911 is a tool that is used by 9-1-1 centers and first-responders in the instance that you, the citizen, have an emergency and need to dial 9-1-1.

Smart911 is a completely free, secure way to provide information to emergency services that otherwise would not be available to them. Things such as addresses, phone numbers, premise and household information, medical conditions and even photos of your loved ones (yes, even your pets).



Smart911™

When you dial 9-1-1 (and have a Smart911 profile), information is automatically displayed to the 9-1-1 center that receives your call. The information in your profile is safe. No one can arbitrarily access your profile and the information is only displayed if ***you*** initiate a call.

Download the Smart911 app on your phone or visit <http://www.smart911.com> to learn more.



Daylight Saving Time Starts

March 10, 2024

Remember to set your clocks **ahead** one hour Saturday night or Sunday morning the weekend of March 11.

Deaths Reported

Our sincerest
condolences to the
families of:

Pasquale Acciavatti
Susan Gray



Important Dates

Retirees' Association—General
Member Meetings:

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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

Cost: \$5.00

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

**Speaker: Retiree Health Plans:
BCBCS, Delta Dental,
Medicare**

Next meeting: April 3, 2024

Info email: sccra917@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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



**Happy
St. Patrick's Day!**

Senior Services Available to St. Clair County Residents

Do you need help, but don't where to start? The Information and Referral Specialists at the Council on Aging can help you. These individuals, which are partially funded by the St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage, have access to information and telephone numbers for a variety of services, agencies and businesses that support senior citizens. [If the problem is something which requires more in-depth information and/or assistance, they will get the caller in touch with a Council on Aging Community Liaison.](#)

Community Liaisons assist seniors and their families by providing information on their options and help line-up services and programs, which allow the senior to maintain their independence. Community Liaisons assess the senior's needs and help to meet those needs through a variety of community resources. They also assist with Medicare Part D and Prescription Drug Assistance; DHHS paperwork for Medicaid and other services; Home Heating Credit and Homestead Tax. You can meet with them at the local senior center or the comfort of your own home.

Additional millage-funded senior services 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.



“Retirement Tax” Rollback

The Lowering MI Costs Plan (Public Act 4 of 2023), signed into Michigan law on March 7, 2023, amended (in part) MCL 206.30 to provide taxpayers with more options to choose the best taxing situation for their retirement benefits beginning tax year 2023. Although subject to a temporary 4-year phase-in period beginning tax year 2023, this new law essentially restores the pre-2012 retirement and pension subtraction for most taxpayers in Michigan beginning in 2026. This law change will ultimately benefit most retirees in Michigan while ensuring that taxpayers in unique circumstances are not harmed.

The law change will take effect on February 13, 2024. Treasury is committed to ensuring that all eligible retirees can take full advantage of the expanded subtraction options. Therefore, Michigan's 2023 tax return, forms, and instructions (e-file and paper format) incorporate all retirement and pension benefit subtraction options - including those created in the new law.

Retirees can file and take advantage of the expanded retirement and pension subtraction options at the start of tax season, which saves taxpayers time and eliminates the need or expense of filing an amended return after the law takes effect. For that reason, eligible retirees should not delay in filing their tax year 2023 return and claiming the most advantageous pension and retirement benefit subtraction. Treasury will work impacted returns as they are received and prepare them for release as soon as the law takes effect. **Please consult your tax advisor. No action will be taken unless a new tax form is completed and received by Human Resources.**

<https://www.michigan.gov/taxes/iit/retirement-and-pension-benefits>