

# COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR RETIREMENT NEWS

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## 2024 Board of Trustees

*Deborah Martin, Chairperson*  
*William Herpel, Vice Chairperson*  
*Jorja Baldwin*  
*Geoff Donaldson*  
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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 Office Closure:**

**Labor Day**

**Monday, September 2nd**

## Congratulations to our Re-Elected Chair and Vice Chair

Congratulations to Deborah Martin, St. Clair County Road Commission and William Herpel, St. Clair County Retiree. Both were re-elected as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the St. Clair County Retirement System Board of Trustees.

## Annual Actuary Special Meeting

The Annual Retirement and Retirement Health Care Actuarial meeting as of 12/31/2023 will be conducted on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024. The meeting will be held at the St. Clair County Administration Building, 200 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI in the Donald Dodge Auditorium on the first floor at 9:00 am.

This meeting is open to the public and Nyhart Actuaries will present the findings of the 2023 annual Actuarial Valuation of the St. Clair County Employees' Retirement System for pension and health care.

## Rite Aid Closing in Michigan

Many questions have come in about Rite Aid Pharmacies closing and what should be done with prescriptions and MedTipster. Please ask your Rite Aid to transfer your prescriptions to the pharmacy of your choice or have your physician send your prescriptions to a pharmacy of your choice. Rumor is that Rite Aid will automatically send all prescriptions to Walgreens. Additionally, please make sure you provide the new pharmacy with your MedTipster information for generics. If you need help determining what pharmacies participate with MedTipster for your prescriptions, you can visit: [www.medtipsterfree.com](http://www.medtipsterfree.com). You can also call Stephanie @ 810.989.6910.

## Congratulations to our Re-Elected Board of Trustees

The following Trustees were re-elected to a 3 year term commencing July 1, 2024. Deborah Martin, St. Clair County Road Commission; William Herpel, St. Clair County Retiree; Karen Farr, St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority; Geoff Donaldson, Metropolitan Planning; and James Spadafore, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office.

## New Retirements

August: Tammy Schneider

## Deaths Reported

Our sincerest condolences to the families of:

Neil Kelly



## Important Dates

Retirees' Association—General Member Meetings:

**August- Summer Recess; No Association Meeting**

Next meeting:

July & August— Recess  
Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Info email:

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

### Tuesday, August 20, 2024

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

Annual Actuary Special Meeting

### Tuesday, August 20, 2024

**9:00 am**—Board of Trustees Special Meeting. Administration Building 200 Grand River Ave, PH; Donald Dodge Auditorium.





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**[LBPHStaff@stclaircounty.org](mailto:LBPHStaff@stclaircounty.org)**

**<https://stclaircountylibrary.org/services>**

## Foster Grandparent Program

The Foster Grandparent Program is a nationally based program, which has been sponsored locally by the Council on Aging, Inc. since 1977. It is a grant funded program, additionally supported through the local senior millage, fundraisers, and donations.

The program recruits, screens, trains, and supports volunteers aged 55 and older who meet income guidelines, to provide mentoring and tutoring services to at-risk children in public, non-profit settings. Each year foster grandparents serve approximately 25 or more different volunteer sites including preschool, elementary school and head start classrooms, along with special programs providing services to children. Volunteers can serve 9 to 40 hours per week.

The primary benefit for foster grandparent volunteers is the knowledge that they are making a difference in the life of a child. It is a win-win program for seniors, the children, and the community.

Additional benefits for limited income seniors include a small tax-exempt stipend. Foster grandparents are assisted with transportation to/from their volunteer stations through mileage reimbursement or transportation services. They are also offered a daily meal during their service day, pre-placement and on-going training, recognition, and social events.

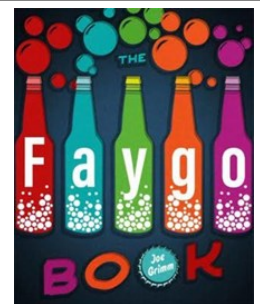
Additional millage-funded senior services can be found on the Commission on Aging's website: <https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/60>.

## The FAYGO Book with Joe Grimm

The Faygo Book is the social history of a company that has forged a bond with a city and its residents for more than a century. The story of Faygo, Detroit's beloved soda pop, begins over a hundred years ago with two Russian immigrant brothers who were looking to get out of the baking business. Author Joe Grimm mixes the ingredients of a successful beverage company confectioned in dicey times in a boom-and-bust town. The Faygo Book is the story of a pop, a people, and a place. These stories and facts will tickle the taste buds and memories of Detroiters and Faygo lovers everywhere. The Faygo Book is a 2019 Michigan Notable Book. There WILL be a pop quiz.

**Date:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 06:00pm - 07:00pm

**Location:** Main Library



## Generic Prescriptions FREE—MedTipster

About 85% of the total prescriptions for retirees over 65 years of age are generics and are being processed through Blue Cross and Blue Shield. This means that the pharmacies are running your BCBS insurance and potentially charging you a copay. As a reminder, we partnered with MedTipster to help find **FREE** generics available at pharmacies **throughout the USA**. This means the pharmacy doesn't run your BCBS card, they simply run your MedTipster information and there will be nothing to pay! Not all generics are covered, but a very large selection are. If you are on a generic and you have not checked MedTipster, please visit: [www.medtipsterfree.com](http://www.medtipsterfree.com). You can also call Stephanie @ 810.989.6910. You will need the name and dosage of your generic prescriptions. \*\*MedTipster is for all retirees, not just for those on Medicare.\*\*