

# COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR RETIREMENT NEWS

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

**Brown & Brown**  
for SCC BCBS questions  
call Judy or Olga  
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  
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## Congratulations Bill Blumerich on Your Retirement

The St. Clair County Employees' Retirement System would like to thank Trustee Bill Blumerich for his many years of service to the Road Commission and to the St. Clair County Employees' Retirement Board. We wish him the best in his retirement.

## 2023 Tax Updates

The Federal and State tax deductions for retiree and beneficiary pension payments have been updated to reflect 2023 IRS tax tables. If you notice a slight difference in your net retirement payment beginning January 2023, 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.

## Downtown Port Huron Chilly Fest



## New Retirements

**January:** William Blumerich, Tamara Cameron, Lisa Letarte-Popovich, Kathie Schweikart, Jean Sturtridge.

## Deaths Reported

Our sincerest  
condolences to  
the families of:



Terry DeWalt, Jacqueline Meldrum, Sheila Morrison.

## Important Dates

### Retirees' Association – General Member meetings:

Wednesday, January 4, 2023  
Council on Aging Senior Center  
600 Grand River Ave., Port  
Huron. Cost: \$5. Doors open  
at 11:30; luncheon at noon.  
January speaker pending.  
Contact [scra917@gmail.com](mailto:scra917@gmail.com)  
for questions. Next meeting:  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023;  
speaker: BCBS, Brown &  
Brown.

### Tuesday, January 17th, 2023

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



## Retirement Health Care—2023

The Retirement Healthcare policies were renewed by the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners with no recommended changes in benefits for the 2023 plan year.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield transition to Optum Rx, replacing Express Scripts for homedelivery prescriptions has been completed. Medicare Advantage participants were already transitioned to Optum Rx last year and now starting January 1, 2023 all members on the under 65 non-Medicare plan will now be utilizing Optum Rx Home Delivery. You should have received a new card in December 2022 (see below). You will use this new card starting January 1, 2023 so your prescriptions are paid for correctly. Remember to provide this new card to your physicians and pharmacies.

### Use this new ID card starting Jan. 1, 2023

This member ID card includes new information needed to use your pharmacy coverage, starting Jan. 1.

- You need to **use this new card starting Jan. 1, 2023**, for your prescription medicine to be covered correctly.
- **Don't use** this card **before** Jan. 1, 2023.
- **Destroy** your old card **after** Dec. 31, 2022.
- You can also use your digital ID card, which is always up to date in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan mobile app.



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### Here's your new member ID Card. Here's what to do next:

<p><b>KEEP THIS ONE</b> <b>New ID card</b> Use on Jan. 1, 2023</p> 	<p><b>DESTROY THIS ONE</b> <b>Current ID card</b> Destroy after Dec. 31, 2022</p> 	<p><b>ALWAYS KEEP THIS CARD</b> Government issued Medicare ID card</p> 
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To learn more about your pharmacy coverage in 2023, visit [www.bcbsm.com/rxupdates](http://www.bcbsm.com/rxupdates).

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## Blue Water New Horizons Music Needs YOU!

We are a local band for adults 55+ that is open to new members whether or not they have ever played an instrument. Players of all levels are encouraged to join us. We have band, orchestra and swing band. Some people play in more than one group. Brass, woodwinds, percussion, strings...we have it all!

Our organization has been in existence since 1998 and rehearsals are weekly at the Port Huron Music Center. We perform concerts in the community throughout the year.

Making music is good for the brain and the body! Come check us out and see how much fun we have.

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