

# COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR RETIREMENT NEWS

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BCBS of Michigan  
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1 866 684-8216

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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](http://www.medtipsterfree.com)

Office Closed:  
February 16, 2026

## Congratulations Karen Farr on Your Retirement

The St. Clair County Employees' Retirement System would like to thank Karen Farr for her many years of service to the County and to the St. Clair County Employees' Retirement Board. We wish her the best in her retirement.

## Tax Tables

The Federal and State tax deductions for retiree and beneficiary pension payments have been updated to reflect 2026 IRS tables. If you notice a slight difference in your net retirement payment, 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.

## Mailing Issue

We were informed that some of the envelopes were not sealed from the last pay that was mailed out (or from the last couple of pays). The machine has been serviced and the team is on top of it. If you do happen to receive another, please reach out to us as soon as possible. We apologize for the situation.

## Welcome Trustee Hull

St. Clair County welcomes new Trustee, Thomas Hull to the St. Clair County Retirement System Board of Trustees. Interim County Administrator, Thomas Hull was sworn in at the January 2026 regular meeting to serve on the Retirement Board.

## BCBSM Website Issues

If you log into Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan ([www.bcbstm.com](http://www.bcbstm.com)) to view your profile, check claims, etc. please "refresh" while you have the website open. This will allow everything to update and refresh to show updated information for 2026.



## Deaths Reported

Our Sincerest  
Condolences to the  
Families of:

Robert Kempf  
Jill Merchant

## Important Dates

Retirees' Association —  
General Member

**Meetings:** (automatically  
cancelled if Port Huron Schools  
are closed due to weather)

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

Council on Aging Senior  
Center 600 Grand River Ave.  
PH. Cost: \$5.00

**Doors open:** 11:30am, Lunch  
@ Noon.

**Speaker:** J. Theisen,  
Greenhouse

**Next meeting:** Wednesday,  
March 4, 2026.

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

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

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

## VALENTINE'S DAY



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Join St. Clair County Parks for the 4th annual  
**Tree Hugger Hike**

**Sat. Feb. 14 | 10 a.m. - Noon | Columbus County Park**  
**1670 Bauman Road, Columbus MI 48063**  
**Info: [klyons@stclaircounty.org](mailto:klyons@stclaircounty.org), 810-989-6317**

Do you love trees, too? Join us at Columbus County Park to celebrate trees and forests! On Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. we'll lead you and your family on a hike through this rustic, beautiful park. Learn winter tree and plant identification skills, tell tall tree tales, and then warm up by the fire with hot cocoa and cookies. All are welcome at this free and family-friendly event.

This event qualifies for two Master Gardener education hours.

Downtown Port Huron

## CHILLY FEST!

**February 6th & 7th 2026 | Start Time 12pm - 3:30pm**

The competition runs only on February 7th from 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM and includes the downtown restaurant crawl as well as participating spots inside the Wrigley Center. Any licensed restaurant can now sign up to compete!

### Live Music Lineup at The Wrigley Center

**FRIDAY: 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM | Los Gringos**

**SATURDAY: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Blue Blaze**

**7:00 PM – 10:00 PM | Atomic Bomb Band**

**10:00 PM – 1:00 AM | DJ Rich Toles**

#### VOTING & TICKETS

Vote online at [chillyfest.org](http://chillyfest.org) or scan the QR code on-site. Tickets for the chili competition (to sample all the chili) can be purchased online at McMoran or in person on the day of the event.

#### VIP AREA

Reserved tables up front near the bands for sponsors and special guests.

Trophies and prizes go to the winners of Judge's Choice (downtown restaurants only) and People's Choice (all participating restaurants).



**SENIOR EXPO** FREE EVENT  
**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**Wednesday, Feb. 11th  
9:00am- 1:00pm**



**YMCA TOURS**

**PARTICIPATION**

**FREE A1C TESTING  
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**HEALTHY SNACK**

**FREE RAFFLES  
EVERY 30 MINUTES**

**YMCA of the Blue Water Area**

1525 ThirdSt•PortHuron,MI•810.987.6400•bluewaterymca.com

**WITH OVER 35 VENDORS!**

## BATTLE OF THE BADGES

**CHARITY HOCKEY GAME**



**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ARC  
OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

**50/50 RAFFLE** **CHUCK-A-PUCK FOR PRIZES**

**TICKETS \$12 ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR**

**- ALL TICKETS GENERAL ADMISSION**

**- KIDS 3 AND UNDER FREE**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2026 | 7:00 PM**

**McMorran Place Areana-701 McMorran Blvd.  
For Tickets Visit - [www.mcmoran.com](http://www.mcmoran.com)**