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### *Points of Interest...*

- Environmental Health Educator Sheri Faust was appointed as a St. Clair County representative in SEMCOG's *Water Resources Task Force*, charged with updating the *Water Resources Plan* for Southeast Michigan. As the designated water quality management agency for Southeast Michigan, SEMCOG is updating the *1999 Water Quality Management Plan for Southeast Michigan*. The *Water Resources Task Force* is developing policies and strategies related to the region's water resources and will ultimately produce a new *Water Resources Plan* for Southeast Michigan. Topics include infrastructure (water, sewer, and roads), storm water runoff, habitat protection and restoration, invasive species, recreation and access, and the blue economy. It is SEMCOG's largest task force with membership from (both elected officials and staff), nonprofit organizations, state agencies, academia, and other technical experts.
- On October 6 the St. Clair County Health Department's (SCCHD) Teen Health Center (THC) hosted a successful Open House in celebration of 30 years of service in the community. Attendees met the THC staff, toured the building, participated in a texting and driving simulator, and viewed artwork provided by area teens. An art contest themed "*What does it mean to you to feel well?*" was promoted to area schools and prizes were awarded to the top three artists.
- The St. Clair County Health Department website has been updated with helpful resources on *Medication Disposal Sites* and *Sharps Collection Programs*. Links are available under our *Supports & Resources* section located at [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co). This information assists those who are looking to safely dispose of unused/expired pills or used sharps.
- *National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week* took place October 23-29. A media release was distributed and social media messages were posted on the SCCHD Facebook and Twitter pages in an effort to raise awareness regarding the importance of testing your home, testing your child, and learning how to prevent lead poisoning's serious health effects. Elevated blood lead levels in children are based on a test result of 5 micrograms per deciliter or higher. In Michigan, more than 3,000 children test positive for lead poisoning every year. Nearly 100 children in St. Clair County were found to have elevated blood lead levels in 2014. For more information about lead testing contact (810)987-5300.
- It's not too late to get vaccinated! Flu vaccines are available by appointment at the SCCHD Main Office. Flu shots, including High Dose Flu vaccine for adults 65 years and older, are available while supplies last. Late appointments are offered at Main Office and Teen Health Center (THC) on Mondays- call to schedule an appointment. Flu vaccine is also available by appointment for adolescents 10-21 years of age at the THC. Most insurance is accepted and consider flu vaccination a covered benefit. For those uninsured or underinsured, cost will vary based on income eligibility and family size. For more information, contact Preventive Health & Immunizations at (810) 987-5300 or THC at (810) 987-1311. Visit [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co) or [www.beattheflu.org](http://www.beattheflu.org) for additional resources.