

0.8 MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES

VOTE ON AUGUST 7, 2018

The Senior Citizens Millage will be on the ballot at the primary election on August 7, 2018. Support from all registered voters in St. Clair County is essential to pass this 0.8 Mill renewal.

This Millage was first levied in 1979 and renewed in 1982. In 1986, the 0.5 Millage was approved and renewed in 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, and 2010 to maintain the programs and supportive services which enable the elderly to remain living independently in their homes. In 2012, a 0.3 Millage increase was approved and in 2014 the millage was renewed at 0.8 of a mill. In 2018, the 0.8 Millage renewal would cost a homeowner \$60.00 a year (less than \$1.20 per week) on a home with a market value of \$150,000.00 and a state equalized value of \$75,000.00. This tax is reduced for low-income people.

Agencies have experienced cuts from federal, state, and local funding. Your Senior Citizens Millage assists the agencies listed below to meet the needs of the senior citizens of St. Clair County:

Area Agency on Aging 1-B
Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan
Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County
Lakeshore Legal Aid of St. Clair County
Public Guardian
Blue Water Safe Horizons
Visiting Nurse Association & Blue Water Hospice
Port Huron Housing Commission
Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

The Millage partially funds the following programs and services:

- Adult Day Service
- Computer Classes
- Congregate & Home Delivered Meals
- Domestic Violence/Homeless Shelter
- Education
- Fitness & Health Screenings
- Foster Grandparents
- Guardianship Issues
- Homestead Tax Clinics
- Information & Referral/Resource Advocacy
- In-Home Services: Counseling
 - Chore/Home Repair
 - Homemaker
 - Personal Care
 - Skilled Nursing Care
- Legal Assistance
- Planning, Support, & Advocacy Services
- Transportation

VOTERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY MONDAY, JULY 9th

Absentee Ballot Applications are available at the Council on Aging Senior Centers, as well as the city clerk and township clerk offices. Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 4, 2018.