

February 2026

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Newsletter



You Are Cordially Invited to Attend a Night Of

Dueling Pianos

A Benefit Fundraiser for Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

Friday, March 13, 2026

6 o'clock in the Evening

Alexander's Premier Banquet Facility

1200 Gratiot Boulevard

Marysville, MI 48040



Sanborn Gratiot
MEMORIAL HOME
1944 ~ 2024

Tickets Are On Sale Now!

\$100 each or \$180 for two

Don't delay! Seating is limited.

**Heavy appetizers, cash bar, silent auction,
raffles, and so much FUN!**

Event runs 6pm to 9:30pm

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code or enter this link into your web browser: <https://sanborngratiot.org/order-tickets/>

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Baker at (810) 388-1200 or via email at baker@bwdh.org.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, its capital campaign fund and/or it's endowment fund.



Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

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The City of Port Huron is launching a residential tree planting program with the goal of planting 200 trees beginning in fall of 2025 and extending into summer of 2026. Applicants requesting trees from their private property must be residents of the city of Port Huron and must be the property owner. Applicants may select a tree from the available list and suggest a preferred planting location on the property.

Forestry Department staff will review the requester tree and location to ensure the tree's survivability. Once planted, the property owner assumes full responsibility for the ongoing health and care of the tree.

The application is available through an online portal at www.porthuron.org/treeprogram or in-person at the Forestry Department at 3663 10th Avenue. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. Submission of an application does not guarantee a specific location or the installation of a tree, as all placements are subject to program guidelines and planting requirements.

Our new Ivory Lilac tree was planted at
Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home.
Compliments of the City of Port Huron.



**Tuesday, November 11th, we hosted a
Veteran's Recognition luncheon.**

**SGMH gives a BIG THANK YOU to these
brave veteran who proudly served to
keep the USA free and bring PEACE to
other areas of our world.**





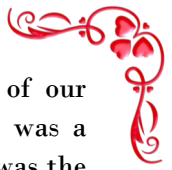
On December 18th, our residents had fun spending the afternoon decorating Christmas cookies. Being creative, having fun and sampling the finished product. Just one of the festive activities our residents take part in during this time of the season.



The Port Huron Northern High School Choir, under the direction of Tyler Dhondt, performed some holiday favorites for the residents and employees. This took place on December 16, 2025.



On the very cold afternoon on February 4th, several of our residents participated in Valentine card making fun. It was a creative and enjoyable way to spend time together. This was the first enrichment activity that was over seen by Barb Watson. Even some of the “fellas” got into the spirit!



Santa Arrives



On December 18th, Santa took a break from his very busy schedule to visit our residents and staff at Sanborn. He brought with him Christmas Magic to brighten the holiday season for all. We always look forward to his yearly visit.



Notes from Sanborn Auxiliary

An exciting addition to the Auxiliary's support and new enrichment activities specialist, Barb Watson. Barb "is coming home" as she served as manager of Sanborn for several years before moving to another senior residence. Barb recently retired and looking forward to keeping close contact with seniors right here at Sanborn. Barb will plan and carry out special activities on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Additional events sponsored by the Auxiliary include Music Therapy with Mindy Sharrin, twice monthly, as well as monthly music entertainment with fun and talented local musicians. When you are at Sanborn remember to check the calendar to see what is happening!

The Auxiliary also donates \$200 monthly to supplement the budget for meat.

Mark your calendar now for the Auxiliary's Spring Tea on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 2–4pm at Sanborn Home. Details will be available this April.



**Legacy Donor
Joan Andresen**

Joan, who passed away recently at the age of 102, always valued community and giving back. Joan left a very generous legacy gift to Sanborn Gratiot as well as other deserving community organizations.

Joan was born on April 1, 1923, in Pontiac Michigan. Joan's life was a tapestry of dedication, kindness, and quiet strength that touched the hearts of all that knew her.

Joan attended business school in Ann Arbor. She was an administrative assistant to a Colonel in the US Army. She met her husband, Ralph, while he was in the service and they married June 15, 1946. He preceded her in death in 1998.

Joan served the Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home for many years on the board of directors and later the Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home auxiliary.

Her legacy will live on in the contributions she made to Sanborn and other community organizations.

Help Us Unlock the Match: A New Roof for Sanborn Gratiot

We have an incredible opportunity to protect our historic Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, but we need your help to reach the finish line! We have an opportunity to receive a Matching Grant for our roof replacement project. This means the funds are guaranteed but only if we raise our community share first.

Every dollar you give goes directly toward meeting our required match. Once we hit our goal, the grant kicks in to complete the funding, effectively doubling the impact of your generosity.

Building It Together

To give you an idea of how your contribution translates into real materials:

- \$100 Donation: Purchases 2 bundles of shingles and 1 box of nails.
- Any Amount Helps: Whether it's \$10 or \$1,000, your gift is the key to unlocking the grant and ensuring a dry, secure future for our residents.

How to Donate

We gratefully accept donations via Cash or Check.

Please make checks payable to:

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home c/o Blue Water Developmental Housing 1362 River Rd, Bldg. 1 St. Clair, MI 48079

Save the Date: Fall 2026 Celebration!

We want to say thank you in person! To show our deep appreciation to everyone who helped us "Raise the Roof," we will be hosting a Thank You Party in the Fall of 2026.

Come see the results of your kindness and celebrate a job well done with the Sanborn family. Stay tuned for more details as the project progresses and let's get this roof finished together!

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Baker by email or phone: baker@bwdh.org | 810-388-1200



About Us

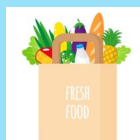
Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home provides residential assisted living for the elderly with a mission to serve lower income seniors who are semi-independent and seeking a secure and affordable residence. We are located near beautiful Lake Huron in Port Huron, Michigan in St. Clair County. Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, is the only "licensed home for the aged" in St. Clair County and the only senior residence with a mission to serve lower income individuals.

Our expanded circa 1890 Victorian-style house is comfortably designed for ambulatory individuals and we are licensed to provide care for up to 32 residents age 55 and older. Paraprofessional staff provide 24 hour compassionate care for residents including personal services, laundry, bathing and medication administration. Please see our Activities & Services page for more information.

Mission

It is the mission of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home to provide an affordable, comfortable, safe, assisted living home to the aging community while striving to maintain a high quality of life for our residents through social activities and family involvement.

Do you know about Kroger Community Rewards? If you shop at Kroger, you can link your shopper's reward card to earn money for our organization at no cost to you and this will not affect your gas points! This program is designed so that Kroger donates back a percentage of your shopping total to the organization you designate and link to your shopper's reward card. Just go to Kroger.com and scroll to the bottom of the page where it says Community. Click on Community Rewards and follow the instructions to sign up.



Be sure to follow us on social media!
Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn!



Do you do a lot of shopping online? Want to know how you can help Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home while you shop online? Go to iGive.com and sign up for an account. It is a free service where shopping at any of over 2000 stores like Walmart, Travelocity, Chewy, Overstock and more will mean a percent of your purchase will get donated back to Sanborn at no additional cost to you! Sign up for your free account today and start earning for Sanborn!



Contact Us

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Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home has been an affiliated organization with United Way of St. Clair County for many years, enabling you to direct your gift to Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home. Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home would like to encourage you to give generously to the United Way of St. Clair County to support its efforts to provide assistance to many deserving community agencies. Take some time to check out the United Way of St. Clair County's website to view current activities, fundraisers, newsletter and information about their current campaign.

Donations to the United Way of St. Clair County can also be made on their website or feel free to call 810-985-8169 to see how you can be an "everyday hero."

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is always accepting donations for our residents. Some of the items that we currently need are:

Kleenex, Body Wash, Shampoo, Combs and Brushes, Adult Wipes, Standard Size Pillow Cases, Lap Blankets, Twin Comforters, Craft Supplies and Prizes for Bingo.

If you or someone you know would like to donate these wish list items, please feel free to contact Betty Guigar at 810-985-5631 or email her at Sanborn@bwdh.org.



Endowment Fund

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is proud to partner with the Community Foundation of St Clair County.

The organization has established an endowment fund with the Community Foundation. This fund supports Sanborn Home by helping cover the costs of resident activities, furniture, supplies, and other operating costs that enhance the lives of seniors living in the home.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sanborn Endowment Fund or making a donation please go to:

www.stclairfoundation.org/fund/the-sanborn-gratiot-memorial-home-endowment