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The October PURA News edition is an abbreviated version this month containing only updates and events.

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Tune in again next month for the return of our Features section.

Flu Shots

We have set the dates for flu shots this September and October. They will be held at the Daniel Turfgrass Center located on Cherry Lane. Note - we will not have a designated drive-through day this year for PURA.

However, there will be four days of drive-throughs for all Purdue employees. Retirees can use any of these days, if you prefer the drive-through method (September 27: 7-9 a.m. ET; September 28: 4-6 p.m. ET; October 4: 7-9 a.m. ET and October 5: 4-6 p.m. ET). These drive-through events will be held in the parking lot at the Purdue Center for Healthy Living located at the Purdue West Shopping Center Building B: 1400 West State Street West Lafayette, IN 47906.

Following are the PURA dates for the walk-in flu shots:

September 29: 8:30 a.m. ET - 3:30 p.m. ET

October 6: 8:30 a.m. ET - 3:30 p.m. ET

October 13: 8:30 a.m. ET - 3:30 p.m. ET

Flu shots will be administered by the Purdue Center for Healthy Living. Wellness screenings will also be available on these three days.

Tour of Purdue Athletic Facilities – October 16, 2023

Purdue is proud to have some of the best athletic facilities in the country. On October 16th at 10:00 a.m. ET to 11:30 a.m. ET. Al Capitos, Associate Athletics Director for Facilities and Event Management will host 20 lucky Purdue retirees to tour sites including Mackey arena, Ross Ade Stadium, Holloway Gymnasium, Lambert Indoor Track and other facilities. Al will provide a brief overview of the tour and the history of athletic facilities as well as current and future projects. Please contact James Lehman of the Campus and Community Activities Committee at lehman@purdue.edu to sign up. The first 20 individuals who sign-up will be confirmed for the tour by Jim. Tour participants are asked to meet at the main ticket office in Mackey at 10:00 a.m. ET on the 16th. The entrance is along Northwestern Avenue. Wear comfortable walking shoes. We hope you will join the fun!!

New Program/Meeting Time

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming PURA Program/Business Meeting time change. Starting with the November meeting and running through the March meeting, your regular Monday meetings will run from 10:00 a.m. ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET. At that time we will make the decision if this time change will be permanent or if we will revert back to lunch time. Refreshments will be provided free of charge at these first 5 meetings. Mark your calendar today!!

Purdue University Retirees Association Health Insurance Plans Renewed for 2024

The Benefits Committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) has renewed the PURcare and Medicare Advantage PPO group health insurance plans with UnitedHealthcare (UHC) for 2024. As in the past, the objective was to maintain the best medical and drug insurance plans, at the lowest premium possible, while preserving your ability to see the Medicare provider of your choice. Your committee is announcing the following monthly premiums for 2024:

PURcare (UHC Senior Supplement plus Part D prescription plan) \$298.39/member
UHC Group Medicare Advantage PPO (including Part D prescription plan) \$172.91/member

The 2024 monthly PURcare premium has increased \$7.42 /month. The Committee is disappointed by the 2.5% increase, but considering current economic conditions, we believe that we have met the objective of obtaining the lowest premium possible while maintaining an outstanding medical and drug insurance plan.

Historically, the PURcare premium (per member per month) has been:

Plan Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Monthly Premium	\$265.39	\$281.80	\$281.43	\$280.77	\$290.97

For PURcare members with prescription coverage from the Veteran’s Administration, the 2024 supplement-only monthly premium will be \$192.85/member, an increase of \$7.42.

The 2024 monthly premium for the Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan does not increase and will remain \$172.91/member. There will be no change to Hospital and Medical co-pays or the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum for the Medicare Advantage PPO Plan.

There will be no change in the PURcare benefits for 2024. There is one significant change in the benefits provided by Medicare Advantage PPO Plan. Effective January 1, 2024, Medicare Advantage PPO Plan members will be eligible to receive the Lifeline Personal Emergency Response System (PERS), without medical requirement at no additional cost to them. PERS provides fast and simple access to assistance 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Additional information will be forthcoming from United Healthcare. Unfortunately, this benefit will not be available to those participating in the PURcare plan.

The PURA Benefits Committee’s goal for the future is to continue to provide access to outstanding group health insurance plans while maintaining stability in monthly premiums. PURA members continue to receive outstanding support from Purdue Human Resources and for that we are most thankful. PURA’s plans support a portion of the costs of these staff.

If you are currently enrolled in either of the plans, PURcare or Group Medicare Advantage PPO, and you do not want to make a change, no action is required. Your coverage will automatically continue for 2024. Re-enrollment is not required!

If you elect to terminate your PURA group coverage for a non-PURA plan, you will not be permitted to rejoin later.

Please contact Kate LaMar with questions about plan details or enrollment at klamar@purdue.edu or (765) 494-1694.

Tom's Topics

Remember that our meeting on October 2nd will be a lunch meeting at the VFW. Lunch will be available at 11:45 am ET and the program will begin at 12:30 pm ET. Bring a new Purdue retiree as a guest! Our November 6th monthly meeting will have a new time frame: We will gather at 10:00 am ET for light refreshments with the program beginning at 10:30 am ET, and the meeting will adjourn around 11:30 am ET. We will continue to meet at the VFW in Lafayette.
A reminder to get your flu shot! See dates below.

Enjoy the fall colors! And Boiler Up! Tom Robertson, PURA President, 2023-2024

October 2, 2023 PURA Meeting

- Location: IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also VIA ZOOM broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
- Time: Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. ET; program begins at 12:30 p.m. ET.
- Speaker: Stewart Kline, County Engineer
- Topic: Update on Tippecanoe County Infrastructure (Roads & Parks)

Program: Growing and Changing – Update on Tippecanoe County's Parks, Roads, and Infrastructure

Many, many times as we drive on our highways, roads, and byways, we often exclaim "Who is in charge of keeping these things in shape?" Same can be said of parks, ditches and drains. Join us to learn more about our thoughts for Tippecanoe County.

Stewart Kline was a Bridge and Road Design Consultant for 34 years before becoming Tippecanoe County Engineer in 2017. During his professional career, he has served on many Boards and Committees, among which are The Advisory Board for Design Technology at IVY Tech Community College (11 years as chair); Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors (Past President); and is currently Second Vice President of Indiana Local Technical Association Program (LTAP). He has received many National, State, and Local awards, among which is association of Indiana Counties – Engineer of the Year – 2022. Stu received his Bachelor's Degree from Purdue University.

Zoom Connection Information for PURA Meetings

The Zoom connection information for PURA monthly meetings is shown below. The link, Meeting ID, and password will be the SAME for all future normal monthly meetings.

Members who wish to join via phone call audio only will need the separate Passcode shown below. (The password/passcode for that method is different from the normal "computer connection" to Zoom.)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97285398989?pwd=MIB4U0FudEplMFROWm1GTkZzNmYrZz09>

Meeting ID: 972 8539 8989

Passcode: BoilerUp

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Passcode: 41051096

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/acvQQKVcnE>

Campus/Community Calendar Highlights

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Purdue's one-stop-shopping events calendar, which features campus, student, and community events can be found at: <https://events.purdue.edu/calendar>

Purdue Academic/Holiday Schedule

4 September—Labor Day holiday. No classes, offices closed.

9-10 October—October Break. No classes.

22-25 November—Thanksgiving vacation. No classes Nov. 22; offices closed Nov. 23-24

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- Time: NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET.
- Speaker: Scott Ksander
- Topic: Tech Toys & Other Computer Topics

4 December, 2023 PURA monthly meeting.

- Location: IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also VIA ZOOM broadcast from our studio at the VFW. • Time: NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET • Speaker: TBD • Topic: Our Current Civil War (The Many Divides Across Society)

PURA's virtual meetings are presented via Zoom. Zoom connection information and other important updates are provided via email, the PURA News newsletter, and our website: www.purdue.edu/retirees

About PURA News

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