



April 2024 Retiree Newsletter

Employees' Retirement System Of The City of Milwaukee

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Reminder

ERS does not take the following changes over the phone: **address, banking information, beneficiary changes or tax withholding elections.** This policy is to protect our retirees from fraud and/or identity theft.

If you need to make any changes, you can visit www.cmers.com, click on the green “Forms” button, and then click on the form you want to print. Once you have completed the form, send it to the ERS address listed at the top of the form. If you do not have online access, please call our office and ask to have the form you need sent to you.

The post office will not forward your pension check or direct deposit notification to a new address, even if you have completed a change of address form with the post office. You must notify ERS of any permanent or temporary address changes. If ERS does not have your correct address, the post office will return your check or direct deposit notification to our office. In addition, if you are having your mail temporarily held at the post office, your check or direct deposit notification will be returned to our office.

Tax Withholding

If you have completed your tax filing for 2023 and discovered that you owe too much or are getting a refund that is bigger than it needs to be, you may want to adjust the amount withheld from your pension payment. Withholding forms can be obtained by calling our office or by visiting the ERS website www.cmers.com. On the website, click on the “Forms” button, and then click on the form you want to print. Go to the second page, print the withholding form, complete it, and send to the address listed on the top of the first page. If you are unsure how much you should have withheld, please consult a tax professional. The ERS staff are not allowed to give tax advice.

2023 Tax Filing

If you need a replacement 1099-R tax statement for 2023 (or any earlier year), please contact the ERS office. Replacement forms for 2023 were issued, free of charge, through **April 15, 2024**. After that date all requests for replacement forms for 2023 and previous years are filled only upon receipt of a \$15.00 processing fee per form. You will need to submit a check payable to the **Employees' Retirement System** and a note with your name, mailing address, social security number or payee ID number, and the year(s) for which you will need a replacement.

Investment Update

As of February 29, 2024, the Fund value was \$5.89 billion, and the year-to-date return was 0.9%, gross of fees.

May 2024 Pension Payments

- Payments will be **mailed May 30th** and **payable May 31st**.
- Direct deposits will be posted to your account on **May 31st**.
- Processing affidavits for lost April checks will start **May 10th**.

Other Dates of Note

- Cinco de Mayo – May 5th
 - Mother's Day – May 12th
 - Armed Forces Day – May 18th
 - Memorial Day – May 27th
- **ERS OFFICE CLOSED**

Recently Retired ERS Members

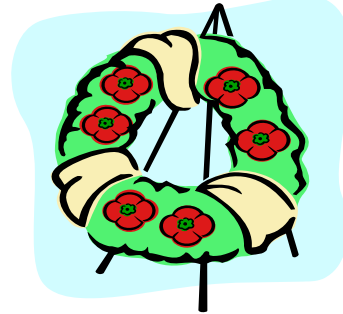


Jenny Acevedo - MPS
Lisa Behnke - ERS*
John Brillowski - MPS*
Maria Carriere - DPW - Water*
Reynaldo Cortez - DPW - Operations
James Dondlinger - MPS*
Michael Drover - MFD
Anthony Farley - DPW - Operations
David Flores - Housing Authority
Christopher Gull - MPD*
Gabriel Ikpeme - DPW - Infrastructure
Jean Johnson - Urban Forestry*
Antonio Matos - MPD*
Aretha McKinley Hutchins - MPS
Joseph Mestnick - DPW - Infrastructure
David Moore - MPS
Jeffrey Pucel - MPS
Teresa Schroepfer - Health*
Michael Terrell - MPD
Felecia Thomas Mack - MPS
Raymond Watson - MPS
Bryan White - Wisconsin Center*
Marilyn Wingo - DPW - Operations
Karen Witczak - DPW - Infrastructure
Vincent Woller - MPD
Wesam Yaghnem - MPD
James Yannaras - DPW - Infrastructure

***Deferred**

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:



Mildred Artz -MPS
John Berry -DPW - Operations
Lynda Bland -MPS
Gregory Blockton -MPS
Maylene Cox -MPS
Leslie Fairbairn -MPS
Sandra Hudy -MPS
Gregory Jagmin -DPW - Building & Fleet
Lee Jecklin-Saunders -MPS
Graddie Jude -MPS
Richard Kubacki -MFD
William Marx -Water Department
Kenneth Metzger -Health
Harry Raabe -DPW - Infrastructure
Demetrios Sarandos -Traffic Engineering & Electrical
Patrick Saxton -United Water Services
Helen Schwantz -MPS
Eugene Stephens -Water Department
Leonard Streich -DPW - Operations
George Suvaka -MPD
John Westphal -DPW - Water
Mary Ann Wilkinson -MPS
Abner Wimes-DPW - Sanitation
Barbara Wojtal -MPS
Donald Wolff -MFD
Clement Wortz -MPD
Clarice Zaleski -MPS
Ronald Zellmer -DPW - Sanitation

