



Employees' Retirement System

Employes' Retirement System of the City of Milwaukee

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Recently Retired ERS Members:



Gregory Bates- MPS
Terrence Bender- MPD
Thomas Boaz- MPD
Rodney Bonds- MPS*
Shirley Booker- MPS
Christopher Bruns- MPD
Cynthia Burns- MPS*
Jeffrey Carter- MPS
Leo Carter- MPD
La Rance Cunningham- MPS*
Thomas Dammer- MFD
Vickie Gagliano- MPD
Richard Gerasch- DPW-Water*
Tracy Goudreau- Wisconsin Center
Donna Grudnowski- DPW-Operations*
Kenneth Helinski- DPW-Water
Lori Hutchison- MPS*
Ellen Jasinski- DPW-Parking
Bruce Johnson- Neighborhood Services
Edward Joncas- MPD
Cora Lee-Palmer- MMSD
Deneen McClinton- MPD
Patricia Mrozek- MPD
Brian Ott- Neighborhood Services*
Glenn Podlewski- DPW-Operations
Danny Radovich- Veolia Water
Sandra Rusch Walton- DPW-
Administration
Brian Smith- MFD
Paul Stawicki- MPS
Richard Stein- MPD
Lynda Stott- MPD
Scott Thorne- MPD
Raymond Torres- MPD
Cynthia Unold- MPS
Barbara Wilhelm- DPW-Operations

*Deferred retirement

Health Insurance Reminders

- **NON-MEDICARE MEMBERS:** (includes retirees, spouse, and/or dependents): If you have elected or are continuing City of Milwaukee health benefits coverage for 2019, you will not receive a new United Healthcare (UHC)/OptumRx card. Contact information for UHC/OptumRx is on the back of your card. Other benefit phone numbers, including UHC/OptumRx are also located on page 20 of the 2019 Retiree Benefits Guide. The ERS does not send out health/prescription drug cards. If you are new to UHC/OptumRx for 2019 and do not receive a new UHC/OptumRx card by December 31st, please contact UHC directly at **1-800-841-4901**.
- **MEDICARE MEMBERS:** If you are continuing City of Milwaukee health benefits coverage and prescription drug coverage through UHC and UHC MedicareRx Part D for 2019, you will not receive a new UHC or UHC MedicareRx Part D cards for 2019. If you are new to UHC and UHC MedicareRx Part D for 2019 you will receive two new cards from UHC. The ERS does not send out health or prescription drug cards to Medicare members. If you do not receive the two cards by December 31, 2018 please contact UHC at **1-800-841-4901** or UHC MedicareRx Part D at **1-866-465-0572**.
- **MPS, MATC, MMSD, UNITED WATER SERVICES, AND VEOLIA RETIREES:** The ERS office **does not handle your health insurance**. Please do not call ERS with health insurance questions if you retired from one of the above listed agencies. If you have questions or concerns, you should call the agency directly.
- **POLICE AND FIRE RETIREES METLIFE VISION/DENTAL COVERAGE VIA SOURCE ONE (aka the "Retired Public Safety Officers Insurance Premium Deduction Program.):** The ERS office **does not administer this benefit**. If you have questions or concerns regarding this benefit, please call Source One at **414-220-9900**.

Third Quarter Investment Update

The City of Milwaukee Pension Fund had a return of 2.7%, net of fees, in the third quarter of 2018. This outperformed the Fund's blended benchmark by 0.3%. Third quarter GDP growth in the U.S. came in at 3.5%, marking the sixth consecutive quarter of growth greater than 2.0%. Once again, this supported public equity markets, and the return for the Fund's public equity allocation was 3.8%, net of fees. The prospect of future interest rate increases continued to weigh on fixed income markets, but the Fund's managers were able to generate some nice outperformance, with a return of 0.7%, net of fees, that outperformed the benchmark by 0.6%. The Fund's absolute return asset class performed well, with a return of 2.0%, net of fees, as did Private Equity, with a return of 5.0%, net of fees. The Fund's real estate portfolio was up 2.8%, net of fees, in second quarter of 2018, which is the most recent quarterly data available. The market value of the Fund on September 30, 2018 totaled approximately \$5.42 billion, and the year-to-date return was 4.5%, net of fees.

**The Employees' Retirement System will be
CLOSED:**

- Monday, Dec. 24th
- Tuesday, Dec. 25th
- Monday, Dec. 31st
- Tuesday, Jan. 1st



Seasonal Flu Shots

The flu is a contagious illness caused by influenza viruses that affects millions of people each year and can lead to serious illness. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that the best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year.

Q: Where can I get my flu shot and is it covered?

A: YES, FLU SHOTS ARE COVERED AT 100% (IF YOU HAVE CITY PLAN COVERAGE WITH UHC) with no co-pay, co-insurance or deductible (as part of preventive services under the Affordable Care Act). There are several ways retirees covered under UHC Choice and UHC Choice PLUS plans can obtain this year's flu vaccine. UHC Choice/UHC Choice PLUS members should visit their doctors or other in-network providers. **Please note** that if members are seeing a provider for a non-preventive visit, they will be charged for the visit, but not the flu shot. A member may also visit a network Convenience Care Clinic, select retail pharmacy like Walgreens, CVS, Target, etc. or contracted flu shot providers. If you need additional information, please contact UHC's customer service department at 1-800-741-8786.

Your December, 2018 benefit payment will be mailed on December 27th, made payable for December 28th. Direct deposit payment will be in your account on Dec. 28th. Replacement for lost November checks will begin on Dec. 10th.

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:

Edmund Braun-MPD
Thomas Dudenhoefer-Library
Timothy Duehring-Library
Richard Eddings-MPS
Gary Garofani-DPW-Water
Peggy Gramling-MPS
Donald Hansen-Tax Commissioner
Lawrence Hanus-MPD
Ronald Heaney-MPD
Joyce Johnson-MPS
Richard Kanter-MPD
Wilbon Lancaster-MPD
LeRoy Mack-MFD
Joseph McGinn-City Attorney
Robert Melk-MPS
James Nichols-DPW-Infrastructure
James Ortiz-DPW-Water
Reginald Paradowski-MPD
Andrew Paretti-MMSD
Michael Perkins-DPW-Sanitation
Lillian Pounds-Wisconsin Center
James Powers-Neighborhood Services
Karin Schreiber-MPD
Patricia Seeger-Library
James Timmerman-MPD
Alfred Walcheske-DPW-Water
John Warner-DPW-Sanitation
Dora Wattleton-MPS
Janice Wedgeworth-MPS
Velma Willis-MPS
Darlene Winbush-MPS
Mary Woods-MPS

The following is a message from the Milwaukee Retired Police Association...

Attention Milwaukee Police Department Retirees-Officers & Civilian Personnel

I'm Wray Young, President of the Milwaukee Retired Police Association (MRPA) and I'd like to invite **all officers & civilian employees who have retired from the MPD** to become a member of our organization. Formed in 1975, the MRPA's ranks have grown to more than 1,100 members from coast to coast. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post on S. 92nd & Beloit where we offer a variety of musical entertainment & guest speakers addressing pension & health insurance issues. But if all you want to do is visit, we guarantee you'll have an enjoyable afternoon, capped off with free beer, soda and a wonderful free hot lunch!

The MRPA hosts casino trips, an April Alioto's Fish Fry, the July Police Picnic, an August Golf Outing at Western Lakes CC, and a wonderful December Christmas party. Can't make the meetings- don't worry, everyone receives 9 newsletters a year with news from and about your MPD friends as well as job opportunities and other newsworthy articles on health & pension issues. Check out our website www.mrpa.us where you will find a wealth of MRPA information, including photos from all our events & a "Final Roll Call" page,

For just \$5.00 a year, and with everything the MRPA offers, it certainly is a terrific bargain! Fill out the application below today and your membership will be good until the end of 2019. Remember: you must have been a police officer or civilian employee who retired from the Milwaukee Police Dept. to be eligible to join the MRPA, or still working & have at least 25 years of service.

Do NOT send to the ERS

2019 MRPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RENEWABLE EVERY JANUARY 1ST

Please check: NEW RENEWAL DUES \$5.00 \$ DONATION

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ (Please print clearly!)

ADDRESS _____ APT # _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ DATE OF RETIREMENT _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ WEDDING ANNIV (MO/DAY/YEAR) _____

I CERTIFY THAT I RETIRED FROM THE MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN (YEAR) _____

DO YOU SPEND THE WINTER OUT OF STATE? List that address & the months you will be there & we'll send the newsletter to you: