



April 2019 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 2018 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 green "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.

2018 Tax Filing

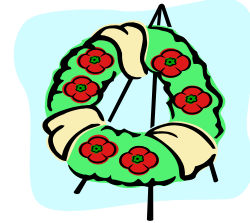
If you need a replacement 1099-R tax statement for 2018 (or any earlier year), please contact the ERS office. Since it is after April 16, 2019, there is a \$15.00 processing fee for each reissued 1099-R tax statement. You will need to submit a check payable to the Employees' Retirement System and a note with your name, mailing address, social security number or payee ID number, and the year(s) for which you will need a replacement.

Information for Retirees with Medicare

CMS, the authority that manages Medicare, recently completed the issuing of new Medicare cards. The new card replaces previous Medicare cards and includes a new identity number called the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI), instead of Social Security numbers. Anyone with Medicare who has not received a new card should call 1-800-MEDICARE for assistance, or you can log into your MyMedicare.gov account to get your new Medicare number and/or print an official card.

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:



William Anderson- MPS
Edward Balge- Engineering
Stanley Blawas- Port of Milwaukee
Sidney Braun- MPS
Richard Bryce- MPD
Grace Bzdawka- MPS
James Ehmke- DPW-Operations
Jay Eisbrenner- MMSD
Lillie Garry- DPW-Infrastructure
Enrique Godoy- DPW-Infrastructure
Judy Gonzalez- MPS
Catherine Hughes- MPS
Karen Jacobs- Neighborhood Services
Elmer Janka- MPD
Murry Jones- MPS
Kenneth Kalmbacher- MMSD
Maurice Klasner- DPW-Water
Timothy Kowalske- MPD
Dorothy Kussrow- Health
Richard La Vanda- MPD
Ralph Lehn- MFD
Gerald Lewandowski- DPW-Operations
Xuehao Lin- Health
Elease Mallory- MPS
Norbert Markowski- DPW-Infrastructure
Jane Neist- MPS
James Nekich- MPS
Wilbert Olson- MMSD
Kenneth Quast- DPW-Infrastructure
Florida Recardo- MPS
Gertrude Stanley- MPS
John Stawicki- Building Inspection
Kathleen Thornton- MPS
Dorisanne Ward- MPS
Robert Wilcox- MPD

Recently Retired ERS Members



Glenn Alioto- DPW- Infrastructure
Joseph Blandino- DPW- Infrastructure
Paul Blank-Bahr- MPD
Jeffrey Brauch- MPS
Victor Centeno- MPD
Wendi Coon- MFD
Gail Cordoves- Housing Authority
Scott Davis- MPD
Steven Duckhorn- MPD
Roberto Flores- DPW- Operations
Richard Gaeta- Health*
Larry Gray- MPS
James Griswold- MPS*
Dale Haagen- MPD*
Stephanie Hampton- MFD
David Hughes- DPW-Operations
Jay Jackson- MPD
Paul Janicki- MPS
Daniel Johnson- MPD
Randy Klopatek- DPW-Operations*
Caroline Knitter- MPD
Kathleen Laub- MPS*
Runnie Lee- MPS
David Lemanczyk- MPD
Robert Lewis- MFD
Shelley Metzler- MPD
Kurt Meyle- MPD
Jennifer Morgan- MPD
Conway Nimmer- MPD
John Odom- MPD
James Olson- MPD
Brian Pinter- MPD
Richard Pluta- MPS
Steven Riegg- MFD
Paul Robertson- MPD
Brian Rolbiecki- MPS
Timothy Rowe- MPS
John Scheerer- MPD
Curtis Schell- MPS
Carol Sorenson- MPD
Phillip Sosnowski- MPD*
Peggy Toth- MPS*
William Venne- DPW- Water
Mark Wynn- DPW- Infrastructure
Richard Yerkes- MPD
Wayne Young- MPD

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A message from the Milwaukee Police Department... POLICE SERVICES POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Police Service **Specialist Investigator** positions are civilian positions for law enforcement personnel that have **retired or resigned from the Department or another law enforcement agency in good standing.**

The Police Service **Specialist** positions are civilian positions for law enforcement personnel that have **retired from the Milwaukee Police Department.**

- Applications will be accepted May 1 – May 31, 2019 and are good for one year. Applicants must reapply every subsequent year. Applications will be accepted again in November 2019.
- Members who already submitted a Police Services and/or Police Services Specialist Investigator application must reapply during this period.
- For further information regarding the enrollment period, please contact the MPD Human Resources Division at 935-7191.

Work for the Wisconsin Center District

The Wisconsin Center District, owners and operators of the Wisconsin Center, Miller High Life Theatre, and UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena, is hiring! In addition to the full-time staff, the WCD employs hundreds of part-time staff in the Guest Services department. These roles have flexible work hours and great benefits plus the opportunity to work with a staff dedicated to providing clients and guests with superb, captivating, and buzzworthy experiences. The WCD's employee mantra is to Be Bold, Be Proud, and Be Experience Obsessed. If you are the kind of person who wants to be involved in premier downtown events – including the Democratic National Convention – plus premier concerts, and dynamic sports events PLUS you have a great attitude and a desire to provide world-class customer service, let us know you are out there! Applications are always accepted for these flexible, fun roles within the WCD. Simply visit www.WCD.org, hover over 'About Us', and click 'Employment' to learn how to apply.

Join the 2020 Census Team

The Census benefits our community in how funding is allocated. Retirees are welcome to apply for temporary full and part time jobs. When you work as part of the Census team, you get to be a part of history, while working in your own community. Pay is \$18-\$22/hour with flexible hours. Management jobs are available at the downtown Milwaukee office. Apply at 2020census.gov/jobs.

May 2019 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**.
- Deadline for address and account changes is noon on **May 22nd**.

Other Dates of Note in May

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



Thanks to all who have served our country.