



Employees' Retirement System

November 2019

City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Recently Retired ERS Members:



Tayo Adenekan- MPD
Thomas Back- MPS
Scott Beaudry- MPS
Deborah Behling- MPS*
Karen Cutts- Comptroller
Antonio Deleon- DPW - Operations*
Rebeca Delgado- Housing Authority
Gayle Ecklund- Library
Lorenzo Escobar- MPS*
Geri Lin Gahagan- MPD
Dean Garski- MFD
Joseph Gorecki- DPW - Water
Susan Greis- MPS*
Travis Guy- MPD
Russell Huck- MPD
Cathy Johnson- DPW - Administration
Christopher Kraft- MPD
Robert Kuster- MFD
Levernon Lawson- MPD
Jose Lazo- MPD
Peggy Luckow- Health
Brian Maletzke- DPW - Operations
Thor Mikula- DPW - Operations
Robert Morales- DPW - Infrastructure
Sherry Pearson- MPS
Trinidad Rodriguez- MPD
Michael Saskowski- MFD
Edward Schott- MFD
Nancy Schroeder- Mayor*
Benjamin Smith- MPD
Rose Tucker- MPS
Patrick Warren- MPD*
Deborah Wilichowski- MPD
Diane Winter- MPS

*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 2020, 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 2020 Retiree Benefits Guide. The ERS does not send out health/prescription drug cards. If you are new to UHC/OptumRx for 2020 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 2020, you will not receive a new UHC or UHC MedicareRx Part D cards for 2020. If you are new to UHC and UHC MedicareRx Part D for 2020 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, 2019 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 1.2%, net of fees, in the third quarter of 2019. This outperformed the Fund's blended benchmark by 0.2%. Public equity markets were slightly negative, weighed down by concerns over global economic growth,

primarily due to trade tensions. The third-quarter return for the Fund's public equity allocation was -0.1%, net of fees. Growth concerns led the U.S. Federal Reserve to cut interest rates by a quarter point in both July and September. The falling interest rates supported fixed income markets, and the Fund's fixed income allocation was up 2.4%, net of fees. The Fund's alternatives continued to perform well, with Private Equity up 6.4% and Absolute Return up 1.1%, respectively, net of fees. Real estate was up 1.6%, net of fees, in the second quarter of 2019, which is the most recent quarterly data available. The market value of the Fund on September 30, 2019, totaled approximately \$5.34 billion, and the year-to-date return was 12.4%, net of fees.

The ERS will be closed on:

- Tuesday, December 24th
- Wednesday, December 25th
- Tuesday, December 31st
- Wednesday, January 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: IF YOU HAVE CITY PLAN COVERAGE WITH UHC, FLU SHOTS ARE COVERED AT 100% 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 2019 benefit payment will be mailed on December 27th, made payable for December 30th.
- Direct deposit payment will be in your account on December 30th.
- Replacement for lost November checks will begin on December 10th.

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:

- Thomas Barczewski- MPS
- Jerome Barnes- DPW- Infrastructure
- Leo Bogumill- Information Systems
- Denis Busalacchi- Housing Authority
- Rita Camps- Port of Milwaukee
- Ralph Dane- Traffic Services
- Marion Doerr- DPW- Water
- Gary Drajkowski- MFD
- Mavis Drew- MPS
- John Edwards- MPD
- John Egide- DPW- Water
- George Ellenberger- MPD
- James Hayden- DPW- Water
- Richard Hennen- DOA- Information Services
- Elizabeth Hucke- MPS
- Karl Huebler- Bureau of Engineers
- Sylvia Johnson- MPD
- Leroy Krafcheck- Bureau of Engineers
- Robert Krause- Bridges & Buildings
- Richard Landsee- MPD
- Gale Le Febvre- MFD
- Jean Leichnetz- MPD
- John Lemke- DPW- Infrastructure
- Jay Lessing- MPS
- James Mintner- Traffic Services
- Roland Rick- MFD
- Teresita Santos- Comptroller
- Robert Saskowski- DPW- Water
- Sondra Sorenson- MPS
- Crystal Sura- Library
- Joyce Taylor- MPS
- Eugene Walsh- City Clerk

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

Attention Milwaukee Fire & Police Department Retirees

To all retired Milwaukee Fire and Police Officers,

We would like to cordially invite you to apply for (or renew!) your membership with our organization. We are a fraternal group that has been in existence since 1933. We meet four times a year at the FF's Union Hall on Hawley & Wisconsin Ave. to discuss issues affecting our Healthcare and Pensions. We then share a nice meal and socialize. All this and six newsletters per year are included in the \$5 dues. Keep up with your friends, be informed on your benefits, and get a chicken dinner! Sign up now! Cut out the form below and mail in. Thank you for your consideration.

- John Barmore, President

Do NOT send to the ERS

**The Milwaukee Retired Fire & Police Association
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2020**

Date ___/___/___

Name of Applicant _____

DOB ___/___/___

Name of Spouse _____

DOB ___/___/___

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number (____) _____ - Fire Dept. _____ Police Dept. _____

Email Address _____

Dues \$5 per person/year: New __ Renewal __

Dues of Applicant \$5 Dues of Spouse \$ _____ Donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Do you want a membership card? Yes _____ NO _____

**Make checks payable to: The Milwaukee Retired Fire & Police Assoc.
Mail to: Denise Bartlett 5275 S. 15th Place, WI 53221-3865**