



# Employees' Retirement System

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# *September 2019 Retiree Newsletter*

## 2020 Open Enrollment-City Retirees Only

### Health Insurance

The 2020 Open Enrollment period will be October 28, 2019 through November 15, 2019. Packets will be mailed out **starting the week of October 14, 2019** to **all City of Milwaukee retirees presently enrolled in a City health insurance plan. This excludes MATC, MMSD, MPS, United Water Services, and Veolia.** If you do not receive your packet by **October 25, 2019**, call the ERS Open Enrollment Hotline at (414) 286-3689 and request that one be sent to you. If you are not currently enrolled in a City health insurance plan and wish to receive a City Open Enrollment packet, or want to request an enrollment form, call the ERS Open Enrollment Hotline at (414) 286-3689 and request that one be sent to you.

**Please note that there will be 2020 plan design changes to both health plans offered by the City to its retirees (UHC Choice EPO and UHC Choice Plus PPO), so you should review the 2020 Retiree Benefits guide carefully.** There will also be a rate increase for retirees under the City's health plans (approximately 3% for retirees under the age of 65 years, and approximately 6.7% increase for retirees 65 and over).

You can find the answers to your questions in your Retiree Benefits Guide or on the ERS website – [www.cmers.com](http://www.cmers.com). Click on "Read More" under Open Enrollment to find links to frequently asked questions, 2020 rate charts and an online copy of the 2020 Benefits Guide. Please read your Benefits Guide carefully. **Rate information and the Retiree Benefits Guide will be available at the end of September or beginning of October.**

When submitting a new health enrollment form, please keep a copy for your records. ERS does not send out confirmation letters. However, if you want confirmation of receipt of this form, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for this purpose.

Due to the high volume of forms received each year, we cannot confirm by phone if we have received your health enrollment form.

### Life Insurance

There are **no changes** to the life insurance benefit design for current retirees and MetLife remains as the carrier for this benefit. **This excludes MATC, MMSD, MPS, United Water Services, and Veolia.** No action is required on your part if you currently participate in the City's Life Insurance plan as a retiree. If you currently do not participate in the City's plan as a retiree, you are **not** eligible to enroll in the plan. You can reduce or cancel your coverage at any time, but please note you **cannot** then increase or reenroll in the future.

## *Open Enrollment Fairs*

The City will be holding five (5) Open Enrollment Fairs that are open to all City employees and retirees. The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. .... Wilson Park Senior Center  
2601 West Howard Avenue
- Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. .... City Hall Rotunda  
200 East Wells Street
- Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. .... DPW Field Headquarters  
3850 North 35<sup>th</sup> Street
- Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. .... DNS Lake Tower  
4001 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. .... Fire and Police Academy  
6680 North Teutonia Avenue

## Recently Retired ERS Members

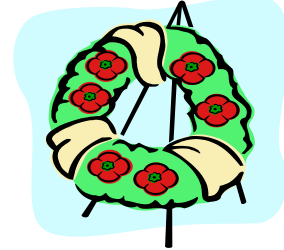


Susan Anthony- MMSD  
Laura Armstrong- MPS\*  
Marcia Borzynski- City Development  
John Bruno- DPW-Operations  
Jerome Danks- MPS  
Eric Donaldson- MPD  
Mary Evans- Library  
Dorinda Floyd- DPW-Administration\*  
Brian Glancey- MFD  
Betzaida Gomez- MPS\*  
Craig Hapanovich- DOA-Systems Analyst  
Susan Heimsch- DPW-Administration  
Luz Hernandez- MPS\*  
Gail Hodges- Comptroller\*  
Marcia Huber- MPS\*  
Jutiki Jackson- MPD  
Vincent Lopez- DPW-Operations  
Monika Mangione- Municipal Court\*  
Patricia Manning- MPS\*  
Janet Mays- MPS\*  
Eileen Micklitz- MPD\*  
Brian O'Toole- MFD  
Allen Perry- MPD  
Ronald Pisarek- MFD  
Rupert Reilly- MPD  
Lynn Roberts- MPS\*  
Jeffrey Shackelford- DPW-Water  
Jay Shields- MPS  
Michael Sirna- DPW-Infrastructure  
James Stanislawski- DPW-Operations  
Denise Tyson- DPW-Water  
Norma Velazquez Escribano- MPS  
Judith Virant- MPD\*  
Jeffery Watts- MPD\*  
Beverly Zabler- Health\*  
Sandy Ziemer- Veolia  
Caren Zimmerman- MMSD\*

\*Deferred retirement

## In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:



Richard Bartnik-MFD  
Thomas Bitney-City Development  
George Brenzel-MPD  
Kathleen Chovanec-MPS  
John Ciske-Harbor Commission  
James Cler-MPD  
Sandra Dobrzynski-Health  
Victor Felde-Sanitation  
William Gardner-DPW-Infrastructure  
Patricia Gehrke-MPD  
Dale Gentilini-MMSD  
Rose Gretenhart-Common Council  
Dale Johnson-MPD  
Dorothy Karbel-MPS  
Gary Krohn-MPD  
Vesta Mason-MPS  
Lucy Medley-Library  
Claire Mraz-Municipal Equipment  
Eugene Nowak-MMSD  
John Orlikowski-MPD  
Juliette Rarlow-MPS  
David Patton-MPS  
Richard Race-MMSD  
Betty Rokicki-MPS  
Carol Ann Temmer-MPS  
Howard Unrath-DPW-Engineering  
James Warwick-DPW-Sanitation  
Duane Watter-DPW-Water  
Fred Werkmeister-MMSD  
Norman Wichman-MFD  
Ruth Witt-MPS  
Edward Young-Veolia

Your **October 2019** benefit payment will be **mailed on October 30<sup>th</sup>** and made **payable for October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Those retirees with **direct deposit** will have their pension payment in their account on **October 31, 2019**.

Affidavits for lost September checks will begin Thursday, October 10, 2019.

