



April 2020 Retiree Newsletter

Employees' Retirement System Of The City of Milwaukee

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Questions or comments: e-mail norm@cmers.com

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 2019 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.

2019 Tax Filing

If you need a replacement 1099-R tax statement for 2019 (or any earlier year), please contact the ERS office. Replacement forms for 2019 will be issued, free of charge, through July 15, 2020. Any requests for replacements received after that date, and all requests for replacement forms for previous years, will be 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.

ERS OFFICES ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

As a precautionary measure related to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak, the ERS office is currently closed to the public. All meetings and walk-ins are being cancelled at this time until further notice.

Please be advised that the ERS's daily operations and services are **NOT** interrupted, including the processing of benefit-related updates and annuity payments. Please email us at norm@cmers.com with your questions, but know that responses may be delayed.

Recently Retired ERS Members

F. Daryl Anthony- MMSD*
Diane Bast- DER*
Jeffery Bowlin- DPW-Operations*
Daniel Clark- MPD
Donald Coombs- MPD
Johnnie Dotson- MPS*
Roxanne Fayne- MPS
Julie Gonzalez- MPD
Scott Hall- MFD
Ray Harris- MPD
Benedicto Jimenez- Housing Authority
Milton Johns- DPW-Operations
Theretha King- MPD*
Sharon Koier- MPS*
Paul Komesar- MFD
Timothy Kranz- DPW-Operations
Karen Lemke- MPS*
Michael Mack- DPW-Operations
Scott Marlock- MPD
Anita Mcdowell- Veolia
Kathleen Montana- DPW-Infrastructure
Suzanne O'Grosky- MPD
Tracie Patterson- Housing Authority
Kenneth Pisarek- MFD
Mary Richardson- DOA
Diana Rowe- MPD
Jeffrey Sawinski- MFD
Bobby Smith- MPS
Matthew Staedler- MPD
Debra Stamp- DPW-Operations
Deborah Stewart- Library
Eileen Taylor- Health
Marlon Taylor- DPW-Water
Nancy Wagner- MPS*
Daniel Wesolowski- MPD
Richard Wojtczak- Library*
Christopher Zirbel- DPW-Operations

*Deferred

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:

Winifred Adams-MPS
Patricia Balistreri-City Treasurer
Noritta Ballmann-MPS
Marlene Banaszynski-MPS
James Borowicz-MPD
Edward Bower-MPS
Allen Bozeman-MPS
Ruthie Brock-MATC
Henry Brown-Sanitation
Delores Budziszewski-MPS
George Cembrowski-MPS
Darwin Cone-MPD
Regina Daly-Health
Patrick Davis-MPS
Julia De Witt-MPS
Gloria Donovan-MPS
Jimmie Dorsey-MPD
Claire Faiver-MPS
William Hinsenkamp-MPS
Irene Kernan-MPS
Robert Klatt-MFD
Bernice Koepl-MPS
Charles Kroeger-Traffic Engineering & Electrical
Lawrence Kubisiak-MPS
Bernice Liston-MPS
Dean Malcolm-MFD
Eleanore Mishak-MPS
John Mueller-MMSD
Shirley Newby-Health
Nancy Piastowski-MPS
Holly Pickering-MPS
Donald Schneider-Bridges & Public Buildings
Kathleen Spek-MPS
John Strom-Bureau of Engineering
Jerold Terek-MPD
Jack Vogl-MPD
Bob Walker-Sanitation
Lenard Wells-MPD
Ralph Wozniak-MPD

May 2020 Pension Payments

- Payments will be **mailed May 28th** and **payable May 29th**.
- Direct deposits will be posted to your account on **May 29th**.
- Processing affidavits for lost April checks will start **May 11th**.

Other May Dates of Note

- Cinco de Mayo – May 5th
- Mother's Day – May 10th
- Armed Forces Day – May 16th
- Memorial Day – May 25th –
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