



Employees' Retirement System of the City of Milwaukee

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Visit Our Website: www.cmers.com

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March 2020 Retiree Newsletter

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. Please be advised that responses may be delayed.

1099R Forms

If you received a monetary benefit from the ERS in 2019 (except for Duty Disability benefits, because this benefit is neither taxable, nor reportable to the IRS), you should have received your 1099R form for 2019. If you have not, please contact the pension office so we can mail a new form to you. You will need this form for filing your income tax return for 2019. **Do not wait until the last minute.** 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.

Have You Moved?

The post office will **NOT** forward your pension check or direct deposit notification. **You must notify our office in writing of address changes.** This is for your protection. We do not want your information going to someone else.

There are three ways to change your address:

- 1) Download a change of address form from our website: www.cmers.com.
- 2) Call the ERS office at 414-286-3557 or 1-800-815-8418 and we will be glad to mail a change of address form to you.
- 3) On letter-sized paper, print your name, old address, new address, social security or payee ID number and sign.

Please let us know if the change is temporary or permanent and the effective date of the change. Mail your address change to: ERS, 789 N. Water St., Suite 300, Milwaukee WI 53202.

In Memoriam: ERS Retirees who have recently died:

Deanna Branske-Beaudry-MPS
Barbara Brown-MPS
Edgar Bullock-MPD
Glen Busse-DPW-Buildings & Fleet
Glen Christian-MPS
Sarah Edmonds-MPS
Robert Erickson-DPW-Water
Michael Fojut-MPD
Gerlean Ford-MPS
Marion Glatzel-MPS
Arthur Guidinger-MFD
Marilyn Heinrichs-MPS
Lorraine Jendraszak-MPS
Freddie Jones-Municipal Equipment
Dennis Justus-MPD
Leroy Krygiel-Water
Mary Lackovic-MPS
Linda Lawrie-MPS
Dale Lawton-DPW-Forestry
Betty Rae Litow-Health
Annie Malone-MPS
Dorothy Merritt-MPS
Dolores Michalska-Library
Leonard Moye-DPW-Infrastructure
Dolores Mungyer-MPD
Joyce Murray-MPD
Georgiana Porter-Library
Richard Randolph-MPD
Lawrence Riley-MFD
Avtar Sandhu-United Water Services
Yolanda Schmuhl-MPS
Donald Schultz-DPW-Forestry
William Sloan-MPS
Eugene Sosinski-MPD
Rotine Thomas-MPS
Jeanne Tordenshield-MPD
Mackie Westbrook-City Clerk
Paul Zimmer-MPD

Recently Retired ERS Members

- Susan Cull- DPW-Infrastructure
- Renee Cullen- Health*
- Gloria Delgadillo- MPS*
- Denise Hackel- MPS*
- Thomas Halbur- MFD
- David Harris- MFD
- Thomas Harter- MPD*
- James Hendrickson- MPS*
- Luz Hernandez- MPS
- Thomas Hines- MPD
- Sherman Johnson- MPS
- Paul Kobza- MPS
- Anthony Lockly- Assessor*
- Barbara Loguercio- Health
- Trinidad Lopez- DPW-Operations
- Timothy Mccollow- DOA-Environmental
- Peggy Mueller- MPS
- Wendy Nash- Comptroller
- Patrick O'Donnell- MPD
- Kenneth Plaski- Neighborhood Services*
- Christine Rieck-Risser- MPS
- Matthew Scibek- DPW-Infrastructure
- Jeffry Taugher- MFD*
- Gustave Totsky- DPW-Operations
- Robert Ulrich- DPW-Operations
- Todd Van Roo- MFD
- David Voeltner- MFD
- Gary Weigel- MPD
- Scott Wilhelms- Veolia
- Dawn Zuengler- MMSD*

***Deferred retirement**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 7 – Spring Election Day
- April 10 – Good Friday, **Office is closed**
- April 12 – Easter Sunday

APRIL 2020 PENSION PAYMENTS:

- Processing affidavits for lost March checks will start on **Monday, April 13th**.
- Payments will be mailed **Wednesday, April 29th** and are payable **Thursday, April 30th**.
- Direct deposits will be posted to your account **Thursday, April 30th**.

From the MRA: Celebrating 61 Years of Service

The Milwaukee Retiree Association, Inc. was founded in 1959 by retirees concerned about protecting and improving their pensions and other benefits. This valuable work continues today. MRA membership is open to all retirees and their spouses who receive a pension from ERS. Join the MRA and attend their luncheon/membership meetings, receive informative newsletters to learn what is happening to your pension, health insurance, Social Security, Medicare, and more.

Fill out the application now and send it with your check for \$15 to the address at the top of the application. For questions our E-mail and phone number are also on the application. The \$10 assessment is an optional contribution.

Do NOT send to the ERS

MILWAUKEE RETIREE ASSOCIATION, INC

Application/Renewal - Effective January 1 - December 31 Annually
P.O. Box 342055, Milwaukee, WI 53234-2055 Phone No. 414-297-9215 leave message
Email: info-mra@milwaukeeeretired.org Website: www.milwaukeeeretired.org

New Retiree Member Spouse Renewal Gender: Male Female

Name (Print): _____ **Phone:** () _____

Address: _____ **Apt/Unit/Lot #:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip+4:** _____

Year Retired: _____ **Agency/Department:** _____

Your Email Address: _____

\$15 Annual Membership Fee

\$15 Annual Membership Fee Spouse

\$10 Optional Assessment

\$ _____ **Additional Donation for Assessment**

\$ _____ **Additional Donation for Postage, etc.**

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ **Check/Money Order Number:** _____

Member's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ / _____ / 20 _____

Make payments payable to: MILWAUKEE RETIREE ASSOCIATION, INC. Rev: 3/4/2020-fr
(The MRA effectively represents all City of Milwaukee's Employees' Retirement System retirees and spouses)