



Employees' Retirement System

November, 2020

City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Recently Retired ERS Members:

Ned Brinkman- MPS
Lanny Curtis- MFD
Glenda Dennison- MPS
Joseph Devereaux- MPS
Vicki Dubis- MPS
Ray Dupree- DPW-Infrastructure
Carolyn Edwards- MPS
John Fusek- Neighborhood Services
Terrence Gordon- MPD
Tim Houselog- Wisconsin Center*
Helen Lacroix- MPS
Alfonso Lazo- MPD
Richard Litwin- MPD
Stanley Mangum- DPW-Infrastructure
Lawrence Mcknight- DPW-Infrastructure*
Vickie Miller- MPS
David Misun- MMSD*
Jacqueline Mitchell-Glenn- Housing Authority
Albert Morrow- MPS
Michael Motamedi- Health*
Kymm Mutch- MPS*
Michael Olinger- MFD
Donna Rembert- DPW-Parking*
Mark Rohlfing- MFD
Herbert Russell- DPW-Water
Nancy Santiago- DPW-Infrastructure
Steven Scherer- MFD
Harold Smith- MPS
Alex Stallworth- DPW-Infrastructure
James Sullivan- DPW-Infrastructure
William Ward- DPW-Operations*
Cynthia Wilhelm- DPW-Operations*
Deborah Wojnarowski- DOA

*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 2021, you will 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 2021 Retiree Benefits Guide. The ERS does not send out health/prescription drug cards. If you are new to UHC/OptumRx for 2021 and do not receive a new UHC/OptumRx card by December 31st, please contact UHC directly at **1-800-841-4901**. Please be advised that updated 2021 premium deductions, if applicable, will go into effect with the December pension payment.
- **MEDICARE MEMBERS:** If you are continuing City of Milwaukee health benefits coverage and prescription drug coverage through UHC and UHC MedicareRx Part D for 2021, you will not receive a new UHC or UHC MedicareRx Part D cards for 2021. If you are new to UHC and UHC MedicareRx Part D for 2021 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, 2020 please contact UHC at **1-800-841-4901** or UHC MedicareRx Part D at **1-866-465-0572**. Please be advised that updated 2021 premium deductions, if applicable, will go into effect with the December pension payment.
- **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 5.6%, net of fees, in the third quarter of 2020. This return underperformed the Fund's blended benchmark by 0.4%. Markets continued their rebound off the March lows, as the unemployment rate declined to 7.9%, which is still elevated by historical standards, but much improved from the 14.7% peak in April. The continued rebound in markets led to positive quarterly returns for many of the Fund's asset classes. Private Equity led the way with a return of 10.7%, net of fees. The Fund's Public Equity allocation was up 8.1%, Fixed Income was up 2.0%, and the Absolute Return asset class was up 3.9%, all net of fees. The pandemic continued to weigh on Real Estate, which reported a return of -1.4%, net of fees, in the second quarter of 2020, which is the most recent quarterly data available. The market value of the Fund on September 30, 2020 totaled approximately \$5.08 billion, and the YTD return was -3.9%, net of fees.

The ERS will be closed on:

- Thursday, December 24th
- Friday, December 25th
- Thursday, December 31st
- Friday, 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 2020 benefit payment will be mailed on December 29th, 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:

Bruce Balistreri-DPW-Infrastructure
Rose Marie Blakeley-MPS
Janet Boyle-MPD
John Bruno-MPD
Phillip Chinn-Street & Sewer Maintenance
Peter Colorez-DPW-Infrastructure
Kenneth Czerniak-Water Works
Lois Dolan-MPS
Frederick Eggold-MPS
Arthur Elm-MPD
Eileen Ennis-MPS
Edith Gornowicz-MPS
Darrell Heinzen-MPD
Velta Hill-MPS
Chester Kissel-MATC
Joseph Kizevic-DPW-Infrastructure
Thomas Lelinski-MPS
Frances Lodde-MPS
David Marquardt-DPW-Operations
David Miller-MPS
Bradley Moerke-MMSD
Jack Nehmer-MPD
David Nickel-MPD
Marilyn Niemann-MPS
Inez Patterson-MPS
Theodore Peelen-MFD
Russell Rapczyk-MPS
Chester Salaam-MPS
Kenneth Schultz-MPS
Sheila Tamboli-MPS
Clotee Thompson-MPS
Donna Welch-MATC
Delores Zdroik-Library

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

To all retired Milwaukee Fire and Police Officers (including spouses and survivors),

We thank you for your service and 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 supporting our Brothers and Sisters, Survivors and Spouses through fellowship and support. We meet (In non-covid times) four times a year, at the FF Union Hall on Hawley & Wisconsin, to catch up with each other, get the news affecting our pensions and benefits, host a guest speaker and enjoy a chicken dinner. In addition, we have an active FB page and send out five newsletters per year to keep you up to date on current happenings, items of interest and those that have gone before us. Dues for all of that is only \$5 per year! I encourage you to cut out the form below and mail it in to the address provided. We welcome all new and returning members, spouses and survivors to be a part of our group!

- John Barmore, President

Do NOT send to the ERS

The Milwaukee Retired Fire & Police Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2021

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 \$ _____

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