



# Employees' Retirement System City of Milwaukee

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## *September 2020 Retiree Newsletter*

### 2021 Open Enrollment-City Retirees Only

#### Health Insurance:

The 2021 Open Enrollment period will be October 26, 2020 through November 20, 2020. Packets will be mailed out **starting the week of October 12, 2020 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 23, 2020**, call the ERS Open Enrollment Hotline at (414) 286-6157 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) 286-6157 and request that one be sent to you.

**Please note that there will be 2021 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 2021 Retiree Benefits guide carefully.** There will also be a rate increase of approximately 6% for retirees under the age of 65 enrolled in the City's health plans. Medicare eligible retirees enrolled in the City's health plan will have a rate **decrease** of 6%.

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, 2021 rate charts and an online copy of the 2021 Benefits Guide. Please read your Benefits Guide carefully. **Rate information and the Retiree Benefits Guide will be available at the 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.

#### Virtual Open Enrollment Fairs:

The City will **not be holding in-person Open Enrollment Fairs** this year due to the health emergency. Instead, the ERS will hold online (web-based) virtual sessions where individuals may "call-in" to get their questions answered. Information about these online sessions will be posted on ERS's website ([www.cmers.com](http://www.cmers.com)) by mid-October.

#### Important October Dates:

Your **October 2020** benefit payment will be **mailed on October 29<sup>th</sup>** and made **payable for October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Those retirees with **direct deposit** will have their pension payment in their account on **October 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Affidavits for lost September checks will begin Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

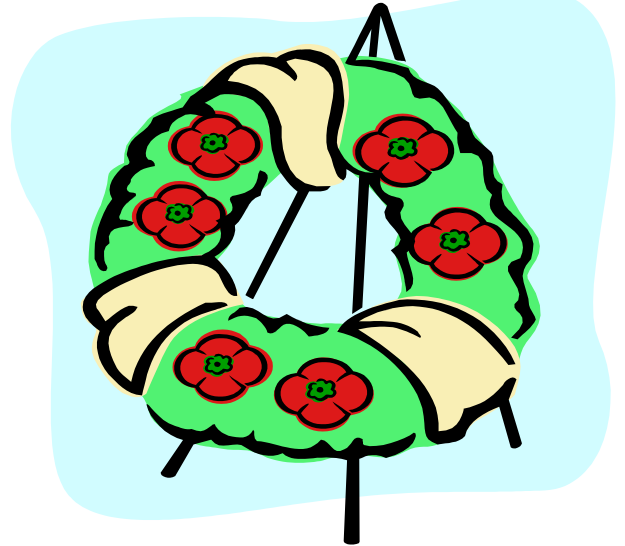
## Recently Retired ERS Members

Dineo Black- MMSD  
Greg Bogdanski- MPS\*  
Arleen Brumirski- MPS  
John Caldwell- MPD  
David Claas- MPD  
James Collins- MPD  
Carlo Davila- MPD  
Jimmy Davis- DPW-Operations  
Linda Dirnbauer- Housing Authority  
Janet Domask- MPS  
Kevin Eyre- MPD  
Theresa Gabriel- Election Commission  
Kay Gajewski- MPS  
Richard Gordy- MPD  
Virginia Gordy- MPD  
Timothy Graham- MPD  
Mark Gray- MPS  
Panola Hall- Library  
Richard Hawthorne- MFD  
Michael Hayden- MPD  
Jean Heling- MPS\*  
Juanita Hernandez- MPS  
Steven Holzworth- MFD  
Dona Hutter- MPS  
Cathy Kallerud- MPS\*  
Michael Karwoski- MPD  
Charlene Kennedy- MPD  
Paula Kiely- Library  
Lucille Kimbrough- MPS\*  
Richard Kleppin- MPD\*  
Melissa Krotts- Housing Authority  
Patricia Lipsey- MPS  
Jose Lopez- MPD  
Anthony Mane- MPS  
Michael Martinez- MPD\*  
Jason Metoxen- MPD  
Alfonso Morales- MPD  
Andrew Moutry- MPD  
Brenda Murphy- MPS  
Marlene Narewski- MPS  
Jeffrey Padovano- MPD  
Richard Paur- Neighborhood Services  
Joseph Peterson- MPS  
Randy Piontkowski- MPD  
Deon Polk- MPD  
Alexander Ramirez- MPD  
Migdalia Rodriguez Torre- MPS  
Christina Roesken- MPD  
Dario Romero- Housing Authority  
Jerry Russ- DPW-Infrastructure\*  
Dennie Sanchez- MPD  
Louise Schaefer- MPD  
Cassandra Sherrill-Patter- Housing Authority  
Kanesone Simpraphone- DPW-Sewer  
John Sliga- DPW-Parking  
David Slivicki- Urban Forestry\*  
Janice Smith- MPS  
Cullan Smith- MPD  
Joyce Stevenson- DOA  
Jeffrey Tews- DPW-Operations  
Lisa Thoenes- MPS  
Kenneth Walkowiak- MPD  
Glover Warfield- MPS  
Jesse Williams- MPS  
Vernon Williams- MPS\*  
Debra Winstead- MPS

\*Deferred retirement

## In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:



Blanche Bartsch-MPS  
Julie Blossmore-Neighborhood Services  
Dennis Butterfield-DPW-Water  
Michael Cieslik-MFD  
Robert Fabry-MMSD  
Thomas Galligan-MPD  
Ralph Hencsik-MPD  
James Hughlett-DPW-Operations  
Gregory Jackson-Neighborhood Services  
David Jenkins-MPS  
Elizabeth Leiviska-MMSD  
Francis Lynch-Wisconsin Center  
William Mc Bain-MFD  
Ronald Mehl-MPD  
Elaine Penn-MPD  
Allan Perry-MPD  
James Prestidge-MFD  
Barbara Retzer-MPS  
Lillie Riley-MPS  
Frank Sanfelippo-Sanitation  
Clarence Seifert-DPW-Sewer  
Roland Senderhauf-Street Maintenance  
Dollie Stephens-MPS  
Rae Thomas-MPS  
Carol Voelz-MPS  
Idell Williams-Municipal Equipment  
Sherrol Wulf-MMSD  
Robert Zwitter-United Water Services

