



# Employees' Retirement System City of Milwaukee

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## October 2021 Retiree Newsletter

### Investment Update

As of August 31, the Fund value was \$6.07 Billion, and the YTD return was 13.6%, net of fees.

### 2022 Health Insurance Benefits

\*\*\* Please do not call the ERS regarding health insurance if you are a MPS, MMSD, United Water, Veolia or MATC retiree. Contact your agency directly. \*\*\*

The Health Benefits Open Enrollment period started on Monday, October 22, 2021 and ends on Friday November 12, 2021. If you do not wish to change your health and prescription drug benefits plan, you do not need to do anything.

#### **Please make note of the following:**

- There will be a rate decrease for retirees under the City's health plans. Approximately 11% for retirees under the age of 65 years. Medicare eligible retirees enrolled in the City's health plan will have a rate **decrease** of 1%.
- Any benefit changes you make during the open enrollment period will take effect on January 1, 2022. You will continue to be covered under your current health plan through December 31, 2021.
- If you did not receive an Enrollment Packet or you are not currently enrolled in a City health insurance plan and wish to receive a packet or enrollment form, call the ERS Open Enrollment Hotline at (414) 286-3689.
- If you are choosing to drop your City of Milwaukee retiree coverage, both Medicare retirees and retirees without Medicare, you must notify the ERS in writing at least 30 days in advance. Please note that you must maintain health insurance coverage if you ever plan to return to the City of Milwaukee's retiree coverage. At that time, you will be required to provide proof of creditable coverage during the period that you were not covered by the City's plan.
- The ERS does not send automatic confirmations upon receipt of open enrollment forms. If you would like to receive confirmation of receipt, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for this purpose when submitting your form. We also recommend that you keep a copy of your open enrollment form for your records prior to mailing it to the ERS.

### Recently Retired ERS Members

Shunta Boston Smith- MPD  
Peter Bronek- Assessor's Office  
Lorena Cornejo Rodriguez- Health  
Linda Daniels- MPS  
Shaun Doyne- MPD  
Jill Due- MPS\*  
Michael Eckerstorfer- MMSD  
Leah Fisher- Library  
David Frank- MPS  
Katherine Fulfer- MPD  
Matthew Fulgenzi- Housing Authority  
Stephen Gonzalez- MPS  
Maria Gonzalez Edwards- MPS\*  
Steven Herrmann- MPD  
Barbara Hinsenkamp- MPS\*  
Regina Hodnett- MPD  
Charles Holst- Neighborhood Services  
Gail Huettel- Library\*  
Jeffrey Jones- DPW - Operations  
Keith Kopcha- MPD  
Karl Kunath- MFD\*  
Susan Lappen- City Attorney  
Stephen Mccarthy- MMSD  
Glenn Mish- MFD  
Ross Nowak- MPS  
Kerri O'Brien- MMSD  
Chad Raden- MPD  
Vanessa Reed- MPD  
Stanley Rewolinski- DPW - Operations  
Tammy Schoenecker- MPD  
Mary Sherwood- Library  
Michael Socha- DPW - Infrastructure  
Terry Spears- MPS  
Trinidad Torres- City Treasurer\*  
Amalia Valle- MPS  
Patricia Villarreal- DPW - Parking  
Penny Warren- MPS  
Brian Webb- MFD  
Richard Wood- MPS

**\*Deferred**

### Virtual Open Enrollment Fair Scheduled

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City has cancelled all in-person fairs, but is holding the following virtual fairs:

Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The ERS will be offering a virtual fair where employees and retirees can call in and have our staff answer questions related to Life Insurance and Retiree Health Insurance. The information on the virtual fair is below.

- **Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 1p.m. to 3 p.m.**

<https://ers.my.webex.com/ers.my/j.php?MTID=mcea488d4cf5332b6f3b615cc760311a>

Meeting number: 2559 027 1645 Password: fJ2CEqk5Yj8

To join by phone: 1-312-535-8110 Access code: 255 902 71645

Please note that there will be a general presentation about the benefits and process during the first 15 minutes of the session, but you can join at any time during the window to talk to staff.

The platform being used for the Fair is Cisco WebEx (similar to Zoom), and you can use your computer or smart device (phone, iPad, etc.) to join. If you want to join via your smart device, you should get the WebEx Meet app from the App Store of your smart device (Android or Apple) prior to joining the meeting. For more information, please visit ERS's website [www.cmers.com](http://www.cmers.com), Retirees, Open Enrollment.

### **November 2021 Pension Payments**

- Payments will be **mailed November 29<sup>th</sup>** and **payable November 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- Direct deposits will be posted to your account on **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- Processing affidavits for lost October checks will start **November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

### **November Dates of Note**

- Daylight Savings Time Ends – November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Veterans Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Day – November 25<sup>th</sup>

**The ERS office will be CLOSED Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>.**

### *In Memoriam*

#### **ERS Retirees who have recently died:**

Carol Anderson-MPS  
 Richard Baczanski-DPW - Support Services  
 Carlos Baez-DPW - Operations  
 Hans Baumann-DPW - Operations  
 Benita Bavuso-MPS  
 John Bennett-DCD  
 Arlene Berrones-MPS  
 Arthur Blazevic-DPW - Water  
 Donald Boelter-Municipal Equipment  
 Delores Broady-MPS  
 Vance Coleman-DCD  
 Lynn Ellis-MPS  
 Radmila Filipovic-MPS  
 Joseph Frasch-MMSD  
 Marlene Garacci-DCD  
 William Gibson-MPD  
 Harry Gorski-DPW - Infrastructure  
 Vincent Gruszkowski-DPW - Buildings & Fleet  
 Gerald Hammer-MFD  
 Bonnie Hanoski-MPS  
 Paul Harbick-MPS  
 Lucy Harris-MPS  
 Bruce Johnson-Neighborhood Services  
 Eleanor Kopplin-MPS  
 Brian Kriegsman-DPW - Parking  
 Mary Lopera-MPS  
 Donald Mazur-MFD  
 Mary Neustrom-DCD  
 Virginia Orlowski-Rocke-Budget & Mgmt.  
 John Pederson-MFD  
 George Potter-MPD  
 Longin Prazynski-Building Inspection  
 Gary Ringe-United Water Services  
 Marvin Rutkowski-Bridges & Buildings  
 Gordon Sharp-DPW - Water  
 Wesley Short-MFD  
 Thomas Sikora-MPS  
 Thomas Sobczak-MPD  
 Grace Stobbe-MPS  
 Jeanette Swan-MPS  
 Lena Thompson-MPS  
 Vernon Toellner-MMSD  
 Kenneth Weber-DPW - Sanitation  
 Billy Williams-MPS

### **Attention Milwaukee Police Department Retirees- Officers & Civilian Personnel**

I'm Wray Young, President of the Milwaukee Retired Police Association (MRPA) and I'd like to invite **all officers & civilian employees who have retired from the MPD** to become a member of our organization. Formed in 1975, the MRPA's ranks have grown to more than 1,200 members from coast to coast. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post on S. 92<sup>nd</sup> & Beloit where we offer a variety of musical entertainment & guest speakers addressing pension & health insurance issues. If you want to just visit or play cards, we guarantee you'll have an enjoyable afternoon, capped off with free beer, soda and a wonderful free hot lunch!

The MRPA hosts casino trips, an April Alioto's Fish Fry, the July Police Picnic, an August Golf Outing at Western Lakes CC, and a wonderful December Christmas party. Can't make the meetings- don't worry, everyone receives 9 newsletters a year with news from and about your MPD friends as well as job opportunities and other important newsworthy articles on health & pension issues. Check out our website [www.mrpa.us](http://www.mrpa.us) where you will find a wealth of MRPA information, including photos from all our events & a "Final Roll Call" page,

For just \$5.00 a year, and with everything the MRPA offers, it certainly is a terrific bargain! Fill out the application below today and your membership will be good until the end of 2021. Remember: you must have been a police officer or civilian employee who retired from the Milwaukee Police Dept. to be eligible to join the MRPA, or still working & have at least 25 years of service.

#### **2021 MRPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RENEWABLE EVERY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Please check: NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ DUES \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print clearly!)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF RETIREMENT \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ WEDDING ANNIV (MO/DAY/YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

I COMPLETED 25 YEARS WITH THE MPD IN (YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_ AND/OR RETIRED IN (YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK OUT TO: MRPA & MAIL TO PO BOX 340877, MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN 53234-0877