



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 4th – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10th – 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=mcea f488d4cf5332b6f3b615cc760311a>

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, Retirees, Open Enrollment.

November 2021 Pension Payments

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

November Dates of Note

- Daylight Savings Time Ends – November 7th
- Veterans Day – November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – November 25th

The ERS office will be CLOSED Thursday, November 25th and Friday November 26th.

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 2nd Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post on S. 92nd & 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 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 1ST

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