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Retiree Newsletter

2022 Open Enrollment-City Retirees Only

Health Insurance

The 2022 Open Enrollment period will be October 25, 2021 through November 12, 2021. Packets will be mailed out **starting the week of October 11, 2021 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 29, 2021**, call the ERS Open Enrollment Hotline at (414) 286-3689 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) 286-3689 and request that one be sent to you.

Please note that the rates for retirees under the City’s health plans will decrease for 2022 (an approximate decrease of 11% for retirees under the age of 65 years, and approximately 1% decrease for retirees 65 and over).

You can find the answers to your questions in your Retiree Benefits Guide or on the ERS website – www.cmers.com. Click on “Read More” under Open Enrollment to find links to frequently asked questions, 2022 rate charts and an online copy of the 2022 Benefits Guide. Please read your Benefits Guide carefully. **Rate information and the Retiree Benefits Guide will be available around 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.

Open Enrollment Fairs

The City will be holding five (5) Open Enrollment Fairs that are open to all City employees and retirees. **Open Enrollment fairs may be cancelled or are subject to change based on the ongoing pandemic. Enhanced safety precautions will be in place at all open enrollment fairs. All attendees and vendors at Open Enrollment fairs will be required to wear a face covering.** The ERS will also hold two (2) virtual fairs and information about them will be provided later (you can visit our website (www.cmers.com) for more information about them in early October). The current schedule for the fairs is as follows:

- Tuesday, October 26th – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wilson Park Senior Center
2601 W. Howard Avenue
- Thursday, October 28th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. City Hall Rotunda
200 E. Wells Street
- Tuesday, November 2nd –1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. DPW Field Headquarters
3850 N. 35th Street
- Thursday, November 4th – 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. DNS Lake Tower
4001 S. 6th Street
- Tuesday, November 9th – 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fire and Police Academy
6680 N. Teutonia Avenue

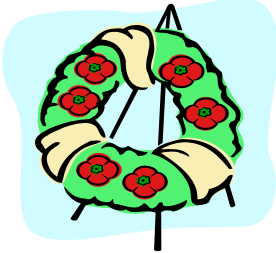
Recently Retired ERS Members

Cathy Anderson- MPS
Rebecca Babich- MPD
Cheryl Banks James- MPS
Fred Barnes- MPS
James Dana Belongia- MPD
Azie Bonds- MPS
Michael Bongiorno- MFD
Dale Bormann- MPD
Thomas Casper- MPD
James Cigan- MPS*
Robert Crawley- MPD
Wardell Dodds- MPD
Mark Dolan- Wisconsin Center
Mary Jo Ehlert- MPS*
Michael Elias- DPW - Operations*
Jered Fliss- MPD
Kerry Franken- MPS*
Lisa Gallegos- MPS
Kenneth Garrett- DPW - Operations
Gregory George- MPS
Allen Groszczyk- MPD
Danny Hamilton- MPS
Ryan Heidemann- MPD
Joseph Kirsch- MFD
Jerry Kramer- Neighborhood Services
Jill Kramer- DPW - Infrastructure
Thomas Kramer- DPW - Infrastructure
Ellen Lasch- MPS
James Morales- DPW - Operations
Annette Nash-Kirkendall - DPW - Operations
Lynn Odell- MPS
Jill Olson- Health*
Jasemin Pasho- MPD
Cassandral Patterson- MPS
Thomas Pfister- MPD*
Judith Pinger- Library
Alak Roy- DPW - Infrastructure
Thomas Schramka- DOA*
Dennis Slang- DPW - Operations
Sigfredo Soto- MPS
Kevin Sullivan- City Attorney
Gregg Vosswinkel- Neighborhood Services
Marshall Walker- MPS
Michael White- MPS
John Young- MFD

***Deferred retirement**

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:



Peter Alt-DPW - Operations
Ralph Antkowski-MFD
Delbert Bird-MPD
Louis Black-DPW - Parking
Delia Campbell-MPS
Michael Campbell-MPD
John Cook-City Attorney
Marion Durr-MPS
Joan Fink-MATC
Yvonne Frederick-Municipal Court
Lenora Grace-MPS
Flossie Grant-MPS
Arthur Grochowski-Engineers
Marion Herber-MPS
Robert Hurzeler-MMSD
Robert Jablonski-MPS
Vivian Jaeckel-MPS
Dorothy Johnson-MPS
Jennifer Kaine-MPD
Jacque Kelsey-MFD
George Koepp-MFD
Richard Kornitz-DPW - Infrastructure
Philip Krause-DPW - TE & TS
Ronald Krueger-Engineering
Jerald La Fleur-DPW - Water
Ronald Laszewski-MPS
Neil Mahnke-MPS
Mildred Martin-MPS
Andrew Messner-Building Inspection
Lawan Moore-Health
Glenwood Schallhorn-Electrical Services
David Skindzelewski-MPS
James Struck-DPW - Water
Ted Stude-City Clerk
John Thalman-MPD
Doris Thomas-MPS
Irene Torres-DOA
Daniel Waters-Housing Authority

Your **October 2021** benefit payment will be **mailed on October 28th** and made **payable for October 29th**. Those retirees with **direct deposit** will have their pension payment in their account on **October 29th**.

Affidavits for lost September checks will begin Tuesday, October 12th.

Investment Update

As of July 31, the Fund value was \$6.03 Billion, and the YTD return was 12.1%, net of fees.

Retiree Board Member Election Canceled

The Retired Annuity & Pension Board Trustee election, scheduled for November, has been canceled due to Mr. Thomas Klusman running unopposed. His new term of office will begin January 1, 2022 and will expire December 31, 2025. Mr. Klusman’s service to members and beneficiaries as a Trustee began on January 1, 2014. The next election for that Trustee seat will be scheduled for November of 2025.