



April 2022 Retiree Newsletter

Employees' Retirement System Of The City of Milwaukee

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Reminder

ERS does not take the following changes over the phone: **address, banking information, beneficiary changes or tax withholding elections.** This policy is to protect our retirees from fraud and/or identity theft.

If you need to make any changes, you can visit www.cmers.com, click on the green "Forms" button, and then click on the form you want to print. Once you have completed the form, send it to the ERS address listed at the top of the form. If you do not have online access, please call our office and ask to have the form you need sent to you.

The post office will not forward your pension check or direct deposit notification to a new address, even if you have completed a change of address form with the post office. You must notify ERS of any permanent or temporary address changes. If ERS does not have your correct address, the post office will return your check or direct deposit notification to our office. In addition, if you are having your mail temporarily held at the post office, your check or direct deposit notification will be returned to our office.

Tax Withholding

If you have completed your tax filing for 2021 and discovered that you owe too much or are getting a refund that is bigger than it needs to be, you may want to adjust the amount withheld from your pension payment. Withholding forms can be obtained by calling our office or by visiting the ERS website www.cmers.com. On the website, click on the "Forms" button, and then click on the form you want to print. Go to the second page, print the withholding form, complete it, and send to the address listed on the top of the first page. If you are unsure how much you should have withheld, please consult a tax professional. The ERS staff are not allowed to give tax advice.

2021 Tax Filing

If you need a replacement 1099-R tax statement for 2021 (or any earlier year), please contact the ERS office. Replacement forms for 2021 were issued, free of charge, through **April 18, 2022**. After that date, and all requests for replacement forms for previous years, will be filled only upon receipt of a \$15.00 processing fee per form. You will need to submit a check payable to the Employees' Retirement System and a note with your name, mailing address, social security number or payee ID number, and the year(s) for which you will need a replacement.

Investment Update

As of February 28, 2022, the fund value was \$6.17 Billion, and the year-to-date return was -0.7%, net of fees.

May 2022 Pension Payments

- Payments will be mailed May 27th and payable May 31st.
- Direct deposits will be posted to your account on May 31st.
- Processing affidavits for lost April checks will start May 10th.

Other Dates of Note

- Cinco de Mayo – May 5th
 - Mother's Day – May 8th
 - Armed Forces Day – May 21st
 - Memorial Day – May 31st
- ERS OFFICE CLOSED

Recently Retired ERS Members

Luis Aguilar- MFD
Leonard Brister- DPW - Sewer
William Brooks- DPW - Infrastructure*
Michelle Calvin- DPW - Parking
Cedric Cornwall- DOA*
Michael Dahl- MPS*
Cynthia Eggert- MPS
Judith Freda- Assessor's Office
Curt Funk- MFD
Jeffery Gardner- MPS*
Norma Garner- MPS
James Gentry- MPS
David Goldapp- DPW - Water
Bradley Gudynowski- MFD
Rufaro Harris- MPD
Doreen Hawley- MPS*
Steven Holmblad- MPD
John Jaffe- MPS*
Betty Kearney- MPS
Kerry Klepach- MPD
Brian Langer- MFD
David Lopez- MPD
Crystal Malone- MPS*
Lavaigo Martin- MPD
Thomas Mishefske- Neighborhood Services
Richard Ojeda- DPW - Electrical*
Karen Pierce- Health*
Michael Pradarelli- DPW - Operations*
David Pritchett- DPW - Infrastructure
Roxanne Rhinehart- MMSD
Frank Ruzicka- MPS
Hoyu Sayaovang- Mayor*
Barbara Scherer- MPS
Patrice Schmerse- MPD
Mark Schmidt- MPD
James Schneider- MFD
Andrea Serrano- MPS
Thomas Silman- Neighborhood Services*
Gregory Sousek- MPD
David Sundquist- MPS*
Scott Terris- MFD
Gail Thiede- MPD
Todd Vandre- Neighborhood Services
Jacqueline White- MPS*
Stephen Witkowski- MPD

*Deferred

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:

Gwendolyn Anderson-MPS
David Ashley-MPS
Jearline Black-MPS
John Blochowiak-MPD
Thomas Boyce-MFD
Alan Eberhardt-MPS
Nancy Fardy-MPD
Lee Foerster-MFD
Wayne Frank-Common Council
Gerald Graebert-DPW - Operations
Bertran Hartinger-DOA
Wayne Hazlett-MFD
Carolyn Hill Robertson-Common Council
Brian Johnson-DPW - Water
George Koller-MPS
Scot Konings-MFD
Janet Kunkel-MPS
Donald Kutz-MMSD
Richard Loreck-MFD
Darrell Malmarowski-MPD
Frank Markelc-MFD
Willie Mccoy-DPW - Operations
Barry Merryfield-DPW - Operations
Darrell Mischka-MPD
Bernard O'Connor-MFD
Ronald Olson-MPD
Cora Pugh-MPS
Lessie Qualls-MPS
Don Seifert-MFD
Irene Smith-Housing Authority
Catherine Stone-MPS
Richard Sweeney-DPW - Street & Sewer
Peter Tubic-DCD
John Wensierski-Water Department
Carol Wilson-MPS
Douglas Zellmer-MPD

