



# Employees' Retirement System of the City of Milwaukee

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## *March 2022 Retiree Newsletter*

### **Investment Update**

As of January 31, 2022, the fund value was \$6.12 Billion, and the year-to-date return was -2.1%, gross of fees.

### **1099R Forms**

If you received a monetary benefit from the ERS in 2021 (except for Duty Disability benefits, because this benefit is neither taxable, nor reportable to the IRS), you should have received your 1099R form for 2021. If you have not, please contact the pension office so we can mail a new form to you. You will need this form for filing your income tax return for 2021. **Do not wait until the last minute.** Replacement forms for 2021 will be issued, free of charge, through April 15, 2022. Any requests for replacements received 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.

### **ERS Offices Remain CLOSED to the Public**

As a precautionary measure related to COVID-19 and recent outbreaks, the ERS office is currently closed to the public. All meetings and walk-ins are being cancelled at this time until further notice.

Please be advised that the ERS's daily operations and services are **NOT** interrupted, including the processing of benefit-related updates and annuity payments.

Please email us at [norm@cmers.com](mailto:norm@cmers.com) with your questions. Please be advised that responses may be delayed

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- April 5 – Spring Election
- April 15 – Good Friday, **Office is closed**
- April 17 – Easter Sunday

### **APRIL 2022 PENSION PAYMENTS:**

- Processing affidavits for lost March checks will start on **Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**.
- Payments will be mailed **Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** and payable **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**.
- Direct deposits will be posted to your account **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Recently Retired ERS Members**

Joseph Anderer- MPD  
Kay Bragg- Election Commission  
Melanie Brooks- MPS  
Ruben Cardenas- MPD  
Ronald Carpenter- DPW – Water  
Gregg Danes- MFD  
Willie Daniels- DPW – Operations\*  
Darryl Eastern- MPS  
Paul Fowler- DPW – Operations  
Dexter Garner- DPW –  
Infrastructure\*  
Claudette Harris- MPS  
Nader Jaber- DPW – Sewer  
Donald Johnson- MPS  
Peter Kloss- DPW – Infrastructure  
Michael Kostich- MPS  
Alton Lewis- MPD  
Jessie Liston- MPS  
Gregg Marshall- MPD\*  
Phillip Martinez- DPW – Towing  
Raymond Monfre- MPD  
Keyellia Morris- MPD  
John Neeley- MPS  
Wilma Negron- MPS  
Bertha Redd- Neighborhood Services  
Cassandra Reynolds- MMSD\*  
Noel Rodriguez- MPS  
David Schlabowske- DPW –  
Infrastructure\*  
Carol Schmidt- Housing Authority  
Wendell Sloan- DPW – Operations  
Cheryl Stepniewski- DPW – Water\*  
Donna Tender- MPS  
Marilyn Tyson- MPS\*  
Steven Walker- MPS  
Neil Welch- DPW – Operations  
Michael Wolak- United Water  
Service\*  
Maiyia Yang- MPS\*

**\*Deferred**

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

Sandra Abuya-MPS  
Michael Baginski-MPD  
Leonard Bortmann-Sanitation  
James Brackinridge-Library  
Lillie Buford-MMSD  
Laverne Carberry-MPS  
Robert Carrara-MPS  
Ellen Chipman-MPS  
Daryl Condon-MPS  
Donald Cook-Municipal Equipment  
Charles Cortte-MFD  
Robert Cramer-DPW - Infrastructure  
Geraldine Czajkowski-MPS  
Barbara Deam-MPS  
Robert Ehlert-MMSD  
Emily Elert-MPS  
Silvia Glenn-DPW - Administrative Services  
Joyce Hertig-MPS  
Glenn Hutchens-Sanitation  
Joyce Jefferson-DPW - Traffic Engineering  
Phillip Koehler-MPD

***Retirees who have recently died (Continued):***

Frederick Krause-Municipal Equipment  
Eugene Lord-MPD  
Penny Manke-MPS  
Harry Mazurkiewicz-DPW - Sewer  
Michael McCabe-MMSD  
Earnest Mitchell-MPS  
David Muench-City Records  
Judith Narloch-DPW - Infrastructure  
Karen Reifschneider-DPW - Operations  
Matthew Scibek-DPW - Infrastructure  
Shirley Sobocinski-MPS  
Delores Strehlow-MPS  
William Sullivan-DPW - Infrastructure  
Kenneth Tappendorf-MMSD  
Gotry Thomas-Municipal Equipment  
Mark Voelz-DPW - Water  
John Walsh-MPS  
John Ware-DPW  
Dean Wassenberg-MFD  
Dennis Zigan-Sanitation

**From the MRA: Celebrating 63 Years of Service**

The Milwaukee Retiree Association, Inc. was founded in 1959 by retirees concerned about protecting and improving their pensions and other benefits. This valuable work continues today. MRA membership is open to all retirees and their spouses who receive a pension from ERS. Join the MRA and attend their luncheon/membership meetings, receive informative newsletters and email messages to learn what is happening to your pension, health insurance, Social Security, Medicare, and more.

Fill out the application now and send it with your check for \$15 to the address at the top of the application. For questions our E-mail and phone number are also on the application. The \$10 assessment is an optional contribution.

**Do NOT send to the ERS**

**MILWAUKEE RETIREE ASSOCIATION, INC**

**Application/Renewal - Effective January 1 - December 31 Annually**

**P.O. Box 342055, Milwaukee, WI 53234-2055 Phone No. 414-297-9215 leave message**

**Email: [info-mra@milwaukeeeretired.org](mailto:info-mra@milwaukeeeretired.org) Website: [www.milwaukeeeretired.org](http://www.milwaukeeeretired.org)**

☐ New Retiree Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Spouse Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

**Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone: ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Apt/Unit/Lot #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip+4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Retired:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Agency/Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **\$15 Annual Membership Fee**

☐ **\$15 Annual Membership Fee Spouse (Name:) \_\_\_\_\_**

☐ **\$10 Optional Assessment**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation for Assessment**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation for Postage, etc.**

**Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check/Money Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Member's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

**Make payments payable to: MILWAUKEE RETIREE ASSOCIATION, INC.** Rev: 2/24/2021-fr/ers  
(The MRA effectively represents all City of Milwaukee's Employees' Retirement System retirees and spouses)