



Employees' Retirement System City of Milwaukee

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October 2022 Retiree Newsletter

2023 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 24, 2022 and ends on Friday November 11, 2022. 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 increase for retirees under the City's health plans. Approximately 2.6% for retirees under the age of 65 years. Medicare eligible retirees enrolled in the City's health plan will have a rate increase of 1.7%.
- Any benefit changes you make during the open enrollment period will take effect on January 1, 2023. You will continue to be covered under your current health plan through December 31, 2022.
- 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



- Neil Albrecht - Election Commission*
- Donavan Bergmann - MFD
- Maureen Campbell - MMSD
- Delores Copening - MPS
- Daniel Culver - MPD
- Cynthia Dolinac - MPS*
- Patrick Elm - MPD
- Khalid Eshai - MPS*
- Ronald Fryer - MFD
- Daniel Heaney - MPD
- Marcus Jeter - MPD*
- Judy Kaniasty - Library*
- Cathy Kasprzak - MPD
- James Lafaive - Intern Program
- Kenneth Lipinski - MPD*
- Michael Marzion - MPD*
- Daniel Montemayor - DCD
- Jay Navone - MPS
- Kristy Olson - MPS
- Himanshu Parikh - MPS*
- Richard Plachter - Library
- Sean Raclaw - MPD
- Robert Reis - MPS*
- Daniel Rotar - DPW - Water
- Michael Sliga - DPW - Sewer
- Virginia Turman - MPS*
- Kenneth Wischer - DPW - Operations
- Linda Ziegler - MPS

*Deferred

Open Enrollment Fairs

The City is holding five Open Enrollment Fairs. The schedule for the remaining three fairs are listed below.

Thursday, November 3rd – 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. DNS Lake Tower
4001 S. 6th Street

Wednesday, November 9th – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. DPW Field Headquarters
3850 N. 35th Street

Thursday, November 10th – 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fire and Police Academy
6680 N. Teutonia Avenue

Open Enrollment Virtual Sessions

In addition to the in-person open enrollment fairs held by the City, the ERS will hold two virtual fairs on:

- **Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**
- **Monday, November 7, 2022, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

These virtual fairs will be conducted using 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.emers.com, Retirees, Open Enrollment.

Investment Update

As of August 31, 2022, the Fund value was \$5.64 billion, and the YTD return was -5.9%, net of fees.

November 2022 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

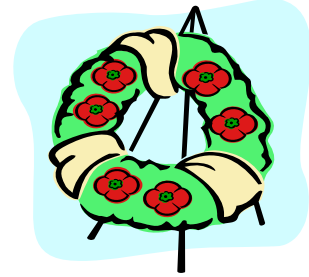
- Daylight Savings Time Ends – November 6th
- Veterans Day – November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – November 24th

The ERS office will be **CLOSED Thursday, November 24th and Friday November 25th**.



In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:



Victor Brodzik -DPW - Sewer
Brian Bush -DPW - Operations
David Cash -MPD
James Ehley -DPW - Operations
James Ferrier -MPD
David Frank -MPS
George Frankovis -MPD
Thomas Gibbs -DPW - Buildings & Fleet
Jan Gravenkamp -Bureau of Engineers
Albert Lowe -MPD
James Luczkowski -Veolia
Cora Martin -MPS
Audrey Merz -Bureau of Engineers
A. L. Odom -DPW - Infrastructure
Rosie Russell -MPS
Paul Rutter -Division of Engineers
Sebastian Sanfelippo -MPS
Valerie Smith -MPS
Russell Sobczyk -MMSD
Brian Spielman -MPS
Terry Steadman -DPW - Operations
Lorraine Teske -MPS
Richard Wasielewski -Bureau of Engineers

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 2023. 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.

2023 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