



# Employees' Retirement System Of The City Of Milwaukee

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## July 2023 Retiree Newsletter

### **Beneficiary Form Updates**

Please remember to update your beneficiary designation forms for Life Insurance, Pension, and Deferred Compensation. A good rule to use is “if you do not remember when you last did this, if ever, it is probably a good idea to update your information.” Some members have not updated their forms in decades, and it is up to you to inform our office of life changes.

\*\*\*\*\* **Please find the correct contact information below for the agency from which you retired.** \*\*\*\*\*

**GENERAL CITY, HACM, RACM, POLICE and FIRE, AND WISCONSIN CENTER DISTRICT** retirees should call 414-286-3557 to request **Life Insurance** and **Pension** beneficiary designation forms be mailed to you. To fill out and print the forms at home, you may visit [cmers.com](http://cmers.com), click on “FORMS” at the top right of the home page where you can then find Life Insurance and Pension Beneficiary forms. **MPS** retirees may update **Pension** forms this way, as well. See below for **MPS** Life Insurance and Deferred Compensation contact information. To have **Deferred Compensation** forms mailed, retirees should call 414-286-5541. To print these forms yourself, you may visit [city.milwaukee.gov](http://city.milwaukee.gov) and at “Directory” go to Deferred Compensation, scroll down to “Beneficiary Form” and print from there.

**MPS** retirees can access the beneficiary form online at [mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/MPS-English/OHC/Benefits/LifeInsurance-StandardBeneficiaryDesignation.pdf](http://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/MPS-English/OHC/Benefits/LifeInsurance-StandardBeneficiaryDesignation.pdf), or call 414-475-8699 for information on **Life Insurance** and 877-457-9327 (Wisconsin Deferred Compensation) for information on **Deferred Compensation**.

**MMSD, VEOLIA and UWS** retirees should call 414-225-2107 for information on **Life Insurance**.

### **Important August Dates**

August 2023 benefit payments will be mailed on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and payable on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

August 2023 benefit payments, for those with direct deposit, will be in your account on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Affidavits for lost July checks will begin Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **In Memoriam**

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

William Banach - Bureau of Engineers  
Herbert Bartaczewicz - MPS  
Joseph Branda - DPW-Administration  
Anne Braun - MPS  
Harold Denemark - Bureau of Engineers  
Anne Gabor - MPS  
David Gaza - MPD  
Delores Gordon - MPS  
Robert Grandberry - DPW-Infrastructure  
John Grant - DPW-Infrastructure  
Otto Gutfleisch - DPW-Buildings & Fleet  
David Hoehne - MPD  
Emma Johnson - DPW-Infrastructure  
Gwendolyn Johnson - MPS  
Diane Just - MPS  
George Kupfer - Health  
Colleen Larmay - MPS  
Willie Larry - Sanitation  
Neal Mayer - DPW-Buildings & Fleet  
Fred Meinholz - MMSD  
Norma Ortiz - MPS  
Robert Scremo - DPW-Buildings & Fleet  
Clayton Siegl - United Water  
Susan Spice-Swanto - MPS  
Claudia Swift - MPS  
Delores Te Beest - MPS  
Jeanine Teetz - MPS  
Edward Thomas - MFD  
William Threat - MPS  
Mary Ulickey - MPS  
Ruth Zentgraf - MPS

## **Investment Update**

As of May 31, 2023, the Fund value was \$5.53 Billion, and the YTD return was 2.6%, net of fees.

### **Recently Retired ERS Members:**

Eileen Beamish - MPS	William Krieg - DPW-Operations*
Eileen Bratel - MPS	Jean Krueger - MPS
Mark Bratton - Housing Authority*	Scott Lange - MPD*
Antoinette Bridges - MPS	Pamela Lockett - MPS
Devette Bridges - MPS	Terry Macdonald - Common Council
Elizabeth Brown - MPS	Patricia Mallett - MPS*
Carla Brzezinski - MPS*	Dolly May - DPW-Infrastructure
Delrose Cain - MPS	Alex Mayfield - MFD
Joan Cayan - Health*	Joseph Mazur - DPW-Infrastructure
Carol Christian - MPS	Ana Montanez - MPS
Judy Christopher - MPS	Carla Mueller - MPS*
John Craine - MPS	Kenneth Murray - MPD
Lea Anne Crowder - MPS	Zerleaner Nebel - DPW-Parking
Kay Dega - DER*	Daniel Paasch - Assessor's Office*
Michael Eheler - MPS	Stanley Pinkney - MPS
Jeffrey Emanuelson - MPD	Margaret Piwaron - Neighborhood Services
Vicki Geshrick - MPS	Sharon Purifoy-Smooths - MFD
Annie Ginnow - DPW-Infrastructure	Sara Raasch - MPS
Daniel Glick - MPD	Brenda Redmond - MPS
Barbara Graff - MPS*	Gretta Robertson - MPS
Sandra Gusewelle - MPS	Imelda Salas - MPS
James Hardin - DPW-Operations	Gloria Sanchez - MPS*
Healean Harley - MPS	Matt Sanfelippo - DPW-Infrastructure
Delphine Harper - MPS*	Kristian Seals - MPS*
Michael Heese - MPS	De'Wayne Smooths - MFD
Robert Hoffmann - DPW-Water	Thomas Spitz - DPW-Water*
Andrew Hushek - DPW-Infrastructure	Lori Tadysak - MPS
Janell Ingram - MPS	Franzina Thomas - Neighborhood Services
Debra Johnson - MPS	Sarah Trotter - DER
Pamela Johnson - Neighborhood Services	Matthew Williamson - MFD
James Kazmierczak - MFD	

\*Deferred retirement

## **Annual MFD Up North Picnic**

It was a warm overcast day, but the rain held out for the 42nd Annual MFD Up North Picnic, held on July 12, 2023, with 130 people gathering to eat, drink and share stories. There were many new faces in the crowd, active and retired, that said they would be back next year. Food was abundant with brats, chicken, salads and desserts, all very tasty! St. Germain Fire Department provided a fire engine for our yearly photo. Tom McKale, on bagpipes, played Honor the Fallen with Ray Brock reading the names of the 27 deceased members and Mike Warzala ringing the bell. Tom closed with Amazing Grace. Andy Timm and Rich Hoener won at horseshoes with Mike Torpy winning the Closest to the Pin contest. A special thank you to the Emergency Response Specialists, owned by Tom Jones and Brian Glassel, who donated beer and the Milwaukee Firefighters Union Local 215 made a very generous monetary donation to the picnic, which is appreciated by all members. Thanks and prayers to all the fallen Police, Fire and Military personnel that have made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us and this wonderful country. Mike and Linda Ballmann would like to thank everyone in attendance for keeping this MFD tradition alive through their generous donations and all the volunteers making the picnic possible. Mark your calendars for next year's picnic, July 10, 2024—keep spreading the word! Please send your email address to ballmann61@protonmail.com to get on the list for all picnic updates.