



# Employees' Retirement System City of Milwaukee

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## October 2023 Retiree Newsletter

### 2024 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 30, 2023 and ends on Monday November 13, 2023. 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 changes for retirees under the City's health plans. Retirees under the age of 65 years rates have an increase of 5.4%. Medicare eligible retirees enrolled in the City's health plan will have a rate decrease of 4.6%.
- Any benefit changes you make during the open enrollment period will take effect on January 1, 2024. You will continue to be covered under your current health plan through December 31, 2023.
- 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



John Abney- MPS  
Alicia Alamo- MPS  
Carolyn Birch- MPD  
Deborah Davis- MPS\*  
Kathleen Deleon- MPS\*  
David Jozwiak- MFD  
Mirta Kasper- Health  
Heidi Krause- MPS\*  
Vicki Lafountain- MPS\*  
Lisa Lien- Health\*  
Trent Little- MPD  
Zora Maniscalco- DER\*  
Stephen Martinson- MFD  
Rita McCain-Walker- MPS  
Teodros Medhin- Common Council  
Angela Nankin- MPD\*  
Donna O'Keefe- MPD\*  
Richard Petersik- Library  
Mary Ellen Quesada- MPS\*  
Jeffery Rideout- MPS\*  
Michael Rushmer- Forestry\*  
Michael Schaefer- DPW - Water  
Cara Seppi-Bern- MPS\*  
Jeffrey Spence- MMSD  
Steven Svensson- MPD  
Jacqueline Sykes- DPW - Operations  
Ellary Thrasher- MPS  
Souphaphone Vichathep- MPS  
Audrey Warren- MPD\*  
Susanna Zachari- MPS\*

\*Deferred

### Open Enrollment Fairs

The City is holding three (3) Open Enrollment Fairs. The schedule for the fairs is listed below.

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. .... DNS Lake Tower  
4001 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. .... City Hall Rotunda  
200 E. Wells Street

Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. .... DPW Field Headquarters  
3850 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street

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:

- Thursday, November 2, 2023, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 10 a.m. to 12 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](http://www.emers.com), Retirees, Open Enrollment.

Investment Update

As of August 31, 2023, the Fund value was \$5.62 billion, and the YTD return was 5.9%, net of fees.

November 2023 Pension Payments

- Payments will be mailed November 29<sup>th</sup> and payable November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Direct deposits will be posted to your account on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Processing affidavits for lost October checks will start November 10<sup>th</sup>.

November Dates of Note

- Daylight Savings Time Ends – November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Veterans Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Day – November 23<sup>rd</sup>

The ERS office will be CLOSED Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>.



In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:

- Sharon Andrews-MPS
- James Bentley-DPW - Buildings & Fleet
- Daniel Bolcerek-Library
- Luverta Bryant-MPS
- Robert Hempe-MPD
- John Hill-DCD
- Mila Hintz-DPW - Sanitation
- Richard Hopgood-MPD
- Herman John-Budget Bureau
- Ann Kesting-MPS
- Herbert Krause-MFD
- Pat Labelle-MPD
- Paul Lucht-Tax Commission
- Daniel Martin-MFD
- Angeline Mc Iver-MPS
- Robert Moench-Traffic Engineering & Electrical
- Allan Monroe-MPS
- Albert Munkacsy-MPS
- Shirley O'Kelley-MPS
- Marcia Roenspies-MPS
- Edith Sheehan-MPS
- Jane Stollberg-MPS
- Mabel Struck-MPS
- Evelyn Suchalla-MPS
- Ravindra Talwalker-DPW - Infrastructure
- Theodore Thompson-MPS
- Mary Trevillian-MPD
- John Tsopelas-MPD
- Robert Ver Brugge-MMSD
- Marlene Wagner-Health
- Wayne Waldenmeyer-MFD
- Clyde Webster-MPD
- Carole Wehner-MPS
- Lucille Wesley-MPS
- Willie Wesley-MPS
- Kathleen White-Sanitation
- Kenneth Winiger-MMSD

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post on S. 92<sup>nd</sup> & 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](http://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 2024. 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.

2024 MRPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWABLE EVERY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

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