



Employees' Retirement System

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September 2023 Retiree Newsletter

2024 Open Enrollment-City Retirees Only

Health Insurance

The 2024 Open Enrollment period will be October 30, 2023 through November 13, 2023. Packets will be mailed out **starting mid-October** to **all City of Milwaukee retirees presently enrolled in a City health insurance plan. This excludes MATC, MMSD, MPS, United Water Services, and Veolia.** If you do not receive your packet by **October 31, 2023**, call the ERS Open Enrollment Hotline at (414) 286-3689 and request that one be sent to you. If you are not currently enrolled in a City health insurance plan and wish to receive a City Open Enrollment packet, or want to request an enrollment form, call the ERS Open Enrollment Hotline at (414) 286-3689 and request that one be sent to you.

Please note that the rates for retirees under the City's health plans will change for 2024. Rates are increasing 5.4% for retirees under the age of 65 years, and Medicare retiree rates are decreasing 4.6%.

You can find the answers to your questions in your Retiree Benefits Guide or on the ERS website – www.cmers.com. Click on "Read More" under Open Enrollment to find links to frequently asked questions, 2024 rate charts and an online copy of the 2024 Benefits Guide. Please read your Benefits Guide carefully. **Rate information and the Retiree Benefits Guide will be available around the beginning of October.**

When submitting a new health enrollment form, please keep a copy for your records. ERS does not send out confirmation letters. However, if you want confirmation of receipt of this form, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for this purpose.

Due to the high volume of forms received each year, we cannot confirm by phone if we have received your health enrollment form.

Life Insurance

There are **no changes** to the life insurance benefit design for current retirees. No action is required on your part if you currently participate in the City's Life Insurance plan as a retiree. If you currently do not participate in the City's plan as a retiree, you are **not** eligible to enroll in the plan. You can reduce or cancel your coverage at any time, but please note you **cannot** then increase or reenroll in the future.

Open Enrollment Fairs

The City will be holding three (3) Open Enrollment Fairs that are open to all City employees and retirees. The ERS will also hold two (2) virtual fairs and information about them will be provided later (you can visit our website (www.cmers.com) for more information about them in early October). The current schedule for the fairs is as follows:

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

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

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

Investment Update

As of July 31, the fund value was \$5.73 billion, and the YTD return was 7.3%, net of fees.

Recently Retired ERS Members



Jocelyn Acompanado- Health*
Claudia Arbanella- MPS*
Daphynie Barbee-Matthews- MPD
Donna Blackburn- MPS
Lori Collenburg- MPS*
Aundra Dawson- MPD*
Robert Ehler- MPS
Daniel Felzer- MFD
Nyella Feroze- MPS*
Ann Giuffre- MPS*
Esmond King- DPW - Operations
Klayton Knapp- DPW - Operations
Theodore Krotts- MPS*
Cynthia Land- MPS
Keith Lindsey- MMSD*
Thomas Matthews- DPW - Parking*
Sara Mishefske- Health*
Kathryn Mlsna- Library*
Christopher Moews- MPD
Thomas Nowicki- MMSD
Peter Park- DCD*
Ameenah Pasha- MPS
Tracy Revels- Housing Authority
Erich Roden- MFD
Lorraine Rogers- DPW - Water
William Savagian- MPD
Jason Schneider- MPD
Christopher Schutte- MFD
Sherrie Smaxwill- DPW - Water*
Cynthia Thompson- Health
Michelle Urbaniak- MPS*
Dorothy Vanderkolk- MPS
Carlyn Wagner- MPS
Jon Wardecke- Health*
Catherine Willis- MPS*
Lisa Winn- MPS*
Audrey Woolfolk- MPS*

*Deferred retirement

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:

Richard Alford-Forestry
Patricia Ashley Goetsch-MPS
Ingeliese Bauer-ERS
Barbara Beecy-Health
Eugene Bivens-MPS
Doris Brown-MPS
Toni Buck-DPW - Infrastructure
Lillie Clayton-MPS
David Clemence-MPD
Florence Dukes-MPD
Frances Elliott-Library
Diane Emmett-Health
Beulah Gaines-MPS
Doris Galonski-MATC
James Gradinjan-MPD
Diane Heinrich-MPS
Victoria Henning-MPS
Geraldine Hopgood-MPS
Erma Huff-MPS
Jane Jenrich-MPS
John Kako-DPW - Water
James Lebron-DPW - Infrastructure
Lawrence Lind-MFD
Ralph Lundgren-Health
Carmen Maldonado-Library
Nicholas Miaskowski-MPD
Richard Miller-MPS
Jameel Muslim-DPW - Infrastructure
Joanne Pappalardo-MPS
Vernice Parker-MPS
Keith Peterson-Sanitation
Norma Popke-MPD
John Przybylski-DCD
Wendy Reinemann-MPS
Marion Salley-MPS
Carlotta Schmit-Library
Ronald Schubert-MPD
Ann Steffen Oldenburg-Housing Authority
Frances Townsel-MPS
Mary Trotter-MPS
Theodore Tuchel-MPS
Ellis Turrentine-MPS
Gary Weigel-MPD
Zigmund Welytok-MPD
Michael Wink-DPW - Infrastructure
Donald Wirth-Sanitation
Mary Zickuhr-MPS

Your **October 2023** benefit payment will be **mailed on October 30th** and made **payable for the 31st**. Those retirees with **direct deposit** will have their pension payment in their account on **October 31st**.

Affidavits for lost September checks will begin Tuesday, October 10th.