



# Employees' Retirement System

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### *September 2024 Retiree Newsletter*

## **2025 Open Enrollment-City Retirees Only**

### **Health Insurance**

The 2025 Open Enrollment period will be October 28, 2024 through November 11, 2024. 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, 2024**, 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 premium rates will stay the same for retirees under the age of 65 years, however Medicare retiree rates are increasing 11.4%.

You can find the answers to your questions in your Retiree Benefits Guide or on the ERS website – [www.cmers.com](http://www.cmers.com). Click on “Read More” under Open Enrollment to find links to frequently asked questions, 2025 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](http://www.cmers.com)) for more information about them in early October). The current schedule for the fairs is as follows:

Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> –2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. .... DNS Lake Tower  
4001 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. .... City Hall Rotunda  
200 E. Wells Street

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. .... DPW Field Headquarters  
3850 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street

## Investment Update

As of July 31, 2024, the Fund value was \$5.99 billion, and the YTD return was 5.8%, net of fees.

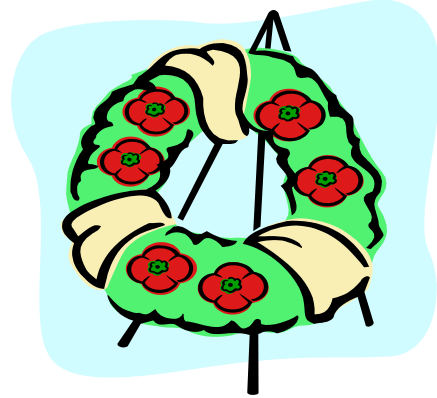
### Recently Retired ERS Members

Thomas Alexander- MPS  
Kathryn Anderer- MPD  
Jesse Anderson- MPS\*  
James Bates- DPW - Parking\*  
Perry Bell- MPS  
Cheryl Blaschuk- Health\*  
Vanessa Brackinridge- MPS  
Terence Brumirski- DPW - Infrastructure\*  
Tove Case- MPS\*  
David Coffey- MPD  
Suzanne Davis Killen- MPS\*  
Richard Dollhopf- DPW - Parking\*  
Annemarie Domurat- MPD  
Robert Eigner- Library  
Becky Flagg- MPS  
Renee Flink- DPW - Sewer  
Jeffrie Frizzle- MPD\*  
Kenneth Garbisch- Neighborhood Services  
Terrence Gilbert- MPD\*  
Veronica Houston- MPD  
Dorothy Johnson- Common Council  
Dennis Justus- MPD  
Daniel Kadlec- MPS  
Carol Kopczynski- MPS\*  
Scott Lebeau- MFD\*  
Stacy Lehrer- MPD  
Kathryn Lenarchich- MPS\*  
Stacey Manske- MPS  
Sherell Mckinney- MPS  
Enid Montalvo- MPS\*  
Rose Onama- MPS\*  
Lawrence Poggenburg- DPW - Infrastructure\*  
Nicole Reaves- MPD  
Michael Rinaldi- MFD\*  
Steven Schnelz- MPS  
Kathy Schwartz- MPS\*  
Janel Semon- Municipal Court\*  
Sharon Sigl- MMSD  
Crystal Stott- MPS\*  
Miguel Torres- DPW - Operations  
Andrew Walloch- MMSD\*  
Penelope Williams- MPS  
Mary Wilson- MPS\*  
Odell Winters- MPD

\*Deferred retirement

### In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:



Kim Anderson-MPS  
Beverly Archibald-MPS  
Douglas Baranowski-DPW - Operations  
Karen Bowen-DCD  
Robert Buck-DPW - Operations  
Corey Calvert-MPS  
Joann Doering-DCD  
David Eichhorst-DPW - Infrastructure  
Beverly Engelland-MPS  
James Fink-MPD  
Robert Gehm-Municipal Equipment  
Cecilia Gilbert-DPW - Infrastructure  
Sheldon Henschel-MPS  
Jill Hernandez-MPS  
Mary Hicks-MPS  
Patricia Hudson-MPD  
Robert Jones-Neighborhood Services  
Dolores Kaczkowski-MPS  
David Lewis-DPW - Administration  
Jamie Litza-MPD  
Arnold Marki-DPW - Sanitation  
Barnette Marshall-DPW - Buildings & Fleet  
Thomas Matthews-DPW - Parking  
Cyril Piette-MPD  
Stephanie Schimmels-MPS  
Theodore Somers-MPS  
Myron Tabbert-MPD  
Robert Toporsh-Wisconsin Center  
Eugene Traut-MFD  
Thomas Traynor-MMSD  
Robert Underly-DCD  
George Walls-Wisconsin Center  
Allan Walsch-MATC

Your **October 2024** benefit payment will be **mailed on October 30<sup>th</sup>** and made **payable October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Those retirees with **direct deposit** will have their pension payment in their account on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Affidavits for lost September checks will begin **October 10<sup>th</sup>**.