



Employees' Retirement System City of Milwaukee

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October 2025 Retiree Newsletter

2026 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 20, 2025 and ends on Tuesday November 4, 2025. *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:

- Retirees under the age of 65 years will have a rate increase of 12.6%.
- For Medicare retirees, the City will switch over to a Medicare Advantage plan (that will include Part D prescription coverage), instead of offering the secondary UHC EPO / PPO plans like prior years.
- Any benefit changes you make during the open enrollment period will take effect on January 1, 2026. You will continue to be covered under your current health plan through December 31, 2025.
- 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

Vincent Andrysczyk- MPD
Robert Anthony- MPS*
Jean Bautzmann- MMSD*
Thomas Brummond- MPD
Michael Campbell- DPW - Operations
James Cruz- MPD*
Craig Dansby- MPS
John De Berry- DPW - Operations*
Jeffrey Dolkiewicz- MPD
John Fisher- MFD
Jeremy Gonzalez- MPD
Asheley Hepburn- MMSD*
Janice Henderson- MPS
Salvador Hernandez- MPD
Gregory Hunter- MPD
Nancy Jandron- MPS
Adam Jardanowski- MFD
Jay Karas- MPD
Dion Laurence- MPS
Robert Lemanczyk- MPD
Martin Leonard- DPW - Operations
Sean Lesnjak- MPD
Jason Liebherr- MFD
Yance Marti- DPW - Infrastructure
Carol Matthews- MPS
William Michel- MPD
Joel O'Brien- MPD
Jacqueline O'Leary- MPS*
Richard Olson- DPW - Water
Randall Perez- MPD
Kelly Polacheck- MPS
Patricia Sauers- MPD*
Chansamouth Simpraphone- MMSD*
Mornae Smith- City Attorney
Wayne Terry- MPS
David Thomsen- MPD
Manuel Torres- MPD*
Tammy Tramel-Mcclain- MPD
Paul Vento- MPD
Rhonda Williams- MPS*
Richard Wojciechowski- Health
Jean Wojnar- Health
Susan Wollmer- MPS

***Deferred**

Investment Update

As of August 31, 2025, the Fund value was \$6.25 billion, and the YTD return was 8.3%, net of fees

November 2025 Pension Payments

- Payments will be **mailed November 25th** and **payable November 26th**.
- Direct deposits will be posted to your account on **November 26th**.
- Processing affidavits for lost October checks will start **November 10th**.

November Dates of Note

- Daylight Savings Time Ends – November 2nd
- Veterans Day – November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – November 27th

The ERS office will be **CLOSED Thursday, November 27th** and **Friday November 28th**.



In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:

- Joyce Coombs-MPS
Barbara Duvall-MPS
Jacob Dzelzkalns-Building Inspection
Kathryn Farseth-Library
Ronald Floryance-MPD
Randall Gess-MPS
Douglas Giles-Neighborhood Services
Thomas Gilgenbach-MPS
Michael Horbinski-MFD
Bertha Jersild-MPS
Carol Johnson-MPS
Kenneth Kuehn-MPS
Frances Mazurek-MPS
Susanne Mckenzie-MPS
Richard Meka-MFD
Audrey Mushynski-MPS
Marilyn Platz-MPS
Leroy Quinn-DPW - Infrastructure
John Schneider-Housing Authority
Dennis Schreiber-MPD
William Stueckroth-Building Inspection
Lula Tate-MPS
Elizabeth Ten Haken-MPS
Louis Tenaglia-MPS
Elizabeth Totsky-MPS
Gary Wagoner-MPS
Tuwanda Wardlaw-MPS
Marian Wendler-Bureau of Engineers
Janet Willers-Neighborhood Services
Frank Zagar-DPW - Water
Jerelyn Zepnick-MPS
Kenneth Zipperer-MFD

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 2026. 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.

2026 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](#)