



## Employees' Retirement System

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## *September 2025 Retiree Newsletter*

### **2026 Open Enrollment-City Retirees Only**

#### **Health Insurance**

The 2026 Open Enrollment period will be October 20, 2025 through November 4, 2025. Packets will be mailed out **starting early-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 27, 2025**, 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 increase for retirees under the age of 65 years (non-Medicare) by about 12.6%. For **Medicare retirees**, please note that 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. **Unless you opt out, current Medicare retirees on the City's plan will automatically be enrolled in this new UHC Medicare Advantage plan.** More details for the new UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage (MA) plan will be provided by the City and UHC – please be on the lookout for those mailings.

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, 2026 rate charts and an online copy of the 2026 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 five (5) Open Enrollment Fairs that are open to all City employees and retirees.

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. .... City Hall Rotunda

200 E. Wells Street

Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. .... DPW Field Headquarters

3850 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Cafeteria

Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. .... DPW Field Headquarters

3850 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. .... DNS Lake Tower

4001 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. .... MFD Local 215 Union Hall

5625 W Wisconsin Ave.

The ERS will also hold two (2) virtual fairs. You can visit our website [www.cmers.com](http://www.cmers.com) for more information.

Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.      Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Investment Update

As of July 31, 2025, the Fund value was \$6.16 billion, and the YTD return was 6.2%, net of fees.

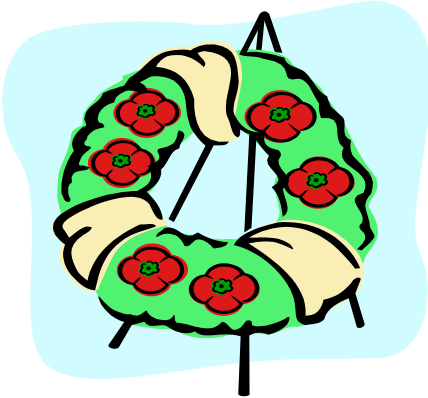
Recently Retired ERS Members

Mary Adams - MPS  
Tracy Adams – MPS  
Laurette Amoroso - MPS\*  
Charlette Beamon - MPS\*  
Gerard Berendt- DPW - Infrastructure  
Andre Bird - MPS  
Daniel Boeck - MPD  
Timothy Bolger - Neighborhood Services  
Stanley Bullock - Board of Zoning Appeals\*  
Therese Burks - MPS  
Nancy Burns - Health  
Phillip Corona - MPS\*  
Bernadine Cosey - MPS  
Chantana Giombi - MPS  
Harriett Heath - MPS  
Julie Hults - Health  
George Johnson - DPW-Infrastructure  
Randy Krouse - DPW-Operations  
Malcolm Liston - MPS  
Kathy Litza - MPS  
Robert Matheus - MPD  
Kelli Miller - Library\*  
Cheryl Moore - MPS\*  
Maria Pandazi - DCD\*  
Kandy Perez- Health  
Christine Reynolds - MPD\*  
Leah Rouse - MPD\*  
Anne Secola-Schley - MPS  
Glenn Siettmann - DOA  
Lisa Spangler - MPS  
John Spicer - MFD  
Chad Szeklinski - MFD  
Lori Thomas Hamberlin - MPS\*  
Marcia Triggs - Health  
David Valdes - MPS  
Jacqueline White - MPS\*  
Barbara Young - MPS  
Michael Zyniecki - MFD

\*Deferred retirement

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:



Pauline Athans - Library  
Steven Chandler - MFD  
Bill Di Giorgio - Port of Milwaukee  
William Dixon - Wisconsin Center  
Carol Dorn - MPS  
Jean Kaluzny - Health  
Robert Kehoe - MMSD  
Anna Kirk - MPS  
Marvin Labecki - MPD  
Henry Look - Purchasing  
Willie Luster - MPS  
Lawrence Maher - MPS  
Vernell Mathews - MPS  
Richard Retzer - MPD  
David Ritchie - MPD  
William Rodewald - MPS  
Paul Salfer - MPS  
George Schwei - Bureau of Engineers  
Ronald Seidner - DPW - Water  
John Stoller - MPS  
Earl Strickland - MPS  
Deborah Strzelecki - MPD  
Gary Temp - MPD  
Johnnie Walker - MPS  
Linda Youngs - MPS

Your **October 2025** 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>**.

For Your Information

The Milwaukee Police and Fire Veterans Club is hosting an event on October 4, 2025 between 11am and 1pm at 5625 W. Wisconsin Ave. Representatives of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will be on site to discuss VA benefits. An informational flyer for this meeting can be found on ERS’s website: [www.cmers.com](http://www.cmers.com) at News & Information / Latest News.