



Employees' Retirement System City of Milwaukee

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October 2026 Retiree Newsletter

2027 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 19, 2026 and ended on Friday October 30, 2026. *If you did not wish to change your health and prescription drug benefits plan, you did not need to do anything.*

Please make note of the following:

- Retirees under the age of 65 years will have a rate increase of 8.2%.
- Medicare retirees will have a rate increase of 20.9%
- Any benefit changes you make during the open enrollment period will take effect on January 1, 2027. You will continue to be covered under your current health plan through December 31, 2026.
- 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.

November 2026 Pension Payments

- Payments will be **mailed November 27th** and **payable November 30th**.
- Direct deposits will be posted to your account on **November 30th**.
- Processing affidavits for lost October checks will start **November 10th**.

Recently Retired ERS Members

Mary Balistreri- MPS*
Dorothy Barron- MPS*
Alexander Bebris- MPD*
David Bettin- MPD
Catherine Bono- City Treasurer
Anthony Brooks- MFD
Martin Brooks- Wisconsin Center
John Brunner- MFD
Clark Caughey- Library
Sheila Dewalt- MPS*
Nichole Evans- MPD
Matthew Fisher- DPW - Infrastructure
Deloise Fowler- MPS
Judson Franklin- DPW - Sewer
Peggy Granzow-Hanley- Emergency Communications
Troy Hamblin- DER*
Leslie Hill- MPS
Maurice Jackson- DPW - Infrastructure
Michael Kesery- DPW - Infrastructure
Mary Kowal- MPS
John Kulmann- MPD
Jeffrey Lewandowski- DPW - Operations
Gregory Nelson- MPD
Tom Nicholson- Wisconsin Center
Cindy Ossanna- MPS
Lisa Parks- Housing Authority
Michael Pelnar- MPD
Ronald Peplinski- Veolia
Rodney Perry- MPS
Anthony Phelps- MPD*
Sherry Prochaska- Common Council
Adam Riley- MPD
Anthony Riva- DPW - Infrastructure
Mark Roeder- MPD
Richard Santiago- MPD*
Michelle Skenadore- MPS*
Deborah Smith- DPW - Administration
Francesco Spera- DPW - Infrastructure
Andre Thomas- DPW - Operations*
Dan Thomas- DPW - Administration
Jocelyn Wilder- MPS
Jon Wolski- DPW - Infrastructure

***Deferred**

Investment Update
As of August 31, 2026, the Fund value was \$6.72 billion, and the YTD return was 7.2%, net of fees.

November Dates of Note

- Daylight Savings Time Ends – November 1st
- Veterans Day – November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – November 26th

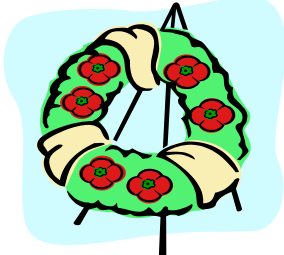
The ERS office will be CLOSED Thursday, November 26th and Friday November 27th.

Milwaukee Retiree Association (MRA)
Wisconsin Vision Discount Plan

Wisconsin Vision offers a valuable discount plan for glasses and eye examinations to all members of the Milwaukee Retiree Association (MRA) who do not have vision insurance. Since the MRA does not issue membership cards or provide member numbers, MRA members should bring with them to participating Wisconsin Vision locations their most current MRA newsletter with their name shown on the final page in order to take advantage of this benefit. Wisconsin Vision also advises that it will bill insurance directly for those customers who have vision insurance benefits.



In Memoriam
ERS Retirees who have recently died:



- Lynn Marie Apriesnig-DPW - Administration
- Ronald Ball-DPW - Fleet
- Robert Bivens-MFD
- David Braam-DCD
- Michael Brooks-Port of Milwaukee
- Therese Cieslak-MPD
- Kathryn Dean-MPS
- Roman Gilson-DPW - Water
- Randall Gnadt-MPD
- George Hawn-MPD
- John Heck-MFD
- James Heil-Traffic Engineering & Electrical Services
- Reginald Jenkins-DPW - Parking
- Jerry Jones-MPS
- Jay Kitzke-DPW - Operations
- Joan Krueger-MPS
- Margaret Krueger-MPS
- Carline Lacking-Bridges & Buildings
- Mary Lee-MPS
- Thomas Matejka-DPW - Infrastructure
- Guenter Meurer-MPS
- Betty Mitchell-MPS
- Terry Smith-DPW - Infrastructure
- Lisa Spangler-MPS
- Vermel Stone-MPS
- Mary Tremblay-MPS
- Sharon Wilson-Library

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 2027. 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.

2027 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