



Retiree Election Notice

A primary election to fill the retiree member Pension Board position will be held Monday, August 22, 2016 through Monday, August 29, 2016. If more than two candidates file nomination papers for the election, a Final Election will be held Friday, September 23, 2016 through Friday, September 30, 2016. The retiree member position is a three-year term. If fewer than two candidates submit nomination papers, the Primary Election (8/22–8/29) will serve as the Final Election.

For your ease and convenience we are offering an eight-day voting period using either internet or telephone.

The term will begin on November 1, 2016 and end October 31, 2019.

To be a candidate the individual must be a retiree of ERS. A "retiree" is a person who:

- ⇒ *Previously worked as a Milwaukee County employee;*
- ⇒ *Earned retirement benefits as an active member in ERS;*
- ⇒ *Retired directly from County employment or as a deferred vested retiree;*
- ⇒ *As of the date of the nomination deadline, has begun to receive pension benefits; and*
- ⇒ *Is currently receiving an ongoing monthly benefit from ERS. For these purposes, a "retiree" does not include a beneficiary of a former County employee who receives a survivor annuity benefit after the former County employee's death.*

Nomination papers and election procedures will be available in Room 210 of the Courthouse on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. The papers must be signed by 15 or more ERS retiree members and returned by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30, 2016, to Room 210 of the Courthouse. Nominees should expect to devote at least one day per month to Pension Board activities.

If you are considering becoming a candidate for a retiree position on the Pension Board but are wondering what this would entail, attend an informational session Wednesday, June 8, 2016 from 3:00–4:00 p.m. in Room 210 of the Courthouse. The session will provide a summary of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Pension Board, the Investment Committee, the Audit & Budget Committee and the time commitment expected of Pension Board members. If you are interested in attending this session, please call the RPS office at 414-278-4207.

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*"We don't stop playing because we grow old;
we grow old because we stop playing."*

— George Bernard Shaw

By Vivian Aikin

FIRE SAFETY BASICS

If a fire starts in your home, you may have only 2 minutes to escape. The keys to survival are preparation and prevention. In the event of a home fire, working smoke alarms and a well-rehearsed fire escape plan can save lives.

A working smoke detector on every level of your home is essential. Pay particular attention to sleeping areas. It's recommended that smoke alarms be placed both inside as well as directly outside each sleeping area. Test smoke detectors regularly to be sure the batteries are working. If you frequently have children in your home, make sure they know what a smoke alarm sounds like and what action to take when they hear one. Remember that carbon monoxide alarms, while important, are not substitutes for smoke alarms. The American Red Cross reports that 60% of house fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke detectors.

While a smoke alarm will provide an important early warning if a fire breaks out in your home, it will not guarantee your ability to exit the residence safely. Take the next step and develop a fire escape plan customized to your home. Here are some tips on a practical fire escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Review the plan with everyone living in the home and frequent visitors.
- Know at least 2 ways out of every room if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- Designate an outside meeting place a safe distance away where everyone knows to meet in case of fire.
- Conduct a practice home fire drill at least twice a year preferably at different times of the day. The fire drill should consist of waking up to smoke alarms, crawling low and meeting outside. It is important to stay low because the air is cleaner closer to the floor; smoke and toxic gases rise.
- If you have pets, plan ahead for their safe evacuation.
- Practice using different routes out of your residence.

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- Close doors behind you when you leave to prevent the fire from spreading.
- Once safely outside, never go back inside for anything.
- Call 911 from outside your home and try to remain calm.

Use common sense prevention measures to reduce the chance of ever having a fire. While these may seem obvious, they are worth mentioning as a reminder:

- Make sure all electrical cords are in good condition, not frayed or cracked. Avoid running cords under rugs or through doorways. Don't overload power strips.
- Never store flammable products like gasoline or propane inside your residence.
- Never smoke in bed.
- If you use a space heater in winter, keep any combustible items at least 3 ft. away.
- Use caution in the kitchen. Don't leave the stove unattended if you are frying, grilling or broiling. Keep pets off cooking surfaces and countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto a burner. Keep anything that can catch fire, like towels or pot holders, away from the stove.

Many local fire departments offer services like home safety evaluations as a courtesy at no cost. Check with your local department and take advantage of the services they offer. Your safety could depend on it.

Are you in the **Milwaukee County Choice PPO Plan** and having difficulty understanding your Explanation of Benefits (EOB), deductibles, copays and out-of-pocket costs? In 2016 UnitedHealthcare will continue to have a representative available to assist you with understanding these issues or other concerns you may have. The representative from UnitedHealthcare will be available on a first come first serve basis at the following locations and times:

Date	Day	Reserved Time	Location
6/1/15	Wednesday	9:00am - 11:00am	Washington Park Senior Center 4420 W Vliet St - Meeting Room 2

If you are currently enrolled in the **Medicare Advantage Plan** and need assistance with your benefit coverage, please contact the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage team at 1-866-291-1237

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In Memoriam

Please keep the families of these recently deceased retirees in your thoughts:

<i>Ossie Anderson</i>	<i>Michael Endter</i>	<i>Earl Krause</i>	<i>Johnnie Reed</i>
<i>Mary Lou Baumbach</i>	<i>Gerald Engel</i>	<i>Richard Maikowski</i>	<i>Marcia Reiter</i>
<i>Rhoda Boos</i>	<i>Sharon Gay</i>	<i>Mary Manske</i>	<i>Letha Robinson</i>
<i>Joseph Brannan</i>	<i>Ruth Holtz</i>	<i>Michael McKinley</i>	<i>Dorothy Tubeszewski</i>
<i>Margaret Carillo</i>	<i>Dennis Janchan</i>	<i>William Morrison</i>	<i>Sylvester Wernimont</i>
<i>Ugo Cataldo</i>	<i>Dorothy Johnson</i>	<i>Gertrude Mosely</i>	
<i>Dave Czaskes</i>	<i>Gilbert Kontowicz</i>	<i>Sherry Narloch</i>	

Market Value of Pension Fund Period Ending February 29, 2016

Total Fund Composite	\$1,677,797,464
Fixed Income Composite	\$275,725,607
US Equity Composite	\$410,819,627
International Equity Composite	\$323,893,931
Hedged Equity Composite	\$177,169,722
Real Estate Composite	\$221,322,187
Infrastructure Composite	\$151,651,950
Private Equity Composite	\$98,920,595
Total Cash Equivalents	\$18,293,845

2016 Check Disbursement Schedule

Thursday, June 30	Monday, October 31
Friday, July 29	Wednesday, November 30
Wednesday, August 31	Friday, December 30
Friday, September 30	

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