



Retirement Plan Services Communicator

August 2026

From the Desk of the Director

Hello Milwaukee County retirees!

Thank you for reading this edition of the Communicator! As this issue arrives near the end of August, I hope you've enjoyed a pleasant and relaxing summer and with fall just around the corner, I also want to wish you a very Happy Labor Day! I have a few updates for you this month:

System Upgrade

Our team is in the final stages of testing our upgraded system, with the cutover planned for August 31st. We do not anticipate significant changes to the Digital Self-Service Site.

2025 Pension Board Annual Report Now Available

We are pleased to share that the 2025 Pension Board Annual Report is now available for review on our website. Here are a few key highlights from the report:

- As of December 31, 2025, the ERS has 12,335 members, including 7,559 retirees/beneficiaries receiving benefits, 1,639 inactive members entitled to a future benefit, and 3,137 active members earning a benefit
- Total benefit payments for 2025 reached \$195.2 million.
- The funded ratio, using the actuarial value of assets, stands at 71.3%.
- Net investment return for 2025 was 13.7%.
- Total fund assets as of year-end were \$1.85 billion.

Future Office Relocation

We have been notified of our new office address. Around February 2027, our operations will relocate to:

648 N. Plankinton Avenue
Suite 270
Milwaukee, WI 53203

We are actively planning the logistics for this move and will keep you updated throughout the process. If we anticipate any service disruptions or changes to our operations at the new location, we will communicate them promptly. If you'd like to follow the progress of the Investing in Justice project (which is related to our temporary relocation) you can track County Board File 26-563.

As always, if you have any questions regarding your pension, please do not hesitate to contact us at 414-278-4207 or ERS@MilwaukeeCountyWI.Gov.

Sincerely,
Erika Bronikowski

Congratulations to our Newest Retirees

Cowanda Addison	Sue Drummond	Carl Hauski	Jill Knight	Mary Putaraksa
Edwina Akindele-Obe	Anthony Elam	Jory Hawthorne	Thomas Naunheim	Sonya Tatum
Catrina Averhart	BarbaraEucalano	Jason Hodel	Stephanie Pratt	Brenda Williams
Angela Dickerson	Dawn Fleuchaus	Brenda Jines		



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Market Value of Pension Fund: Period Ending June 30, 2026

Total Fund Composite	\$1,900,432,842
Fixed Income Composite	\$367,905,915
Private Debt Composite	\$73,504,671
US Equity Composite	\$518,530,074
International Equity Composite	\$294,870,347
Hedged Equity Composite	\$118,034,284
Real Estate Composite	\$85,395,344
Infrastructure Composite	\$192,474,006
Private Equity Composite	\$223,292,974
Cash Equivalents	\$26,425,227

Upcoming Retiree Webinars

We host a monthly retiree webinar to provide ongoing education, resources, and support in retirement. The webinars feature **Empower's "Maximizing Your Retirement"** and **RPS's "Life After Retirement – Income, Lifestyle & Legacy."** Topics include financial planning, income strategies, lifestyle adjustments, and legacy planning. Each webinar also includes time for questions and practical tips you can use right away.

**Wednesday, September 23rd
2:00 – 3:30 pm**

Registration links will be available on the DSS page, the ERS website, and the Deferred Compensation website at www.milwaukeecounty457.com. Check these sites regularly for updates, schedules, and new offerings.

In Memoriam

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

Robert Bilodeau	Arlene Dane	Virgil Hoff	Morris Postotnik	Theodore Subel
Michael Boneck	James Epperson	Robert Mc Dermott	Nina Schaefer	Mary Witzel
Augustene Cotton Stevens	Earline Hendrix	Thomas Panizza	Estelle St Claire	Marion Wolff
Michael Crawford	Jason Hodel			

A Note from the ADRC: Healthy Aging Month

September marks Healthy Aging Month, a time dedicated to celebrating the energy, creativity, and resilience of older adults in our community. This year's theme, "Curiosity Has No Limits," encourages everyone to embrace lifelong learning and explore new interests as part of a healthy aging journey.

Staying curious keeps the mind active and engaged. Whether its trying a new hobby, attending a local workshop, or reconnecting with longtime interests, curiosity helps maintain cognitive health and a sense of purpose. Communities thrive when older adults are empowered to keep discovering, connecting, and growing.