Retirement Plan Services Communicator

November 2026

From the Desk of the Director

Hello Milwaukee County Retirees!

Thank you for reading this edition of The Communicator. As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your years of service to Milwaukee County. Please keep in mind, our office will be closed on November 26th, December 25th, and January 1st in observance of the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day Holidays.

As part of our responsibilities to administer the pension, we take many steps to protect the confidential data that we have. Recently, WISN mentioned our team in an article about an investigation of identity theft. An individual did contact our team in September, impersonating three retirees. My team flagged the suspicious activity and thanks to their vigilance, no payments were issued to the fraudster. We work closely with law enforcement to stay up-to-date on cybersecurity and fraud prevention best practices to ensure the security of your data and your hard earned benefits. If fraud is suspected, we immediately reach out to affected retirees to re-verify identity. We ask that you be cautious in providing your personal data online or through text or on the phone. I appreciate your continued partnership in preventing fraud and protecting your data; together we can ensure your pensions are protected.

We have also been informed that our planned relocation may be delayed until March 2027. This move is part of the County's Investing in Justice: Criminal Courthouse Project. Because several departments are involved, timelines may continue to evolve. I will share updates in future editions of The Communicator as more information becomes available.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, we can be reached at 414-278-4207 or ERS@MilwaukeeCountywi.gov.

Sincerely,
Erika Bronikowski

Upcoming Retiree Webinars

Our monthly retiree webinars offer helpful information on planning your income, lifestyle and legacy in retirement. The webinars feature Empower's "Maximizing Your Retirement" and RPS's "Life After Retirement – Income, Lifestyle & Legacy." Upcoming sessions:

- **Monday, December 14th, 1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Registration links are available on the DSS page, the Milwaukee County Retirement website, and the Deferred Compensation website at www.milwaukeecounty457.com.

In Memoriam

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

Therese Blaski
Audrey Dueno
Randal Eidenberger
Catherine Flores
Viola Harris
Joachim Heller
Carole Hoover
Fay Imig
Christine Jackson
Jesse Knutowski
Dierk Losinger
Robert Michael
Howard Nicholson
Patricia Pairon
Margo Pavlik
Marshall Perlman
George Phifer
Barbara Roberts
Ryan Schmidt
Roger Torgerson
Naomi Walker
Betty Walusayi

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

Total Fund Composite	$1,892,476,363
Fixed Income Composite	$354,766,883
Private Debt Composite	$76,053,397
US Equity Composite	$500,667,211
International Equity Composite	$297,280,428
Hedged Equity Composite	$121,568,038
Real Estate Composite	$85,785,167
Infrastructure Composite	$198,504,962
Private Equity Composite	$223,362,840
Cash Equivalents	$34,487,437

Congratulations to our Newest Retirees

Janet Fleege
Jose Flores
Dominique Gbadebo
Troy Hamblin
Michael Hinckle
Alfonzo Jones
Joy Knox
Peter Labonte
Ronald Marchant
Marvin Mckay
Robert Nazario
Alan Sackmann
Jean Schwonek
John Weishan

Updates from the Benefits Department:
2027 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Rate

If you receive Medicare Part B reimbursement in your monthly pension check, the new rates for 2027 are listed below:
Retiree Only: $209.50
Retiree + Spouse: $418.80
The standard rates will be automatically updated in your January Pension check. IRMAA statements will still need to be sent in to the Benefits Division for 2027 reimbursement.

A Note from the ADRC: Social Isolation and Loneliness

Social isolation and loneliness are growing concerns among vulnerable adults, particularly older adults and individuals with disabilities. From an Adult Protective Services (APS) standpoint, these issues are not only matters of emotional well-being but also significant risk factors for abuse, neglect, and self-neglect. APS professionals recognize that isolation can both result from and contribute to situations of abuse—creating a cycle that diminishes an individual's ability to seek or receive help.

APS workers must assess social connectedness as part of every investigation, identifying barriers to engagement. Collaboration with community partners, including senior centers, faith-based organizations, and volunteer programs, can help reduce isolation and strengthen protective factors.

APS agencies also play a key role in education and prevention. By raising awareness among professionals and the public about the signs of social isolation and loneliness, APS can promote earlier identification and connection to supportive services.