



Retirement Plan Services Communicator

October 2026

From the Desk of the Director

Greetings Milwaukee County Retirees!

Thank you for reading this edition of The Communicator!

As I write this, fall colors are at their peak and the Milwaukee Brewers have just secured the pennant, it's an exciting moment for our community and a reminder of how special it is to serve Milwaukee County. Thank you for your years of dedication and service.

As you receive this newsletter in late October, please remember that Open Enrollment begins in early November. Additional details are included in this newsletter.

Our team continues preparing for our upcoming relocation, scheduled for February 2027. We expect to share exact dates soon, along with information about any temporary service changes.

Finally, I'd like to share a quick security reminder: retirees and government agencies are frequent targets of fraud. Our team will never contact you to request personal or payment information, except in very limited cases such as clarifying details on a form you recently submitted. If someone contacts you claiming to be RPS and asks for personal information, please note the phone number and reach out to us immediately so we can follow our fraud protocol. Your security remains a top priority.

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

Sincerely,
Erka 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, November 16th, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**
- **Monday, December 14th, 1:30 - 3:00 pm**

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

In Memoriam

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

Shirley Brandon
Eileen Carlson
Ethel Cegers
Kathryn Dean

Marilyn S. Fields
Michele Griffin
Delroy Grochowski
Ruth Johnson

Lavonne Lee
Earnestine Leonard
Robert Martin
Emma Nash

Clara Petrovich
Alice Ward
Joseph Wolslager
Thelma Wurster



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Market Value of Pension Fund: Period Ending August 31, 2026

Total Fund Composite	\$1,899,918,145
Fixed Income Composite	\$365,091,630
Private Debt Composite	\$76,053,397
US Equity Composite	\$509,156,232
International Equity Composite	\$304,212,857
Hedged Equity Composite	\$120,971,156
Real Estate Composite	\$84,985,696
Infrastructure Composite	\$194,815,233
Private Equity Composite	\$223,123,579
Cash Equivalents	\$21,508,365

Congratulations to our Newest Retirees

Tabatha Blomberg
Michelle Brandemuehl
Patricia Carravetta

Yolanda Farrell
Terri Goudy
Karen Grzybowski

Audrey Johnson
Marlon Roberson
Teresa Seidel

Brent Smoot
Barbara Walker-Morgan

Updates from the Benefits Department:

2027 Milwaukee County Retiree Health Plan Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for Milwaukee County Retiree Health plans will be held from **November 1st – November 20th**. During this time, you can elect to change your plan if needed. Plan Changes for 2027:

UHC Medicare Advantage Plan

- **Prescription Drugs:** The annual Medicare Part D out-of-pocket maximum will increase from \$2,100 to \$2,400 per individual.

UHC Choice Plus Plan:

- **Medical Deductible:** Annual deductibles will increase depending on your coverage tier.
- **Primary Care:** Copay will increase from \$30 to \$35; Virtual visits will reduce to \$0 copay.
- **Emergency Room Visits:** Copay will increase from \$200 to \$250.
- **Dependent Child Eligibility:** Eligibility age will change from 27 to 26.

You will receive a detailed Open Enrollment packet mailed to your home address in late October. Please contact Benefits with any questions 414-278-4198.

Join us virtually to learn more about our UHC Medicare Advantage Plan, virtual doctor visits, free gym memberships, annual in-home visits, and much more!

- **November 4th at 1:00 PM:** Website: www.webex.com, Event number: 2662 388 8549, Eventpassword: MKECounty2027!
- **November 10th at 10 AM:** Website: www.webex.com, Event number: 2660 285 5567, Eventpassword: MKECounty2027!