



Employees' Retirement System Communicator

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Contact Information

Employees' Retirement System

Please contact the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) Division at 414-278-4207 in Milwaukee or toll-free at 877-652-6377 outside of Milwaukee for all Pension questions, including Retirement calculations.

Life Insurance & Health Benefits

Please contact the Life & Health Division with Life and Health Benefits related questions at: 414-278-4198.

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"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower". *Albert Camus*. Autumn always seems to bring changes — this month the ERS Communicator announces the roll out of an exciting new V-3 feature.

V-3 Pension System Self Service

The new ERS V-3 pension system has been operational for nine months. We would now like to introduce Milwaukee County employees and retirees to the *Self Service* module. *Self Service* will give employees and retirees on-line access to the V-3 system from any computer -- at home or at work. Employees will have access to a new Retirement Calculator to obtain pension estimates. It will give retirees the ability to view and change their personal demographic information on-line at any time. You will also have the ability to download forms and review frequently asked questions (FAQs).

We anticipate releasing *Self Service* on or about October 5, 2009. Employees will be able to access *Self Service* through the County Internet site (<http://county.milwaukee.gov>). Click on the "Milwaukee County Employees" link on the left side, and this will take you where all external information is posted for County employees. Scroll down to the section on "Retirement Information and Current Retirees". Click on the Retirement Self Service link to access *Self Service*. You will be required to register on

the site, provide a User ID and Password, and complete a verification form to access *Self Service*. You can set up any User ID and Password of your choice. Note that the User ID and Password is case sensitive. ERS recommends that you chose a User ID and Password that can be easily remembered. All other services will continue unaffected for members without web access.

Retirees and employees will get additional information on *Self Service* through:

- Newsletters
- Special Mailings
- E-Mails
- Check Stub Messages
- Meetings
- Targeted Training Sessions

Please note that this release of *Self Service* will not eliminate any current method of ERS processing. It does, however, provide members with an additional option to access their personal information.

This is an exciting time in the expanded use of V-3. ERS looks forward to providing members with enhanced communications and customer services.

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer, other than skin cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer death in American men. While prostate cancer is often treatable if detected early, there are frequently no warning signs or symptoms in the early stages. The most common risk factors for developing prostate cancer are:

Age — About two out of every three prostate cancers are found in men over the age of 65.

Race — More common among African American men.

Nationality — Most common in North America and northwestern Europe.

Family History — Increased risk if a close relative (such as father, brother or son) had prostate cancer.

Diet — Men who eat a lot of red meat or high fat dairy products appear to have an increased risk.

Exercise — A recent study found that men over the age of 65 who exercised vigorously had a lower rate of prostate cancer.

Screening for prostate cancer is a decision to be made by you. Your healthcare professional can provide you with information so that you can make an informed choice.

In Memoriam

Please keep these recently deceased individuals in your thoughts:

Jerome Balistreri
Elvira Broaden
Alreda Brown
Camilla Bukowski
Leo Galaszewski
Robert Hayes
Patricia Kassulke
Josephine Kremers
Marie Mages
George McCormick
Catherine Olinger
Mary Peebles
Evelyn Persch
Kenneth Riekkoff
Dolores Stielow
Jim Sumbry
Rosella Waller
Edward Wolff