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A quarterly newsletter of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas for retired City members.

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Please Protect Yourself; ERF will Protect Your Pension

From the desk of ERF's Executive Director, Cheryl Alston



First, we want to assure you that your pension is safe, and monthly payments will continue as scheduled.

Dallas ERF has a long-term investment horizon. We understand the market changes constantly and our investment policy was developed with that in mind by diversifying our portfolio.

The Dallas ERF office closed on Monday, March 23, 2020 and will remain closed through April 30, 2020 in compliance with Dallas County's Shelter in Place Order. To contact us during this time, you can still call us at

214.580.7700 or email us at retirement_fund@dallaserf.org.

To find more information to assist you during the Shelter in Place Order, please visit ERF's resource page, www.dallaserf.org/resource-page, where you can find fitness & wellness information, updates from CIGNA, special hours from select stores for seniors, how to experience the box office from home and much more.

During these uncertain times, we will continue to do everything we can to ensure your pension is the last thing you need to worry about.

For information and updates, follow us on Facebook @DallasERF.

2019 TAX DEADLINE EXTENDED

Due to the Coronavirus, the deadline for **filing** your 2019 federal tax return has been extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.

You may still file a six-month extension on your federal tax return but the IRS is urging those who are expecting refunds to go ahead and file their returns so they can begin processing those returns.

You can access your 1099-R from your myERF account by going to ERF's website, www.dallaserf.org, and clicking login to sign in or click register if you do not already have an account setup.

This extension does not apply to State tax returns, any extensions will be given by the individual state; for example, California has extended their State filing deadline to June 15, 2020. If you are filing a state income tax return, refer to your state's website for information on deadlines.



Congratulations to Some of our Newest Retirees

Employees who retired May 2019 to August 2019 and agreed to let us share the news, listed by department and years of service

DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	SERVICE
Aviation		Office of Cultural Affairs		Sanitation Services, cont.	
Sushil Mathew	10	Samuel L. Livingston	28	Adam D. Richard	11
Holvin Rivera	10	Office of Public Affairs		Leonard F. Phyllips, Jr.	11
		Doris J. Bridges	26	Danny W. Gaither	7
Code Compliance Services		Park & Recreation		Sustainable Development & Construction	
Constance R. Reese	26	Janice M. Garrett	27	David L. Greene	34
Cassandra L. Edwards	13	Marcia G. Olech	21	Robert E. Preddy	18
Eugenia E. Bables	12	Jose R. Martinez	15		
Court & Detention Services		David A. Baublitz	13	Water Utilities	
Kimberly L. Millage	24			Sammy R. Burge	42
Equipment & Building Services		Police		Rickey W. White	37
Gary L. Liles	23	Margarita Monjaras	25	Neil R. Quam	36
Felipe S. Alfaro	22	Pamela A. Long	23	Sandra R. Wright	31
Christopher J. Wright	7	Audrey F. McBride	6	Thomas P. Alvarado	29
Housing/Community Services		Public Works & Transportation		Stacy J. Salinas	26
Brenda B. Sparks	23	Rosemary G. Prichard	25	Albino Acosta	26
Judiciary		Ronald L. Causey	25	John Z. Taylor	26
Clemmons S. Wilson, Jr.	30	Carol L. Daniels	24	Cedric D. Tucker	26
Library		Susan R. Clay	24	Starr E. Franklin	22
Bryan L. Huckabee	22	Michael E. Dabbs	19	Joann N. Richardson	22
Shannon M. Enriquez	21	Vila M. Brown	17	James O. Smith	21
Evvie J. Yates	9	A.J. Manning	15	Gonzalo J. Jaramillo	18
Management Services		Sanitation Services		Leonora O. Rangel	16
Ricardo Galceran	19	Kelly J. High	25	Kenneth W. Haggerty	11
		Harvey S. Hearne	20	Ruben Sanchez	7
		Kenneth R. Tasby	14	Juan M. Villanueva	6

TIPS ON HOW TO STAY ACTIVE & ENGAGED AT HOME

BY KATIE SHAW, EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

With so many Americans staying in amid the Coronavirus, many organizations and small businesses have gone online to help us all stay engaged and connected with one another.

We also need to stay connected with loved ones, family and friends while sheltering in place. There are many apps to use to stay in touch like FaceTime and Skype but there are also lesser known apps to try as well like Marco Polo and Zoom which provide a fun way to stay in touch.

Below are several resources you can use for fitness, wellness, staying connected with friends and family and entertainment and culture to explore at home.

ENTERTAINMENT

With movie theaters closed, movies will be released in streaming apps on the same day as their scheduled theatrical releases. Movies will be available to you for a 48 hour rental period for a suggested \$19.99 fee. Hulu is offering an \$18.99 monthly bundle that includes Hulu & Disney+ ad free.

The Metropolitan Opera has complimentary daily performances available at 6:30p. Visit metopera.org/user-information/nightly-met-opera-streams or through the Met Opera on demand app for Apple, Amazon, Roku and Samsung smart TV.

You can also enjoy 100s of Broadway shows at home for \$7.99 per month at www.broadwayhd.com, they are offering a 7-day free trial to try before you buy.

STAY CONNECTED

We all need to continue to maintain our relationships with friends and family through this difficult time. You can use Facetime and Skype to continue game nights and book clubs online.



Tips to Stay Active & Engaged at Home, cont.

The Zoom app can be used to keep children connected with their classmates and friends with online play dates and meetups while out of school. Marco Polo is another fun, lighthearted way to stay in touch - take your text streams and voicemails into the app for more face to face interaction with friends and family.

FITNESS

The YMCA is offering online classes for all ages including low-impact, yoga, weightlifting and youth classes, visit www.ymca360.org to browse the classes available to stream from home. Planet fitness is also offering a variety of free online classes on their YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/planetfitness

Several fitness apps have opened up all classes for use through July 1st, the DownDog app provides yoga, HIIT & barre classes free through July 1st for students and teachers, 19 Minute Yoga is offering free live streamed yoga classes on their YouTube channel, Peleton is offering an extended free 90 day trial - in app Peleton exercise do not require any Peleton equipment, and many local and smaller fitness studios are live streaming classes on their Facebook accounts.



WELLNESS

With the libraries closed, use the Libby app to access hundreds of books for free, digital and audio books available. Apple Books is also offering a free stay at home collection of free read-alongs for kids, cozy mysteries and audiobooks.

There are also mindfulness and meditation apps available for free to reduce anxiety and improve sleep. Headspace has created a weathering the storm collection and the Calm app has a free resources page offering free collections during the Coronavirus.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS FROM
MAY 2019 AUGUST 2019

DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE
Aviation		Library		Sanitation Services, cont.	
M.M. Geisinger	65	Barbara E. Mason	96	Valentina Miranda	57
Budget Management Services		Rhunell F. Yost	92	Charles E. Smith	57
Terry M. Ryan	62	Dorothy D. Lewis-Broxson	83	Hector Medina	52
City Attorney's Office		Freddie M. Porter	70	Streets	
Betty L. Rochelle	81	Information Services		Richard D. McGill	84
City Auditor's Office		Julian E. Strucely	93	Charles A. Ziebolz	65
Dominick J. Corea	94	Management Services		Sedrick Warner	65
Code Compliance Services		Glenda G. Gamrod	67	Terry M. Kelley	64
Norman R. Heunermund, Jr.	61	Brian A. Cunningham	51	Gerald Padilla	57
Communication & Information Services		Office of Cultural Affairs		Street, Sanitation & Code Enforcement	
Robert L. Osborn	80	William E. Wilson	76	Anselmo M. Garcia	73
Court & Detention Services		Park & Recreation		Street & Sanitation Services	
Cysenthia W. Wilson	62	Ronald A. Ayers	87	Richard D. McGill	84
Environmental & Health Services		Johnny H. Horton	76	Trinity Watershed Management	
Mildred M. Mathews	91	David Ritchie	36	Maurice Henderson, Sr.	74
Rebecca Solis	77	Police		Water Utilities	
Belinda J. Rogers	68	Hazel J. Smith	92	Ruth M. Cornell	93
Equipment & Building Services		Raymond Davidson, Jr.	84	Carlton St. Fort	93
Shella L. Scott	89	Vickey L. Beasley	60	Montez Pierce	91
Narveline Barnett	89	James R. Pierce	57	David P. Hernandez	90
Peggy J. Dennis	71	Joe L. Fletcher	56	Larnell Williams	90
McDonald Templeton	69	Public Works & Transportation		Robert E. Prunty	88
Michael D. Davis	38	Roger C. Adams	56	Edwin B. Perry	88
Equipment, Communication & Information Services		David E. Hanvey, Jr.	52	Manuel R. Arredondo	87
Sylvan G. Webb	89	Sanitation Services		Charles W. Case	82
Fire		Johnny R. Mathis	69	Kenneth M. Witherspoon	79
Lucille B. Flatt	96	Hakim I. Kalimah	68	Gerald G. Cotton	78
Billy Chambers	74	Joal T. Warren	64	Linda J. Evans	78
Ronnie L. Crosby	68	Leonard R. Charles	63	Daniel J. Christian	71
		Steven L. Vickers	62	Richard B. Carter	71
		Jack O. Moore	61	Paul M. Strunk	70
		Judiciary		Douglas E. Davison	63
		Frieda J. Fiske	73		
		Timoteo F. Gonzalez	68		

EXPLORING MUSEUMS AROUND THE WORLD & YOUR NATIONAL PARKS

Museums across the world have opened their doors virtually and are offering virtual tours including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the National Museum of Natural History, the British Museum and the Louvre.

MUSEUMS, ZOOS & AQUARIUMS

Search #MuseumFromHome on Instagram to see live videos of museums around the world or visit Google Arts & Culture to explore over 500 Museums & Galleries Worldwide.

The platform allows users to browse through museum collections or use Google Street View to wander the halls of museums as though you are walking through them in person. Museums included on the site include The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City's Museum of Modern Art, the Van Gogh Museum, The Louvre and The National Gallery in London... You can even experience the famous spiral ramp inside the Guggenheim Museum.

Below are other museums, zoos and aquariums offering virtual tours and live streams:

- National Museum of Natural History - virtual tours online, naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour
- San Diego Zoo, Monterey Bay & Georgia Aquariums - live cams of animals from beluga whales to penguins, sea otters and koalas
- Vatican Museums - All of the Vatican museums are available to view online at museivaticani.va, the Sistine Chapel is especially breathtaking
- At britishmuseum.withgoogle.com you can view the Museum of the World featuring historic art pieces and cultural items from 2,000,000 BC to present day



NATIONAL PARKS & MONUMENTS

If hiking and camping are more your speed, you can explore Yosemite National Park like never before at virtualyosemite.org, the Statue of Liberty, Denali National Park & Reserve and Devil's Tower National Monument are a few of the other parks you can explore.

There are dozens of other national parks and national monuments you can visit from the comfort of your home by searching the national park's website, www.nps.gov, and use the find a park tool on the main page. Many parks also have webcams running including Glacier National Park.

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