

## NEED A BREAK THIS SUMMER? PLAN A STAY-cation!

BY MUBINA TUKULIC, EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

Stay-cations are a great way to relax and unwind from your hectic day-to-day routine, perfect for a weekend getaway or an adventure close to home if you're looking to save money or stretch your vacation budget!

You do not have to go far to enjoy the resort life. The Hilton Anatole's Jade Waters is a 3-acre water experience in Dallas that offers a lazy river, two 180-foot water slides, kids water features, swim up bar, pool side spa treatments and luxury cabanas. All this while being able to explore Dallas during your stay.

The Gaylord Texas Resort is also a great place to cool off from the summer heat. Within its 10-acre park, Paradise Springs, you'll find a lazy river, toddler pool, lagoon pool and 27-foot-tall waterslide. The Gaylord is also home to the Lone Star Atrium, which is like a small city in the heart of the waterpark. Here you can walk through the lush gardens and enjoy 10 different food, snack and beverage options.



If you have kids, the Four Seasons Dallas Resort and Club Las at Colinas is the perfect family vacation. They offer a Kids for All Seasons program that includes activities such as scavenger hunts, cooking classes and yoga. Meanwhile, parents get to have their own fun with anti-gravity aerial yoga lessons, surfing the TPC green on a Golfboard or a couple's spa treatment. The resort also features Kids Nights, so parents can enjoy their own adventures during their stay!

Great Wolf Lodge is an 80.000 sg, foot indoor water park. It offers kid-friendly activities, cabanas. a range of dining options, an adult-friendly wine-down service, hot springs, a spa and more.

If hotels and resorts are not your thing, here are some other stay-cation adventures:

At the Fossil Rim Wild Life Center, experience beautiful animals such as deer, cheetahs, wolfs, goats, horses, rhinoceros and giraffes from the comfort of your vehicle or on a guided safari tour. Fossil Rim works to promote the preservation of endangered species. Weekend tickets for adults are \$25.95. Weekend tickets for children are \$19.95. Seniors 62 and better get a 10% discount.

How about a relaxing boat cruise? Head out to Rockwall Harbor, Harbor Lights, for an hour and thirty minute dinner cruise for \$50 every Friday night at 7:30pm. If you're looking for a daytime cruise, You don't need to travel across the ocean to experience a beautiful gondola cruise. Visit the Los Colinas canals where Dallas Classic Gondola Cruise will take you on a scenic canal tour starting at \$150 for 2 Adults.



Not looking for a relaxing vacation? Head over to Arlington to seek out your greatest adrenaline thrills at Six Flags Over Texas and Hurricane Harbor. Cool down on the Log Ride, test your limits on

Runaway Mountain or Mr. Freeze: Reverse Blast, visit Bugs Bunny's Boomtown for kid-friendly rides and a chance to meet many of the Looney Tunes characters or take in any of the live shows offered througout the park! Tickets range from \$49 to \$81. Buy your tickets online at www.sixflags.com or bring a can of Coca-Cola to the ticket booth to save up to \$25 on your tickets.





The Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas is a defined benefit plan for City of Dallas' non-uniformed, permanent full and part-time employees.

"It is our mission to provide retirement benefits and superior service to advance the financial security of our members."

# CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME OF OUR NEWEST RETIREES

EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRED FROM JANUARY 2019 TO APRIL 2019 and AGREED TO LET US SHARE THE NEWS

**Equipment & Building** 

#### DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Aviation

### ERVICE DEPARTMENT

#### SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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AVIALION	
Chargris Hightower	29
Building Services	
Elizabet M. Moore	26
Labarron H. Brown	19
Jose H. Gloria	18
Samuel L. Anderson	12
Business Development & Procurement	
Michael J. Frosch	30
Sheila C. Smallwood	27
Richard E. Fields	23
City Auditor's Office	
Robert F. Rubel, Jr.	5
City Controller's Office	
Tammie L. Butler	29
Code Compliance Services	
Noemi E. Valladares	26
Bridgett G.B. Zeno	22
Nadine M. Davis	21
Communication & Information Services	
Raymond D. Denton	27
Janet S. Gifford	20
Court & Detention Services	
Kalita K. Kelly	30
Dallas Animal Services	
Lisa Harris	26

Services
David F. Trevino
Housing & Community Services Kimberly R. Hubbard Mohammed Ali Christiana N. Okereke David Silva
Library
Renita L. Brown
<i>Management Services</i> Frances D. Irwin Brenda G. Campbell
<i>Office of Public Affairs</i> Charla B. Sanderson
Park & Recreation Jesus C. Colegio Lolita F. Smith
Steven T. Thompson
Paula D. Green
J.E. Peña
Timothy E. Moody Eduardo Galvan
Diana L. Caswell
Joyce M. Jones
Moises Cruz
Kenneth D. Lewis
Blas Castro Moreno
William L. Renfro

Police		Sanitation Services, cont.	
Lillian E. Williams	36	Wendell L. Arrington	12
David P. England	34	Raymond C. Warren	7
Triana Vargas	23	Sustainable Development &	
Ronald D. Richardson	21	Construction	
James W. Bratton	8	Maurine L. Green	29
Public Works &		Kim Ray	25
Transportation		Daniel R. Smith	24
Jose L. Perez	28	Mary A. Wallace	23
David D. Scruggs	23	Transportation	
Cornelius R. Pierce	22	Steven D. Cherryholmes	37
Jose G. Garcia Adame	22	Hazel J. Baker	30
Greg J. Ajemian	21	Denise E. Clarke	21
Raul Zavala	20	Minnie K. Lewis	21
Linda D. Greer	19	Melody J. Sheets	19
Andres R. Diaz	17	Eddie C. Jensen	7
Sanitation Services		Water Utilities	
Sandra Hutchinson	20	Dhruv A. Pandya	32
Kenneth W. Nero	20	Steven L. Smith	29
Jose L. Delgado	19	Salomon Ontiveros	27
Wanda Banks	19	Larry V. Watson	25
Charles R. Wesley	19	Larry Araiza	24
Jarvis E. Conley	19	Billy R. Rios	21
Joal T. Warren, Jr.	17	Nicolas Lopez	21
Ronald M. Trevino	15	Isabel Saucedo	21
Jose D. Cruz	14	Angel R. Martinez-Gutierrez	20
Stanley E. Roberson	14	Venancio L. Guzman	17

# **OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY**

TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS *from* JANUARY 2019 TO APRIL 2019

DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE
City Attorney's Office		General Services		Sanitation Services	
Dianna Dupay	69	Melo D. Simpson	88	Delvin L. Delamar	78
Civil Service		James L. Garrett	83	Israel D. Martinez	75
Emma E. Chesser	87	Library		Street Services	
Code Compliance		Essie B. Reed	85	Arthur L. Ward	68
William E. Box	74	Lloyd D. Bockstruck	73	Morris A. Anderson	69
Communication & Information Services		Housing & Community Services		Street & Sanitation Services M.C. Villasana	86
Emma R. Titus	57	Joe Villarreal, Jr.	83	Water Utilities	
Court & Detention Services		Don B. Broome	80	William F. O'Bryant	87
L. Charlain Wallace	70	Park & Recreation		James Q. Bartlett	87
Rosalind McGill	53	Thurman Daniels	92	John D. Smith	85
Equipment & Building Services		Lois Stidham	75	Jim E. Molanders	84
Gary W. Pate	74	Manuel C. Castaneda	74	Willie C. Johnson	83
George E. Shirey	84	Police		Edgar R. Brumit	82
Curtis E. Brown	93	Carol A. Webster	74	Victor D. Trevino	80
Equipment, Communication &		Carolyn R. Smith	72	Jerry W. Fletcher	76
Information Services		Sarah F. Walker	67	Jack P. Sullivan	75
Shiu T. Hah	85	John D. Larsen	59	Carolyn A. Scott	75
Event Services/Cultural Affairs	70	Public Works & Transportation		James E. Rogers Joe L. Webb	72 67
Clotie Robinson	73	Oscar J. Bush	73	William V. Handel	66
Fire		Michael N. Mitchell	71	John M. Flake	59
Harold G. Riggins	78				

# **NEW ERF BOARD MEMBERS**



#### MARK S. SWANN, CITY AUDITOR, TRUSTEE

Mark S. Swann joined the Office of the City Auditor in May 2019 with over 34 years of experience in management, auditing and information systems. As City Auditor, Mr. Swann directs the audit team in performance of audit procedures including identifying standards, developing criteria and selecting appropriate methodologies to meet audit objectives.

Mr. Swann earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Abilene Christian University. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA). Mr. Swann is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA).



#### HENRY TALAVERA, TRUSTEE

Henry Talavera's experience representing clients before the IRS and U.S. Department of Labor, along with his prior experience as a federal government attorney, enables him to handle complex issues for clients.

Henry has a broad-based, comprehensive practice that involves all areas of employee benefits law related to benefit programs and arrangements for employees, directors, and independent contractors. Mr. Talavera holds a B.A. from University of Mary Washington, and a J.D. from University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.



# **ERF SEMINARS & PENSION EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

# **INSIDE ERF** investments

Have you ever been curious about ERF's investments or wondered how much ERF pays in pensions each month? If so, ERF's new seminar series, Inside ERF, is for you. Inside ERF will cover different topics in a series of seminars designed to give employees the opportunity to learn how the pension fund operates. These seminars will be taught by ERF's Executive Director, Cheryl Alston. The seminar dates will be announced via email and on our website, www.dallaserf.org.

# **CERTIFICATE SERIES**

This series is for employees who can't devote a full day to a pre-retirement seminar or are more than six months from retirement.

Three two-hour segments held from 11am to 1pm. Employees who attend all three sessions will receive a certificate of completion. You will need to register for each session in your myERF account 30 days in advance.



# PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS

ERF has two Pre-Retirement Seminars scheduled for the remainder of 2019. These all-day seminars will help you plan your retirement strategy. The 2019 seminars dates are listed below.



To register for a Pre-Retirement Seminar, visit our website, www.dallaserf.org/member-meetings.

Registration for Pre-Retirement Seminars begins at 9 am, one month before each session date. When registration opens, the link below the seminar date on our website will be bold and blue.

If you are not retiring this year, consider registering for our the Certificate Series rather than the Pre-Retirement Seminar.

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