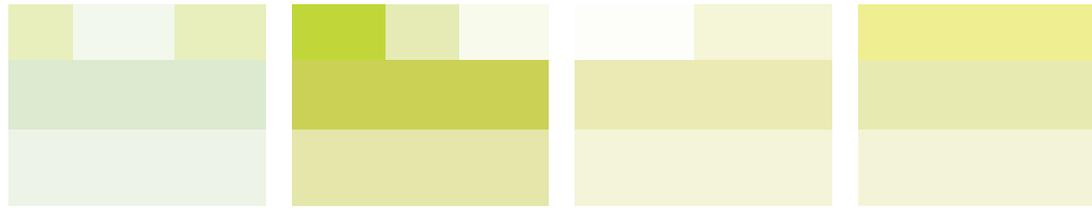




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Challenges & Triumphs: Adapting In 2020

from the desk of ERF Executive Director Cheryl Alston



The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every single one of us. This is a challenging time for people and businesses around the globe. While many of us are feeling uncertainty in our lives, I have every confidence that we will rise to the challenges this crisis presents and come out stronger on the other side.

The well-being, health, and safety of our members remains our top priority. Dallas ERF has stepped up in this challenging time to adapt, improvise, and innovate. The Fund has implemented new systems and processes to allow a member to retire virtually. We have improved access to information with new online classes, a new website launching January 4th, and new myERF member self-service portal.

I am proud of ERF staff who has gone above and beyond during this time. The staff personally contributed to feed families at risk with a donation to the North Texas Food Bank. We are doing everything we can to keep our employees and communities safe while we continue to support our members and do our part during this pandemic.

We are truly grateful for your support.

WITH THE NEW YEAR COMES A NEW ERF WEBSITE!

The Employees' Retirement Fund website, www.dallaserf.org, is getting a facelift! The new site will feature sections for Active and Retired members, Deferred members, and Beneficiaries.

These sections will make it easier for all of our members and beneficiaries to get right to the information most important to them and their benefit.

Check out the new News & Events section for direct links to all of the ERF webinars including your pension benefit, health benefits and taxes after retirement, Fidelity Investments, and how Social Security can impact your pension.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @DallasERF for more updates, and visit www.dallaserf.org Monday, January 4th!



Congratulations to Some of our Newest Retirees

Employees who Retired in March, June & October 2020 and Agreed to let us Share the News (Retirees from July, August & September 2020 who would like to be included in the next newsletter, contact ERF at 214-580-7700)

DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	SERVICE
Aviation		Management Services		Public Works & Transportation, cont.	
Andrea B. Carr	8	Shawn D. Cooper	23	Cedric E. Haynes	13
Building Services		Office of Cultural Affairs		Natividad Tapia	13
Richard Borrego	32	David C. Pucek-Farnsworth	8	Sanitation Services	
City Manager's Office		Office of Economic Development		Aniceto R. Lara	21
Beverly D. Davis	38	Sheryl J. Price	35	Sustainable Development & Construction	
Code Compliance Services		Park & Recreation		Philip E. Sikes	28
Patsy A. McGowan	23	Gregory A. Williams	24	Water Utilities	
Court & Detention Services		Ramiro Lazalde	23	Katherine R. Hatley	36
Dale E. Jacobs	8	Daniel Huerta	21	Esther P. Puente	35
Environmental & Health Services		Juan Munoz-Saldivar	19	Thomas B. Greer	31
Melvin O'Bannon	5	Police		Otis Fagan Jr.	29
Equipment & Building Services		Sandra J. Roland	48	Leobardo Acosta	25
Joseph K. Appiah	24	Kathy S. Reagan	34	Hector Solis	24
Mahesh J. Shah	10	Procurement Services		Felipe Torres	19
Library		Kerry W. Jefferson	25	Joe Jimenez	17
Val B. Armstrong	22	Public Works & Transportation		Christopher W. Donahue	16
Carole H. Brown	10	Martin Rodriguez	22	Anthony M. Ashford	13
		Rodolfo Perez	15	Harold E. Toliver	12

2021 COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT IS 1.35%

The 2021 Cost of Living Adjustment, COLA, was announced at the December meeting of the ERF Board of Trustees on Tuesday, December 8th. The 2021 COLA will be effective January 1, 2021

myERF Has A New Look, New Features!

Not only has myERF been upgraded with a new look to make it easier for you to find what you need, but we have also added lots of new features!

Features of the new myERF portal include:

- Consolidated accounts for members who are active members and also receiving a pension from their spouse and retired employees who are also receiving a pension benefit from a deceased spouse. You will now be able to view both pensions under the same account
- You can now change your address in myERF!
- Upload and store documents in myERF
- Download your paystubs and 1099-Rs from myERF
- Access for more employees! In addition to active, retirees, and beneficiaries, deferred members will now be able to have a myERF account



All members are required to re-register for myERF. Click [here](#) and register for your new myERF account. For questions, use our help hotline number, 214-580-7738, or email us at retirement_fund@dallaserf.org.

ERF Board of Trustees Place 2 Election Results



The ERF Board of Trustees election for place 2 concluded on Thursday, October 22nd at 5pm. The regular election results are listed below.

VINCENT LEAL	126 votes
ZARIN GRACEY	175 votes
SUNIL KING	240 votes
DAVID LOPEZ	77 votes

Because no candidate received 50% or more of the vote, the Place 2 Trustee Election continued in a runoff election.

The two candidates with the highest percentage of the votes, Sunil King and Zarin Gracey, were eligible for the runoff election. Voting in the runoff closed Monday, November 9th, at 5pm.

RUNOFF ELECTION RESULTS

Votem, the third-party vendor that facilitated the election, announced the following place 2 runoff election results at the November meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ZARIN GRACEY	334 votes	SUNIL KING	439 votes
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OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS FROM MAY 2020 TO OCTOBER 2020

DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE
City Attorney's Office		Human Resources		Public Works & Transportation	
Willie D. Ballard	88	Claudia J. Beggs	79	Vincent G. Thill	67
City Auditor's Office		Finance		Randy Parker	66
H.B. Dalton	91	J.J. Yium	90	Sanitation Services	
City Controller's Office		Fire		Alonzo Turner	75
Finees Moreno	94	Arthur G. Ruiz	75	Joseph Perkins	74
Code Compliance Services		Health & Human Services		Margarito Bucio	59
Manuel R. Lara	82	Robert L. Drummond	82	Street Services	
Convention & Event Services		Information Services		I.V. Rosales	84
Sammy L. Grimes	63	Leon A. Best	90	Albert C. Tubbs	84
Communication & Information Services		Library		Mauel P. Puente	75
Randall J. Schmitz	58	Glenna F. Prather	81	Rose Miller	60
Court & Detention Services		Park & Recreation		Stevie Thompson	55
Clara M. White	59	Gilbert Rios	91	Street & Sanitation Services	
Environmental Health Services		Alfonso A. Tello	74	Jesus E. Torres	91
Maria Gamboa-Salas	77	Rayford W. Beaver	73	Transportation	
Equipment & Building Services		Lemuel Brooks	72	Tommy L. Jones	83
Clifton Hanks	76	Dominick Mazza	70	D.E. Crouser, III	70
Floyd Jackson, Jr.	72	Jose L. Valdez	70	Trinity Watershed Management	
Reginald Sanderfer	72	Amie R. Sudds	67	Amando M. Hurtado	72
Gerardo L. Conanan	68	David M Wilson	65	Water Utilities	
Teddy R. Justice	65	Douglas R. Melton	63	Don McDonald	83
Event Services & Cultural Affairs		Planning & Development		Douglas J. Carder	70
Linda C. Henderson	59	Robert E. Brown	78	Dilesh S. Shah	65
Joyce A. Blair	58	Police		Dennis L. Meredith	63
		James A. Kissamitakis	73	Sylvia Segovia	59
		Everlena D. Kersee	70	Rickey L. Stance	49
		Rosalie Ezpeleta	65		

ERF ONLINE CLASSES OFFERED IN 2021

ERF launched a new secure member portal in October of 2020. You may have already set up your new myERF account, but are you aware of all the new features? You can now change your address online. Let us know who your contacts are, like your doctor, attorney, family members, and more.

We will offer two sessions, both live and recorded, to ensure all members have access anytime, anywhere. We will hold live sessions in GoToWebinar from 11a - 1p with a live presentation and Q&A with the speaker, Re'Gine Green. Re'Gine has worked for ERF for over 15 years.

If you would like to attend the next series of live sessions, visit the ERF website to see upcoming dates, www.dallaserf.org, we will also be sending an email announcement, and our schedule will be on Facebook @DallasERF.

To register for upcoming live sessions or access prerecorded sessions, visit www.gotostage.com.



2021 Health Insurance Update

If you enrolled in the City of Dallas health insurance plan, you are enrolled in an employer-sponsored Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) health plan. This health plan is a custom plan that does not require a network provider for coverage. Your benefit levels are the same whether or not you use a network provider.

You may seek care from any provider nationwide that accepts Medicare. Please click here, [https://dallascityhall.com/departments/human resources/DCH%20Documents/Baylor%20Scott%20%20White%20Health%20Notice.pdf](https://dallascityhall.com/departments/human%20resources/DCH%20Documents/Baylor%20Scott%20%20White%20Health%20Notice.pdf). For the letter you will need to give your medical provider. The information included will help them understand your benefits.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) has a special agreement with Baylor Scott & White Health (BS&W) to provide services to City of Dallas retirees.

Here is what you need to know:

- You will need to show your BCBSTX member ID card each time you visit a BS&W facility.
- Your plan welcome kit includes a notice you will need to show to BS&W providers with the information they will need to bill the plan.
- Your providers can photocopy the notice to keep in your medical file, so you shouldn't need to take it with you every time you visit. You may also wish to take a photo of it on your mobile phone to have it handy, just in case.
- Finding a BS&W provider. To see a provider in this group, you can call 1.844.BSW.DOCS (1.844.279.3627).
- The BCBSTX Provider Finder®, will not show you BS&W providers. If you search the provider group's website, BCBSTX will not show as an available insurance plan option. If you have trouble locating a BS&W provider, call the number listed about for assistance.
- If you currently have BS&W providers, be sure to tell them you are a City of Dallas retiree and show them your member ID card.



If you have any questions or concerns, please call the BCBSTX customer service number listed on the back of your member ID card or contact Benefits at 214-671-4181 or 214-671-9875.



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