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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.

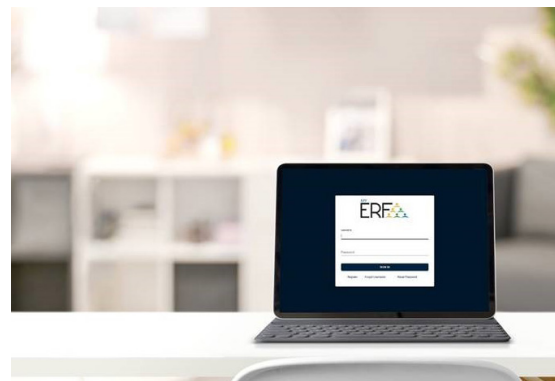
I am proud of ERF staff who has gone above and beyond during this time. The staff personally contributed to feed families at risk with a donation to the North Texas Food Bank. We are doing everything we can to keep our employees and communities safe while we continue to support our members and do our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

## 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!

The new myERF portal includes:

- Access for more employees! In addition to active, retired and beneficiary members, deferred members will now be able to have a myERF account
- New Pension Estimator for active and deferred members
- New Buy Back and Buy Forward Estimator for active members
- 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
- Ability to upload and store documents in myERF



All members are required to re-register for a myERF account, [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](mailto:retirement_fund@dallaserf.org)

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

## WITH THE NEW YEAR COMES A NEW ERF WEBSITE!

The Employees' Retirement Fund website, [www.dallaserf.org](http://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 latest 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](http://www.dallaserf.org) on Monday, January 4th!



# OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS *from*  
MAY 2020 TO OCTOBER 2020

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

## 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.

<b>VINCENT LEAL</b>	126 votes	<b>ZARIN GRACEY</b>	175 votes
<b>SUNIL KING</b>	240 votes	<b>DAVID LOPEZ</b>	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.

<b>ZARIN GRACEY</b>	334 votes	<b>SUNIL KING</b>	439 votes
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DECEASED  
MEMBERS



# SPRING 2021 PRE-RETIREMENT SESSION SCHEDULE

We are excited to announce that all ERF Pre-Retirement and Lunch & Learn Sessions are now available online!

All five sessions will be offered both live and recorded to ensure all members have access anytime, anywhere. Live sessions will be held quarterly in GoToWebinar from 11a - 1p with a live presentation and Q&A with speakers.

If you would like to attend the next series of live sessions, visit the ERF website to see upcoming dates, [www.dallaserf.org](http://www.dallaserf.org), and on Facebook @DallasERF.

To register for upcoming sessions or access prerecorded sessions, visit [www.gotostage.com](http://www.gotostage.com).



## UPCOMING WEBINARS

March 2nd Retiree Health Benefits

March 11th Your Pension Benefit

March 19th Taxes After Retirement

March 4th Social Security & Your Pension

March 16th Fidelity Investments

## TOP DRIVE-THRU HOLIDAY LIGHT EVENTS IN DFW



Driving through mazes, tunnels of lights, and getting a glimpse of Santa are just a few ways to experience the magic of the holidays without leaving your car. This holiday season looks slightly different but when it comes to holiday light displays, things are looking even merrier this holiday season!

We have compiled a list of the best holiday light displays this year! Load up the car, grab some hot cocoa and hit the road for these drive-thru displays!

Radiance! A Holiday Spectacular in Frisco, Weatherford, and Decatur will be open through January 3rd. In Seagoville, Santa's Country Christmas is open through January 1st and Dallas Zoo Lights through January 3rd. The Magic of Lights at the Lake Front in Little Elm through January 2nd, Candy Cane Lane at the AAC through December 26th, Prairie Lights through December 31st, Gift of Lights at the Texas Motor Speedway through January 3rd, and Interlochen Lights in Arlington through Christmas Day are just a few of this year's holiday displays.

For a complete list of everything happening in DFW this holiday season, click here - <https://familyeguide.com/christmas-light-displays-dfw/>.

From all of us at ERF, have a happy and safe holiday season!

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