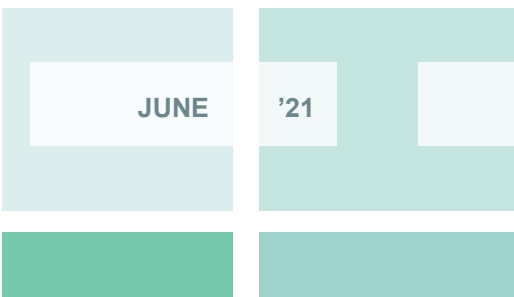




"It is our mission to provide retirement benefits and superior service to advance the financial security of our members."



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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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Get help 24/7 With Two New myERF Help Options



In November 2020, the pension fund upgraded the secure member portal, myERF. Many of you are already using it to view your monthly pension, update your address, download your 1099-R, and more. Since the new portal debuted, we receive many calls from retirees.

To provide the best customer service, we have added two options other than calling for help with myERF.

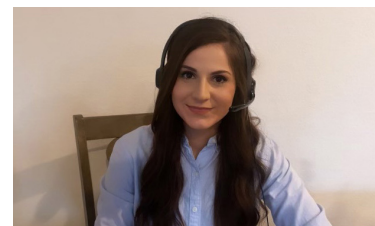
myERF VIDEO TUTORIALS

ERF staff have recorded instructional videos to assist you in registering for the new myERF and exploring all the portal features.

Each video is between four and fourteen minutes long to give you a quick overview.

CLICK HERE to access the myERF video tutorials.

If you don't have your account number, you can find it on any of your pension paystubs or your ERF membership card. Current retirees no longer need to register for a separate beneficiary account.



Mubina Tukulic, ERF Marketing & PR Specialist, answering myERF Help Desk calls

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



Because we can't see what you are doing on your computer, it takes significantly longer to assess and resolve an issue over the phone.

We have found that the step-by-step tutorial makes it easier to understand how to register and troubleshoot any issues you may have in accessing the new myERF.

CLICK HERE to download the step-by-step tutorial.

Both of these options are helpful after hours and on the weekends when ERF staff are not available to assist you.

If you need to call the myERF helpdesk at 214-580-7738, please have the tutorial printed or open on your computer for reference, so we can help you as quickly as possible.

Congratulations to Some of our Newest Retirees

Employees who Retired January through March 2021 and Agreed to let us Share the News

DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	SERVICE
Aviation		Fire		Park & Recreation, cont.	
Joyce A. Johnson	24	Paul E. Massie	16	James R. Page	33
Animal Services		Human Resources		Gerold J. Warren	30
Rita J. Hammelman	24	Patsy R. Palmer-Bethea	40	Police	
Building Services		Information & Technology Services		Renee H. Wilson	24
Betty S. West	24	Robert P. Bollinger Jr.	20	Public Works	
City Attorney's Office		Library		Vivian W. Jackson	30
Lisa A. Kupersmith	34	Carol A. Alexander	27	Dorothy I. Martinez	26
Civil Service		Michael J. Biczek	21	Guadalupe Rios	25
Pamela McDonald	20	Management Services		Ramon C. Gutierrez	21
Code Compliance Services		Bonney V. Sorrells	31	Teodoro V. Nunez	21
Lonnie Teal	6	Mayor & Council		Sanitation Services	
Court & Detention Services		Connie L. Sanchez	35	Ambrocio Barragan	28
Demetha C. Johnson	36	Office of Community Care		Ricardo Ramirez	21
Development Services		Linda R. Williams	22	Theroy N. White Jr.	21
Lupe D. Lomas	25	Office of Environmental Quality		Walter F. Kristen	18
Edsel Roberts	8	Genevieve Eversley	28	Water Utilities	
Employees' Retirement Fund		Office of Homeland Security		Ian M. Bixby	31
Michelle Greer	23	Anthony L. Edwards	28	James A. Carrigan	29
Equipment & Building Services		Park & Recreation		Manuel De La Rosa	29
Harry W. Shields	5	Timothy D. Ray	28	Cesar Salazar	24
				Terry L. McGee	20
				Raul S. Martinez	17
				Jimmy L. James	12
				David C. Dupuy	9
				Manuel Stuckey	6

SO YOU'RE VACCINATED, NOW WHAT?

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has said that if you've been fully vaccinated, you can resume most activities that you did prior to the pandemic.

If you travel in the United States, you do not need to get tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.

You do NOT need to get tested before leaving the United States unless your destination requires it. However, you still need to show a negative test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before boarding an international flight to the United States.

You should still get tested 3-5 days after international travel, but you do NOT need to self-quarantine after arriving home. If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms. For the latest travel advisories, [CLICK HERE](#).

For now, if you've been fully vaccinated, you should continue to follow these guidelines. You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace and local businesses.





2021 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

With the introduction of the new myERF portal, everyone is required to register for a new account to get access to their myERF information, including paystubs and 1099-Rs. To make it easier for our members to navigate the new system, we have recorded short tutorials specific to registering for your account and the Retiree & Beneficiary sections of myERF. **CLICK HERE** to watch.

We will also be offering three additional webinars in June covering topics such as Social Security & Your Pension Benefit. All sessions will be offered live and recorded to ensure all members have access anytime, anywhere. Sessions will be held in GoToWebinar from 11a - 1p with a live presentation and Q&A with speakers.

If you would like to stay updated on the next series of live sessions, join our email list by visiting **www.dallaserf.org/retirees**. ERF will also notify members on the website, www.dallaserf.org, and Facebook **@DallasERF**.

To register for upcoming sessions, click on the webinar title below. To access previously recorded sessions, **CLICK HERE**.

SPRING 2021 WEBINARS

June 15th - Social Security & Your Pension

June 17th - Your Pension Benefit

June 24th - Taxes After Retirement



OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS FROM JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2021

DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE
Aviation		Health & Human Services		Sanitation Services, cont.	
Ramon Chavez	83	Louis Stiff	90	Valerie Gaines	61
Jimmy Hayes	71	Garry W. Cartwright	79		
Pedro B. Bernabe	66			Street Services	
		Park & Recreation		Daniel B. Duckworth	67
City Controller's Office		Thomas E. Culvar	92		
Eric M. Kaalund	62			Transportation	
		Police		Thomas Z. James	94
Communication & Information Services		Leck Keovilay	74		
Terry L. Watkins	70	Fred D. Brown	68	Trinity Wastewater Management	
				Jonah C. Cranford	66
Development Services		Donna G. Gomez	67		
Edwin L. Bateman	75	Verlene K. Beheler	63	Water Utilities	
				Thomas E. Utley, Sr.	83
Equipment & Building Services		Public Works		John W. Ashley	82
Bobby J. Thomas	78	R.A. Parikh	87	Richard C. Chapman	79
David A. Murdock	65			Ruperto Garcia, Jr.	73
		Sanitation Services		John D. Babiarz	65
		Walter Shelton	84	Dwight A. Thomas	62
		Raymond E. Morgan	64		

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You will still be required to wear a mask on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and train stations.

Fully vaccinated international travelers arriving in the United States are still required to get tested three days before travel by air into the United States (or show documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past three months). They should still get tested 3-5 days after their trip.

You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.

People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken the immune system should talk to their healthcare provider to discuss their activities. They may need to keep taking all precautions to prevent COVID-19. To find a vaccination site near you, click here, <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>.



MONTHLY SUMMER GARDENING TIPS

JUNE

Plant warm-season turf grasses, ground covers, tropical and warm season annuals such as begonia, hibiscus, periwinkle, salvia, zinnia, coleus, and caladiums.

Water in the early morning hours to minimize fungal problems and reduce evaporation. Spot treat fire ant mounds with ant bait or a mound drench. Begin to harvest vegetables and fruits as they ripen.

JULY

Plant sweet and hot peppers, okra and tomatoes (first half of month) for the fall harvest.

Prune out any dead or broken branches of woody ornamentals (trees and shrubs), but avoid major pruning during the heat of summer. Mow turf grasses every 5 to 7 days, maintain Bermuda at 1 to 1 ½ inches and St. Augustine at 2 ½ in full sun and 3 to 3 ½ in semi-shade.

AUGUST

Plant fall flowering perennials such as asters, Mexican mint marigold, Mexican bush sage (salvia leucantha), rain lilies, and garden chrysanthemums.

Plant snap beans, lima beans, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, collards, eggplant, kohlrabi, okra, onion, parsley, Irish potatoes, squash, and watermelon for the fall.



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