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A organization for retirees and employees, that have served in the Armed Forces.

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ERF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Election results were announced at the September meeting of the ERF Board, Tuesday, September 11th to state the following;

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| John Jenkins | 353 |
| Michael Rogers | 46 |
| Paul Mehrlich | 39 |
| Felecia Foster | 37 |

The results were presented to the Board by Everyone Counts, the third party organization that facilitated the election on behalf of ERF.

Veteran's Day Activities & Discounts

In celebration of Veteran's Day 2018, many local restaurants are offering veterans freebies and discounts. While most discounts apply strictly to Veteran's Day, November 11th, some local businesses are extending veteran discounts this year.

In addition to a free Bloomin' Onion, Outback Steakhouse will honor a 15% discount November 12th through December 31st. IKEA's Veteran's Day discount will run from November 7th through the 11th and Golden Corral will have their annual Military Appreciation Night complimentary dinner on Monday, November 12th.



Veterans and active service members get one free cannoli from the 'Cake Boss' at Carlo's Bakery. Fogo de Chao is extending their discount of 50% to veterans to include a 10% discount for their guests. Cattlemens is offering a free 8 oz sirloin steak dinner to all active, inactive and retired military personnel.

For a complete list veteran and senior discounts visit our website, www.dallaserf.org or check out our Facebook page,

Dallas ERF.

All Texas State Parks and the Dallas Arboretum are waiving admission fees on Veteran's Day.

DFW will host several special events, including: the 2018 Veteran's Gala at the University of North Texas at Dallas on Saturday, November 10th; the SMU Veterans Day Lunch & Celebration Monday, November 12th on the Dallas Hall Lawn at SMU; and numerous parades in communities all across the metroplex.

On Monday November 5th, the Preston Center Rotary Club is hosting an evening with Marine Corps Corporal Don Graves, WWII Veteran. The event will be at Maggiano's at North Park Center and admission is \$40.



Great Clips encourages veterans and active military to head in for a complimentary hair cut or pick up a voucher to use at a later date.

Grace for Vets is a non-profit organization partnering with over 1000 car washes to offer veterans a free car wash on Veterans Day. Grace has helped give over 1 million veterans a free car wash. To find a local participant visit

graceforvets.org/car-wash-operators/participants

For a full list of DFW Veteran's Day discounts, visit www.dallaserf.org/veteransday



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

INTRODUCING VERG - VETERAN EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP

VERG, pronounced verge, is a growing organization for all City of Dallas employees and retirees who served in the armed forces.



The VERG was established by a group of dedicated City of Dallas US Armed Forces members to unite those active duty, reservist, veterans, and spouses of military members who are employed or retired City employees.

RED LETTER PROGRAM (RLP)

October 23rd & 30th, four COD veterans are visiting COD recreation centers and sharing with adolescents (ages 6-12) why they chose to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and how service has changed or influenced their lives. The children will prepare letters for hospitalized veterans and VERG will distribute those letters to veterans on December 13th.

VETS SERVING VETS DONATION DRIVE

VERG will launch a VETs serving VETs drive from November 1st through December 7th. VERG will collect various hygiene products and prepare care packages to distribute to 250 and 500 veterans on December 13th.

VETERAN BREAKFAST

Tuesday, November 6th, VERG will host a City of Dallas breakfast with multiple veteran service organizations. This event is in the planning process, watch your email for more information.

VETERANS DAY PARADE ORIENTATION FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9TH

The City of Dallas Veteran's Day parade is on November 12th. If you are interested in marching with VERG in the parade, we'd like you to attend the parade orientation on November 9th. Parade orientation will be at Dallas City Hall in L1FN Auditorium at 2 PM on November 9th. Email Katina.Robertson@dallascityhall.com if you are interested. If you can't attend orientation but can march in the parade, let Katina know and she will be able to give you further instructions.

CITY OF DALLAS VETERANS DAY PARADE

On Monday November 12th, join us for the City of Dallas' Veterans Day Parade.

EXECUTE VETS SERVING VETS RLP PROJECT

Thursday, December 13th, VERG will need at least 25 volunteers to join us at the Dallas VA to help with the VETs serving VETs & the RLP projects. We will meet at the Dallas VA, stuff the veteran care packages' and distribute them to hospitalized veterans. To volunteer, please email Katina.Robertson@DallasCityHall.com.

Congratulations to Some of our Newest Retirees

Employees who retired May 2018 to August 2018 and agreed to let us share the news, listed by department and years of service

| DEPARTMENT | SERVICE | DEPARTMENT | SERVICE |
|---|---------|---|---------|
| Aviation | | Park & Recreation | |
| Katrina S. Rayford | 31 | Cordelia A. Wamsley | 21 |
| Vincent L. Wiley | 25 | Isidro Galindo | 19 |
| Arthur A. Castillo | 21 | Jose C. Alvarez | 14 |
| Eric C. Tignor | 21 | Daniel L. Sheppard | 4 |
| Business Development & Procurement | | Police | |
| Stephanie P. Cooper | 6 | Kimberly M. Harvey | 28 |
| City Attorney's Office | | Theresa G. Tafalla | 26 |
| Tamera B. Tignor | 22 | Angela L. Davis | 25 |
| City Controller's Office | | San Juanita C. Garcia | 23 |
| Berhe Baraki | 18 | Abe. D. Santiago | 20 |
| Civil Service | | Daniel A. Foyt | 7 |
| Michelle E. Hanchard | 33 | Public Works & Transportation | |
| Code Compliance Services | | Dell S. Cole | 31 |
| Benjamin E. Minor | 18 | Roberto Yañez | 30 |
| Communication & Information Services | | Lawrence E. Davis | 24 |
| Linda A. Goglia | 36 | Essaw Griffin | 23 |
| Pat Johnson | 10 | Oralia G. Alvarez | 23 |
| Convention & Event Services | | Syed Muntajibuddin | 21 |
| Joyce A. Blair | 29 | Dale H. Long | 20 |
| Court & Detention Services | | Sanitation Services | |
| Paula B. Citizen | 6 | Delton J. Lewis | 37 |
| Equipment & Building Services | | Henry O. Durham | 22 |
| Thomas W. Wurtz | 31 | Tony A. Johnson | 17 |
| Weslie D. Stroup | 28 | Antonio Gomez | 17 |
| John W. Wells | 28 | Donald R. Adkinson | 10 |
| Herbert C. Curlin | 8 | Sustainable Development & Construction | |
| Housing & Community Services | | Trena A. Law | 21 |
| Doris E. Edmon | 36 | Cynthia Hardage | 20 |
| David C. Henley, Jr. | 20 | Transportation | |
| Judiciary | | Ervin L. Horn, Jr. | 29 |
| Chauncey V. Lander | 22 | Water Utilities | |
| Library | | Jody M Puckett | 36 |
| A.K. Rodgers | 28 | Gameliel Guzman | 34 |
| Angela D. Williams | 27 | Juan A. Soria | 32 |
| Tina R. Murdock | 12 | Charles R. Sikes | 32 |
| Osei Y.A. Baffour | 7 | Nathan G. Bell | 31 |
| Management Services | | Jose M. Guzman | 30 |
| Ronald E. Cowart | 28 | Lisa L. Washington | 28 |
| Kathy Miller | 25 | Timmy J. Arnold | 26 |
| Office of Economic Development | | Johnny C. Patton | 24 |
| Lori A. Landin | 26 | Rodrigo Mireles Gallegos | 23 |
| Georgeann E. Moss | 8 | Fredrick J. Blundell | 14 |
| | | Jesse L. Melvin | 14 |
| | | Larry D. Williams | 12 |
| | | Gary W. Crawford | 5 |

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS FROM MAY 2018 TO AUGUST 2018

| DEPARTMENT | AGE | DEPARTMENT | AGE | DEPARTMENT | AGE |
|--|-----|--|-----|--|-----|
| City Auditor's Office Thomas M. Taylor | 70 | Health & Human Services Evelyn A. Sanders | 88 | Sanitation Services, cont. Lupe Chavarria | 67 |
| City Secretary's Office Deborah A. Watkins | 66 | Martha L. Hurt | 84 | Street Services J.W. Williams, Jr. | 85 |
| Code Compliance Services Willie C. Faggett | 67 | Human Resources Frank L. Breedlove | 84 | John C. Gates | 73 |
| Gregory T. Payne | 65 | Library Wanda N. Boyd | 85 | Henry L. Johnson | 55 |
| Communication & Information Services Frank Fredrickson | 92 | Sharon M. Van Dorn | 82 | Street & Sanitation Services Israel Munoz | 84 |
| Convention & Event Services Tom D. High | 77 | J.D. Hutcherson | 77 | H.C. Coleman | 83 |
| Court & Detention Services Genette Tilley | 65 | Park & Recreation Ellen B. Straach | 96 | Street, Sanitation & Code Enforcement Services M.C. McGhee | 75 |
| Development Services Robert A. Bulkley | 76 | Alejandro Rocha | 89 | Sustainable Development & Construction Ellick F. McCann | 63 |
| Equipment & Building Services Tony C. Boyd | 51 | Johnny B. Gassaway | 74 | Tax Department Jeanette Dowden | 86 |
| Fire Othel F. Kinsey | 86 | Reynaldo Lopez | 73 | Water Utilities Rue V. Derrick, Jr. | 96 |
| James R. Smith | 78 | Richard D. Kaiser | 53 | Tommy J. Rhodes | 77 |
| Brenda J. Simpson | 68 | Police Patricia A. Goffney | 70 | John F. Shine | 74 |
| General Services Moises S. Aparicio | 87 | Effie B. Lipscomb | 59 | Gary C. Campbell | 72 |
| | | John DeLeon | 53 | Aurelio Talavera | 69 |
| | | Public Works & Transportation Harvey R. Smith, Jr. | 83 | Gary W. Lewis | 66 |
| | | Dennis Morgan | 69 | Bradley J. Casady | 59 |
| | | Sanitation Services Eugene Hicks | 79 | | |
| | | Bennie L. Smith | 79 | | |
| | | Erick J. Newhouse, Jr. | 72 | | |

Retiree Open Enrollment Meetings

Open Enrollment for City of Dallas 2019 Benefits will be October 15th - October 26th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Benefits Department is hosting two enrollment & informational sessions this year to answer your questions and assist you with the enrollment process.

Tuesday, October 16th, 9am - 11am at City Hall, L1FN Auditorium

Thursday, October 25th, 1pm - 3pm at City Hall, L1FN Auditorium

TRANSITIONING TO MEDICARE AFTER 65

If you or your spouse are currently enrolled in a City of Dallas health insurance plan and are within three months of your 65th birthday, you are eligible to sign up for Medicare and enroll in one of the City's sponsored Medicare supplement plans.

You can apply for Medicare online or any local Social Security office. For additional information or to find an office near you, visit www.ssa.gov or call 1-800-772-1213.

2018 MEDICARE MEETING DATES

If you would like to learn more, The City's Human Resources Department is hosting the an informational meeting at City Hall in room L1FN from 10am - 11am.



Call the Benefits Service Center at 214-671-6947 if you have questions about your 2019 health benefits. The City will be mailing you a 2019 Health Benefits guide.



2018 - 2019 DCREA BOARD MEMBERS

AS OF JULY 2018

At the Annual Meeting of the Dallas City Retired Employees' Association (DCREA) present members elected the 2018-2019 board members. The meeting was held July 14th at The Southern Cross in Dallas, TX. To learn more about DCREA or how to become a member, you can visit their website, www.dcrea.org or find them on Facebook by searching DCREA.

A message from Gail Smith, the new president of DCREA,



"I am excited to serve as president of the association after serving so many of you as an employee of ERF for over 28 years. With the wealth of knowledge on the DCREA board relating to city and pension matters, we are poised to move forward, facing challenges and planning for the future.

Our primary focus is to monitor what is happening with respect to the most recent legal action from the interim city attorney who is attempting to make changes to our plan. We are attending the ERF board meetings and we will continue to do so. With additional media sources we will keep you abreast of issues relating to our pension fund.

If you are not a member of DCREA, please consider joining. We want to increase our membership, not just for the sake of large numbers, but to increase our financial resources for the benefit of members of DCREA and all retirees."

INTRODUCING YOUR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

Gail Smith

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Joe Thompson

1ST MEMBER AT LARGE

Harvey Pate

4TH MEMBER AT LARGE

Larry Calvin

PAST PRESIDENT

Andy Carroll

3RD VICE PRESIDENT

Johnie Qualls

2ND MEMBER AT LARGE

Donna Moore

SECRETARY

Ruby Smith

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Elizabeth Armstrong

TREASURER

Linda Jones

3RD MEMBER AT LARGE

Pat Teipel

LEGAL ADVISOR

Janis Everhart

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHAIR JOHN D. JENKINS
VICE-CHAIR TINA RICHARDSON
MEMBERS
RANDY A. BOWMAN
CARLA D. BREWER
LEE KLEINMAN
JOHN PEAVY
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