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CHOOSE YOUR TRUSTEE, *every* VOTE COUNTS!

The Employees' Retirement Fund (ERF) is governed by a seven member board of trustees, three of whom are elected by the membership. This month we will be holding an election to fill one of the member-elected positions.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN ERF TRUSTEE

The seven member Board of Trustees is responsible for administering the Retirement Fund in accordance with the Dallas City Code, Chapter 40A. The Board of Trustees sets policy and directs the Fund. Three of the seven trustees are elected by the membership, three are appointed by the City Council and the seventh member is the City Auditor, ex officio.

HOW TO PLACE YOUR VOTE

The election will be open from October 9th - 25th. Voting is quick and easy, you can either call in your vote or vote online. The election vendor, Everyone Counts, has mailed your ballot instructions for telephone and online voting.

If you have any problems voting, call *Everyone Counts* at 1-888-492-4763; you must have your ballot instructions with you when you call. *Everyone Counts* will tabulate your votes and the results will be reported at the November Board of Trustees meeting to be held at 9am on Tuesday, November 13th.

CANDIDATES

- Tina Richardson works in the Public Works Department as an Interim Assistant Director with 14 years and 7 months of pension service.
- Janette Weedon works in the Office of Budget as an Assistant Director with 5 years and 7 months of pension service.

2018 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS - CELEBRATING TEXAS INNOVATION

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The State Fair of Texas opened Friday, September 28, at Fair Park to kick off another year of exhibits, rides and food that is Texas sized. The theme for 2018 is "Celebrating Texas Innovation." There will be an exposition that highlights Texans and Texas innovations that have influenced the state and the rest of the world. America's first self-sustained modern shopping center, stadium nachos, iconic corn chips, the frozen margarita machine, calculators and corny dogs are all creations pioneered right here in the state of Texas.

In addition to the **Celebrating Texas Innovation Exhibit**, the Hall of State will host **Dallas In The Time Of MLK**. The Exhibit will focus on Dr. King's 1963 speech in Fair Park and 1966 speech at Southern Methodist University. A number of civil rights leaders will also be featured in the exhibit.

Be sure to visit the **All Star Stunt Dog Show**. This show features some talented dogs whose tricks include jump roping, barrel racing and juggling. These famous pooches have performed all over the country and have made appearances on the Ellen DeGeneres and Oprah Winfrey shows. All the dogs on the show have been rescued from shelters.

Team Big Air is a new high energy show fusing basketball with high flying acrobatics to provide fair goers with jaw dropping performances daily at Chevrolet Park Plaza. *Continued on page 3*



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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 MAY 2018 TO AUGUST 2018 and AGREED TO LET US SHARE THE NEWS

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. Woltz	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



NOVEMBER PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

The next Pre-Retirement seminar will be Friday, November 9th. The seminar is an all day class from 9am - 4pm.

Registration opened on Tuesday, October 9th at 9am.

To register for the seminar, login to your myERF account and click the register link on the right side of the page. If you do not have a myERF account, you will need to create one in order to sign up.



TRANSITION TO MEDICARE MEETING

If you would like to learn more about the transition to Medicare, the Human Resources Department will have an informational meeting Friday, December 14th.

The meeting will be held in City Hall, Room L1FN from 10am - 11am.

2019 RETIREMENT CERTIFICATE SERIES

The Employees' Retirement Fund will continue to offer the *Pre-Retirement Certificate Series* for employees who can't devote a full day to a seminar or who are more than six months from retirement.

This series consists of three two-hour segments. All sessions are held during the lunch hour from 11am to 1pm.

We will host two series in 2019, one in April and the second in August. Watch your email and myERF account for class details.

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

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There are many new rides at the fair. Three of the new Midway rides are: **The Orbiter**, a spinning attraction guaranteed to satisfy thrill seekers; **The Haunted Castle**, a spooky and fun attraction for the whole family and **The Airmaxx**, this ride begins with a gentle sweeping motion and increases to 55 mph at the bottom of the swing to send riders over 360 degrees.

In the spirit of innovation, the State Fair is known for its creative foods; and this year will be no different. The Big Tex Choice Awards have offered some mouthwatering selections like the Cotton Candy Taco, State Fair Fun-L Cake Ice Cream, Sweet Bakin' Bacon, and Texas Twang-Kie. If you are looking for a deal on these tasty eats, check out Thrifty Thursdays. Featured items include State Fair classics like corny dogs, cotton candy and funnel cakes. Participating food vendors will also offer one signature menu item at a discounted rate.

In addition to the traditional food staples, the State Fair added a new food location this year. The Backyard Steak-out & Pizzeria menu features steak and brick oven pizzas, as the name suggests. Grab a bite to eat and relax on Nimitz Avenue near the Livestock barns.

The third week of October will be filled with football activities, including HBCU football, Battle of the Bands, College Fair, Star Light parade and a procession of brass bands. You can purchase tickets through each university's athletic office, pre-sale locations and at the gate, tickets include fair admission.

Check out www.bigtex.com for more events, deals & discounts!

INTERIM CITY AUDITOR

Carol A. Smith began her tenure with the Office of the City Auditor in March 2007, she is currently serving as the Interim City Auditor.



Prior to joining the Office of the City Auditor, Ms. Smith was employed by the Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO) for approximately 23 years until she retired in December 2006. During her career with the SAO, she performed, and/or managed performance, compliance, and financial audits related to public education, higher education, and pension and investments.

She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and is Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF).

ERF BOARD OF TRUSTEES *place two election* RESULTS

The following Place Two election results were announced at the September meeting of the ERF Board of Directors, Tuesday, September 11th;

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

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

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DECEASED
MEMBERS

TWO TRUSTEE *candidates* FOR OCTOBER 2018 ELECTION

ERF TRUSTEE ELECTION

The ERF Trustee election began Tuesday, October 9th. Ballots and voting instructions will be mailed to each member's home.

TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

The 2018 Nominating Committee reconvened on Friday, September 21st and selected the following nominees for this Trustee election



Tina Richardson, Interim Assistant Director, Public Works Department. Tina has 14 years and 7 months of pension service.

Janette Weedon, Assistant Director, Office of Budget. Janette has 5 years and 7 months of pension service.

For more information on the ERF Trustee election as well as other important dates and information, please turn to page 1 of this newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next ERF Trustee election began October 9th. You can meet both of the candidates at any of the candidate forums:

- Tuesday, October 2nd, 11:30am at Central Public Library, Auditorium
- Thursday, October 11th, 11:30am at 320 East Jefferson OCMC, Room 110 Cafeteria
- Tuesday, October 16th, 1pm at City Hall, L1FN
- Tuesday, October 23rd, 11:30am 915 Adlora Lane (Goforth)

WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE?

Three of the seven members of the ERF Board of Trustees are member-elected who act as fiduciaries for the Fund. As fiduciaries, each of the Trustee's decisions must be guided by the obligation to administer the Fund for the exclusive benefit of the members, retirees and beneficiaries. It is necessary for Trustees to become knowledgeable in areas of investment, management, actuarial policy and pension administration.

HOW TO VOTE

There are two easy ways to place your vote; by telephone or online.

You should have received the candidate profiles and voting instructions in the mail from *Everyone Counts*. You will access the ballot using your Employee ID and the PIN number provided with the voting instructions.

If you did not receive your voting instructions or have any trouble voting, contact Everyone Counts at 1.888.492.4763.

Everyone Counts will tabulate your vote and report the results of this Trustee election at the November 13th ERF Board of Trustees meeting.

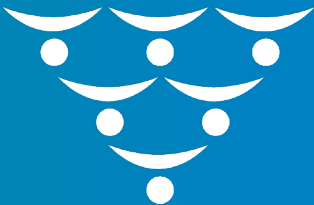
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