

Retirement Connection

FUN FREE ACTIVITIES

YOU'RE INVITED TO DCREA'S ANNUAL MEETING

NEWEST RETIREES

DECEASED PENSIONERS & EMPLOYEES

311 SERVICES AVAILABLE

ERF THANKS TRUSTEE FOR HER SERVICE

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

Employees Entrust John Jenkins with Another Term

John Jenkins has been re-elected to one of three employee elected positions on the Employees' Retirement Fund Board of Trustees. He is the Assistant Director for Administration Business Services for the Park & Recreation Department with 19 years of pension service credit.

On being re-elected John said, "I would like to thank all the employees who have entrusted me to represent them as trustee. I will continue to work on behalf of employees and retirees to secure our retirement future."



John Jenkins, Vice Chair, ERF Board of Trustees

What it means to be a Trustee

The seven member Board of Trustees is responsible for administering the Retirement Fund in accordance with the Dallas City Code. Trustees set the policy and give the Fund its direction. Three Trustees are elected by the membership, three are appointed by the City Council and the seventh member is the City Auditor. 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, actuarial policy, and benefits administration.

Your Insurance Costs at Age 65 May Go Down

In order to retain medical coverage through the City, if you are retired and are turning age 65 you must enroll in Medicare Parts A and B. You should do this three months before your 65th birthday. After your Medicare enrollment, contact the City's Benefits Service Center to choose your Medicare Supplement Plan.

2015 Transition to Medicare Meetings

If you would like to learn more about transitioning to Medicare, the City's Human Resources Department will host two meetings on the subject. Each meeting will be at **City Hall located at 1500 Marilla, L1FN Auditorium at 10 AM.**

July 17

October 16

If you contact the Service Center in the month before your 65th birthday, your City insurance premiums will be adjusted the month after your birthday. Typically the premiums for retirees who are enrolled in Medicare are much lower than those for retirees who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

Free Activities for Seniors Are Fun

Maybe you're a person who would like to put more fun into your life. It may be time to reach out and find interesting and free entertainment, so we've done some searching for you. Ask a friend to join you or just go solo and meet new people.

Free Nights at Museums

Many museums offer free admission at least one night each week. Check out the Dallas Museum of Art for free general admission every day. The special exhibition fee is \$16 and includes general admission and viewing of the museum's collection galleries. The Latino Cultural Center also offers free admission every day. You can enjoy a free tour of the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center any day of the week; call before you visit for more information on the Meyerson's free tours at 214-670-3600.

Admission for Life for One Low Fee

At age 62 you can buy an America the Beautiful- Senior Pass for \$10. The pass gives you lifetime access to all national parks, monuments and recreation areas and half off federal user fees for certain facilities and services, learn more at www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm.

Volunteer to Usher

Professional theater, opera and dance companies use volunteer ushers to help stretch tight budgets. For passing out programs and helping the paying customers find their seats, you will receive free admission.

Free Lunchtime Concerts

During nice weather, many communities offer free lunchtime concerts in pleasant locations. "Shakespeare in the Park" offers performances from mid-June to late July every summer and again from late September to mid-October. Performances are in the amphitheater at the Samuell Grand Park. Pack a picnic or a brown bag lunch, grab a friend, and enjoy the sunshine and the energy of the city.

It may take a little more research but you can get out and enjoy yourself for little or no money at all.



YOU ARE INVITED

Dallas City Retired Employees Association Invites you to their 2015 Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 25, 2015 @ 11:30

The Southern Cross Ranch

1800 Dowdy Ferry Road

Dallas, TX 75217

Free for members and one guest

Non-members pay \$15

Covers lunch and annual
membership fee

Registration forms were mailed with your May pension payment.

Please complete the form and mail it to DCREA at P.O. Box 140264, Dallas TX 75214 or email your registration to retireeassociation@dcrea.org.

You must include the following in your email registration: your name, number of attendees, address and phone.

JANUARY - MARCH 2015

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST RETIREES

DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	SERVICE
Aviation		Financial Services		Sanitation Services	
Jennifer P. Gammill	27	Caroline F. Finley	5	Nathaniel Faniel	32
Lily S. Lee	26	Housing / Community Services		Benny Chavarria, Sr.	30
Budget & Management Services		Margaret J. Hopkins	22	Mario A. Colegio	29
Robert W. Dulaney	11	Reu Davila	20	Joe N. Lee	19
City Attorney's Office		Ward W. Lee	8	Rebecca L. Huber	7
Rosa M. Baldwin	32	Hilda A. Spikes	6	Street Services	
Flor B. Espindola	24	Judiciary		David E. Hurrell	22
Josephine E. Tarver	14	Stephan M. Moreau	40	Paul R. Bowden	15
City Controller's Office		Library		Jose F. Vera	5
Carol L. White	18	Ilise D. Lipton	33	Sustainable Development & Construction	
Code Compliance Services		Mark A. Pratt	27	Lou E. Jones	35
Lisa L. Ihekere	29	Peter C. Agbafé	21	Birdie C. Spencer	33
Juliet Booker	26	Kraig L. Willis	17	Trinity Watershed Management	
Jesus R. Rodriguez	26	Arnold R. Horsley	15	Elizabeth B. Fernandez	35
Communication & Information Services		Park & Recreation		Arthur W. Benoy	32
Warren V. Gulley	26	Maria D. Ramirez	36	Sharon A. Ellis	15
Larry W. Bennett	13	Joseph K. Ries	29	Water Utilities	
Court & Detention Services		Luster Gooden	27	Dennis L. Meredith	38
James F. Harris	32	Police		Orell Anthony	30
Paula A. Morris	29	Vivian L. Lowery	30	Russel E. Parsons	29
Cassandra T. Daniels	26	Zackary J. Kimbrough, Jr.	28	Silvino Reyes, Jr.	28
Daniel Soliz	26	Gary L. Bratcher	19	Andrew R. Mitchell	23
Equipment & Building Services		Brian R. Jordan	16	Elizabeth H. Catuncan	20
Geneva Lam	33	Rodney E. Marshall	15	Glen A. Hill	19
Randall W. Jolly	22	Public Works		Eugene S. Penny	11
		Gloria Martin	26	Treston R. Perkins	11
		Jimmy L. Etti-Williams	15	James R. Riley	11
				Keith L. MacIntyre	9

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED PENSIONERS & EMPLOYEES

DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE	DEPARTMENT	AGE
Aviation		Fire		Sanitation Services	
Havie Roberson	81	Barbara J. Arthur	78	Henry M. Young	80
Building Services		Sharon I. Boleyné	66	Frank A. Moucka	61
Julia A. Hillis	86	Housing & Neighborhood Services		Street & Sanitation Services	
Code Compliance		Iva Denny	90	William C. Luttrell	86
I.G. Fontanillas	77	Harriet T. McGraw	72	Walter L. Wilson, Jr.	85
Communication & Information Services		International Affairs		Water Utilities	
Dennis C. Laughlin	72	Martha J. Teipel	81	Santos U. Trevino	91
Economic Development		Park & Recreation		James E. Allison	85
Lloyd Palmer	88	Oscar B. Taylor	72	Thomas B. Crowe	79
Environmental & Health Services		Patricia A. Kemmerle	61	Dorothy A. Sullivan	78
Betty J. Haywood	80	Rickey W. Fagg	55	J.N. Kirkpatrick	73
Ediie D. Ford	70	Planning & Development		Joyce A. Rodrigue	70
Equipment & Building Services		Marvin S. Krout	68	Carolyn A. Tolivar	67
Doyle G. Wilkerson	77	Public Works and Transportation		Ronald G. Randle	52
McClinton Washington, Jr.	65	Hazel J. Hart	85	Paul L. Grimes	49
		Barry K. Jennings	62	Thelicea R. Johnson	44

Services Available to City Residents by Dialing 311

The 3-1-1 phone number is a number supported in many communities, provides access to local non-emergency municipal services.

Dallas 3-1-1

Dallas's non-emergency service request line is available to answer questions and concerns related to: reports of high weeds, street issues, stray animals, junk cars and more. This service will even replace, install or change the batteries of smoke detectors in your home. You can make a service request online by going to www.dallascityhall.com/services/311. When you make a service call, you will be given a number that you can use to check on the status of your request.

3-1-1 Mobile

You can access 3-1-1 services on your mobile device. If you have a smartphone or tablet, just download the Dallas 311 application on your device. When you spot a problem, launch the app, select an issue, take a picture and click the submit button. The application picks up your exact location and sends the request to the city's 311 staff. You are encouraged to enter your contact information to save time when submitting in the future; however, you can submit requests anonymously. Photos are not required but are encouraged. If you do not add photos, you must provide a detailed description of the issue.



Agents are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you cannot reach someone by dialing 3-1-1, you can call 214-670-3111 and a Customer Service Representative will be glad to help you.

If you do not live in the City of Dallas, it is more than likely that your City has a 311 service. Call your City's Services department or search on-line for your local non-emergency service.

Carolyn Davis leaves ERF Board of Trustees after a Seven Year Term

The Employees' Retirement Fund staff and Board of Trustees would like to highlight the service and dedication that former Council Member Carolyn Davis has given City employees and retirees while serving on the ERF Board of Trustees.



Employees' Retirement Fund Board of Trustees - From left to right, Lee Kleinman, John Peavy III, Tina Richardson, Carolyn Davis, Carla Brewer and John Jenkins. Not pictured Craig Kinton

Ms. Davis served on the ERF Board of Trustees for seven years; and through her personal commitment, leadership and dedication to our mission – we are a much stronger organization. “Ms. Davis has provided critical guidance and thoughtful perspectives to the Fund,” said Board Vice-Chair John Jenkins.

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- Board Vice-Chair John Jenkins

Serving as a member of the ERF board of trustees requires a great deal of time and energy. ERF cannot thank Ms. Davis enough for her hard work and dedication. She will be missed.