

THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WISHES PATRICIA COLIHAN BARNEY FAREWELL

Patricia Colihan Barney served on the Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees for 18 years as an ex-officio member during her tenure as Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director. Patti served as Chairman of the Investment Monitoring Group, a member of the Administration and Personnel Oversight Committee, and a member of the Audit Committee. Patti's perspective, experience and expertise was invaluable to the Board and contributed considerably to the growth in assets from \$480 million in 2000 to \$921 million, as of June 30, 2018. The Board and staff were enriched by her energy, commitment and honesty. The Board of Trustees and Staff extend wholehearted appreciation and gratitude to Patti for her insightful service and wish her much success in all her future endeavors and express hope for her continued health, happiness and prosperity.

DECEMBER BOT MEETING



The next ERS Board of Trustees meeting is tentatively scheduled for **December 4, 2018, at 10 a.m.**, in the **ERS/Merit Board Conference Room**. For more information, please contact the Retirement Office at 301-454-1415 or visit the ERS website at <http://ers.mncppc.org>.

CONDOLENCES

The ERS Board of Trustees and staff would like to extend their deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the following retirees who recently passed away:

- **Elmer Rutherford** passed away on October 2, 2018. He worked for Montgomery County Parks for 32 years before retiring on July 1, 2010.
- **Leona M. Rieder** passed away on October 7, 2018. She retired from the Commission on June 1, 1985 with 17 years of service. She worked for Prince George's County Parks and Recreation.
- **Theresa Farina** passed away on October 11, 2018. She retired from the Commission's Finance Department on January 1, 1983 with over 20 years of service.
- **Robert E. Rinker** passed away on October 12, 2018. He retired from the Commission on January 1, 1992 after 30 years of service. He worked for Montgomery County Parks.

ASK THE ERS



How do I apply for retirement benefits?

Approximately two months prior to retirement, an ERS member who is planning to retire should call the ERS office to make an appointment to complete their retirement paperwork. The retirement paperwork will include a retirement application, tax election forms, beneficiary designation forms, authorization for direct deposit, and benefit deduction authorization forms.

Retirement appointments usually take place at least 30 days prior to retirement, but no later than the last business day prior to the retirement effective date. The ERS starts the process of verifying salary, service, and benefits after an appointment is scheduled, so please allow time for these actions. It can take approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours to complete the retirement paperwork. You have the option of completing the paperwork by mail in lieu of an in-office appointment.

Prospective retirees must submit a formal letter of retirement to their supervisor and sign a Personnel Action (PA) Form for retirement. It is important to inquire within your department about their specific retirement notification requirements. The ERS must receive a copy of your final PA Form from the Personnel Department before beginning retirement payments. New retirees will normally receive their first retirement check approximately six weeks after their retirement effective date. **Note:** Retirement effective dates are always the first of the month.

If you have made the decision to retire, please contact Lisa Butler at 301-454-1429 or Eleanor Dagirmanjian at 301-454-1428 in the ERS Office to schedule a retirement appointment at least 30 days in advance of your intended retirement date. Also, please check out the ERS website @ <http://ers.mncppc.org/home.html> for more information about your ERS benefits.

NOVEMBER 2018 RETIREES



Best wishes in retirement to **Patricia (Patti) Barney** and **William A. Reed**. They retired from the Commission effective November 1, 2018.