



GENERAL
RETIREMENT
SYSTEM

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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Talking to Your Spouse About Your Retirement

Talking to your spouse about your retirement may be one of the most important steps in managing your estate. Informing your spouse or beneficiary about your retirement will help answer questions that he or she may face after you die.

FIRST, did you select a joint survivor option at retirement which provides a benefit to your spouse or beneficiary after your death? What percentage of your benefit did you elect? Tell your spouse or beneficiary what you selected at retirement so there are no surprises after your death.

SECOND, tell your spouse or beneficiary to contact our office after your death. This may reduce the amount of time it takes to locate your spouse or beneficiary and inform them of any benefit they may be entitled to.

THIRD, the last benefit payable to you is for the month of your death. Let your spouse or beneficiary know that any benefits received in your name beyond the month of your death should be returned to GRS to prevent an overpayment of benefits. Depending on the option you selected at retirement, payments owed to your spouse or beneficiary will be paid to him or her by GRS the month following your death.

Contacting GRS

We are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Our number is (205) 325-5354. You can also email us at questions@grsal.net or visit us on the web at www.grsal.net.

New Benefit Payment Date

Beginning with your October 2017 benefit payment, payments will be issued on the 22nd of each month or the following business day if a weekend or holiday.

ATTENTION DIRECT DEPOSITORS: CHANGING BANKS?

If you make any changes to the account for your monthly Direct Deposit you need to notify us by the 26th of the month for the change to be effective for the next month. This includes closing your account or changing banks. You can get a Direct Deposit form on our website, www.grsal.net or we will send you a new Direct Deposit form to complete and return to our office. Please do not close your current account until you confirm that we have received your change. You only need to contact us if you have made a change.

Don't have your check Direct Deposited? Give us a call or visit our office and we'll help get you started.

Stay in Touch with GRS

When you move, don't forget to let us know your new address. Even if you get your benefit check deposited directly into your bank account, GRS may need to contact you with important information. Your benefits may be suspended if your mail is returned to GRS, so make sure you keep your address up to date. You must submit address changes in writing to GRS.



IN MEMORIAM

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED RETIREES

- Elvirah Finley – April 28
- Betty S. Amason – May 2
- Phyllis D. Ellard - May 3
- Carolyn McGregory – May 5
- Barbara Z. Fowler – May 7
- Robert R. Having – May 12
- William A. Robinson, Jr. – May 16
- Ethel DeJarnett – May 22
- Janet M. Bynum – June 13
- Clara J. Plylar – June 15
- Arthur L. Smith – June 18
- Rubie L. McClinnis – June 20
- Carolyn J. Norwood – June 21
- Henrietta E. Gray – June 29
- Rannie J. Hammond – July 1
- Elizabeth North – July 9
- Alvis E. Roper – July 16
- Gwendolyn S. Higgins – July 17
- Marilyn Taylor – July 19
- Hubert G. Shoemaker – August 4
- Margaret Bozeman – August 17
- Michael J. Bobyarchak – August 30

2017 Direct Deposit Payment Schedule

- Monday, October 23rd
- Wednesday, November 22nd
- Friday, December 22nd

2018 Direct Deposit Payment Schedule

- Monday, January 22, 2018
- Thursday, February 22, 2018
- Thursday, March 22, 2018
- Monday, April 23, 2018
- Tuesday, May 22, 2018
- Friday, June 22, 2018
- Monday, July 23, 2018
- Wednesday, August 22, 2018
- Monday, September 24, 2018
- Monday, October 22, 2018
- Friday, November 23, 2018
- Monday, December 24, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

May

- Francis Hubbard
- Roy W. Debardeleben
- James D. Rogers, Jr.
- Johnny R. Mathis
- James R. Jennings, Jr.
- Natalie Huey
- John Lewis Hollins
- Debra Cureton

June

- Donna J. McCurry
- Regina Albright
- Linda Peavy
- Lemon A. Edwards
- David L. Willoughby
- Ned Baldwin, Jr.
- Donald E. Lowe
- Arnold E. Ethridge

July

- Frank G. Jones
- Malcolm Glass
- Wendell K. Ray
- Thomas E. Martin, Jr.
- Adrienne M. Merritt
- Johnny Wayne McGowan
- Nancy C. Long
- Terrence M. Lane

August

- Charles Ray Kelley
- James Lawson Little, Jr.
- James Randall Jones
- Marshall L. Harris
- Angela B. Frazier
- Frederick Deamues
- Theresa Ejem
- Linda Paulette Kelly
- Christopher K. Wilson
- Cecilia A. Loggins
- Gary D. Glover
- Brenda M. Abbott

Pension Board

- Billy Morace, Chairman Pro Tem**
- Betty Lavier, Member 2**
- Connie Harris, Member 3**
- Travis Hulsey, Member 5**