

## RETIREE NEWSLETTER

Produced for retired members of The General Retirement System for Employees of Jefferson County

Summer 2017

### Why Designate a Power of Attorney?

At some time, you may want or need someone to deal with GRS on your behalf. You can do this by establishing a Power of Attorney (POA). A POA is a legal document that allows someone, of your choosing, to act on your behalf. You must decide whom to appoint and what responsibilities you want to assign. Depending on how the POA is structured, it may be effective immediately, effective on a specific date, or effective following a specific event, such as your incapacitation.

Setting up a POA can be done quickly and inexpensively. Preparing a POA with the assistance of qualified legal counsel is the best avenue as the POA must be properly worded for your specific needs.

GRS requires a copy of your POA to be on file with our office in order to ensure that the POA has the right to make changes such as updating your address or banking information. Having a POA on file at GRS allows us to respond to requests from the person named on the POA.

# ELECTION OF PENSION BOARD MEMBER NUMBER FOUR

The Election Board sought nominations for the election of Pension Board Member Number Four. Two nominees have been accepted and ballots will be mailed to all members of GRS on July 14, 2017. Ballots must be returned via the postage paid envelope mailed with the ballot and must be postmarked by August 14, 2017 in order to be counted. The Election Board will count the votes and certify the result no later than August 31, 2017.

### **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.

### 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 4th of the month for the change to be effective for that 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

Frankie M. Maddox —January 17

William M. Brush—February 20

John D. Paulovich—March 1

James W. Howell—March 13

James Allman—March 19

Eva Mae Nuby—March 20

Edwin A. Henson—March 20

James Earl Smith—March 23

Mary H. Thies-March 27

Naomi J. Brown—March 29

Mable Cooper—March 30

Elizabeth J. Bailey—April 7

Carolyn W. Smith—April 14

Robert M. Hubbard—April 26

Robert F. Brooks—April 26

Linda H. Voigt—April 30

# 2017 Direct Deposit Payment Schedule

Monday, July 24th

Thursday, August 24th

Friday, September 22nd

Tuesday, October 23rd

Friday, November 22nd

Friday, December 22nd

### **Pension Board**

Frank Jones, Chairman

**Betty Lavier, Member 2** 

Connie Harris, Member 3

**Billy Morace, Member 4** 

Travis Hulsey, Member 5

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

#### **FEBRUARY**

Eleanor B. Thornell

### March

Deborah G. Sanders

Elton Lee Graham, Jr.

Marc Alan Murphy

Voncile Patterson

#### **APRIL**

Annie R. Ward

Richard M. Callahan

Robert L. Burgett

**Robert Stephen Akers** 

John M. Roberts, Jr.

Phyllis D. Brazel

Sharon E. Gardner

Susie E. Drake

James Bruce Burns