



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 lifetime benefit to your spouse or beneficiary after your death? What percentage of your benefit did you elect? If you did not select a joint survivor option then your beneficiary is entitled to a refund of your member contributions if available. Member contributions are typically exhausted within the first two years of retirement after which your beneficiary would not receive a benefit. 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.

2026 Direct Deposit Payment Schedule

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Monday, August 24, 2026

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Monday, November 23, 2026

Tuesday, December 22, 2026

Pension Board Election Results

Billy Morace, Jr. has been appointed as pension board member number four for the term September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2029 since only one nomination was received. Therefore, no ballots will be mailed.

Direct Deposit Changes

If you make any changes to the account for your monthly Direct Deposit you need to notify us by the 5th of the month for the change to be effective for the month. You can get a Direct Deposit form on our website, www.grsal.net.

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.



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**We are trying to locate the following members.
If you know one of the individuals below,
please ask them to contact our office at
(205)784-4530.**

Careese Yaneissa McGowan

Faruk Musa Soso

Detrick Lamont Woodward

Christal Ladena Jones

Lashunta Boler

Steven Justin Crockett

Ginger L K Beasley

Skylar Logan McCreless

Alexander Blake Griffith

Cheryl Michelle Maiden

Tyler Rajah Tate

Ashley D. Swanigan

Shannon Christopher Giles

Michael D Capps

Dedric Ramone Spencer

Imani Tavia Watson

Bobby Hugh Butler

Sumithra Ganti Karra

Yolanda McKinney

Ojor'e Curtez Tamper

Jonique Montgomery-Lucas

Leah Lewis Hill

Porsha Bennzetta Miller

Derrick Antony Goodman

Sebastain De'Wayne Stewart

Information from Human Resources

If you need to terminate any of your current coverages, contact the Benefits Team at benefits@jccal.org. You can also call 205-325-5249 and select Option 4, but please note we will need your request to terminate coverage in writing. If you experience a Qualifying Life Event, be sure to contact the Benefits Team via phone or email within 30 days of the event.

Please note, retirees and/or their dependent spouses will lose coverage on the first day of the month in which they turn 65. Coverage for dependent children of retirees will end on the last day of the month in which they reach age 26. Retirees and/or their dependent spouses who are under the age of 65 and are eligible for Medicare because of your disability status, must report this status to Human Resources immediately upon notification from the Social Security Administration. If this applies to you, please email the Benefits Team at benefits@jccal.org or call 205-325-5249 and select Option 4.

Pension Board

Robert Field, Chairman

Scott Crain, Member 2

Connie Harris, Member 3

Billy Morace, Member 4

Travis Hulsey, Member 5