

Chicopee Contributory Retirement System

Newsletter for Active Members, Retirees & Their Families

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"The World's Longest Coffee Break is Often Referred to As Retirement"

"December Election Results"

On December 4, 2020 the Retirement Board held an election that was done completely by mail for the "Second Elected Board Member" whose term will expire on December 18, 2023.

The candidates were Paul Mailhott, retired firefighter (the incumbent) and Thomas St. Cyr, police officer.

A total of 406 votes were cast. We received 259 from retirees and 147 from active members.

The official results are as follows:

Paul Mailhott 324 votes
Thomas St. Cyr 82 votes

Congratulations Paul!



"COVID - 19"

The Retirement Board Members & Staff hope that everyone is staying safe through this difficult time. During the Governor's Shut Down our staff has been working to make sure all of our members & retirees needs are being met. We regret not being able to provide you with a lot of service in person as we have in the past, but we have to take the necessary precautions to make sure you and our staff stays safe during this Pandemic. Hopefully, we will be able to resume to full service in the near future. But in the meantime, you can always reach us by telephone (413-594-1542) or email us at ahamblin@chicopeema.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

"Tax Season"

Now that the end of 2020 is here and tax season has begun - remember if you want to change the amount of federal tax that you have deducted from your monthly pension check please

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Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2021 Pension Payment Schedule

January - Friday, Jan. 29th
February - Friday, Feb. 26th
March - Wednesday, March 31st
April - Friday, April 30th
May - Friday, May 28th
June - Wednesday, June 30th

Members of the Board

Timothy O. O'Shea, Chairman
Elected Member

Sharyn Riley, City Auditor &
Member Ex-Officio

Debra Boronski, Appointed
By the Mayor

Paul Mailhott, Elected Member

David Ference, Appointed by the
Board

Anna Maria Hamblin
Executive Director

contact our office at any time at 413-594-1542. You can also go onto our city's webpage at:

www.chicopeema.gov/retirementoffice to download the form and return it to our office.

"Save More and Retire Better"

Do you have enough money to retire? This is a hard question to answer. It is never too early or too late to start planning to retire.

The Chicopee Contributory Retirement System is a defined benefit plan and it will always be here for you. But the question is "Is your pension from the Chicopee Retirement System enough to get you through your golden years?"

Are you going to need extra income? Are you entitled to a Social Security Pension? Are you still going to have to work part time after retirement? These are all questions you need to ask yourself.

Our staff is always available to help you answer some of these questions. So please contact our office at any time so one of our staff members can assist you with your concerns.

"Change of Address"

Whether you are heading south for the winter or moving to the next city over, it is very important to keep the Retirement Board up to date with your current mailing address, even if it is just temporary. Please let us know of any address change as

soon as possible so we can always stay in contact with you.

"In The Spirit"

On November 10, 2020 the Retirement Board staff participated in the City of Chicopee's "In the Spirit" that was held in Szot's Park. It was so nice to see everyone that came out to this no contact Parade. It has been an unusual year for everyone due to the Pandemic and this was a great way for everyone to stay safe and have a good time.



"Monthly Board Meeting Schedule"

The Chicopee Retirement Board meetings are held once a month on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The following is a list of dates for the beginning of 2021:

January 28th
February 25th
March 25th
April 22nd
May 27th
June 24th

(meetings are subject to change)

The monthly Board Meetings are currently being held in the Council Chambers located on the 4th floor at City Hall, due to

the 6 foot distancing laws that are currently in place due to COVID-19.

"HOT CHOCOLATE RECIPE"

1 cup water
2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
½ cup sugar
3 cups milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Add water & chocolate in a medium saucepan, cook over medium-low heat for 3 to 4 minutes – until chocolate is dissolved. Stir constantly with whisk.

Once chocolate is melted stir in sugar – mix well. Bring to a boil over medium – high heat – cook 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Gradually add milk, stir with whisk until well blended. Add in vanilla. Cook an additional 2 – 3 minutes. ENJOY!!



The Chicopee Contributory Retirement Board and Staff would like to wish each of you a safe & happy holiday season.

During this time of good will toward others, let's extend hopes that all of your deepest wishes come true and may happiness, prosperity and good health readily greet you at the doorsteps of your life in 2021!