



**Pension Perspectives**

**Special Notice Regarding  
Holiday Hours**

City of Detroit offices in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center will be closed during the days between Christmas and the New Year holidays. The Retirement System office will adhere to this schedule as well, therefore, at the end of business on Friday, December 21, 2007, the Retirement System will close and will not reopen until Wednesday, January 2, 2008. Normal hours of operation for the Retirement System is Monday thru Friday 8:00a.m. until 4:00p.m. Members can also access our website at [www.rscd.org](http://www.rscd.org) 24 hours a day.

**NOTE:**  
For those retirees that utilize the “will call” service, checks will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

**Visit us on the WEB**

The Retirement System website is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The purpose of the website is to provide a convenient source of online information about the Retirement System and its benefit plans. Some of the useful information found on the WEB includes:

- downloadable forms like the Annuity Application, Change of Address forms, Direct Deposit requests, and Change of Beneficiary forms.
- A complete listing of Retirement System staff, answers to some frequently asked questions as well as Board of Trustees meeting minutes as far back as 2004.
- Online Benefit Estimator in which members can get an estimate of their Retirement benefits. This estimate can be generated based on information input by the member.

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**One time special earnings distribution on the Annuity Savings Plan**

The Board of Trustees of the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit has approved an additional crediting of interest earnings to the Annuity Savings Plan balances of the General Retirement System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. This additional distribution is 15.0857% of your Annuity Savings Plan balance as of June 30, 2007 and will be credited to each members Annuity Savings Plan effective June 30, 2007. This distribution is in addition to the regular interest credit of 7.9%. Retired members who retired on or before June 30, 2007 received a lump sum amount of \$1,600. This bonus amount was applied to retirees' December pension check.

**REMINDER:**

**In order to be eligible for any special distribution declared by the Trustees of the General Retirement System, you must be (1) on active payroll and be paid for July 1st, or (2) have an effective retirement date of June 30 or earlier in the year of the distribution.**

**Direct Deposit Policy Change**

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The General retirement system has made a change in the direct deposit policy that should make a lot of members extremely happy. In the past, when the first of the month occurred on a weekend or a holiday, policy dictated that the funds would not be made available until the first business day after

the weekend or holiday. Many of our members who utilize the direct deposit service have complained about this policy. Your complaints have been heard and now have been addressed. The new policy effective immediately states that if the first of the month occurs on a weekend or holiday, direct deposits shall be made available on the last business day before the normal due date of the first of the month.

## Retirement System future move



The Retirement Systems of the City of Detroit have been looking for some time to acquire land for a new pension office. The purpose would be to provide a site that would be easier for our members to visit in order for them to do their pension business. The Boards are aware of the current problems facing our visitors, such as limited access to the building, expensive and limited public parking and long lines at security processing.

The Boards of Trustees are pursuing this move as not only being more accommodating for our visitors but it would also be a long term cost savings to the Retirement Systems. Currently, the Retirement Systems are making substantial lease payments for our offices in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. After the initial cost of building a new office, we envision a yearly savings accruing to the benefit of the Retirement Systems and our members.

In an ongoing effort to improve customer service, the Retirement System has made the decision to move operations from the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center to a new location. We are happy to announce that plans are in the works for a brand new building to house the Retirement System's day to day operations. The land is in the process of being purchased and architects are now designing plans for the new building.

The property the Boards are entertaining as the possible site for our new office would be easily accessed by public transportation and would also have available free parking for our members. The building will be located on a main artery of the city for easy drivability. We want to create a friendly yet serviceable atmosphere for our staff and members.



- When retirees reach the age of 65 and have applied for Medicare, you must notify the Benefits division of the City of Detroit. In addition, you must make a copy of your Medicare card and send it to the Benefits Division. Write to: Benefits Division, Human Resources Department, 1300 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit, MI 48216.
- Please call your interviewer if you are unable to keep your appointment or if you are going to be late. Your appointment may have to be rescheduled.

### Haven't received your Pension check?

If you haven't received your pension check by the 5th business day of the month, you should contact the Check Disbursement Unit of the Retirement System at (313)224-3362 ext. 234 or 265. If your check has been lost in the mail, they will send you the appropriate forms to stop payment on the check and process a new check for you. If your check has been held for any reason, they will refer you to the proper office.

**NOTE:** One way to avoid your check being lost is to sign up for Direct Deposit. Direct Deposit insures that your money is in the bank and available on the 1st business day of each month (see related article on page 1). To obtain the forms necessary to enroll for Direct Deposit, please call (313) 224-3362 ext. 221 or download the form from our website at [www.rscd.org](http://www.rscd.org)

### Retirement Systems Directory

Main Number:  
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Toll Free 800 339-8344

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### Important Numbers:

Blue Cross Community Blue (800) 470-9633	Blue Care Network (800) 662-6667	Blue Cross/Blue Shield Traditional (800) 951-BLUE
Health Alliance Plan (800) 422-4641	The Wellness Plan (800) 875-WELL	Heritage Eye Care (800) 252-2053
Total Health Care (313) 871-7812	Co-Op Optical (800) 368-5160	DENCAP (313) 972-1400
Golden Dental Plan (586) 573-8118	Social Security Administration (800) 772-1213	Detroit Retired City Employees Association (313) 927-0491
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