

MAY LT 2011

JUNE BOT MEETING



The next ERS Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m., in the ERS/Merit Board Conference Room. For more information, call the Retirement Office at 301-454-1415 or visit the ERS website at <http://ers.mncppc.org>.

MAY 2011 RETIREES

Best wishes in retirement to Joseph C. Richards, Charles A. Rouse, James D. Sorensen and Pamela L. Stenger. They retired from the Commission effective May 1, 2011.

COLA ANNOUNCED FOR RETIREES

A 1.6% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was approved by the ERS Board of Trustees for all retirees and annuitants who began receiving benefits as of January 1, 2011. A letter specifying the amount of the new annuity will be mailed to each retirement benefit annuitant. The July 2011 check will reflect the COLA.

ERS RECEIVES AWARD

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Employees' Retirement System (ERS) received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The certificate was awarded by the Government Finance Office Association of the United States and Canada. Sheila P. Joynes, Accounting Manager, led this project with assistance from Heather Brown, Administrative Assistant. Both are commended for their efforts and accomplishment on behalf of the ERS.

MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Every May since 1963, Americans have celebrated the immeasurable contributions of Older Americans. Older Americans Month provides an opportunity for us to recognize and support the growing percentage of Americans who are age 65 and over as they continue to enrich and strengthen communities throughout this nation. As of June 30, 2010, the ERS membership included 977 retirees and beneficiaries, many of which are also proud members of the 65 and over population.

The Department of Health and Human Services - Administration on Aging encourages all of us to take part in activities that uplift and dignify older Americans. The theme for Older Americans month 2011 is "Older Americans: Connecting the Community." For more information, please visit the website for the Administration on Aging at <http://www.aoa.gov> or <http://olderamericansmonth.org>.

CONDOLENCES

The ERS Board of Trustees and staff would like to extend their deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the following retirees who recently passed away:

- **Steven G. Hampton** passed away on March 27, 2011. He was formerly a Park Police Captain for Prince George's County. He retired on January 1, 1999 with 26 years of service.
- **Bernard Horn** passed away on April 4, 2011. He retired from the Montgomery County Planning Department's Research Division on June 1, 1987.