

Retiree Newsletter

A quarterly newsletter for Pinellas County Government retirees.

September 2016

Welcome to a NEW quarterly newsletter dedicated to Pinellas County retirees. We will feature information you've asked for like the healthcare benefits available to you, how to contact service providers, REPCO meetings, health and wellness, and more.

Name that Newsletter

The first order of business: your newsletter needs a catchy name. So we're holding a naming contest. Send your ideas in to Employee Communications (employee.communications@pinellascounty.org) and win a prize if we pick your idea. The deadline is September 30.

Here are some of our not-so-catchy ideas:

- ▶ The Retiree Connection
- ▶ Retiree Roundup
- ▶ The PEN Senior

REPCO News

REPCO has monthly meetings beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Applebee's, 5110 East Bay Drive.

The September lunch meeting will be on **September 12**. The speaker will be Geri Costello from 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares. The topics will be services available to senior citizens and volunteer opportunities with her organization.

The **October 10** meeting will feature Karla Cook from Pinellas County Human Resources, Benefits Division. She will talk about retiree Annual Enrollment which begins that day. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. For more information contact Rudy Garcia at (813) 855-3466 or rdgarcia@verizon.net.

Pinellas County Benefits

Phone: (727) 464-4570

Fax: (727) 464-5291

Email: employee.benefits@pinellascounty.org

Ask Benefits

Here are the top three questions we have been asked in the last few weeks. If YOU have any questions, please contact us at (727) 464-4570 or employee.benefits@pinellascounty.org.

Q. *I need to change my direct deposit information for my pension check. How do I do it?*

A. Since the Florida Retirement System (FRS) is the entity that issues the monthly pension benefit, you can find the form to update your account information on their website www.myfrs.com or you can call and request the form by dialing (866) 446-9377 and selecting **option 3**.

Q. *I am moving from my primary residence. Who do I need to contact in order to update my address?*

A. Your will need to contact the Benefits office at employee.benefits@pinellascounty.org or call (727) 464-4570 to update your mailing address with Pinellas County. We will update your address with the insurance providers so there's no need for you to reach out on your own. Additionally, you will need to contact the FRS to update their records.

Q. *I have a question about the way my visit with my medical provider was processed by United Healthcare (UHC). Can you help me understand the explanation of benefit?*

A. The best resource for clarification on a UHC claim is UHC. Please contact them by calling the number on your UHC ID card.

FREE Wellness Center Benefits

Did you know that as a retiree you can continue to have FREE access to the Wellness Center?

The Wellness Center is an exercise-on-your-own facility and is a free benefit to all retirees. It is located in downtown Clearwater in the basement of the old Courthouse at 324 S. Ft. Harrison Avenue. The hours are Monday through Friday, 5:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and closed on weekends and all County holidays.

To use the Wellness Center you need to:

1. Obtain a retiree ID badge. Even if you had access as an employee, you will still need to complete the paperwork as a retiree. Your retiree card can be obtained at the Annex, 400 S. Fort Harrison Ave., on the 1st floor in the Human Resources department office.
2. Once your retiree card is obtained, contact the Health & Wellness Associate at 464-4049 or wellness@pinellascounty.org to schedule an orientation. The orientation takes approximately 30 minutes.
3. Once you complete the Wellness Center orientation, your ID card will be coded to access the Wellness Center.

Services provided at no additional cost:

- ▶ Body analysis
- ▶ Fitness assessments
- ▶ Blood pressure screening
- ▶ Group Fitness Classes
- ▶ Individualized exercise programs

Amenities available:

- ▶ Showers
- ▶ Daily use lockers
- ▶ Free weights
- ▶ Nautilus exercise equipment
- ▶ Stationery bikes
- ▶ Spin bikes (requires separate orientation)
- ▶ Rowing machines
- ▶ Elliptical fitness cross trainers
- ▶ Treadmills
- ▶ Stair climbers
- ▶ Wellness resource library
- ▶ DVD and VHS player
- ▶ Digital and medical scales
- ▶ Free Wifi
- ▶ Speed and punching bags
- ▶ Step equipment
- ▶ Smith machine

Retiree Resources

Retirees on Medicare Health Plan:

United Healthcare MAPPO: (800) 457-8506 (includes RX & mental health) uhcretiree.com

EyeMed: (866) 723-0513 eyemedvisioncare.com

Pre-65 and traditional Medicare Health Plan:

United Healthcare: (888) 478-4752 myuhc.com

Express Scripts: (866) 544-9221 express-scripts.com

ComPsych: (866) 615-3047 guidanceresources.com

EyeMed: (866) 723-0513 eyemedvisioncare.com

Dental plans:

Cigna: (800) 244-6224 mycigna.com

MetLife: (800) 880-1800 metlife.com

Florida Retirement System (FRS)

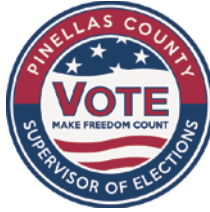
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Pinellas County Retirement

Information web page

www.pinellascounty.org/hr/retiree

BECOME A POLL WORKER



Retired county employees are service oriented and have the skills to serve as outstanding poll workers. Please consider serving as a poll worker for the Supervisor of Elections for the November 8—General Election. Poll workers are compensated for attending training classes and working Election Day. We hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

Poll Worker Positions

Poll workers are assigned to work at specific polling locations on Election Day. Poll workers must be available to set up their polling place before the polls open and must remain there until after the polls close.

Poll Worker Positions:

Clerk – Manages Polling Place

Assistant Clerk – Assists with Clerk duties

Machine Manager – Manages the ballot scanner

Ballot Distribution Manager – Distributes correct ballot to each voter

Inspector – Establishes voter eligibility and checks voters in at the polling place

Precinct Deputy – Maintains order at the polling place

Election Advisor – Oversees a number of polling places; serves as a liaison; troubleshoots

Requirements:

- Be a registered or pre-registered voter in Pinellas County.
- Be able to read and write English.
- Attend the required poll worker training class or classes (based on position).
- Must be willing to work a long day. Poll workers are not permitted to leave the polling place on Election Day. (5:30 a.m. until the polls close at 7 p.m. and all post-election tasks are completed.)

Application Process:

- When completing the application online, please indicate that you are a retired county employee; your previous title/county department and a brief description of your work responsibilities.

APPLY TODAY!

ONLINE: [VOTEPINELLAS.COM](https://www.vote-pinellas.com)

CALL: (727) 464-6110

EMAIL: POLLWORKER@VOTEPINELLAS.COM

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