# Pension E-News





CTPF is committed to doing our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. For the health, safety, and wellbeing of all CTPF Members, the Fund continues to deliver all member services remotely. Member Services counselors are taking calls in "real time" during normal business hours. The physical office remains closed to all but essential employees whose duties cannot be performed offsite. In-person services and counseling are suspended until it is safe to resume these operations. Find more information on our COVID response and operations at <a href="mailto:ctpf.org">ctpf.org</a>.

#### **Holiday Office Closings**

- The CTPF office will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2021. The office will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2021.
- The CTPF office will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2021. The office will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022.



## **Town Hall Webinar**

CTPF will offer a Town Hall Webinar on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. The webinar will be hosted by Executive Director Carlton W. Lenoir, Sr., and will offer a general overview of Fund operations, look a long-term investment performance and our investment philosophy and provide reminders for the winter. **Register in advance here.** 



## **Opt-In Option for Contract School Employees**

Legislation enacted August 27, 2021, changed the retirement plan requirements for educational staff employed by a Chicago Contract School in a position requiring certification or licensure. Individuals employed in contract schools on or after August 27, 2021, will be automatically enrolled in the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF).

Teachers employed before August 27, 2021, have the option of joining CTPF. The election is made by completing and returning CTPF Form 290 and must be completed by December 31, 2021.

#### **Contract School Resources**

CTPF delivered information to Contract Schools, set up a dedicated website <a href="mailto:ctpf.org/Opt-In">ctpf.org/Opt-In</a> with educational resources, and offered three webinars for Contract School Members who have the option of joining CTPF. The workshop presentation and recording are available at <a href="mailto:ctpf.org/Opt-In">ctpf.org/Opt-In</a>.

## Save the Date 2022 Retirement Webinars

CTPF will offer 2022 Retirement Webinars at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on February 21, 2022, and April 12, 2022. Webinars offer an overview of the retirement process and can help you jump start (or complete) your retirement application.

Registration for webinars opens Monday, January 3, 2022. Register at <a href="mailto:ctpf.org/calendar">ctpf.org/calendar</a>.



## **Heading South for the Winter?**

If you're heading south for the winter, make sure you file a temporary change of address form with CTPF. Address changes cannot be made over the phone. Retirees and Inactive Members will need to send a written and signed request to change their address or complete a <a href="mailto:Change of Address form">Change of Address form</a> (CTPF Form 107) and return it to <a href="mailto:imaging@ctpf.org">imaging@ctpf.org</a>. All address changes for active CTPF members are reported through their employers' reporting system.

## 1099-R Address Change Reminder

The deadline to submit an address change for the 2021 1099R mailing for**pensioners** is tomorrow, December 14. Address changes cannot be made over the phone. Retirees must send a written and signed request to change their address or complete a **Change of Address form** (CTPF Form 107) and return it to **imaging@ctpf.org**. All address changes for active CTPF members are reported through their employers' reporting system.

### **Save CTPF's Numbers in Your Contacts**

CTPF encourages members to save the office number, 312.604.1400 and Member Services number 312.641.4464, in their contact list to avoid them being marked as spam.



## **CTPF COVID-19 Information & Resources**

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to resume these operations.

CTPF has implemented the following changes for the health and safety of all:

- In-person appointments and services are suspended.
- Phone assistance, video counseling, and remote notarization appointments are available. Members should call 312.641.4464 or email <u>memberservices@ctpf.org</u> for assistance.
- US Mail processing may be delayed. Send benefit applications, forms, and documents by fax 312.641.7185 or email an attachment (.pdf or .jpg format) to <a href="mailto:imaging@ctpf.org">imaging@ctpf.org</a> to ensure prompt processing.

Learn more on the COVID-19 Response Pagectpf.org/covid-19.



All current meeting dates, office information, and upcoming event information can be found on the CTPF Calendar at ctpf.org/calendar.

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#### STAY CONNECTED & SPREAD THE WORD

CTPF will continue to share information at <u>ctpf.org</u> on social media, in E-Lerts, and in E-News.

We also encourage you to connect with CTPF on social media; many of CTPF's more than 90,000 members are active on either Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please consider forwarding this email to a friend who may be a fellow member or pensioner.

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