

CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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2019 CFRS JULY NEWSLETTER

Happy Birthday to everyone born in the month of JULY!



The CFRS Office



We will re-open for business on Friday, July 5, 2019 at 8:00 am.

Our Condolences to the Family of Retired Battalion Chief James Arnold Mullis

Retiree Battalion Chief James Arnold Mullis passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2019. He was 73 years young. Arnold was very dedicated and committed to the CFD for 30 years with 1-C as his last station stop before retiring. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 54 years, Dolly, 2 sons Jimmy and David, a sister and host of family and friends. If you would like to send a card of sympathy, below is the address:

*For participating members, a **Voluntary Pledge** was deducted from your benefit payment on [June 30, 2019](#).

Welcome to our new June retirees!

Engineer Wallace Martin	2-B
Captain Darwin Paramore	35-B
Captain Jeffery Smith	6 -B
Battalion Chief Douglas Hickin	Deferred Vested



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK— *Sandy Thiry*

The new Retiree Portal registration information letter will be in your US Mailbox within the next several days. The letter will include the CFRS letterhead as well as USBank's logo information. In this letter you will find instructions on how to register and log on to the Retiree Portal. In efforts to keep your information secure, reduce the use of environmental resources and payment processing fees, pay stubs will no longer be mailed effective with the August 31, 2019 payment. However, should you opt to continue to receive a paper pay stub, you may complete the Consent Form that will be enclosed with your letter and return to the CFRS office by August 2, 2019. Please take the opportunity to read the letter, the Q&A and register for the site so that you can see all that the Portal has to offer at your fingertips!

Please join us in recognizing Mrs. Lydia Crutchfield, Citizen Trustee, whose term ended on June 30, 2019. Mrs. Crutchfield is the Director of Teammate Health in the HR Department with Atrium Health System. She's been a registered Nurse for over 40 years and has extensive occupational health and leadership experience, possessing in-depth knowledge of occupational regulatory requirements, and policy and procedure development. After dutifully serving the active and retired Members of the System for 11 years, Mrs. Crutchfield has decided to retire.

Also, Mr. Robert Campbell, Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and ex-officio, will be retiring in July after serving the Board for the past 4 and a half years. Mr. Campbell supervises the Accounting, Business Systems, Procurement, Revenue, and Treasury Divisions of the Finance Office. Prior to being named Interim CFO, Mr. Campbell served as the Deputy Finance Director for ten years. Both Mrs. Crutchfield and Mr. Campbell, respectively, were very active on the Benefits Committee and Investment Committees where they applied their talents for the continual betterment of the System. We congratulate them on their lifetime achievements and retirement!

Ms. Kelly Flannery, Chief Financial Officer and ex-officio, will transition to the Board of Trustees as soon as she is sworn in by the City's Mayor in early July. Ms. Flannery comes from Chicago where she worked for 11 years with her most recent position as the Deputy CFO for the City of Chicago where she managed the City's \$26 billion debt portfolio. Her work has also led to improved financial landscape for the City of Chicago with progress on pension funding, reducing the budget deficit, rating agency upgrades and stable rating outlooks. Prior to becoming the CFO of the City of Chicago, Ms. Flannery was the Assistant Budget Director and Senior Fiscal Policy Analyst. Prior to her move to Chicago, she held the position of Senior Municipal Bond Analyst with Mergent, Inc., a global financial services company in Fort Mill, South Carolina.



Join in to watch the 5th annual CMPD vs. CFD charity soccer match before the Charlotte Independence take on the Saint Louis FC. Enjoy live music, photo booth, cornhole, food trucks and more during the tailgate between games. There will also be a half-time recognition of first responders.

\$5 off all tickets purchased through the below link will be donated to the CMPD and CFD charities. <https://groupmatics.events/event/CMPDvCFD19>

4:15pm- Gates Open / 4:30pm- **CMPD** vs. **CFD** match

5:15pm- Tailgate / 7:00pm- Charlotte Independence vs. Saint Louis FC match

For questions and info: Carra Wheat cwheat@queencitysc.com 704-206-1521

Charlotte 9/11 Stair Climb

The Charlotte 9-11 Memorial Stair climb occurs each September to remember the lives lost on 9-11-01. All proceeds will go to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The climb is a 110-story climb equivalent to the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. In solidarity this honors the fallen Firefighters, EMS and Police officers that were killed on September 11, 2001. This is an amazing event to take time to remember a tragic day in American history.

September 14, 2019

Opening Ceremony- 8:15am / Climb Starts at 9:00am

Location: Duke Energy Building, 550 South Tryon Street ***FREE PARKING***

Deadline to register is August 15th

To register for the Charlotte 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb click the link below or place into your web browser.

http://events.firehero.org/site/TR?fr_id=2092&pg=entry

Social Security Administration

Have you visited the Social Security Administration website lately? There are many things you can now do on-line.

Please visit <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10121.pdf> for quick links to apply for benefits, estimate your benefits and answers to frequently asked questions.

You may be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which is a formula used to adjust your Social Security benefit due to the fact that you did not pay into Social Security as a uniformed firefighter with the City of Charlotte Fire Department. If you have not started your Social Security benefit, you can now take advantage of the Social Security Administration's Retirement Planner which includes this provision. Visit <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/wep.html>.

Board of Trustee & Committee Meetings – July Schedules

The Benefits Committee meeting will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, **July 11, 2019** at 8:00 a.m.

The Investment Committee meeting will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, **July 18, 2019** at 11:00 a.m.

The **Board** will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, **July 25, 2019** at 8:00 am.

Note: **These are public meetings, and anyone is welcome to attend.**

*Remember to check with the CFRS Office to confirm that the meeting is being held as sometimes they may cancel or reschedule.

CFRS 2019 Benefit Payment Schedule for July

Below are the **2019** benefit payment dates. Direct deposit funds from USBank are payable to you on the **15th** and the **last day** of each month.

The highlighted **red** dates below indicate Saturday or Sunday pay dates.

January -----	July 15 & July 31
February -----	August 15 & 31
March -----	September 15 & 30
April -----	October 15 & 31
May -----	November 15 & 30
June -----	December 15 & 31