

FALL/WINTER  
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# SAMCERA TIMES

## RETIREE & BENEFICIARY NEWSLETTER

We've updated  
our look!

Welcome to the newly redesigned Fall/Winter Issue of the SamCERA Times. While the newsletter's look has changed, our commitment to our membership is stronger than ever. The newsletter will continue to provide important updates, news, educational retirement and financial information, and more! We want this newsletter to be valuable for you, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions. Email them to: [njeong@samcera.org](mailto:njeong@samcera.org).

### REAPPOINTMENTS IN 2018



**Eric Tashman**

**Mark Battey**

On May 8, 2018, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors reappointed Eric Tashman (fourth member) and Mark Battey (sixth member) to the Board of Retirement.

Eric Tashman is a partner in the San Francisco office of the law firm, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP. Eric is serving his fourth term on the Board, having first been appointed by the Board of Supervisors in 2009.

Mark Battey is a founding owner of Miramar Farms, located in Half Moon Bay. Mark was first appointed by the Board of Supervisors in 2015 and is serving his second term on the Board.



ROBERT RAW

WELCOME  
TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



KATHERINE O'MALLEY

The 2018 SamCERA Board of Retirement Election was held on June 11, 2018 for three active member seats.

Katherine O'Malley, a Principal Appraiser from the Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder & Elections Department, was elected to the Second Member General Seat, and is serving her first term on the Board.

Robert Raw, a Sergeant from the Sheriff's Department, was elected to the Seventh Safety Member Seat, and is also serving his first term on the Board.

Susan Lee, a Deputy Probation Officer from the Probation Department, was reelected to serve as the Alternate Safety Member and is serving her second term.

The next election will be held in June 2019 when the General Third Member Seat, Retired Eighth Member Seat and Retiree Alternate Seat will be up for election.



**Susan Lee**



## Life Changing Event?

Ensuring that you receive your benefit payment accurately and on-time is important to us. To do this, we need your help to keep your account up to date.

Keeping your account up to date includes making sure that your mailing address, banking information, tax withholding status and your beneficiary choices are current.

It's also important to notify us of any change of life events as soon as they happen. This includes:

- Marriage
- Divorce
- Death of a spouse, partner or child
- Birth or adoption of a child

Keeping your contact information updated is also key to staying informed. We occasionally send correspondence regarding changes in law and other important disclosures.

It's easy to update your information on MySamCERA. You can use MySamCERA to update your contact information and beneficiary information, change your withholding status, and more! As always, we are here to help. Call us at (650) 599-1234 or email us at [samcera@samcera.org](mailto:samcera@samcera.org).

REMINDER

## Rules for Returning to Work After Retirement

Below are important rules to keep in mind if you are receiving a service retirement allowance from SamCERA and wish to return to work for a SamCERA-covered employer:

- Regardless of your age, retired general members are not eligible to return to work as extra-help or under a contract for a SamCERA employer for a period of 180 days following retirement, except under special circumstances.
- Retired safety employees under the age of 53 cannot return to work within 90 days of retirement, except under special circumstances.
- Post retirement service is limited to 960 hours per fiscal year, which commences on July 1.

Before you start working again, make sure that you are aware of all of the requirements to avoid having your benefit suspended. For more information, email [samcera@samcera.org](mailto:samcera@samcera.org).

# SAFEGUARDING YOUR INFORMATION

One of SamCERA's priorities is to safeguard your personal information, and we hold ourselves to the highest standards of security and privacy. We are constantly developing and implementing security enhancements to ensure the integrity of our website, self-service portal and app. Below are a few methods we use to protect your information:

**Encryption** - Our website uses Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology from a leading internet security authority to encrypt data and host secure online transactions.

**Security Audits** - MySamCERA was certified as a secure site by a professional security firm that conducted an independent audit and vulnerability testing at our request.

**Restricted Access** - Only staff who need to have access to your information to do their jobs can view your personal and financial information on our internal systems.



## Whenever you access retirement benefit information on MySamCERA:

- Make sure that you are connected to a secure network
- Never share your login and password information with anyone
- Be sure to log out properly when you are done



Email [samcera@samcera.org](mailto:samcera@samcera.org) to confirm any communications from our organization.

While the internet allows us to stay connected, informed and involved with family and friends, it is important to safeguard your information when you are online. Below are some online and consumer safety tips from the FBI and National Cyber Security Alliance that you can follow at home.

## 1. MALICIOUS EMAIL

When you are unsure if an email request is legitimate, try to verify it by contacting the company directly. Contact the company using information provided on an account statement, not information provided in an email. Never click on links or provide personal information on emails from unknown senders.

## 2. FAKE CALLER ID

Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine.

## 3. MAKING PAYMENTS

Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in, but some payment methods don't. Wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram is risky because it's nearly impossible to get your money back. That's also true for reloadable cards and gift cards (like iTunes or Google Play). Government offices and honest companies won't require you to use these payment methods.



OCTOBER IS  
National Cybersecurity  
Awareness Month

Learn more online safety tips on these websites:

[www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)

[www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month](http://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month)

[www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/on-the-internet](http://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/on-the-internet)



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### Retiree Paydays

October 31, 2018  
November 30, 2018  
December 31, 2018

### Holidays

Columbus Day - October 8, 2018  
Veterans Day - November 12, 2018  
Thanksgiving Day - November 22, 2018  
Christmas Day - December 25, 2018  
New Year's Day - January 1, 2019



### Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 4

Daylight Savings Time ends on the first Sunday in November every year. As we set our clocks back one hour in most areas of the country, it's also a good time to remind ourselves to replace the batteries in our smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors.

## 1099-R Tax Form Information

Hard copies of your 1099-R form will be mailed by 1/31/19. Beginning on 2/1/19, you will be able to view or print your statement online by signing into your MySamCERA account. Select "My Documents" on the navigation menu, and from there you can view or print a copy.

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