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## COMMENTARY



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#### NEW!

Contactless loans! Get your loan without ever having to come into a branch. All documents can be signed digitally!

#### **TEMPORARY HOURS**

Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

We encourage members to use Mobile and Online Banking to access your account 24/7.

#### **ADDRESS CHANGE**

The fastest and safest way to change your address is through PTOFCU Online Teller. If you fax or email an address change request, a valid photo ID must be provided with the request change.

#### **GO PAPERLESS**

Help the environment by putting an end to paper waste. Going paperless makes banking faster, easier and more secure!

If you need assistance, call or email us at support@ptofcu.org.

#### PROMOTIONS

For our latest promotions visit our website at www.ptofcu.org.

#### **HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

COLUMBUS DAY Monday, October 11th

VETERANS DAY Thursday, November 11th

THANKSGIVING Thursday, November 25th

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING Friday, November 26th

CHRISTMAS EVE Friday, December 24th

NEW YEAR'S EVE Friday, December 31st

## WELCOME AUTUMN!

Rates as low as 5.21% APR\* Maximum loan amount \$21,000 Terms up to 60 months New money only Other terms and conditions may apply

• FOR A LIMITED TIME

RAKE In The SAVINGS!

\*APR - Annual Percentage Rate.

# **Lowest Rate Ever!**



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## **CREDIT CARD** Rates Have Falle

# www.ptofcu.org

#### All rates lowered for new cardholders

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Rates as low as 9.9% APR\* Secured Visa rates lowered to 15.9% APR\*

\*APR - Annual Percentage Rate.

### **MONEY TIP**

#### **Prevent Identity Theft**

#### Tips to keep in mind to protect yourself from identity theft:

- Secure your Social Security number (SSN). Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet. Only give out your SSN when necessary.
- Don't share personal information (birthdate, Social Security number, or bank account number) because someone asks for it.
- Collect mail every day. Place a hold on your mail when you are away from home for several davs.
- Pay attention to your billing cycles. If bills or financial statements are late, contact the sender.
- Use the security features on your mobile phone.
- Update sharing and firewall settings when you're on a public wi-fi network Use a virtual private network (VPN), if you use public wi-fi.
- Review your credit card and bank account statements. Compare receipts with account statements. Watch for unauthorized transactions.
- Shred receipts, credit offers, account statements, and expired credit cards. This can prevent "dumpster divers" from getting your personal information.
- Store personal information in a safe place.
- Install firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer.
- Create complex passwords that identity thieves cannot guess. Change your passwords if a company that you do business with has a breach of its databases
- Review your credit reports once a year. Be certain that they don't include accounts that you have not opened. You can order it for free from Annualcreditreport.com.
- Freeze your credit files with Equifax, Experian, Innovis, TransUnion, and the National Consumer Telecommunications and Utilities Exchange for free. Credit freezes prevent someone from applying for and getting approval for a credit account or utility services in your name.

Main Branch: 1st Floor, 501 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 Hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday Phone: 571-272-0350 • Fax: 571-273-0190 Audio Teller: 571-272-0365

Randolph Square Branch: 2800 S. Randolph Street, Room 8C08, Arlington, VA 22206 Effective immediately, the Randolph Square Branch will be open on Wednesdays by appointment only. Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance. Call 571-272-0350 to schedule appointments.

Non-cash operation (Call main office for request at 571-272-0350) ATM located in the 4th floor lunch room

#### Visa® Check Card & ATM Important Phone Numbers

After hours hotline: 800-754-4128 Card activation: 800-466-0040 Falcon (U.S.): 888-241-2440 Falcon (International): 909-941-1034 Lost/Stolen U.S. Toll Free: 888-241-2510 International: Collect Call 909-941-1398

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# REMINDERS

#### **REMOTE DEPOSIT**

Deposit your check anytime, anywhere! Remote Deposit Capture uses the same level of security and encryption standards as online banking. That means your personal information is safe and secure. Vist our website at www.ptofcu.org.

#### ATTENTION BILL PAY USERS

If you use Microsoft Explorer to access Bill Pay, you must have Microsoft Explorer 11 installed on your PC. Please update your browser.

#### TRAVELING?

If you plan to make any unusual transaction or if you plan on using your cards outside the United States, please call 1-866-563-1335 for credit cards and 1-888-241-2440 for check cards.

To report your ATM/debit card lost or stolen, call 1-888-241-2510 toll free inside the U.S. or 1-909-941-1398 collect outside the U.S.

#### DORMANT ACCOUNTS

If you have not used your account for one year, you will be charged \$15.00 until you perform a financial transaction such as making a deposit or a withdrawal. This fee will be charged guarterly until activity is performed.

#### TRANSACTIONS FROM MEXICO

The Patent and Trademark Office FCU will no longer honor any ATM/debit card transactions originating from Mexico. If you plan to travel to Mexico, please notify the Credit Union prior to traveling and complete our Travel Permit form. The Credit Union must have the completed form prior to the member visiting Mexico. The form is available on our website at www.ptofcu.org/forms.

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Visit our website for all the latest promotions and events. Here are some of the things you will find on our website:

- Auto Resource Center
  - Forms & Resources
- Wire Transfer Instructions Helpful Calculators
  - And so much more!
- Apply Online, Anytime All Current Promotions

#### **PRIVACY NOTICE**

Federal law requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Our privacy policy has not changed and you may review our policy and practices with respect to your personal information at www.ptofcu.com, or we will mail you a free copy upon request.



Our mission is to provide our members with the highest level of quality, convenient, and reliable service while maintaining financial strength.



