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# Simplify and Go Green – **Enroll in eStatements Today!**

Sign-up for e-Statements today to access your statements in a secure.

convenient and environmentally friendly way.

Once enrolled, you will be able to view your monthly and/or guarterly statements at any time or any place, and you'll be able to safely share, print or download your statements.

With eStatements, you'll receive your statements as soon as they are available. By signing up now, you will avoid the new \$5 service charge for paper statements that goes into effect January 1, 2021. (No charge for 65 years & older and 13 & younger.)

Lastly, you'll automatically be entered into our eStatement Sweepstakes! (see details at right)



#### How to enroll in eStatements on your PC\*

Go to www.mypfcu.org and login to Online Access  $\rightarrow$  My Documents  $\rightarrow$  Enroll in eStatements.

#### How to enroll on a mobile device\*

Login to Online Access, under the more tab, scroll down and choose eStatements.

\*Must establish Online Access before enrolling.

### PFCU Supports the Environment and Our Community

In an effort to give back, PFCU will donate \$1 to the Morton Arboretum for every member that signs up for eStatements! To learn more about the Morton Arboretum The Morton visit www.mortonarb.org Arboretum

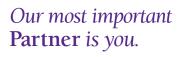
### The eStatement Sweepstakes

To be automatically entered in the contest, you must be currently receiving eStatements or sign up to receive (free) eStatements through January 31, 2021.

Once you consent to eStatements, you will no longer receive paper statements and an automatic entry into the drawing will be placed.

Three names will be drawn the week of February 1, 2021. Each winner will receive either a Yeti Cooler, KitchenAid Professional Mixer or Apple Air Pods.







## **INSIDETHECU**



#### **4TH QUARTER ANNIVERSARIES**

Mary Ann Pusateri - October 1, 1988 - 32 years Marvin Gordon - October 4, 2012 - 8 years Dan Stojanovic - October 10, 1994 - 26 years Leo Castillo - October 21, 2019 - 1 year Alex Stojanovic - October 22, 2018 - 2 years David Sweeney - October 29, 2018 - 2 years Sherry Scott - November 29, 2018 - 2 years Aviance Ewing - November 15, 2002 - 18 years Joellen Davis - November 18, 2019 - 1 year Joellen Davis - November 23, 1998 - 22 years Vivian Kayo - December 11, 2017 - 3 years



# NEW Saturday Hours!

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 am – 5 pm Wednesday: 10 am – 5 pm

DRIVE-THRU HOURS: Des Plaines & Morton Grove Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

SATURDAY: Morton Grove Office ONLY 8:30 am – 12:30 pm (Lobby & Drive-Thru)

Access your accounts using these contact methods:



PFCU Mobile App



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## Welcome Glenview!

Partnership Financial Credit Union is excited to have the Glenview Credit Union members join us as part of the PFCU family!

# A PFCU Kind of Day

## Our Annual All Staff Training and CUKind Day Success

#### All Staff Training

The PFCU staff spent an October day together beginning with a morning training session and a delicious breakfast at Brunch Cafe in Niles. We participated in Diversity and Inclusion training with renowned speakers, Lisa Koenecke and Angela Prestil. Lisa specializes in and focused overall on diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace. Angela, with 20 years as a leader at Credit Union National Association, shared her perspective on driving membership growth and optimizing future success.

#### CUKind Day With Rise Against Hunger

CUKind Day is celebrated around the nation where credit unions partner with a charity to do some good. PFCU staff joined together with Rise Against Hunger and spent the afternoon packing over 10,000 meals for children around the globe in an effort to help end world hunger.

All in all, everyone had a great PFCU Day enjoying the opportunity to volunteer and the camaraderie!





## Need Extra Cash to Turn Your Home into an Office or School?

Consider a personal loan with PFCU and get low rates and flexible terms. Stop in any office and ask to speak with a loan officer or apply online at mypfcu.org.



*Our most important* **Partner** *is you.* 

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For Financial Tips, valuable information and more, check out our blog - LEARN!





Watch Out for These Scams as the **Country Moves Toward Reopening** 

As the coronavirus continues spreading across the country in waves and peaks, every state is making bold moves toward reopening under a strange new set of

circumstances dubbed the "New Normal." Face coverings are de rigueur. Floor markings have been slapped down exactly 6 feet apart near checkout counters in retail stores. Shoppers are weary, cautious and careful. And, as the country moves forward and adapts to the new realities, scammers aren't far behind

#### WATCH OUT FOR THESE TRENDING SCAMS AS THE COUNTRY REOPENS:

#### Account Takeovers

Even as retailers work toward reopening, shorter hours and percentage-capacity rules mean many consumers are still shopping remotely. Retailers are also busier than ever now as they comply with new rules and work to meet customers' changing demands. This leads to an increase in online retail scams, like account takeovers, in which scammers hack a company's database and break into a customer's account. Using the customer's remembered payment information, the scammer goes on to place large orders to their own address all on the client's dime.

#### **Protect yourself:**

Account takeovers are most commonly pulled off on dormant accounts. The scammer assumes these

account holders won't notice this activity, but you can outsmart them by checking your retail accounts for sudden orders or deleting the remembered information from accounts you rarely use.

Business owners can spot these scams by looking out for sudden large orders from customers who haven't purchased anything in months, or even years.

#### **Job Scams**

"Help Wanted" signs and ads are a welcome sight for the more than 40 million workers who have filed for unemployment since the pandemic hit American shores. Unfortunately, though, the flood of unemployed people looking for work has led to a rise in job scams. The FBI is warning against a surge in scams where cybercriminals pose as employers by spoofing websites and posting bogus job openings on online job boards. They may even go as far as conducting interviews with applicants. The scammers ask for personal information, and sometimes demand payment, before the "application" can be processed. Of course, there is no job waiting for the applicant, their information is now in danger of being abused and they'll never see that money again.

In a variation of this scam, "employees" are given work to do remotely, and then paid with an inflated paycheck. They're told they had been overpaid and instructed to cash the check and reimburse the employer for the surplus funds via money order or prepaid debit card.

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**Des Plaines Office** ♀ 455 W. Northwest Highway ♀ 58 E. Northwest Highway Des Plaines, IL 60016

**Evanston Office** ♀ 2522 Green Bay Road Evanston, IL 60201

**Glenview Office** 

♀ 1631 Waukegan Road Glenview, IL 60025

## Watch Out for These Scams

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The check will appear to clear, but in a few days, it will bounce and the victim will never be able to reclaim the lost funds.

#### **Protect yourself:**

Beware of outrageous job claims that promise big money for little work; they're likely bogus. As always, never share sensitive information online with an unverified source. Don't accept a job that overpays and asks you to refund the extra money; it's likely a scam. Finally, before agreeing to an interview, research an alleged employer and company on the BBB website.

#### The Contact Tracer Scam

Many states have hired armies of contact tracers to track the movements of individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19. The FTC is warning of a new ruse in which scammers impersonate a contact tracer and reach out to people via phone call or text message. They'll ask for the victim's personal information, including their Social Security number, claiming they need this information for their work as a contact tracer. Of course, they'll use this information to pull off identity theft or hack the victim's accounts. The scammer will sometimes ask the victim to click on an embedded link, which will grant them access to the victim's phone.

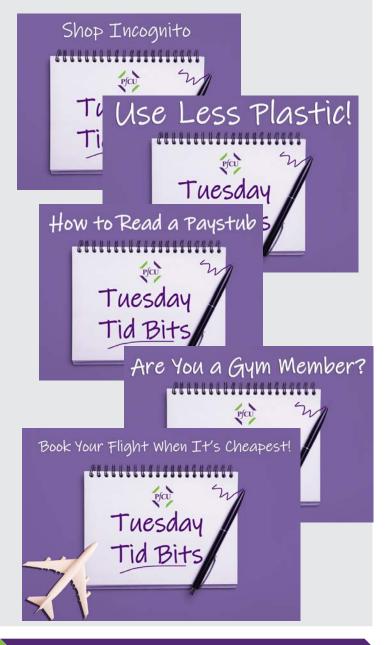
#### **Protect yourself:**

Contact tracers will always identify themselves and the department where they work. If a contact tracer reaches out to you, you can easily determine their authenticity by researching this information. The tracer will also have a basic understanding of COVID-19 and how it spreads. Most importantly, they have no need for your Social Security number nor will they ask you to share it.

As the country moves into a new period of healing and recovery, scammers are doing all they can to continue disrupting daily life. Stay aware and stay safe!

# Check Out Our 'Tuesday Tid Bits' on Social Media!

PFCU features 'Tuesday Tid Bits' every week on our Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn pages. The 'Tid Bits' lead off with an intriguing headline and provide snipets of useful information along with tags or links to expand on the subject. Some of our topics include financial tips, budget ideas, travel inspiration, environmental issues and ways to help. Be sure to check them out on Tuesdays!





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# No Big Strings Checking!

### No Fees, No Minimum, No B.S.

At PFCU, we make checking easy with our **No Big Strings Checking Account** which is the perfect complement to your Savings Account.

Enjoy these benefits:

- No monthly service charges
- No minimum balance required, EVER!
- ATM / Debit Card
- Free Text Alerts
- Free eStatements
- Free Online Bill Pay
- Free Remote Deposit Capture
- Free box of checks with a new checking account
- Five ATM Surcharge Fee Refunds a Month (Up to \$5.00 each)



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## PFCU Wants You to Follow Us!

'Like' us on Facebook, 'follow' us on Instagram at my\_pfcu, LinkedIn and Twitter @MyPFCU.

Please join us on social media! We share important tips, valuable articles, fun photos and social happenings at PFCU! And check out our blog – **LEARN**!

## PFCU Holiday Office Closures | 2020 - 2021

Wednesday, November 11 | Veterans Day Thursday, November 26 | Thanksgiving Friday, November 27 | Thanksgiving Saturday, November 28 | Thanksgiving Thursday, December 24 | Holiday (close at 1 pm) Friday, December 25 | Holiday Saturday, December 26 | Holiday Thursday, December 31 | New Year's Eve (close at 1 pm) Friday, January 1 | New Year's Day Saturday, January 2 | New Year's Holiday Monday, January 18 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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