



From Winter Brings The Spring Again Winter was unkind to Morris County, residents battled below freezing temperatures, storms dumping feet of snow and a seemingly never-ending winter. The good news is spring has arrived! As the trees bloom and flowers blossom, Picatinny Federal Credit Union and members have much to celebrate. With winter finally over, the housing market is likely to warm up – with more houses available it means an increased likelihood of buyers getting excited for their first home. Picatinny has a great mortgage program to help you move into the home you've always wanted. From application to closing, we'll ensure a smooth process. When you're ready to make an offer, come see us! Whether it's your first home or first time going to college, PFCU wants to help make your dreams come true. Students are being celebrated at Picatinny, with the 2018 Future Leaders Scholarship, which will award two \$1,500 scholarships to two graduating high school seniors that are current members at PFCU. Picatinny believes in the importance of higher education and is thrilled to select this year's recipients. Want to know if you qualify? Find out here and apply here. Make your dreams come true at PFCU – visit us online or at any of our locations.



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Winter Is Finally Over!

With the cold gone and the arrival of spring comes spring cleaning—purging your home of possessions, random clutter; or if you're thinking big, a large project.

Start small. Sometimes making a small upgrade in your home can make a big difference. Think about hiring someone to power wash the exterior of your home. Through the craziness of the summer, fall, and winter, it's amazing how much dirt accumulates on the outside of your house. Spring cleaning can be applied inside and outside as well.

Get in the garden. With all the recent snow, it's probably easy to forget there was a beautiful yard underneath it all. If you're into gardening, head to your local gardening center and choose some plants that will beautify the exterior of your home. Plant some flowers which don't mind the cooler weather, like pansies, 'Harmony' irises, and tulips to brighten up your yard. Don't like gardening? Landscapers can help groom your yard to be in the best condition as the better weather approaches.

Full kitchen remodel. As you plan to make upgrades in and around your home, you may find it's time to upgrade your kitchen. When you decide to sell, homebuyers look closely at the kitchen, and according to Zillow, a full kitchen renovation averages a 75 percent return rate. Redoing the floors, updating backsplashes, new counters, lights, and even appliances can make it feel like a new home or provide a great start to selling your home in the future.

Add a fresh coat of paint. Maybe a full makeover isn't on your to-do list, but if you want change, consider painting one (or a few) rooms. Paint an accent wall or completely coat a room you're ready to give a little TLC to. This will breathe new life into or make an area in your home feel like new again.

While all of these projects sound great, they certainly come at a cost. Need help with your bigger projects? We offer personal loans, home equity and more. Give us a call, visit our website or stop in any of our locations to get started today.



When: Saturday, April 21, 2018 Registration from 10:00 am – 10:30 am

Where: Holiday Inn, Budd Lake 1000 International Drive North Mount Olive, NJ 07828

Brunch will be served at 10:30 am

Meeting: Call to order at 11:00 am

Board and Committee Reports at 11:15 am

Election: Member voting is expected to be held at approximately 12:00 pm

Q & A: To be held after the election

RSVP: Robyn Paiva at rpaiva@picacreditunion.com or by phone at 973-361-5225 x 308 on or before April 13. 2018

It's an opportunity to elect the board, learn more about our operations, plus meet the staff and volunteers who serve you. We'll also reflect on the past year's accomplishments and share the exciting plans for the future.

For more information on the meeting and elections for the Board of Directors, please visit our website.



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We are offering members two new credit cards, the Premium Rewards Card and the Personal Choice Card. The Premium Rewards Card lets you earn generous rewards, which you can redeem for statement credits, vacations, gift cards, and events. Or if an extremely low rate is what you're looking for, the Personal Choice Card may be just right for you.

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Tips To Pay Off Your Student Loan Debt Quicker

Paying off student loan debt is not an uncommon burden of young professionals. Between paying bills for their car, phone, rent and other necessities, student loan debt can add stress to financial situations.

According to CNN Money, these four tips may give you a brighter future to paying off quickly:

Pay down the principal early, rather than the interest - Try and make pre-payments while still in school on the principal (rather than the interest). Make a note to (double) check with your lender about which you're paying.

Know which loans you should make prepayments on - If you have federal student loans, you're allowed to make pre-payments while in school. But if you have private loans, there's a chance you could be hit with a fee for making payments early. Call your loan servicer to find out.

There are two different types of federal student loans: subsidized which don't accrue interest while you're in school – and unsubsidized – which start accruing interest as soon as you borrow the money. If you're going to make payments while still in school, choose to pay down the unsubsidized loan so that less interest accrues overtime.

Live at home - Rent varies from location to location, and living with your parents can unburden hundreds (sometimes thousands) of dollars a month. While it may not be an ideal situation, living rent free to pay off student loans means a better future.

Refinance - There are a handful of banks and online lenders that will refinance both federal and private student loans. If eligible, your new interest rate will be based on your debt-to-income ratio and credit score.

But be careful. If you refinance a federal loan with a private, you might be giving up some protections – like being able to apply for deferment or an income-based repayment plan in the event your finances take a hit in the future.

Student loans can feel complicated and a steady source of stress but by trying some of the above tips, you may be able to help your future self.

Source: money.cnn.com



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2018 Future Leaders & NJCUL Scholarship Program

Overview

The Future Leaders Scholarship Program is partnering with the New Jersey Credit Union League's Youth Involvement Board, to increase the number of scholarships and dollars awarded to PFCU Credit Union Members. The program is seeking Credit Union Members who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, commitment to community service and an interest in higher education.

Scholarship Awards

Picatinny Federal Credit Union (PFCU) will award two (\$1,500) Scholarships to two graduating high school seniors that are credit union members at PFCU.

The New Jersey Credit Union League (NJCUL) will award eight individual Scholarships up to (\$1,000), to high school seniors that are Credit Union Members throughout New Jersey.

PFCU and the NJCUL will announce the recipients and the time and place of the scholarship awards presentation by June 08, 2018.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior and a member of PFCU.
- Applicants must be accepted to an accredited College, University or Technical/ Trade School in the Fall of 2018.
- Applicants must be registered for at least 12 credit hours per semester.
- Completed Scholarship Applications and Essays must be returned to PFCU no later than April 23, 2018 (please refer to complete Overview and <u>Application Form</u>).
- Mail Scholarship Application, Essay, Ocial High School Transcript and Teacher Reference to:
 Picatinny Federal Credit Union
 Scholarship Selection Committee

 100 Mineral Springs Drive
 Dover, NJ 07801
 Attention: Karen Zimmerman



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Pictured: Connie Lojek, Rorie Safforld, Shannon Gausepohl, Ryan Felsen

The PFCU Cash Mob crashed the Choices Café at Picatinny Arsenal to give away some gifts and a few lunches on us! The Mob was excited to meet and speak with professionals at the Arsenal and brighten up their day!

Do you have a suggestion for a Cash Mob location? Do you know a business which should be featured? Get in contact! Email us at **social@picacreditunion.com** and tell us your pick and why, we may show up with some free lunches and gifts!

Pay It Forward Food Drive

PFCU recognizes that hunger is a year-round issue that does not go dormant at the end of the holiday season. The Interfaith Food Pantry serves community members in need through providing groceries, nutritional education, and food delivery, in addition to a number of services benefiting Morris County residents in need.

From now until May 31, PFCU will be collecting food and monetary donations benefitting the Interfaith Food Pantry.

"Hunger is an ongoing issue that affects people year-round.

The desire to help our neighbors in need shouldn't wane because the holiday season has ended," said Keith McCarthy, PFCU CEO. "Community is of the utmost importance to us and we're ready to Pay It Forward to support our neighbors."

All four of the PFCU branches in Rockaway, Denville, Mt. Olive and the Arsenal will have collection baskets in addition to an option for monetary donation. Drop into any location to drop off items or make a donation!

Need a shopping list?

Grab one before you go shopping, **here.** We thank members and everyone in the community for their generosity.



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10 International Drive South Flanders, NJ 07836 Phone: (973) 361-5225 **Office Hours:**

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340 E. Main Street Denville NJ 07834 Phone: (973) 361-5225 **Office Hours:**

Mon-Fri 8:00-6:00 Sat 8:30-Noon

Drive-Up Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00-6:00 Sat 8:30-Noon ATM **Arsenal Branch**

(Restricted Access) ARDEC Building, 30 South Picatinny Arsenal, NJ 07806 Phone: (973) 361-5225

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Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri 8:00-3:30 Thu 8:00-6:00

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Comments: Please write to: The Supervisory Committee of Picatinny Federal Credit Union P.O. Box 414 Wharton, NJ 07885 **Branch Office - Holiday Schedule**

Memorial Day Monday, May 28, 2018

Independence Day Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Labor Day Monday, September 3, 2018 Federally Insured by NCUA





