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Spring Recreation Loans



It's that time of year, folks! Spring is upon us, and that means the enjoyment of boats, motorcycles, campers and ATVs! So if you are ready to get out there and enjoy the warmer weather with a new toy, come see us first. We offer great rates and a convenient and quick turnaround time.

11th Annual Anne Lachance Sidewalk Sale



Spring cleaning is now in full force and everyone is de-cluttering after the long winter! If you have items in a box that you no longer need, we will gladly **accept donations** for our 11th Annual Anne Lachance Sidewalk Sale by **May 19**. We do ask that the items are **clean and gently used**. This is our 11th year with this project, which was originally started by our dear friend Anne Lachance. It was by far her favorite fundraiser, as she was able to visit with people and raise money for a great cause, Ending Hunger in Maine. Last year's record-breaking total was \$1,365. We are hoping for another successful year. Make sure to **mark your calendar and stop by on May 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to do a little shopping. Please, no early birds. Who knows what treasures you'll find!

Give a Hoot About Saving!

Throughout the month of April, Sabattus Regional Credit Union will be celebrating its youngest members ages 0-17 with the **Give a Hoot about Savings** theme! Our goal is to stress the importance of saving early to show that it can be fun and rewarding. Specifically **during the week of April 17 to April 21**, we will be offering **scholastic giveaways, prizes and Tootsie Pops!** Those who open a youth account during the month of April can pin an owl onto the life-sized tree that will be in our lobby! **Stop by for a visit during the month of April as things get a little HOOTY** around here! It's never too early to start giving a *Hoot* about healthy savings habits!



14th Annual Member Appreciation Day

Join us once again on **May 12 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** for a grilled hot dog, cooked to perfection, by our very own Ted Smith and wife Muriel. This year we are **going all out in celebration of our 60th Anniversary**. Not only are we having hot dogs and refreshments, **our giveaways will be bigger and better than ever!** So please stop by and sign up for our spectacular drawings being held all week long.

Not only are we celebrating our 60th year as an organization, we're celebrating all of **you, the owners** who keep the Credit Union going strong. Spring is here, and it's time for our Annual Member Appreciation Day. Don't miss out!

Scholarship Time!

The 2016 Roscoe Hinkley Scholarship was presented to **Alexandra Whisenant**, after she completed her successful first semester. One deserving student from Oak Hill High School is chosen every year as a tribute to one of our founding fathers, Roscoe Hinkley. This year's recipient will be announced in the summer newsletter.

REMINDER: Holiday Closings

Memorial Day
Monday, May 29

Independence Day
Tuesday, July 4

59th Annual Meeting Was a Success!

Another great year in the books! Our 59th Annual Meeting was held on February 5 at the Maxwell Gill Hall in Sabattus. A big thanks to those who made time during Super Bowl Sunday to celebrate with us. SRCU had the pleasure of welcoming Mark Duquette and the return of Ted Smith to our Board of Directors.

Election results were as follows:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Loretta Hinkley- Chairperson
Mary LaPlante- Vice Chairperson
Roger Bouley- Treasurer
Pamela Foulke- Secretary
Theodore Smith- Director
Mark Duquette- Director

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Mark Duquette- Chairperson
Rick Gowell
Kenneth Bastien



Raffle Made a Success Thanks to Local Businesses!

SRCU held **one of our largest fundraisers, the Christmas Spectacular Raffle**, around the 2016 holidays. We raised over \$2,273 with the help of local businesses and members of the community. We express our greatest gratitude to our friends within the community who made this raffle another great success: A&M Installations, A+R Builders, American Legion Post & Auxiliary 135, Applewald's Farm, Berube's Complete Auto Care, Bill Pinard & Son's Plumbing & Heating, Dan Stanley's Septic Services, Day's Jewelers, Dunkin Donuts, Flagship Cinemas, Fusion Restaurant, G+G Cash Fuel, Girl Power, Jillson's, JRD Electrical Services, Krispy Kreme, Landscape World, Langlois Auto Body, Liberty Services, Loaves n' Fishes, Longhorn Steakhouse, Main Street Market, Maine Auto Service, Paul's Yardwork, Percy's Hardware, Phil's Super Variety, Scentsy (Alisha Berry), Sparetime Recreation, Sunco Pump & Well Drilling, The Meadow's Golf Club, Tim Conrad Photography, Uncle Moe's Diner, and WalMart. There were also several donations that were received anonymously from members of the community.

SRCU sincerely thanks our members and employees for all of their support in this **ongoing effort**. After all, we are all passionate about the People Helping People Credit Union Philosophy.

10 ways to get your home in shape for spring

When poet T.S. Eliot wrote, "April is the cruelest month," he could have had northern New England in mind. Yearning for sunny days and glorious blooms, we often get mud and rain instead. Still, a number of chores can be done now to help almost any home welcome better weather.

- 1. Chop up any remaining patches of ice or snow with a shovel so they'll melt faster.** Otherwise, they can smother grass and promote fungus.
- 2. Clear up dead leaves and debris.** Consider tackling litter by the roadside as well, if you have the energy. Your neighbors will thank you!
- 3. Walk around the house and look for winter damage.** Storms and freeze-thaw cycles can dislodge flashing, tear off shingle tabs, and pop out nails in wood siding and trim. If there's damage you can't handle yourself, hire a pro now before they get booked up. A Sabattus Regional CU equity line of credit can be a great "go-to" for home projects. See us for info.
- 4. If you have a gravel driveway, rake the gravel out of your lawn.** It's much easier to take care of this now than after the grass starts to grow.
- 5. Prune summer-flowering shrubs now, before the buds swell.** Wait to prune spring bloomers like forsythia or lilac until after they flower.
- 6. Prune back overgrown evergreens and hedges.** Now's the time to do it, before they sprout new growth.
- 7. Check for leaks in the attic.** If you discover a small water stain, there's time to fix the roof before the leak gets bad enough to seep downstairs.
- 8. Replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors,** unless you changed them when Daylight Savings Time started on March 12.
- 9. If you're going away, don't count on good weather.** Many a spring break has featured a surprise snowstorm or cold snap. Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house in case of a power outage or heavy snow.
- 10. Tune up the lawn mower.** Replace worn blades and belts, and fill the tank. Winter may struggle to hang on, but it will have to give up sooner or later—and before you know it, spring will be bustin' out all over.

Financial Fitness Fairs

During the 2015-16 school year, a total of 6,904 students from more than 115 high schools in Maine participated in a Financial Fitness Fair: A Money Management Experience. More than 35 Financial Fitness Fairs were hosted last school year, and to date, they have been attended by more than 38,000 students across the state of Maine. At these fairs, Credit Union staff and volunteers help students complete a budget after facing real-world financial decisions, ranging from the kind car they will drive, the student loan they will need, and the type of cellphone plan they can afford. For many, it's their first time talking about saving, spending, budgeting and credit scores.

For more information about the efforts of Maine's credit unions toward both youth and adult financial literacy, visit www.maineucul.org and click on the Financial Education and Resources link in the "Community Involvement" section.



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