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FINANCIAL HEALTH NEWS

4TH QUARTER 2024

# WHAT'S YOUR CAME PLAN?

MCU has the winning playbook for your financial goals!

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WIN 2 tickets to the Texans vs. Dolphins game Sunday, December 15th at 12 p.m.<sup>1</sup> Enter Today



Must close on a new/used auto, personal, RV, boat, mortgage or credit card with a minimum balance of \$2,500 before October 31, 2024 to be automatically entered into the drawing for two tickets to the December 15, 2024 Texans vs. Dolphins game at NRG. Tickets are valued at \$552 and have no cash value. You must be a member in good standing. No purchase is necessary to win. Members may enter the drawing by submitting a handwritten form without purchase or obligation. Mail a 3% card with your name, address, and contact information to Memorial Credit Union, Attn: Marketing, 7789 Southwest Freeway, Suite 175, Houston, Texas 77074. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on October 31, 2024. The winner will be selected in a random drawing in November 2024. Officials and employees of the credit union and their family members are not eligible to participate in the drawing. Winner must agree to come to the lobby for a photo for marketing purposes. Offer valid through October 31, 2024.

#### **BUYER BEWARE**

Don't Pay for Extras

Did you know that you DO NOT have to pay for dealership add-ons that you don't want?

Dealerships often try to sell extras like extended warranties, paint protection, wheel locks, or fabric protection at inflated prices. All of these products are optional, so you DO have a choice, but you need to be prepared.

#### **Tips to Avoid Extra Costs:**

#### Do Your Research

Know what add-ons the dealership might try to push and what their true value is. Use Member Auto Center, our free online shopping tool, to research vehicle pricing before you visit the dealership.

#### Say No to Unnecessary Add-ons

Things like nitrogen-filled tires, VIN etching, window tint, and fabric protection can often be done aftermarket at a much lower cost.

#### Don't Feel Pressured

You're not obligated to buy any extras, and many of them don't affect the overall performance or longevity of the car.

#### Negotiate

If there's an add-on you really want (or don't want), try to negotiate the price or get it thrown in for free. If the dealership isn't willing to negotiate, that's a red flag and you need to be willing to walk away.

#### Shop Around

You can often find better deals on extended warranties or add-on packages outside of the dealership. Let MCU provide you with a quote for warranty and GAP, so you are armed with comparison pricing before you visit the dealership.



# **NEW NAME**



Our mortgage partner, Member Home Loan, has rebranded to FocusOne™ Mortgage Solutions. If your loan is serviced through Member Home Loan, they will be transitioning to the new name and updating their monthly statements, website, and any notices. This change does not affect your

mortgage or payments, as the address will stay the same.

# INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY OCTOBER 17, 2024

International Credit Union Day (ICU Day) is an annual event celebrated on the third Thursday of October to recognize the contributions and achievements of credit unions worldwide. It highlights the cooperative spirit of credit unions and their role in providing financial services that benefit their members and communities.

#### **Key aspects of International Credit Union Day**



**History** - The celebration dates back to 1948 and is organized by the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU).



Purpose - The day aims to promote awareness of the credit union movement, which emphasizes member ownership, financial education, and community development. Credit unions differ from traditional banks by being member-owned and not-for-profit.



**Global Reach** - There are almost 83,000 credit unions in 98 countries, with over 400 million members worldwide! On this day, we celebrate the values of mutual assistance, trust, and cooperation.



Theme - Each year, ICU Day adopts a specific theme to guide celebrations. The 2024 theme is "One World Through Cooperative Finance".



GET THE HISTORY

#### HELP US CELEBRATE!

Stop by a branch and grab a sweet treat to help us honor ICU Day®.



GET YOUR Free
NUTCRACKER
TICKETS

While supplies last, we're giving away 60 tickets (20 tickets per branch), to the Houston Nutcracker Market.\* Starting Tuesday, October 15th, stop by a branch near you to pick up your tickets.

#### **NUTCRACKER MARKET**

November 14 - 17, 2024

NRG Center

\*One ticket per 55+ members in good standing. Tickets cannot be held via phone and are available on a first-come, firstserve basis. Transportation and parking are not provided. Visit houstonballet.org/ about/nutcrackermarket to learn more about this event.

# Aloha

#### **COMING MARCH 2025**

Our new mobile app and online banking platforms will make your life even easier!



## **MCU Happenings**

### **Aloha From Your Friends at MCU!**







# Complaint Notice



If you have a problem with the services provided by this credit union, please contact us at:

Memorial Credit Union | 7789 SW Freeway, Suite 175 Houston, TX 77074 Telephone Number: 713.778.6300

The credit union is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas and under state law, is subject to regulatory oversight by the Texas Credit Union Department. If any dispute is not resolved to your satisfaction, you may also file a complaint against the credit union by contacting the Texas Credit Union Department at:

914 East Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78725-1699

Telephone Number: 512.837.9236 | Website: www.cud.texas.gov

Monday, October 14, 2024 Columbus Day

Monday, November 11, 2024 Veterans Day

Thursday, November 28, 2024 Thanksgiving Day

#### **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve Branch and Drive Thru closing @ 12 pm

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Christmas Day Tueday, December 31, 2024 New Years Eve Branch and Drive Thru closing @ 4 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 New Years Day

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