

Cow Loan Rates!



January 2023

NEW & USED VEHICLES

Receive up to a .20% discount with Apple Rewards. \*\*

## **HOME LOANS**

Receive LOW rates on your largest asset.

(Refinances are available on existing VECU loans.)

# PERSONAL/ SIGNATURE LOANS

Receive up to a .20% discount with Apple Rewards. \*\*

# **CREDIT CARDS**

Receive the convenience of a card with non-variable rates and no annual fees.

## VECU Loans to ALL Credit Scores! Visit www.vecu.org or call 757.930.2425 and select Option #2 to apply for a loan today!\*\*\*



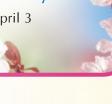
\*\* Must qualify for VECU Apple Relationship Rewards. \*\*\* Loan rates based on terms and credit worthiness. Other restrictions may apply.

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### A New Year's Resolution (SIMPLE TIPS FOR AVOIDING IDENTITY THEFT)

Many Americans are concerned about someone stealing their credit card, check, or debit card numbers, but they may be ignoring an easy way thieves can access financial accounts: receipts and passwords.

Discarding receipts that have valuable information greatly increases the risk of credit and debit card fraud. Thieves can easily find receipts with financial or personal information in trash cans. Here are some easy steps you can take to prevent thieves from stealing your financial information:

- Shred all preapproved credit offers received in the mail, credit and debit card receipts, insurance forms, financial statements, and other paperwork containing personal or financial information.
- Check credit union statements and other financial statements monthly for discrepancies and order a credit report once a year to make sure no one else is using your personal information to obtain credit cards or services at annualcreditreport.com.
- Do not carry your Social Security card in your wallet.
- Do not share or carry any passwords on your person.
- Be hesitant about giving personal or financial information over the telephone—make sure you know the caller and know how the information will be used. (VECU has your personal and financial information, so we will not need to call you for this.)





April 15th may seem far away, but taking control of your tax situation now can save you time and frustration later. By getting a jump start you'll have time to request copies of missing documents, avoid the last-minute rush, and if you're getting a refund, probably get it sooner.

#### HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO JUMP START YOUR TAX PREPARATIONS:

- **Gather records in advance.** Make sure you have the documentation you need, including W-2s and 1099s. Save a copy for your files.
- **Get the right forms.** Visit your local library or check the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) website's Forms and Publications section at <u>http://www.irs.gov</u>.
- Watch the mail for your IRS Forms. VECU will soon be mailing our IRS Form 1099 for members who earned \$10 or more in dividends on VECU accounts and Form 1098 for reporting mortgage interest. Please retain these forms for tax preparation purposes.

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- **Consider filing electronically.** It's easy and fast and the refund will be in your account even faster.
- **Request Direct Deposit.** For a quicker refund, complete the Direct Deposit line on your tax form and let the IRS put your refund right into your VECU account.

If you end up with a payment due to the IRS, a VECU personal loan may be a good choice for you with rates as low as 9.49% APR=Annual Percentage Rate.

# Daylight Saving Time



Daylight Saving Time will begin on **Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 a.m.** 

Don't forget to set your clocks **ahead one hour** before you go to bed on Saturday night!



#### **The Educated Financial Choice**

**NETTLES DRIVE OFFICE** 12626 Nettles Drive, Newport News, VA 23606

MAIN STREET OFFICE 812 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23605

#### LOBBY HOURS

MON, TUE, THU 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. WED 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. FRI 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

#### Main Street Office Closed Tuesday and Thursday

#### DRIVE-THROUGH HOURS

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Main Number: 757.930.2425 Toll-Free Number: 800.930.2425 Audio Response: 930.2425 (Opt. 1) Loan By Phone: 930.2425 (Opt. 2)

#### LOCAL CREDIT UNION SERVICE CENTERS

12512 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606
433 Denbigh Blvd., Newport News, VA 23608
5028 George Washington Hwy., Yorktown, VA 23692
3711 Huntington Ave., Newport News, VA 23607
9155 Seabee Rd., Norfolk, VA 23505
2369 George Washington Hwy., Hayes, VA 23072
2445 Taylor Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23321
5624 Portsmouth Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23701
4171 Ironbound Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23188
907 W. Washington St., Suffolk, VA 23434

#### FOR OTHER SERVICE CENTER LOCATIONS www.vecu.org

#### **VECU ATM LOCATIONS**

12626 Nettles Drive 812 Main Street CNU David Student Union CNU Freeman Center CNU Trible Library

#### **OTHER ATM (CUALLIANCE LOCATIONS)**

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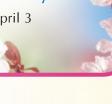
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