Money Matters Newsletter

October 2024

FIRST CREDIT UNION



We're Honoring Veteran-Owned Businesses with 100.7 KSLX!

We are thrilled to partner with 100.7 KSLX to support veteran-owned businesses through our Service Member Shout Out campaign! As a credit union that proudly serves our community, we understand the importance of recognizing those who have served our country. Now, we have a special opportunity to give back to the veterans who continue to make a difference through their businesses.

Do you know a veteran-owned business that deserves to be celebrated? We want to hear about them! This is your chance to highlight a business owned by a veteran that goes above and beyond in serving their community. Let us know what makes them special!

How to Nominate:
Simply scan the QR code above or visit the Service Member Shout Out page at KSLX.com to nominate your favorite veteran-owned business and share why they should be recognized.

What Winners Receive:
Winners of the Service Member Shout Out will be honored with a $1,000 check, a three-week commercial schedule on KSLX, and four seats to the Veterans Medical Leadership Council Hero's Patriotic Luncheon on November 7th.

Why It Matters:
We are incredibly grateful to our veterans for their service and sacrifice, and we believe it's important to support the entrepreneurial efforts of those who have served. This campaign is a small way for us to give back and shine a spotlight on the valuable contributions veteran-owned businesses make to our community.

Join us in showing appreciation for these remarkable businesses! **Nominate your Service Member Shout Out today and help us recognize the veterans who continue to serve in meaningful ways through their work.**



First Credit Union Board Meeting

Call For Volunteers: *Get Involved with YOUR Credit Union!*

Are you passionate about supporting your fellow First Credit Union members? We invite you to consider an exciting opportunity—becoming a volunteer!

As a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative, First Credit Union thrives because of dedicated members like you. We're looking for volunteers to help guide the direction of our credit union and shape its future success.

Why Volunteer? Volunteers make a lasting impact on our day-to-day operations and help ensure a bright future for our credit union. Our Board of Directors is currently seeking innovative, responsible, and community-minded members to serve on our Board, various committees, and member advisory panels.

Opportunities for Everyone! Whether you're interested in serving on the Board, Supervisory Committee, or joining a special project task force, there's a volunteer role for every experience level. From testing new products to participating in focus groups, your insights will make a difference.

Yes, You're Qualified! If you're at least 21 years old, have been a member for one year, and are eager to contribute to First Credit Union's success, we'd love to hear from you. Fill out a brief survey to learn more at firstcu.net/about/volunteer-opportunities or scan the QR code.

Fall Food Drive

The season of giving is here, and First Credit Union is excited to kick off our Fall Food Drive! From October 1st to October 31st, we'll be collecting non-perishable food items at all of our branches to support local organizations in Chandler, Glendale, Goodyear, Phoenix, Tempe, and Tucson.

How You Can Help: Bring items like canned goods, pasta, rice, and more to your nearest First CU branch. Every donation helps, and together we can make a meaningful difference for those in need.

Supporting Our Communities: Your contributions will directly benefit local organizations dedicated to helping those in need. Let's work together to spread a little Financial Sunshine and brighten lives this season!

Check with your local First CU branch for specific items needed. **Here are a few of the organization's we will be supporting this year:**

Matthew's Crossing Food Bank EST 2001

Native American Connections

Tempe Community Action Agency

Agua Fria Food & Clothing Bank

St. Mary's Food Bank®

Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

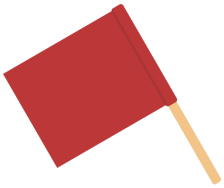
GENERAL ITEMS NEEDED:

- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Fruit Cups
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Meat/Tuna - with Pull Top
- Ramen Packets/Cups (Chicken & Beef)
- Easy Mac, Macaroni & Cheese
- Oatmeal Packets

Scam Spotlight

Juror Scam

Maricopa County officials are warning residents about a juror scam where victims are asked to pay fines via Bitcoin. In a recent case, a resident lost $8,000 after a scammer, posing as law enforcement, claimed there was a warrant for missing jury duty and demanded payment. Officials stress that the jury office will never call to request payment, and fines can only be ordered by a judge in court. Residents are urged to hang up, call local police, and avoid sharing personal information if they receive suspicious calls.



If in doubt, verify your jury service status by calling the office at 602-506-5879.

2024/25 Holiday Closures

Our branch locations will be closed on:

Monday, October 14th
Columbus Day

Monday, November 11th
Veterans Day

Thursday, November 28th
Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve - Branches close at 2pm

Wednesday, December 25th
Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 31st
New Year's Eve - Branches close at 2pm

Wednesday, January 1st
New Year's Day

Celebrate ICU Day with Us!



On Thursday, **October 17th**, we're proud to join over 82,000 credit unions around the world in celebrating the 76th anniversary of International Credit Union (ICU) Day®! Since 1948, ICU Day has raised awareness about how credit unions help improve lives and strengthen communities globally.

This year's theme is "One World Through Cooperative Finance," which highlights the powerful role credit unions play in bringing people together to enhance financial inclusion and support local communities, even during challenging times. With more than 403 million members worldwide, the credit union movement continues to thrive through its dedication to serving members and building stronger communities.

What makes credit unions like First Credit Union different?

- **Member Ownership:** We're democratically controlled—each member has equal ownership and a voice.
- **Not-for-Profit Mission:** Our focus is on serving our members, not generating profit, which means better rates and fewer fees for you.
- **People Helping People:** We prioritize empowering our members and communities through financial education and trustworthy service.

Join the celebration! Visit any First Credit Union branch on 10/17/24:

- Prizes - Spin the wheel and win! (while supplies last)
- First Credit Union giveaways
- Complimentary snacks
- Financial education guides and fun coloring pages for the kids

Learn more about International Credit Union Day and how First Credit Union continues to support our community by visiting firstcu.net.

Access your accounts anytime!

firstcu.net | (480) 756.5501

Text banking 226563 (Register your device at firstcu.net)

ATM with any of these logos: CO-OP ATM VISA pulse

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