

# News You Can Use

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As the year draws to a close, we are grateful for your continued membership and trust during trying economic times. We take great pride in innovating products and improving services throughout the year to make it easier for you to manage finances and achieve your goals. Likewise, we choose our leadership with this mission in mind. In that spirit, the board chose Cory Montez Hairston earlier this fall as the credit union's new President and Chief Executive Officer. As longtime VP of Internal Audit and our interim CEO during the past year, Mr. Hairston epitomizes our guiding principle of careful financial stewardship.

Congressional Federal is entering a new era of service to the Capitol Hill community under Mr. Hairston's leadership. We received approval from the NCUA to expand our charter in the underserved Southeast Washington D.C. area this year. Always committed to being a positive force in the community we serve, we are currently working with local partners to choose a future site for a new branch.

Wherever you are, thank you as always for helping to make our greater Congressional Federal community special. We wish you peace, health, joy, and prosperity for the holidays and look forward to serving you in the New Year.

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## Upcoming Educational Seminars

**December 14:** [Principles of Preserving Wealth >](#)

**January 18:** [Financial Planning Strategies >](#)

**February 22:** [Keys to Investing for Retirement >](#)



## Online Shopping Season Brings Out the Holiday Fraud

The holiday online shopping season is upon us and cyber creeps are out there waiting to take advantage of all of us. Online scams are becoming harder to detect, so here are some tips on how to remain vigilant. [Read the article >](#)



### 5 Habits Every Budgeter Should Use

Starting a budget is a smart way to get finances in order. It can also be a tool to help discover bad spending habits. This article shares some ways you can create intelligent new spending habits.

[Read more >](#)



### Protect Against Social Engineering

Social engineering is using human interaction to convince people to break their normal security processes. Find out how you can better protect yourself from these on-site social engineering attacks.

[Read more >](#)



### Affordable Indoor Activities

With limited daylight and colder weather, how do you keep your kids entertained when going outside isn't an option? Here are some ideas to help flex your creative muscle, and keep the children occupied while indoors this winter.

[Click for more information >](#)



### Toys for Tots Drive

As a reminder, we are still collecting donations for Toys for Tots until **Wednesday, December 14th**. You may bring new, unwrapped toys to any of our branches. With your help, we can make the holidays a little brighter for underserved children in our area after a year that was especially difficult for many families.

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