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Take Advantage Of a UCCU HomeEquity Loan

Struggling under the weight of heavy expenditures, like home improvement projects, medical bills, tuition, or even a family wedding? A home equity loan from UCCU may be just the financial muscle you need.

A home equity loan gives you typically 80%, but sometimes up to 100% of—you guessed it—the equity in your home. Since your house secures the loan, the interest rate is much lower than what you'd pay on a credit card or personal loan.

And the rate is even more competitive at your credit union than other financial institutions. You can get a credit line with a variable rate that allows you to take advances anytime you have the need. Or, you can get a one time, fixed-rate, fixed-term loan that has level payments for the life of the loan.

** APRIL SPECIAL **

For a limited time, we are offering you an additional incentive to secure your Home Equity loan with us by waiving closing costs* on all new requests of \$10,000 or more. Take advantage of this opportunity with the following rates:

Home Equity Line-of-Credit	7.00% (variable; prime rate minus 0.50%)
Home Equity Fixed Rate	5.75% up to 60 months
	6.50% up to 120 months
	7.25% up to 180 months

Here's what makes our home equity loan such a smart way to pay off your big expenses:

- * The potential for tax-deductible interest (consult a tax adviser);
- * Low interest rates;
- * Personal service to help you match your goals with your budget.

Why look elsewhere for a home equity loan when your credit union membership can get you the money you need, for less?

Ask us how much you can borrow based on your situation and make an informed decision. Call us today at 802-479-2836 and exercise your right as a member to lower borrowing rates. Your credit union membership could be the beginning of a whole new you.

* Appraisals, if needed, will not be waived as part of this promotion

UCCU's 63rd Annual Meeting

UCCU held its 63rd Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 4th at the Canadian Club in Barre. 277 members and guests turned out for this year's meeting.

President Donald Denko presided over this year's meeting. Elected to the Board of Directors for 3-year terms were Mark N. McCarthy and Russell J. Slora. Elected to a 3-year term on the Credit Committee was C. Martin Prevost Sr. Julianne A. Monty was appointed to a 3-year term on the Supervisory Committee by the Board of Directors.

Following the business meeting door prizes were awarded. This year's grand prize winner of \$250 was Beverly Gavin. There was also a 50/50 raffle drawing to benefit the March of Dimes that was won by Martin Prevost.

At an organizational meeting held later, Dorothy J. Gavin was elected President, Daniel L. Lambert, Vice-President, Mark N. McCarthy, Treasurer and Mario D. Lorenzini, Secretary.

2006 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Again this year, UCCU is awarding \$500 Scholarships to (2) college-bound seniors from area schools who are themselves members, or whose parent is a member. Interested individuals may request an application from the Credit Union office or by e-mailing us at info@unitedccu.org. Deadline for submission of your application is May 26, 2006.

**Check Out Our
Website:**

www.unitedccu.org

Are You A Winner?

If your account number appears below, let us know, and we'll credit your share account \$10.

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#10179 #12008 #13413

Office Closings

May 29 Memorial Day
July 4 Independence Day



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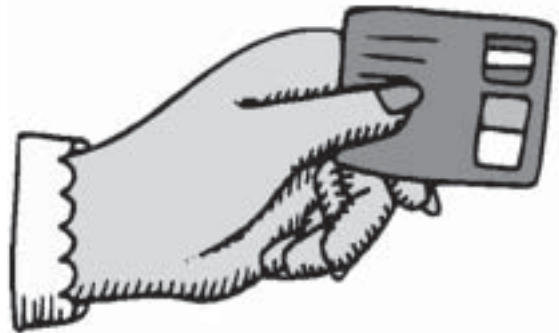
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Cynthia Bresett

What You See Is What You Get:

UCCU VISA Credit Card Promotion!

6.90% APR



UCCU is currently offering discounts on its VISA Credit Card Program. If you already have a UCCU

VISA Credit Card, qualified cardholders can transfer their high rate existing card balances to us and pay only **6.90%** on the transferred balance until it is paid in full. All present UCCU VISA cardholders received detailed information about this promotion in their credit card statements. You have until May 31, 2006 to take advantage of this offer.

We are also running an additional promotion for anyone who does not yet have a UCCU VISA Credit Card. Qualified applicants who establish a new UCCU VISA Credit Card will pay only **6.90%** on all transactions for the first six months. Charges after the six month period will be at 11.90%, but you will continue to pay only 6.90% on those balances accrued during the introductory period. Details of this offer can be found in your statement or by calling us. This offer expires on June 30th so act now to take advantage.

UCCU's VISA Credit Card is a no frills card that you can count on. With a regular rate of 11.90%, you can be sure that you will not pay exorbitant interest charges. There are no annual fees and you can always be assured that you will have a local person you know who can help you if you ever need assistance.

Take a closer look at your current credit cards. Examine the difference between those cards and a UCCU card. With us, what you see is what you get!

OFFICE HOURS

	<u>Lobby</u>	<u>Drive-up</u>
Monday-Wednesday	8:30-5:00	8:00-5:00
Thursday	9:00-5:00	8:00-5:00
Friday	9:00-5:30	8:00-6:00
Saturday	9:00-12:00	9:00-12:00

UCCU RATEBOARD

(As of April 1, 2006)

DIVIDEND RATES

APY

Regular Shares	1.01%
Share Drafts (checking)	0.25%
Multi-Purpose Club	1.01%
Christmas Clubs	1.00%
IRAs	4.07%
Hi-Yield	
\$500-\$9,999	1.75%
\$10,000-\$49,999	2.25%
\$50,000 and above	2.75%

Term Certificates

6 Months	3.25%
12 Months	4.00%
18 Months	4.25%
24 Months	4.50%
36 Months	4.65%
48 Months	4.80%
60 Months	5.25%

LOAN RATES

Secured: includes Cars, Trucks, Campers, RVs, Motorcycles, ATVs, Snowmobiles and Boats.

TERM*	RATE*
24 Months	4.75%
36 Months	5.25%
48 Months	5.75%
60 Months	6.00%
72 Months	6.50%

Add 1.25% for 1999 to 2002 model years

Add 2.50% for 1998 and older model years

Add 2.00% for non-titled RV vehicles

Add 2.00% for vehicles over 100,000 miles

Deduct 0.50% for payments by Direct Deposit; or Deduct 0.25% for payments by Auto-Pay

Signature:

60 Months	9.50%
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* Rates and terms are determined by an evaluation of your credit.

Other:

Home Equity Line-of-Credit	7.00%
(Over 80% LTV)	8.00%
Home Equity Fixed	
60 Months	5.75%
120 Months	6.50%
180 Months	7.25%
Share Secured	3.00%
Hi-Yield Secured	4.00%
VISA Credit Card	11.90%
Home Mortgages	call for current rates

All Rates are subject to change.

(For current rates, visit our website at www.unitedccu.org)

VEHICLE LOAN SPECIAL

For a limited time, UCCU is offering a 0.50% discount to qualified borrowers who finance any 2003-2006 vehicle. This applies to cars, trucks, boats, RV's, motorcycles and snowmobiles.

In addition to the above discount, we have added a rate deduction incentive for anyone who repays their loan through direct deposit or auto-pay. If you do direct deposit to repay your loan, you will qualify for a 0.50% rate discount. Auto-pay entitles you to a 0.25% discount.

As an example, using current rates, qualified borrowers who finance \$25,000 for 60 months by direct deposit will pay a rate as low as 5.00% instead of 6.00% which represents a savings of nearly \$700 in interest.

To take advantage of this offer you need to contact the Credit Union directly and speak to one of our lending specialists. They will help you get the best lending deal possible and we can also provide you vehicle pricing information to insure you get the best price possible on your vehicle.

WELCOME

Please welcome our newest employee Brenda Labrie. Brenda brings prior financial services experience to us and she is filling a vacancy on our front-end teller line.



Being Good Can Be Bad for Your Credit Rating

Handling credit simply but responsibly should pay off, right? Not always, because it seems there's a right way and a wrong way to be good. Sometimes being good actually can hurt your credit score, according to a Kiplinger's article. Lenders use your credit score—a number from 300 to 850—to decide whether to grant credit and at what cost. Factors that affect your score include payment history (35%), amount you owe (30%), length of credit history (15%), types of credit used (10%), and new credit (10%).

The higher the credit score, the better, but keep your intuition in check:

* Prove you can pay on time. You may assume that having just one or two credit cards would prove you're responsible and not prone to problems. That's not true. Too few credit cards actually can hurt your credit score, according to Evan Hendricks, author of the book "Credit Scores & Credit Report," because you don't have the necessary evidence to prove to lenders that you're capable of paying back your debts on time. Experts now recommend that you boost your score by opening—though not all at once—another credit card or two, and an installment loan such as a car loan. Opening several accounts in a short period of time will reduce your credit score; each issuer checks your credit report, and although each inquiry is not damaging by itself, the cumulative effect of several inquiries is.

* Timing is everything. Keep your balance below 30% to 50% of the maximum you can charge. One of the biggest factors in determining your credit score is the amount you've borrowed relative to your credit limit. But again, intuition can be deceiving. Even if you routinely pay your balance in full, creditors may think you've exceeded that threshold, because your score reflects what you owe when your card issuer sends data to the credit bureaus. If issuers send reports in the small window immediately after you made a large purchase, but before your payment is received, your score gets docked.

* Switch with caution. Most people think shifting debt to a low-rate credit card and closing more expensive cards would work in their favor. Not always. If you owe \$2,500 on each of two cards with a \$10,000 limit, your combined balance (\$5,000) is 25% of your total line of credit (\$20,000). Let's say you close the higher-rate card and transfer the balance to the lower-rate card. By doing this, you'll reduce your total line of credit to \$10,000 and your debt is 50% of the maximum you can borrow, much higher than the 30% threshold. Here's an alternative: Leave the second account open without a balance, or pay off the \$5,000 card balance with an installment loan from UCCU, keeping both accounts open.

* Avoid late payments like the plague. One financial emergency can throw a wrench in an otherwise perfect payment history. Some lenders still will report a payment—no matter how small the amount—that is 30 days late to the credit-reporting agency. Consider a home equity line of credit from UCCU on which you always make timely payments to lessen the negative impact of a missed payment.

