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Holidays

Memorial Day Closed Monday, May 27

Juneteenth Closed Wednesday, June 19

Know Your Worth

Annual Meeting

FTWCCU's Annual Meeting will be held at 3 P.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 in the lobby of the Headquarters Office at 1905 Forest Ridge Dr, Bedford, TX 76021. A short business meeting will be conducted, and the results of the Board of Directors election will be announced. Refreshments will be served.

Make Your Money Moves

Connect your Fort Worth Community card in all the places you shop. It's the easier way to shop and pay. We're compatible with most digital wallet services, including: Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay - add us to your mobile wallet and you'll be ready to go! Simply open up the mobile app on either device and follow the onscreen instructions provided.



On Your Way to the Home You Want

Whether you are buying a new home, refinancing the home you have, or embarking on a home improvement project, Fort Worth Community Credit Union is here to help you get the home you want! We offer a variety of real estate loan options for every stage of life, including home equity loans. Homeowners often find themselves in a unique position to leverage the equity of their home for various financial needs and one such avenue is through home equity loans or home equity lines of credit.

How to leverage the equity in your home?

Home equity loans enable homeowners to borrow against the equity they've accumulated in their homes. A home equity loan allows you to borrow a lump sum of money repayable over a fixed term at a highly competitive rate. Visit us online for more information.

Or you can access the equity in your home with a home equity line of credit (HELOC). At FTWCCU, you can use and re-use your available line of credit as often as you need without having to reapply. Our variable rate HELOC loan is available on your primary home located within 100 miles of Tarrant, Denton, Parker, or Johnson County. You can borrow up to 80% of the home's fair market value. We make it easy for you to access the amount you need, when you need it.

Reasons to use your home equity:

Home equity loans offer flexibility in how you use the funds.

- Home Improvement Projects
- Debt Consolidation
- Personal Expenses, for example education, medical, or unexpected emergencies



For more information about home equity loans or lines of credit, visit us online at ftwccu.org, or give us a call at (817) 835-5000. Apply online today!

Fraud Prevention Tip

As your trusted credit union, safeguarding your account is our utmost priority, especially amidst the recent surge in fraudulent activities within the financial sector. We want to reassure you that FTWCCU will never request your online banking credentials or sensitive financial information via phone, email, or text. Our dedicated fraud prevention team continuously monitors your card transactions to promptly identify and address any suspicious activity, ensuring the security of your finances at all times.

Your Credit Union Membership Matters

Complaint Notice

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

Fort Worth Community Credit Union P.O. Box 210848 Bedford, Texas 76095-7848 (817) 835-5000 or ftwccu@ftwccu.org

This credit union is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas and under state law is subject to regulatory oversight by the Texas Ćredit Union Department. If any dispute is not resolved to your satisfaction, you may file a complaint against the credit union by contacting the Texas Credit Union Department through one of the means indicated below:

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Shop Local, Save Local with BaZing Savings:* Local discounts and national retailer deals to save you money on shopping, dining, travel & more.

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Notice: Is Your Account Dormant?

Is your account dormant? A dormant account is an account that has not had any activity for one year.

Unfortunately, the escheat laws of the State of Texas require that an account without activity for a three-year period be sent to the State Treasury.

If your account is dormant, please deposit or withdraw \$1 or more to prevent FTWCCU from having to send your account balance to the State Treasury. You may visit any of our locations to make a deposit, use the Mobile Remote Deposit feature on the free FTWCCU App, or you may mail your deposit to:

Fort Worth Community Credit Union PO Box 210848 Bedford, TX 76095-7848

If you have any questions, please call us at (817) 835-5000.





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Retirement Realities

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Expectations vs. Reality Predicting exactly what your retirement will be like is about as possible as a meteorologist predicting the weather correctly every single time. In fact, few retirees find their financial futures

assumed. But, understanding some of the more common assumptions about retirement may help you get closer to your goal than most.

Do retirees actually "outlive" their money? Generations ago, as people retired, many lived in dire straits, sometimes "down to their last dime," which led to the creation of Social Security. Today, Social Security is still around and a common supplement to one's retirement strategy. True, health crises can sometimes impoverish retirees, but working with a financial professional may even help you prepare for this hard-to-anticipate cost.

Retiring on 70-80% of your end salary may not be feasible

A quick internet search reveals all sorts of sources instructing new retirees should strive to retire on 70-80% of their end salary, but it can be a tough one to achieve.

Most new retirees often want to travel, explore new pursuits, learn some hobbies, and finally get around to those things they had put off when they were too busy with work. So, in the first few years, some may spend roughly as much as they did before retirement. For mean proving did before retirement. For many retirees, median household spending increases on the way to a retirement transition.

Practice makes perfect, even in retirement On average, households headed by those older than 65 spend 28% less annually than younger households (a difference of more than \$15,000). While healthcare spending increases in retirement, other household costs decline, particularly transportation and housing expenses particularly transportation and housing expenses.

Retirement may arrive earlier than expected

Most people retire closer to age 60 than age 70. Believe it or not, the average retirement age for current workers is 66. That means you could find yourself claiming Social Security earlier than you expected if only to avert drawing down your retirement savings too quickly.

Remain flexible in retirement

Your retirement may differ slightly or even greatly from the retirement you have imagined. Fortunately, it may be possible to create a flexible retirement strategy with the help of a financial professional. It's never too late to start!

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Upon request, members of FTWCCU may review: balance sheet, income statement, summary of annual audit, form 990, articles of incorporation, bylaws, and Board policies.

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