HERSHEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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HERSHEY FCU UPCOMING

2020 Annual Meeting - *October 28th at 4pm (virtual)* **Follow us on Facebook for upcoming events & contests!**

Budgeting During a Pandemic

A practical, workable budget is an essential part of a financial evaluation for yourself (and/or your partner) as you plan how to manage finances.

Fixed v. Variable

For fixed expenses, such as rent or phone, you will know the exact amount you'll have to spend. For variable expenses, like groceries, there is no exact amount. But based on previous spending, you can estimate a fairly accurate number. The next step is to compare your income vs expenses. In order to achieve (and maintain) a positive cash flow, you may have to cut expenses. You should revisit your budget on a regular basis.

Spread the Wealth

If your budget changes because you get an influx of cash, maybe from a bonus or an inheritance, you may be tempted to use it to cover increased variable expenses, like eating out, travel, or the newest phone. Certainly using some of the money that way is fine. But it's also a great opportunity to pay down debt or place in savings—either in an emergency fund, a retirement plan, or your investment portfolio.

Remember, a budget is there to help you, and it's not written in stone.



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Cyber Security & Buying Online

With the pandemic and its impacts in mind, the 2020 online holiday shopping season will no doubt set records. Even though it is not uncommon to make purchases on your computer or phone, security can still be an issue. You'll want to look for the security padlock symbol in the URL bar, to the left of the company's name. To make sure it's legitimate, click on it to make sure it takes you to a site security certificate. You should also double-check that the URL begins with "HTTPS," which means the data you send and receive from the site is encrypted.

But what about buying something from a vendor directly on social media? Or a company site that doesn't seem to have security in place? In that case, if you do decide to go ahead with the purchase, you're on much safer ground if you've established a PayPal account linked to your credit card or bank. It's important to make sure your security software is up to date and avoid making financial transactions using public Wi-Fi.



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2020 ANNUAL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020 4 P.M. VIRTUAL MEETING

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