

Central Connection Fall 2016

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Auburn Branch Expansion

We are excited to announce that our Auburn Branch is growing! Constructed a decade ago, Auburn is now our fastest growing location and supports more than nine thousand members. This renovation corresponds with the branch's 10 year anniversary.

As part of the expansion, the size of both the interior branch and the parking lot will nearly double. Additionally, the expansion will include:

- New ATM with easier access (already available!)
- Improved branch layout with one-stop service stations
- Additional drive-up lane
- Safe deposit boxes
- Coin machine
- Internet café

During renovations, some services will be temporarily unavailable. We will be sending emails to members who conduct business at the Auburn branch to alert them of changes. If you would like to be included in these alerts, please email oakie@centralfcu.com.

We appreciate your patience during renovations.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: Central One Federal Credit Union recently updated its Terms & Conditions agreement. Changes include new Military Lending Act protections for service members. For more information, go to www.centralfcu.com or call 1-800-527-1017 to request a copy.

You're probably spending too much on insurance

Article provided by: Lisa M. Griffiths, Insurance Executive Oak Tree Insurance LLC



Did you know: As a Central One member, you may be able to save hundreds on your insurance premium when you combine your home and auto policies with Oak Tree Insurance.

Oak Tree is a full-service, independent insurance agency located inside Central One's Shrewsbury headquarters. In addition to saving you money, we pride ourselves in providing the same world-class service found at the credit union.

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Asset Allocation

Article provided by: Jeff Singer, Financial Advisor



Call W.F. Financial today to schedule a no-cost, no-obligation appointment 508-841-0635



It's an almost universally accepted concept that any portfolio should include a mix of investments. That is, a portfolio should contain investments with varying levels of risk to help minimize exposure.

Asset allocation is one of the first steps in creating a diversified investment portfolio. Asset allocation is the concept of deciding how your investment dollars should be allocated among broad investment classes, such as stocks, bonds, and cash alternatives. The underlying principle is that different classes of investments have shown different rates of return and levels of price volatility over time. Also, since different asset classes often respond differently to the same news, your stocks may

go down while your bonds go up, or vice versa. Diversifying your investments over non-correlated or low-correlated asset classes can help you lower the overall volatility of your portfolio. However, diversification does not ensure a profit or guarantee against the possibility of loss.

How do you choose the mix that's right for you?

A number of resources are available to assist in asset allocation, including interactive tools and sample allocation models. Most of these take into account a number of variables:

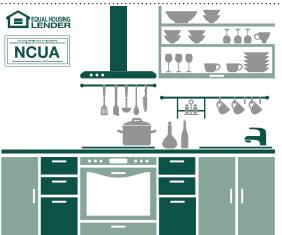
- Objective variables (e.g., your age, financial resources available to you, time frames, need for liquidity)
- Subjective variables (e.g., your tolerance for risk, outlook on the economy)

Ultimately, you'll want to choose a mix of investments that has the potential to provide the return you want at the level of risk you feel comfortable with. For that reason, it makes sense to work with a financial professional to gauge your risk tolerance, then tailor a portfolio to your risk profile and financial situation.

Factors that should be considered:

- Diversification
- Risk tolerance
- Investment time frames
- Personal financial situation
- Liquidity needs

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Congratulations to the Central One Scholarship Winners!



Alexandra Smyrnios (left) receives scholarship award presented by Central One Shrewsbury Branch Manager Joan Day (right).

Every year Central One awards graduating seniors from Shrewsbury, Westborough, Auburn and Algonquin Regional high schools with a scholarship to offset the costs of college tuition. Three graduates receive a one-year \$1,000 scholarship, and one graduate is selected for the grand prize of \$4,000 distributed over their four years of college.

We are proud to announce the winners of the 2016 Central One Federal Credit Union Academic Scholarship:

\$4,000 Grand Prize Winner:

Alexandra Smyrnios from Shrewsbury High School

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Young Families Need an Estate Plan

Article provided by:

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All young couples need a proper estate plan; not from "form wills" found in books or on the Internet. These "form wills" often contain serious errors and oversights.

Consider this example: If you have a young child and both you and your spouse are in an accident, and each parent has a beneficiary life insurance policy with the young child as secondary, the insurance company cannot pay to a minor child directly. If not planned properly, the court could end up appointing a stranger as guardian to oversee the child's designated assets. Thereafter, whenever the child needs money the guardian may have to petition the court to release funds. Money and time are wasted.

When the child reaches 18 years of age, the guardianship ends and the child will have full access to the money – even though the child may not be mature enough to properly manage the money.

To protect from this situation, both parents should have a living trust and a proper will with a power of attorney and health care proxy. Proper documents prepared by a professional are much safer and more secure than documents found on the Internet. Take the extra step now, to better prepare for the future.



You may have noticed a change to the Central One ATMs.

With card skimming on the rise, we've taken preemptive steps to protect our members.

The ATMs at our branches now feature state-ofthe-art anti-skimming technology to protect you and your financial data.

Using a Non-Central One ATM?

It's important to be safe when using your debit card at any ATM. These three easy steps will help avoid fraud.

- See something, say something! If something on the ATM looks suspicious or out of the ordinary, do not use it and report it to the financial institution immediately.
- Use ATMs at credit unions or banks ATMs located at or inside of financial institutions are generally safer than freestanding ATMs.
- Protect your PIN Always shield your PIN when using an ATM. Criminals often install cameras or have a person nearby to capture your PIN number. Fraud is less likely to happen if the thieves cannot see your PIN.

Protection of your card and PIN information is a top priority at Central One. Let's work together to prevent fraud!

Central One Voted "Best Community Bank"

For a second year in a row, Central One Federal Credit Union has been voted "Best Community Bank" in both Shrewsbury and Westborough!

The staff and I are greatly honored by your continued support.

Thank you for being our members and for once again voting us best in class.

Have a great fall,



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 Wednesday:
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 Thursday:
 7:00am - 6:00pm

 Friday:
 7:00am - 5:00pm

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 8:30am - 12:30pm

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 Tuesday:
 7:00am - 5:00pm

 Wednesday:
 7:00am - 5:00pm

 Friday:
 7:00am - 5:30pm

 Saturday:
 8:30am - 1:00pm

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 7:00am - 6:00pm

 Tuesday:
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 Wednesday:
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 Thursday:
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 Friday:
 7:00am - 4:30pm

 Saturday:
 8:30am - 12:30pm

Extended Drive Up Hours

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 Tuesday:
 7:00am - 4:30pm

 Wednesday:
 7:00am - 4:30pm

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 7:00am - 6:00pm

 Friday:
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 8:30am - 12:00pm

Member Support Call Center 508-842-7400 or 800-527-1017

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Upcoming 2016 Closures

Monday, Oct 10 Columbus Day Friday, Nov 11 Veteran's Day Thursday, Nov 24 Thanksgiving Monday, Dec 26 Christmas





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