September 2019



UPDATES

We Have 2 Convenient Locations To Serve You



2140 Gollihar Road Corpus Christi, TX 78416 (One block from the intersection of Gollihar Road and Crosstown Expressway)



3131 Holly Road Corpus Christi, TX 78415 (Corner of Holly and Kostoryz)

Hours of Operation

Lobby: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday Lobby Closed

Drive Thru: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Anyone living in South Texas knows that September is usually the month with the most hurricane activity. In addition to preparing your home and family for a potential storm, be sure you are also financially prepared with the following tips:

- Gather financial and critical personal, household and medical information and have them ready to take with you in case you need to evacuate. Keep these documents in a water-proof bag or pouch for safe-keeping.

- Download our mobile application (TX BRIDGE CU) to have online access to your accounts in case you have to evacuate or our locations are not open.

- Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that could be used in any crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. It's important to have small bills on hand because ATM's and credit cards may not work during a disaster when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel or food.

- Obtain property (homeowners or renters), health and life insurance if you don't have them. Review existing policies for the amount and extent of coverage to ensure that what you have in place is what is required for you and your family for all possible hazards.

We encourage you to remain prepared for the duration of hurricane season. For additional helpful information and tips on planning for a hurricane, please visit: www.ready.gov/hurricanes





Support Driscoll Children's Hospital at Texas Bridge CU:

Did you know your \$1.00 candy purchase and loose change donations at both of your Texas Bridge locations goes directly to benefit the pediatric patients staying at Driscoll Children's Hospital?

We are proud to support the incredible life-saving work Driscoll Children's Hospital does each day for the children of South Texas.

FREE SHRED DAY Friday, October 18, 2019 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. At our Holly and Gollihar Locations

Texas Bridge Credit Union is making it easy to guard yourself against identity theft by safely disposing of your old documents that contain personal information.

Members are invited to drop off their old documents at either office on that day and we will dispose of them for you for free (up to 2 mid-size boxes per member please).

Note: Documents may not be shredded on site.

Scams involving your Social Security number and benefits are on the rise

Have you received a call or voicemail from someone warning that your Social Security number or benefits are suspended due to suspicious activity? Scammers are hoping you'll be scared into believing their claims. They usually ask you to confirm your Social Security number and pay money to "reactivate" your number, protect it, or restore your benefits.

Social Security scams are on the rise

Social Security scams now outnumber other types of scams, including Internal Revenue Service scams, which were formerly the most common. Pretending to be a representative of the government is a common way for fraudsters to trick people into giving up their money or personal information. Knowing how to tell the difference between a scammer and a genuine call from the federal government is important.

Here are the facts:

• The government will not threaten to take away benefits or ask for money or personal information to protect your Social Security card or benefits. • Scammers can fake your caller ID, so don't be fooled if the call seems to be from the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) real phone number or the SSA Inspector General's Fraud Hotline number. You can always call the Social Security Administration directly at 800-772-1213 to find out if they are really trying to reach you.

• If someone calls you asking for your Social Security number, bank account number, or credit card information, hang up.

Spread the word about Social Security scams and report them

• The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau worked with the Social Security Administration and the Federal Trade Commission to create a new fraud prevention placemat to help you avoid Social Security scams. You can order free copies to use at a meal or share with friends and family. The placemat is in English on one side and Spanish on the other.

• Talk about it! You may have heard of IRS scams or other types of scams targeting government benefits, but Social Security scams haven't been as common until recently. Share the message with others to make them aware of this type of scam.

• Report Social Security scams to the Federal Trade Commission at FTC. gov/compliant and to the SSA Office of Inspector General Fraud Hotline at 800-269-0271 or oig.ssa.gov/report.

Source: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

