

# THE CREDIT UNION COLUMN

## WE ARE A DESTINATION

A few weeks back a group from Boulder Dam Credit Union and their family members enjoyed a day with Bootleg Canyon FlightLinez. The FlightLinez staff were beyond helpful and entertaining, and the entire process was smooth, adrenaline-pumping, and memorable. As we took each of the zip-lines down the mountain you could watch the mountain bikers below, descending the many technical trails that have made Bootleg Canyon one of the most challenging mountain bike courses in the world. And best of all, we were home recovering from this adventure in less than 15 minutes after finishing the rides!

The next day as my wife and I were doing yard work, we were constantly amused at the screams of excitement coming from the sky above, as a new group of sky-divers returned to the air every 30 minutes. In between these jumps we could hear the distant sound of the train whistle as our own local railroad attraction was carrying enthusiastic fans back and forth.

This is only a small sample of the tourist destination Boulder City has become. When you factor in the small-town feel as well as many shops and restaurants, how can you not be proud of the place we call home. We live in a location that is the envy of many. Please take time during this holiday season to enjoy the beauty and adventure that surrounds us. When you do you will realize we truly have become a world class destination...

## ... SO TAKE A WALK AROUND TOWN

When Linda and I moved here in 1993, the Boulder City downtown area had little to attract most shoppers and little to offer those in search of food or drink.

It is amazing how things have changed.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to stroll around downtown Boulder City recently, you are missing out on what many from the Las Vegas valley view as a hidden gem. Great dining alternatives, unique shopping experiences, and a lively night-life have transformed our downtown into an enjoyable experience for the whole family.

And this time of year, through the hard work of our City staff, the decorations along the downtown streets are truly magical.

Treat yourself to a holiday experience this year and stroll through downtown Boulder City. I guarantee you will find a shop you never knew existed and a gift that you never would have thought of for that hard-to-buy-for relative.

We are blessed to live where we do, and the down-town merchants have only increased the benefits.

## 1099 REMINDER

With our bonus dividends this information doesn't apply to as many members than as in previous years, but if you receive less than \$10 in dividends on your savings with the Credit Union during the calendar year, you will not receive a 1099 interest statement from us for tax purposes. If your total is less than \$10 you can use your final year-end statement as evidence of your dividends (interest) paid for the year.

## FREE MEANS FREE

From now through the end of December, our provider of Visa gift cards has waived their \$2.00 issuance charge per card. What does that mean for our members? They are free to you as well!

As with most of our services, we only charge you what we are charged. When the fees are waived for us, then they are waived for you as well. (I wonder if this is a common practice for our competitors down the street.)

Visa gift cards provide a great Christmas gift for those who are hard to shop for as well as college students and family members who may have many needs. Now you can do your Christmas shopping quickly, easily and free of charge.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

*For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone.*

Audrey Hepburn



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