Time to get organized and get things done

February is a great month to get organized and look at a few financial areas that might need to be checked or adjusted. To make it easy we've built a list of suggestions to help get you started:

| Order your free credit report from www.annualcreditreport.com . |
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| Collect your tax paperwork and get ready to file. There's free tax help for low and moderate income filers. Call 2-1-1 to find an AARP or VITA site near you. |
| Double check the budget you built in early January. |
| Shred old paperwork – Learn what to keep and what to toss (UNH CE Document). |
| Talk to your kids about the saving money, don't be afraid to have "The Talk" about money. Read more at http://extension.unh.edu/family/KidsMoney.htm . Ask your High School students sign up for the Personal Finance class (they'll thank you later). |
| Add a few more dollars to your ROTH IRA for 2011. We all have until April 15 th to make 2011 contributions (if you haven't reached the maximum) <u>Learn more here</u> . |
| Back up computer files. Burn a DVD of your family photos, tax files, etc. |

Play Financial Football this Sunday

The New England Jump\$tart coalitions are encouraging friends and family to play some Financial Football while waiting for the game. The game is web based and easy to play. Visit http://www.newhampshire.financialfootball.com/games/trainingcamp/ff/ and have fun!

Sign Up for America Saves

America Saves Week is February 19-26 and the web site offers many tips and advice on how to save pay down debt, etc. Learn more at www.americasaves.org.

Foreclosure Prevention Workshops

February 2, and 16, 2012, from 6-8 pm, in Manchester and Nashua. Call NeighborWorks Greater Manchester at 626-4663 to register.

February 23, 2012, from 6-8 pm. in Concord. Call CATCH Neighborhood Housing at 225-8835 ext. 125 to register. Visit HomeHelpNH.org for additional information and resources.

Home Buyer Seminars

There are many home buyer seminars scheduled in January in several parts of the State, please visit http://www.gonewhampshirehousing.com/events for information.

Managing Money Workshops

<u>Making Money Work for You</u> and other UNH Cooperative Extension Workshops are scheduled in many parts of the State. <u>Visit their web site for dates, times and additional information.</u>