

MONEY SMART WEEK®



Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. Presented in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the American Library Association.

March 30–April 7, 2019 The following classes are free and open to the public.

Financial Literacy: Improve Your Credit Score and More

**Saturday, March 30, 2-3 pm
Meeting Room 1**

Kathleen Seminatore, Investigator, Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs, will discuss how to improve your credit score, lower your bills, set up a monthly budget, apply for PIPP and HEAP, avoid scams, and much more.

Social Security

**Tuesday, April 2, 2-3 pm
Meeting Room 1**

Robert Fenn II, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration, will answer the following questions: What is the quickest way to file for benefits? Can you work and still receive benefits? Do you have to file for Medicare? At what age can you file? Can you file on a previous spouse's record?

Your Family Matters: Probate and Estate Discussion

**Wednesday, April 3, 6:30-
7:30 pm**

Auditorium

Most have heard that it is wise to avoid probate, but don't really know why. Join Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer and Magistrate Crystal Burnett to learn about the simple, free tools to protect your family, property, and heirs, understand guardianships, and learn the truths about probate.

Avoiding Fraud

**Thursday, April 4, 11 am-12 pm
Meeting Room 3**

Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine new technology with old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. Kathleen Seminatore, Investigator, Summit County Office of Consumer Protection, will discuss examples of fraud, and provide tips to help you stay a step ahead.

Individual Financial Counseling

**Friday, April 5, 2-6 pm
Meeting Room 1**

Need help with a personal finance issue? **Make an appointment** to speak one-on-one with a counselor from the Financial Empowerment Center, a program of the City of Akron in partnership with United Way. Financial coaching focuses on credit score improvement; debt reduction; increased saving and asset building; and access to banking. All financial coaching services, including credit report analysis, are provided free of charge to any adult living in Summit County regardless of income level. **For appointments, please contact the Business & Government Division at 330-643-9020.**

Get the 411 on Student Loans & the Re-Connect Program

**Saturday, April 6, 2-4 pm
Meeting Room 3**

Representatives of New Horizon Federal Credit Union and College Now will explain a federally funded program that addresses financial barriers to a college education, i.e., high rate credit cards or car loans, payday lenders, rent-to-own contracts, collections, garnishments, or any other debt that can be re-financed to affordable terms. Who should attend? Anyone with financed debt, including recent graduates and dropouts.

Unique Approaches to Paying for College

**Sunday, April 7, 2-4 pm
Meeting Room 1**

Middle school, high school, GED, immigrants, and senior citizens will learn how to obtain training or education without the use of student loans by securing scholarships and other unique approaches to affordable education. This event, presented by College Now, covers resources and services starting at the age of 8 through age 82.



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