



## Fall 2024 Newsletter

### CEO Message: A Fresh Chapter, Same Commitment to You

Dear Members,

As we approach 64 years of serving our community, we take great pride in honoring our past while embracing new opportunities for growth. Since our founding in 1960, trust, community, and service have been at the core of everything we do, and those values continue to guide us today as we share some noteworthy updates with you in this newsletter.

One of the most exciting changes we're thrilled to share is the introduction of our refreshed logo and brand. This new look is more than just a design update—it's a vibrant reflection of who we are today and where we're headed. Our logo represents a modern, dynamic Dutch Point that is ready to meet the needs of our members in today's fast-evolving financial landscape, while remaining deeply rooted in the community values we've upheld for over six decades.



While our look has evolved, what hasn't changed is our unwavering focus on providing you with the tools, guidance, and support to achieve your financial goals—both now and in the future. This newsletter highlights exciting updates, including our new Express Banking Hubs, the groundbreaking of our new Wethersfield branch, and the celebration of our Dorothy J. Sullivan Scholarship recipients.

Thank you for placing your trust in us and for being part of our journey. Together, as we celebrate our 64th anniversary, we'll continue to grow, innovate and support you at every point of your financial journey.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlyn Tanner".

Charlyn Tanner

President & CEO, Dutch Point Credit Union

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## Dutch Point Credit Union: New Look, Same Commitment to Every Point of Your Journey



At Dutch Point Credit Union, we honor our rich history while focusing on the future to better serve you. That's why we're excited to introduce our new logo and rebrand—a fresh look that marks an important point in our journey. This updated brand reflects our growth and ongoing commitment to being by your side at every point in your financial life.

Our new look is vibrant, forward-thinking and designed with your needs at its core. It embodies who we are today—your trusted financial partner—helping you navigate every point of your financial journey. While our appearance may have evolved, our focus remains the same: providing innovative products and services that meet your needs now and into the future.

This rebrand represents a significant step forward, not only for Dutch Point but for the communities we proudly serve. At the heart of it all is you—our valued members. The brand may look different, but our promise to stand by you at every point in your life continues unchanged.

Over the next several months, you'll notice our new logo appearing across our branches, website and all communication materials as we update everything to reflect our refreshed brand. During this transition, you may still see our current logo in some places as we work to convert all materials to the new look.

Rest assured, while our appearance is evolving, the services and support you rely on will remain the same. Our commitment to your financial well-being is stronger than ever, and this new look is just the beginning of more exciting things to come. Whether you're visiting a branch or engaging with us online, you'll continue to receive the same trusted service from Dutch Point.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make this important update. We're excited to continue serving you, with a fresh look and the same unwavering dedication to your financial success.

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## Introducing the Express Banking Hub: Your Bridge to Convenient Banking

As banking evolves, so do we. Our new Express Banking Hub—an advanced self-service interactive teller machine (ITM)—puts more control and flexibility in your hands when it comes to managing your finances. Located in our Wethersfield, Bloomfield and Niantic branches, the Express Banking Hub allows you to deposit checks, transfer funds, withdraw cash and even get real-time assistance from a live consultant via video—all in one convenient spot.

What sets the Express Banking Hub apart is how it bridges the gap between the traditional in-person experience and the ease of digital banking. Whether you're handling simple transactions or need more in-depth help, the Hub offers the convenience of banking on your terms. With extended availability, you can use it even when our branches are closed, giving you more freedom and flexibility to bank whenever it's most convenient for you.

By implementing the Express Banking Hub in key locations, we're providing you with a modern, flexible way to handle your banking—whether you prefer quick, self-service options or more personalized support. Your point of convenience is our priority, and this new addition is designed to enhance how you bank with us.



## Dutch Point's New Wethersfield Branch: Your Destination Point for Financial Wellness

We're committed to providing you with the tools and support needed to achieve financial success. That commitment is expanding with the anticipated opening of our new Wethersfield branch in the summer of 2025—a fresh, future-driven location that represents the utmost in modern banking and a key point of financial wellness for you and your community.

Located just three miles down the Silas Deane Highway from our current site, this branch has been thoughtfully designed with your needs in mind. It will offer a welcoming and secure environment, ensuring you have the privacy you deserve when discussing your financial goals.

We're moving into a spot that's already part of your daily routine—close to the places where you shop, dine and take care of everyday tasks—making it even easier to access the services you rely on.

Whether you prefer online banking, in-person visits or using our full-service Express Banking Hub interactive teller machines, this state-of-the-art branch will offer the flexibility to manage your finances the way that works best for you.

We're eager to welcome you to this new location, designed to play an important role in your financial journey. At every point in life—whether you're saving for your first home, planning for retirement or managing day-to-day finances—Dutch Point is here to help you reach your goals, every step of the way. We can't wait to see you at our new Wethersfield branch in the summer of 2025!



## Lasting Impact: Celebrating the 2024 Dorothy J. Sullivan Scholarship Recipients

We are proud to recognize the 2024 Dorothy J. Sullivan Scholarship recipients, individuals who have reached a key point in their academic journeys. These students have not only excelled in their studies, but have also shown a deep commitment to their communities, demonstrating the kind of leadership and compassion that makes a lasting impact.

### Congratulations to our scholarship recipients:

- **Adam Alexander:** Bentley University | Business & Exercise Science
- **Kenzie Gardner:** Marist College | History & Global Studies
- **Victoria Pellegatto:** University of Connecticut | Energy & Environmental Management
- **Stacy Cochran:** Goodwin University | Nursing
- **Kaitlyn Kidd:** Worcester Polytechnic Institute | Biology

These scholarships will support the recipients as they pursue their goals, further their education and continue contributing to their communities.

Whether it's through advancing healthcare, environmental sustainability or global studies, their journeys will undoubtedly benefit not only themselves but also the world around them. By investing in their education, we are collectively investing in stronger, more vibrant communities, fueled by future leaders who are prepared to make a difference. We look forward to seeing the positive ripple effects of their success as they grow, lead, and inspire others, making a lasting point of impact wherever their paths may take them.





## In Memoriam: Honoring the Legacy of John L. Gombotz and August L. DeFrance IV



**John L. Gombotz**



**August L. DeFrance IV**

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of two long-serving and dedicated members of our Board of Directors, John L. Gombotz and August L. DeFrance IV. Their commitment and leadership were key to shaping Dutch Point Credit Union, helping us reach pivotal points in our growth and success. John L. Gombotz retired from the Board in January 2023 after over 33 years of distinguished service. His tenure as Vice-Chairman from 1996 to 2019 was marked by unwavering dedication to our members. John's thoughtful leadership and vision were crucial points in guiding the credit union through times of transition and opportunity. His steadfast commitment to serving the community will be deeply missed, but the point of impact he made will continue to resonate for years to come.

August "Augie" L. DeFrance IV, whose remarkable service spanned more than 50 years, was a cornerstone of Dutch Point. Beginning his journey on the Supervisory Committee in 1972 and becoming a Board member in 1975, Augie served as Treasurer from 1977 to 2021. His depth of knowledge and tireless dedication were central points in our financial stewardship and direction. Augie's influence extended far beyond his years on the Board, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to guide us.

Both John and Augie embodied the highest points of commitment, service, and integrity. They were not just leaders; they were mentors and friends to many within our organization. Their contributions to our credit union and the community will always be remembered. We are forever grateful for their service and are honored to continue building upon the foundation they helped establish.

Though John and Augie are no longer with us, their legacy will remain a guiding point in everything we do.

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### Mark Your Calendar: Important Dates to Remember

#### **New Wethersfield Branch Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Thursday, November 7

#### **Skip-a-Pay for the Holidays**

Now through January 31

#### **Holiday Closures**

Veteran's Day: Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 28

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1



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