



cNotes

Autumn 2022

Bennet Bridge, Lincoln Plantation, ME
Photo by cPort 2022 calendar contest winner Jaz G.

We're 6 For 6!

For the sixth straight year, cPort Credit Union has been named one of the Best Places to Work in Maine. This achievement makes us proud because only 100 small, mid-sized and large companies are selected to be on the list. Companies from all across the state entered for the opportunity to receive the prestigious award.

Focusing on a thriving workplace has been a priority in recent years. cPort President & CEO Gene Ardito says, "While there are always ways to improve, we strive to be the best we can be as employers. We are 6 for 6 in years of participation and being named a "Best Places to Work" organization. This terrific accomplishment is a testament to our dedication to a consistent employee culture during an ever-changing environment, including operating through a historic pandemic."

Alicia Walsh, Vice President of Human Resources, applauds the staff for playing an enormous part in cPort's growth by saying, "We owe a great deal of our success to our employees and our company culture."



We pride ourselves on fostering an open and collaborative working environment. Operating with an emphasis on employee growth allows us to promote within as much as possible, creating new and engaging career opportunities for our team."

Providing the best financial experience is our highest priority. For this reason, we are continually improving the working environment and our staff who directly serve our members. If you want to be part of an outstanding team, don't hesitate to apply.

cPort will be recognized in the October 17th edition of MaineBiz where the rankings will be revealed for the first time. Thank you, cPort employees, for making us one of the Best Places to Work in Maine.



Message From The CEO

What a fantastic Member Appreciation Week we celebrated this past August! Spending time with you and your families at our five cPort locations is always enjoyable. This year's event was no exception. For those unable to join us at one of the events,

I'd like to express gratitude on behalf of myself and the cPort staff for the privilege of serving you each day. You are an essential part of what we are as a whole. Together, we create a robust financial institution that strives to make every transaction personable and efficient. Thank you for being a cPort member.

Providing you with the best financial experience is our highest priority. For this reason, we are continually improving the working environment of the staff who directly serve you. There has never been a better time to be a cPort employee. The Best Companies Group named cPort among the Best Places to Work in Maine for 2022 for the sixth consecutive year. We emphasize employee growth and promote within as much as possible, creating new and engaging career opportunities for our team. We currently have several openings available, and I invite you to apply.

You may have noticed a bit of a change when logging into eBanking. We recently gave our online platform a facelift. It still includes all the useful features you are familiar with, but with an updated look. Now users enjoy a simplified interface, designed to streamline online tasks. You'll see this update on our desktop and mobile software versions. Our team has also revamped the pay-a-friend feature. The updated widget has the same functionality as before but with new advancements to improve your experience using the tool. We added recurring payments, saved payment information, and enhanced overall security to make it easier and safer when you send money to a friend.

As the holidays approach, we have a lot of fun things in store for you. Come in and visit our branches this Halloween, where each location dresses up according to a different theme. You can then vote on Facebook for your favorite costumes. Keep an eye out for our annual holiday giveaway when temperatures start to drop. You can enter to win exciting prizes that benefit local businesses. These giveaways happen in December, and you can enter by visiting our branches or our website. We are grateful for any opportunity to give back to our members.

Finally, thank you for sharing your cPort experience with family and friends. The finest compliment you can give us is when you introduce a new member to cPort.

Gene Ardito
President and CEO

JOIN OUR
Team
We're hiring!



Opportunities Available!

cPort Credit Union takes pride in providing our members with exceptional personalized service in a friendly, team-oriented environment. We offer competitive wages, a bonus program, and an excellent benefits package to full-time employees including health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, 401k, paid holidays, vacation time, tuition reimbursement and career advancement opportunities. cPort was named a 2022 Best Place to Work in Maine.

To see available positions and apply, visit cportcu.org/careers



Thank You for a Week of Fun!

Nearly one thousand cPort Credit Union members gathered for Member Appreciation Week this past August. Members enjoyed complimentary lunch, spun the prize wheel, and entered to win exciting giveaways. Thank you to everyone who stopped by.



Prizes for everyone



Some members brought their pets



Lawn games galore



cPort staff poses in front of our selfie wall



Food trucks and complimentary lunch



Honorine Uwishema, cPort Branch Manager was interview on WMTW Channel 8 news.

The Indus Fund was recently featured in the news

With media attention from MaineBiz and WMTW Channel 8, more business owners are taking advantage of this unique loan opportunity.

The article in MaineBiz highlights three cPort member businesses – Maize Colombian Street Food, Burundi Star Coffee, and Mimio's Boutique.

Talia Clark reports on The Indus Fund for WMTW Channel 8. cPort's Honorine Uwishema is interviewed as well as The Indus Fund Founder, Kerem Durdag. Mimio's Boutique owner, Mimie Mobeshaas talks about how The Indus Fund has helped her business. Clark also interviews Niky Watler from Maize about he got involved.

cPort offers below-market interest rate microfinance loans to service the needs of small business owners within the immigrant community of Maine. Businesses could qualify to borrow up to \$10,000. To be eligible, applicants must be a first-generation Mainer ("New Mainer"). Learn more about The Indus Fund [here](#).



Maize Colombian Street Food



Mimio's Boutique



Burundi Star Coffee



cportcu.org

Toll free: 1-800-464-0253

CUPhone: 1-888-306-0033

BRANCHES

Portland Riverside (Main Office)

50 Riverside Industrial Parkway
Portland, Maine 04103
P: (207) 878-6200

Portland Forest Avenue

285 Forest Avenue
Portland, Maine 04101
P: (207) 200-2300

Portland Middle Street

35 Middle Street
Portland, Maine 04101
P: (207) 305-0020

Augusta

399 Western Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04330
P: (207) 623-1001

Scarborough

313 US Route 1
Scarborough, Maine 04074
P: (207) 883-2448

BRANCH HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Saturday: Closed

MEMBER CARE CALL CENTER

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 8 am - 12 pm

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday, October 10, 2022

Veterans Day

Friday, November 11, 2022

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Christmas Day

Observed Monday, December 26, 2022

New Year's Day

Observed Monday, January 2, 2023

The articles in this publication are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual. We suggest you consult your attorney, accountant, financial or tax adviser with regard to your individual situation.

Thank you to all who submitted photos for cPort's 2023 calendar.



We received nearly 200 photo submissions this year! The 2023 cPort calendars are available this Fall for **FREE** at any of our branch locations, while supplies last. Our cover photo winner was a photo of Portland Head Light in Cape Elizabeth, Maine by member Kayla H.

Keep an eye out for our 2024 Photo Calendar contest details in the Spring edition of cNotes.

Loan Options for Fall

cPort Credit Union members enjoy low rates, a smooth application process, and a staff that is happy to help you every step of the way. Stop in a branch today or visit us online to apply.

FALL

SPEEDY APPLICATION PROCESS

Auto LOANS

FALL

FLEXIBLE FINANCING AVAILABLE

Home LOANS

FALL

ENERGY TAX CREDITS

Energy LOANS

FALL

MANAGE YOUR FINANCES

Debt Consolidation LOANS