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E-statements: What Are They? Why Are They A Good Idea?

E-statements are an electronic version of the customary paper statement you may have been receiving for many years. E-statements provide the same detailed monthly transaction report as your paper statement (ex, deposits, debits and checks written, account balances)

Why Use An e-statement?

- Convenience: e-statements are easy to access and available 24/7
- View e-statements quickly and easily upon notification of statement availability
- Login to GBC Bank's online banking portal at <https://www.gbcbank.com/> and view your statements
- Avoid the slow wait of paper statements mailed via traditional postal service
- Reduce mail fraud and identity theft of paper statements from mail boxes. Paper statements contain personal information identity thieves are seeking (name, address, account numbers, account balances).
- Reduce paper statements piling up in your home
- E-statements reduce the use ink cartridges, reduce paper use and reduce your carbon imprint

Please note: E-statements do not include pending transactions (ex. checks that have been issued to a Payee but not yet presented to GBC Bank for payment).

Signing up for e-statements is easy: Visit our website, <https://www.gbcbank.com/> select "Login", located at the top of page, sign in to NetTeller. Click on the e-statement tab and go to the signup tab. From there, follow the instructions to enroll in e-statements.

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From The President's Desk

Happy Holidays Everyone!



John Kennedy
GBC Bank President & CEO

Isn't it amazing what we took for granted in the pre-COVID days? We may not be out of the woods just yet, but we have changed the way we think and act and greet our neighbors and families. But some things didn't change like our respect for each other, the glance and smile on the street of our communities or the way our tellers beam when you walk into our branches.

In addition, I want to express my appreciation to our many employees who pushed through these trying times. These same folks offered to give up their Christmas celebration and 150th festivities for the opportunity to meet with the four school districts and contribute to each \$10,000 to help fund our future, our children's education. These gifts were in addition to the usual over \$100,000 we help our community to serve and better all of us in Hancock County. You all have my utmost thanks.

From all of us here at **gbc BANK** we wish the best of holiday cheer and hope for a better world in the coming year. With the coming year we will continue to celebrate our century and a half of serving our friends as they work and play with their families. We will also continue thriving as we go about the business each and every day in 2022.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Prosperous 2022!

John Kennedy
GBC Bank President & CEO

2022 GBC Bank Federally Observed Holidays

January 1	(Saturday)	New Year's Day	All offices closed.
January 17	(Monday)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	All offices closed.
February 21	(Monday)	Presidents' Day	All offices closed.
May 30	(Monday)	Memorial Day	All offices closed.
June 19	(observed Mon., 20 th)	Juneteenth Nat'l Independence Day*	All offices closed.
July 4	(Monday)	Independence Day	All offices closed.
September 5	(Monday)	Labor Day	All offices closed.
November 11	(Friday)	Veterans Day	All offices closed.
November 24	(Thursday)	Thanksgiving Day	All offices closed.
December 24	(Saturday)	Christmas Eve	Normal Saturday hours apply. (All offices close at Noon.)
December 25	(observed Mon., 26 th)	Christmas Day	All offices closed.
December 31	(Saturday)	New Year's Eve	Normal Saturday hours apply. (All offices close at Noon.)

January 1, 2023	(observed Mon., 2 nd)	New Year's Day	All offices closed.

Employee Milestones

The following employees were recognized for reaching milestones in September, 2021.



Jeffrey Somers
5 years of service
on September 28, 2021.

Debra Cate
5 years of service
on September 26, 2021.

Photo withheld by request.



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Year-End Tax Planning

As the end of the year approaches, it's time to consider strategies that could help you reduce your tax bill. But most tax tips, suggestions, and strategies are of little practical help without a good understanding of your current tax situation. This is particularly true for year-end planning. You can't know where to go next if you don't know where you are now,

So take a break from the usual fall chores and pull out last year's tax return, along with your current pay stubs and account statements. Doing a few quick projections will help you estimate your present tax situation and identify any glaring issues you'll need to address while there's still time.

When it comes to withholding, don't shortchange yourself

If you project that you'll owe a substantial amount when you file this year's income tax return, ask your employer to increase your federal income tax withholding

amounts. If you have both wage and consulting income and are making estimated tax payments, there's an added benefit to doing this: Even though the additional withholding may need to come from your last few paychecks, it's generally treated as having been withheld evenly throughout the year. This may help you avoid paying an estimated tax penalty due to underwithholding. Of course, if you've significantly overpaid your taxes and estimate you'll be receiving a large refund, you can reduce your withholding accordingly, putting money back in your pocket this year instead of waiting for your refund check to come next year.

Will you suffer the alternative?

Originally intended to prevent the very rich from using "loopholes" to avoid paying taxes, the alternative minimum tax (AMT) now reaches further into the ranks of middle-income taxpayers. The AMT is governed by a separate set of rules that exist in parallel to those for the regular income tax system. These rules disallow certain deductions that you are allowed to include in computing your regular income tax liability, and treat specific items, such as incentive stock options, differently. As a result, AMT liability may be triggered by such items as:

- The standard deduction
- Large deductions for state, local, personal property, and real estate taxes
- Exercising incentive stock options

So when you sit down to project your taxes, calculate your regular income tax on Form 1040, and then consider your potential AMT liability using Form 6251. If it appears you'll be subject to the

AMT, you'll need to take a very different planning approach during the last few months of the year. Even some of the most basic year-end tax planning strategies can have unintended consequences under AMT rules. For example, accelerating certain deductions into this year may prove counterproductive since AMT rules may require you to add them back into your income. If you think AMT is going to be a factor, consider talking to a tax professional about your specific tax situation.

Timing is everything

The last few months of the year may be the time to consider delaying or accelerating income and deductions, taking into consideration the impact on both this year's taxes and next. If you expect to be in a different tax bracket next year, doing so may help you minimize your tax liability. For instance, if you expect to be in a lower tax bracket next year, you might want to postpone income from this year to next so that you will pay tax on it next year instead. At the same time, you may want to accelerate your deductions in order to pay less tax this year.

To delay income to the following year, you might be able to:

- Defer year-end bonuses
- Defer the sale of capital gain property (or take installment payments rather than a lump-sum payment)
- Postpone receipt of distributions (other than required minimum distributions) from retirement accounts

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GBC Promotions

GBC Bank's Board of Directors announced the following promotions during August and September, 2021.



David Mote
named
Vice President
Commercial Credit Manager



Andy Hampton
named
Vice President
Commercial Loan Officer



Lavone Whitmer
named
Vice President
Investment Officer

To accelerate deductions into this year:

- Consider paying medical expenses in December rather than January, if doing so will allow you to qualify for the medical expense deduction
- Prepay deductible interest
- Make alimony payments early
- Make next year's charitable contributions this year

The gifts that give back

If you itemize your deductions, consider donating money or property to charity before the end of the current tax year in order to increase the amount you can deduct on your taxes. As an aside, now is also a good time to consider making noncharitable gifts. You may give up to \$15,000 (in 2020 and 2021) (twice that amount for a married couple) to as many individuals as you want without incurring any federal gift tax consequences. If you gift an appreciated asset, you won't have to pay tax on the gain; any tax is deferred until the recipient of your gift disposes of the property.

Postpone the inevitable

To reduce your taxable income this year, consider maximizing pretax contributions to an employer-sponsored retirement plan such as a 401(k). You won't be taxed on the contributions you make now, and you may be in a lower tax bracket when you do eventually withdraw the funds and report the income. (Note that if you take withdrawals from the plan before age 59½, you'll generally be subject to a 10 percent penalty tax in addition to any income tax due, unless an exception applies.)

If you qualify, you might also consider making either a tax-deductible contribution to a traditional IRA or an after-tax contribution to a Roth IRA. In the first instance, a current income tax deduction effectively defers income — and its taxation — to future years (as with a retirement plan, an additional 10 percent penalty tax will apply to withdrawals made prior to age 59½ in addition to any income tax due, unless an exception applies); in the second, while there's no current tax deduction allowed, qualifying distributions you take later will be tax free. You'll generally have until the due date of your federal income tax return to make these contributions.

Tax planning can be complicated. Consider seeking the assistance of a tax professional to determine what year-end tax planning moves, if any, are right for your individual circumstances.

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  - Irrevocable Trusts
  - Testamentary Trusts
  - Life Insurance Trusts
- Escrow Agent
- 1031 Exchange Agent
- Estate Administration
- Guardianship Services