The Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities will continue to offer our weekly webinar series – Midweek Money Matters, on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. We have been working to bring continued valuable programming that fits the needs of our event attendees. Our schedule is grouped into different series based upon feedback we receive from our target audience.

2021 begins with a series on investing in January and February. In March, we will focus on consumer protection as we start the month off with National Consumer Protection Week. April will be all about financial literacy – as we celebrate National Financial Literacy month!

You won't want to miss these valuable investor education and consumer outreach sessions!

For your planning purposes, below is a quick list of topics for January, you may register for these events on www.Eventbrite.com by searching PA Department of Banking and Securities.

January Line-up

1/05/2021 & 1/6/2021 – **How to Choose an Investment Professional:** There is much information about investment professionals out there. Knowing how to find one and understanding their responsibilities to you can be a challenge. The differences between a fiduciary and non-fiduciary and how to ensure that your professional is properly registered to do what you are paying them to do, are just a sampling of the key points for this webinar.

1/12/2021 & 1/13/2021 – **Alphabet Soup of Financial Designations:** Knowing how to hire an investment professional is important, understanding the letters behind their names is too! In this session, we will cover various designations and the education and process required to obtain them. Knowing what the different letters mean will go a long way in helping you find the professional that is right for you.

1/19/2021 & 1/20/2021 – **Common Investment Strategies**: You know you want to invest; you know it is critical for your long-term financial health; but, knowing what strategy to take to get started can be difficult. We will cover various strategies, including, Dollar-Cost Averaging, Growth Investing, and others. We will also discuss common times to re-examine our strategies and how change them for our changing circumstances.

1/26/2021 & 1/27/2021 – **Types of Retirement Accounts and Catch-up Contributions:** Do you know the differences between 401(k), 457(b), IRA, Roth IRA, SEP IRA, and others? This session will outline the differences between various retirement accounts including their varying annual maximums that can be deposited into each. We will also cover catch-up contributions for individuals that are 50 or over.

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