

# **Common Centiments**

musings from Marietta

## **Should I Pay Off My Mortgage?**

Being unsure whether to pay off your mortgage is a good dilemma to have—it means you've built up significant savings and have options. While being debt-free is an appealing goal for many, there are also practical reasons to consider keeping your mortgage. Let's explore both sides to help you make a well-informed decision.

Paying off your mortgage can offer peace of mind, a sense of accomplishment, and a guaranteed return equivalent to your mortgage interest rate. It also may reduce financial risk by lowering your monthly obligations, which may be especially beneficial as you approach retirement. Additionally, it may simplify your finances, leaving you with fewer bills to manage.

On the other hand, keeping your mortgage might allow you to pursue higher returns through investments, maintain liquidity for emergencies, and enjoy potential tax benefits. If you've locked in a low interest rate, you may prefer to keep that money working for you elsewhere. Ultimately, the right choice depends on your financial situation and long-term goals.

If you haven't heard from your investment advisor and have questions or topics you'd like to address, we'd be happy to <u>schedule some time with you</u> and take a look without pressure.

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### Once-In-A-Lifetime: Fly Fishing in the Bolivian Jungle

David recently embarked on a remarkable six-day fly fishing trip to the remote Bolivian jungle, immersing himself in the raw beauty of the Tsimane Rive. He stayed at the Tsimane River Lodge, a world-class haven for fishing enthusiasts seeking the prized Golden Dorado.

The fishing itself was incredible, but the experience went far beyond casting lines. The stunning scenery of the jungle, with its untouched wilderness, made for a breathtaking backdrop. Even more unforgettable was the chance to connect with the local Tsimane Indian Tribe, who guided David along the river. Their deep knowledge of the land and waters gave the trip an authentic and almost timeless feel, as if stepping back into an era where nature was truly king.

This adventure was an extraordinary blend of sport, culture, and the untamed wild. Whether you're an avid fisherman or just someone who appreciates a great travel story, David's trip is a reminder of the beauty and wonder that still awaits in the farthest corners of the world.



#### **Embracing Fall Traditions: Scarecrows In the Square**

Recently, our team stepped away from the office to take part in a fun and creative tradition – building our "Peace scarecrow for Scarecrows in the Square! This annual event is part of the larger <u>Marietta HarvestFest</u>, a celebration that brings together the best of the season with arts and crafts, costume contests, delicious food, and plenty of family-friendly activities.

As proud members of the Marietta community, we love finding ways to connect outside of work while supporting local events. Working together building our scarecrow, with the them of peace at its hear, was a great way to kick off the fall season and contribute to this cherished community tradition.



#### Our Team is Growing!

Due to our incredible growth and our desire to provide best in class service, we have very recently added two new teammates. Susan Boyer, Director of Business Strategy, comes to us after a long career in private school administration. Vidya Kumar, Client Relationship Manager, comes to us with over 20 years in the financial industry with the past 13 years at Wells Fargo Bank. We welcome them both and look forward to you meeting them soon!

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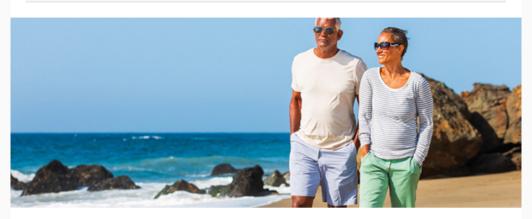


### **Should You Worry About Market Volatility?**

On August 5, 2024, the S&P 500 Index dropped 3% from its previous close, the largest single-day loss in almost two years. This continued a three-week slide that saw the benchmark index — generally considered representative of the U.S. stock market — decline by 8.5%. The tech-heavy NASDAQ Composite Index

dropped even further, losing 3.4% on August 5 and more than 13% over a four-week period.

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### Retroactive Social Security Benefits: A Chance to Turn Back Time

Did you know that if you postpone claiming Social Security past your full retirement age, you have the option of receiving a lump-sum payment for up to six months of benefits when you finally apply?

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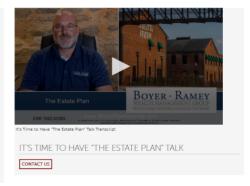
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