## Spring 2012



Use the equity in your home to your advantage! Winnebago Community Credit Union is now offering a home equity line of credit at a historically low rate! 2.79% APR\* introductory rate locked in for 3 years! Up to 80% Loan to Value

\* APR = Annual Percentage \*\* Rate follows prime rate. For less than or equal to 80% loan to value, rate equals prime rate. Prime +1% to rate for 80.01- 90% loan to value; 3.79% APR introductory rate for 3 years. All loans subject to approval; rate based on creditworthiness. No closing costs except if appraisal is required. Rates subject to changes. New HELOCs only with \$5000 minimum line. Some restrictions apply.

Understanding a Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC)

A home equity line of credit is a form of revolving credit in which your home serves as collateral. Because a home often is a consumer's most valuable asset, many homeowners use home equity credit lines for major items, such as education, home improvements, or medical bills. With a home equity line, you will be approved for a specific amount of credit. The credit limit is determined for a home equity line by taking a percentage (say, 75%) of the home's appraised value and subtracting from that the balance owed on the existing mortgage. For example:

Appraised value of home	\$100,000
75% Loan to Value for HELOC	
Percentage of appraised value	\$75,000
Less balance owed on mortgage	-\$40,000
Potential line of credit	\$35,000

In determining your actual credit limit, other factors are also considered: your ability to repay the loan (principal and interest), your income, debts, and other financial obligations as well as your credit history.