

# September Newsletter 2026



September has a funny way of putting us back in planning mode. Calendars fill up, routines return, and after the summer, there is a renewed appetite for getting important things in order.

With that in mind, this month’s resources focus on some of the financial decisions that can have an outsized impact over time. We’re our Tax-Smart Fall Financial Checklist, a look at what delaying retirement could mean for your financial plan, and eight estate planning strategies used by the ultra-wealthy.

We’ve also included an educational guide to automated IRA required minimum distribution services. For clients who are required to take annual distributions from their IRAs, automating the process can help make an important yearly task much easier to manage.

If you have any questions or would like to explore these insights further, we’d welcome the conversation. Have a great September!

Warm regards,

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## Insights



### Your Tax-Smart Fall Financial Checklist

Learn the tax-smart money moves you can make this fall to set yourself up for success next year and beyond. Find tips on investing, taxes, charitable giving and more.

[Learn more](#)



### Delaying retirement just 6 months may yield an extra \$50,000. Here’s how.

At last check, Americans think they need \$1.46 million to live comfortably in retirement. If you are among the millions who are getting closer to retirement but don’t think you have enough money saved, don’t despair. There are ways to shore up extra cash; one powerful way is to work longer.

[Learn more](#)



### 8 Estate Planning Secrets You Can Borrow from the Ultra-Wealthy

Try these proven strategies from the ultra-wealthy to protect your assets, cut taxes and pass on more to your heirs.

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## Discovery Corner Automated IRA Required Minimum Distribution Service

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) don’t have to be a year-end scramble. We can arrange for you to receive your estimated IRA RMD automatically through our Automated IRA Required Minimum Distribution (Auto RMD) service, with a schedule you choose (annual, semi-annual, quarterly, or monthly) so there’s no need to wait until year end.

Distributions can be deposited into another Morgan Stanley account, sent by check, or transferred to an external bank. Enrolling may help you stay on track to avoid IRS excise penalties for missing the deadline.

We encourage you to speak with your tax and/or legal advisor about how RMD rules apply to your situation. Please reach out to our team if you’d like to get started.

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