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## **BankRI's New Branch in Cranston Opens for Business**

*Located at 1340 Oaklawn Avenue, it is the bank's 21<sup>st</sup> location statewide*

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – Bank Rhode Island on July 19 celebrated the opening of a new full-service branch in Cranston, located at 1340 Oaklawn Avenue. The location will serve a densely populated Cranston community as well as a robust business area. It is the bank's twenty-first branch in the state. BankRI's footprint in Cranston, the state's second largest city, also includes locations on Atwood Avenue, Park Avenue, and Plainfield Pike.

"Cranston is a community where we have both a strong customer base and an opportunity for growth thanks to the vibrancy of the area and its many businesses," said Will Tsonos, President and CEO of BankRI. "At our core, we are driven by a commitment to relationship banking and having a physical presence where you are easily accessible to customers. We are extremely excited to be open on Oaklawn Avenue."

The opening was marked with a ceremonial ribbon cutting where BankRI was joined by Cranston Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins and other community leaders including Franklin J. Paulino, the city's Director of Economic Development and Diversity and Inclusion Officer, and Lauren Slocum, President and CEO of the Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce. The bank's latest location was a ground-up construction project and part of the larger redevelopment of a highly visible and noteworthy site.

"It's always an exciting day when we get to see a business continue to grow its roots and thrive here in Cranston, especially one as reputable and renowned as BankRI," Mayor Ken Hopkins said. "We are proud that BankRI continues to call Cranston home as they open their fourth location in our city to provide a greater physical presence to our community members."

Leading the new branch is Stacy Levin, who joined BankRI in 2003 and also calls Cranston home. Previously, Levin was manager of BankRI's East Greenwich branch. The longtime banking professional is active in the community, particularly with youth sports and Cranston Western Little League. In 2022, she was appointed president of the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

"Having the opportunity to work in the city where I live and serve my community is something I could not be happier about," said Levin. "We have a great team that's eager to help new and existing customers with their financial needs, and who embrace the importance of building relationships based on trust."

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### **About Bank Rhode Island**

*Bank Rhode Island, a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:BRKL), is a full-service, FDIC-insured financial institution headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island. The bank operates 21 branches and more than 30 ATMs throughout Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties. For more information, visit [www.bankri.com](http://www.bankri.com).*