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BankRI Opens New Jefferson Blvd. Branch, Brings its Signature Commercial Banking Services to Warwick Businesses

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – In a move that further bolsters its commitment to serving local businesses, **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** has announced the opening of its newest branch at 265 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick. The full-service branch officially opened its doors on Monday, February 26, and represents a relocation of the Bank’s Centerville Road branch.

“This is a great move for BankRI, and one we are extremely excited about,” said Steven Parente, Senior Vice President, Director of Retail Banking for BankRI. “While Jefferson Boulevard has experienced significant commercial growth in recent years, it has also traditionally been underserved from a banking standpoint. We feel our new location will change that—it’s an area with ongoing opportunity.”

A primary focus of the new branch will be delivering BankRI’s Signature Commercial Banking services to a growing and densely populated business market. From premier commercial banking services that include a full range of business accounts, flexible lending options and Signature Cash Management and Foreign Trade services, to a powerful multi-user online banking system, BankRI is committed to providing companies the tools they need to succeed.

“Each business is different, which is why we take the time to really get to know every customer’s unique needs,” added Parente. “When you take that approach, you’re not only able to tailor personalized financial solutions, but you also become personally invested in your customers’ success and that’s a big part of what makes BankRI different.”

Leading the new branch is longtime financial veteran Nancy Lapre, who recently celebrated 35-years in retail and business banking. Having spent the bulk of her career in Warwick working with the city’s business community, Nancy’s intimate knowledge of business banking has been invaluable to companies of all sizes.

Focusing on the delivery of personal banking services is Paula Pratt. With more than four decades of banking experience in Warwick, Paula is a trusted advisor for customers across the state’s second largest community. Her expertise will be an asset to employees of area businesses and local residents.

BankRI’s decision to relocate its Centerville Road branch to Jefferson Boulevard was made after thoughtful consideration. The build-up of business on and near Jefferson Boulevard, coupled with changing customer demographics at its Centerville Road branch, prompted BankRI to make the move to best serve a growing base of business customers. No positions were lost as a result of the branch relocation; all BankRI personnel have been reassigned to another of BankRI’s Warwick locations.

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 20 branches and more than 55 ATMs throughout Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties. For more information, visit www.bankri.com. You can also find BankRI on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/BankRhodeIsland.

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