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Wellesley Lower Falls Is Brookline Bank's Newest Branch Location

BROOKLINE, Mass., June 14, 2010 – Brookline Bank officially opened its doors this morning to its newest branch in Wellesley. Located at 5 Washington Street, in Wellesley's Lower Falls neighborhood, the new banking office will bring Brookline Bank's personalized, flexible banking solutions to financially active individuals and businesses.

Present at the Grand Opening were Brookline Bank and local officials cutting the ribbon to officially open the branch:



Left to Right (front row) are Mark Mullaney, director, Wellesley Chamber of Commerce; Paul Perrault, CEO Brookline Bank; Alice Peisch, State Representative; Helena Fonseca, branch manager, Brookline Bank; (back row) Ed Besinger, Business Banking Officer, Brookline Bank; Paul Gervais, Senior Vice President, Brookline Bank; Wes Blair, Senior Vice President Brookline Bank; Jane Wolchonok, Senior Vice President Brookline Bank.

Regarding the Bank's choice of Wellesley for their newest branch, Jane Wolchonok, Senior Vice President at Brookline Bank said, "We have been serving neighboring communities for some time. Establishing a branch in Wellesley is a natural and convenient service extension for our current personal and business banking customers in Newton, Needham, and Weston. It also allows us to make new relationships in a community that will appreciate the level of service we offer."

The new branch will be managed by Helena Fonseca, a familiar face within the community, having been a banker in Wellesley and surrounding towns. She will partner with Business Banking Officer, Ed Besinger, and a team of bankers to meet the needs of both personal and business banking customers.

To invite local residents and businesses to the new branch, Brookline Bank is conducting a Grand Opening Celebration, offering daily drawings (Mondays - Saturdays, June 14-July 3) for gift certificates to the following area merchants:

- Id Salon
- Lower Falls Wine Co.
- Papa Razzi
- Blue Ginger
- Bobby's Grille
- North End Pizza
- Dellaria Salon
- CK'Shanghai
- Train Boston

The Grand Opening Celebration also includes giveaways, refreshments and other festivities.

To kick off the Bank's commitment to the Wellesley community, Brookline Bank has also made a \$2500 donation to the Wellesley Education Foundation.



Brookline Bank made a donation to the Wellesley Education Foundation today as part of their grand opening. Pictured left to right are Mark Mullaney, director, Wellesley Chamber of Commerce; Alice Peisch, State Representative; Kate Sample, Wellesley Education Foundation; Leslie Petzing, Wellesley Education Foundation; Paul Perrault, Brookline Bank CEO; Wes Blair, Brookline Bank Senior Vice President; Laura Hockett, president, Wellesley Education Foundation; Patti Quiqley, Wellesley Education Foundation and Helena Fonseca, Brookline Bank Branch Manager

“We welcome Brookline Bank to our town and are delighted that through their donation to WEF they have already shown their commitment as a community leader and business partner,” said Laura Hockett, president, Wellesley Education Foundation.

The Lower Falls branch will be open Monday through Saturday and has two 24-hour ATMs, including a wheelchair-accessible machine in the rear of the building.

With the addition of the Wellesley branch office, Brookline Bank has 20 branches in the greater Boston area.

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