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## **It's the perfect time to give thanks for the city's blessings - by Scott Avedisian**

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It's hard to believe that we are near the end of this year. As we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, it's the perfect time to give thanks for the abundant blessings that we have received during this year and all the obstacles we have overcome. It's important to say thank you to our residents for their caring and active involvement in our communities; city's employees and many people who give so tirelessly for the city's greater good; to our local businesses for their dedication and countless investments in our city and community; and finally to our military, who risk their lives to ensure our safety and freedom.

First, we would like to extend our congratulations to T.F. Green Airport for its recognition as one of the top ten airports in the United States by the Conde Nast Traveler Magazine based on their Readers' Choice Award Survey for 2017.

As we head towards the final chapter of 2017, the city continues to celebrate new developments. From healthcare facilities, retail stores, new apartment complexes to financial services, new businesses are popping up in Warwick. After going through a total remodeling, one of the biggest retail chains, Walmart, reopened its store on Post Rd. in Lakewood, providing improved conditions for customers to do shopping.

Home Loan Investment Bank, which has provided competitive mortgage financing, home improvement loans, automotive loans and commercial loans to the community since 1959, opened a new Home Loan Mortgage Center on Post Rd. Slocum Realty & Slocum Insurance moved its professional insurance services to a new Warwick location, celebrating another great milestone in the company's 68-year history.

Growing from a modest office on Toll Gate Rd. and a staff of three people, to a practice that today boasts more than 50 doctors in one of the largest eye care practices on the East Coast, Koch Eye Associates continues to expand their business with a grand opening of a new office in Warwick. Another health provider, Estner Injury Center, continues to expand their business bringing their specialized skills and extensive experience to Warwick. With their new office on Post Rd., Warwick residents have a great opportunity to receive the exceptional quality of care and treatments that the

Estner Injury Centers and their trained professionals have become known for.

The opening of the Float Health and Wellness Center, which is the only facility in Rhode Island that uses float therapy, adds a great value to our community's quality of life. Float has also partnered up with the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation to provide a float therapy on breast cancer patients.

Family-owned Brentwood by the Bay Assisted Living has developed a beautiful retirement community for our seniors. Sitting on the beautiful bay, this new facility offers our seniors both an exceptional quality of care and a great location with a breathtaking ocean view.

Another successful collaboration between the RI Housing and Property Advisory Group came to completion, offering the low-income senior residents a renovated apartment complex at Greenwood Terrace.

Our best wishes to you for a memorable and happy Thanksgiving.

For more information about what's going on in the city visit: <http://www.visitwarwickri.com>.

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