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## **BankRI opens new 2,650 s/f Jefferson Boulevard branch in Warwick**

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Warwick, RI In a move that further bolsters its commitment to serving local businesses, Bank Rhode Island (BankRI) has opened its newest branch at 265 Jefferson Blvd. The full-service branch officially opened its doors on February 26th, and represents a relocation of the bank's Centerville Rd. branch.

Nancy Lapre, BankRI

Paula Pratt, BankRI

"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 Blvd. 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 2,650 s/f Jefferson Blvd. 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,” said 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 long-time 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, Lapre’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, Pratt 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.