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## Neon Marketplace celebrates grand opening at 1776 Post Road

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Shown (from left) are: Senate majority leader Michael McCaffrey, lieutenant governor Sabina Matos, director of operations for Neon Marketplace Peter Rasmussen, mayor Frank Picozzi, city council president Stephen McAllister and city councilman Timothy Howe (with his grandson).

Warwick, RI Neon Marketplace broke ground on their 5,500 s/f location at 1776 Post Rd. Scheduled to open in the fourth quarter of 2021, the store will offer a full menu of gourmet coffees and breakfast options, artisan style pizza prepared in an 800 degree oven, hot and cold fresh-made grinders, as well as prepackaged fresh salads and healthy food selections.

“The vision for Neon Marketplace is to dynamically change the perception of a convenience store to that of a food destination where friendly colleagues provide premium products at bright, clean, and technology driven stores,” said Peter Rasmussen, director of operations for Neon Marketplace. “Neon Marketplace’s Warwick location will serve drivers with electric vehicle charging stations and 16 fueling stations.”

“Neon Marketplace prides itself on being a restaurant that serves high quality food while also offering modern convenience, and providing electric vehicle charging along with premium fuels,” Rasmussen added. “We’re excited to join the Warwick community and we appreciate all those who attended our groundbreaking to celebrate.”

Joining the Neon Marketplace team to celebrate the beginning of construction was lieutenant governor Sabina Matos, mayor Frank Picozzi, senate majority leader Michael McCaffrey, city council president Stephen McAllister and city councilman Timothy Howe. During the event, guests sampled cold brew coffee, lemonade, bakery items and grinders that will be served at Neon’s new location.

“It was a pleasure to mark the start of construction today for Neon Marketplace, and welcome a new business to Warwick and Rhode Island,” said Matos. “Block by block, community by community we are building a stronger economy for all Rhode Islanders. I look forward to stopping by Neon Marketplace later this year.”

“I am delighted to see another business moving into Warwick. Neon Marketplace will be a great addition for our residents, and those passing through Warwick for a convenient location to fuel up and try some good, quality food and gourmet coffee,” said Picozzi.

Neon Marketplace’s Warwick location will bring 40 careers to the community, along with an additional 100 construction jobs during the build out of the store. Neon expects to invest approximately \$9 million at their new Warwick location.

“Neon Marketplace will be a welcome addition to the City of Warwick,” said McCaffrey. “Neon will not only generate new jobs and tax revenue for the city and state, but at the same time, it will fill a void at an important intersection on the Post Road corridor.”

“I am excited to welcome Neon Marketplace to Warwick,” said Stephen McAllister, president of the Warwick City Council. “Neon’s mission of delivering premium products in bright, clean, technology driven stores will not only benefit Warwick residents but everyone who visits our city, including travelers in and out of Rhode Island TF Green International Airport.”

Neon Marketplace is opening 30 locations by the end of 2022. Their long-term goal is to develop the New England market to 150+ stores over the next 5 years, with a particular focus on Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

“Neon Marketplace is a growing brand in Rhode Island with two stores currently in operation in Middletown and Portsmouth and several more on the way across the region,” said Jennifer Kostic, district manager, Neon Marketplace. “The Neon team appreciates the support of lieutenant governor Sabina Matos, members of Warwick’s delegation and members of the Warwick city council. We are excited to join this already vibrant community.”

During the groundbreaking ceremony, the Neon Marketplace team donated \$5,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Warwick, affirming their commitment to the community.

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