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## **2021 Year in Review: Thomas Blakely, President, TRB Realty**

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What was the biggest lesson you learned while working during the pandemic? Not to take things for granted and be considerate to others even when they don't reciprocate.

How has your working environment changed over the last year? Working remotely limiting unnecessary meetings where large groups of people gather.

What was your greatest professional accomplishment or most notable project, deal, or transaction in 2021? The sale of The Newtonville Portfolio.

What are your predictions for your industry in 2022? I predict inflation will increase interest rates, hurt sectors of the economy and continued disruption as remote staffing cannibalizes tenant demand for commercial space.

What is the best advice you have received, and who was it from? Do not put a healthy head in a sick bed. Meaning, if a property does not check all the necessary boxes, don't buy it.

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