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**Live, work and play in the City of Warwick - by Frank Picozzi**

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Located in the heart of southern New England, the city of Warwick is a perfect community in which to locate your business or find a spot in which to develop commercial and residential projects. Warwick brings the convergence of air, rail, highway, and maritime travel in one convenient, central location. The city is home to Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport and the InterLink intermodal rail station with MBTA commuter service. We also boast easy on-off access to I-95 and I-295 and more marinas than any other R.I. community.

Warwick offers the convenience of city living, but has the feel of a much smaller, close-knit community, thanks in part to our more than 30 villages, each with their own unique place in our community's history.

Warwick maintains a healthy mix of manufacturers, an industry for which R.I. has long been known. Over time, our commercial base has also diversified tremendously. The city is now a popular destination for those looking to explore our myriad of national, regional, and local retailers, especially along the busy Rte. 2 corridor. There is also a diverse and thriving small business community, and a particularly strong hospitality and tourism industry.

The innovative and award-winning City Centre Warwick – an intermodal, 24/7, “live/work/play” development concept – is continuing to gain momentum, bringing revitalization and new development to more than 100 acres surrounding the airport and the InterLink. New single-family residences have been constructed, and there are a number of major development projects – including mixed residential/restaurant/retail uses – presently in various stages of the development and construction processes.

Additionally, the city enjoys a well-established, strong partnership with the Central R.I. Chamber of Commerce, and collaborates often with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the R.I. Secretary of State's office to help promote and support the many small businesses that call Warwick home. We also welcome those who are looking to move their companies here in order to capitalize on Warwick's affordability and central location. Further, in Warwick, employers can find a highly educated, skilled labor pool within a 50-mile radius to meet the needs of high-tech, biotech, defense and manufacturing industries in a tax-friendly environment.

Those who wish to live and work in Warwick will find exceptional municipal services, good schools, and a diverse, affordable housing mix that offers a good quality of life in safe neighborhoods. Add to that salt- and fresh-water ponds, beautiful parks, pools, beaches, miles of biking and walking trails, ice rinks, modern playgrounds, public golf courses, horseback riding, historical sites, 39 miles of coastline, and plenty of family-friendly, affordable activities and events offered throughout the year, and you'll see why so many people and businesses are eager to make Warwick their home.

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