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BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CONTINUES ITS NASSAU EXPANSION

Opens its 31st Branch on Long Island in Baldwin

Bethpage, NY – December 18, 2014 - [Bethpage Federal Credit Union](http://www.bethpagefcu.com), New York State's largest credit union and Long Island's leading community financial institution, recently celebrated the grand opening of its newest branch in Baldwin, Long Island.

Town Supervisor of Hempstead Kate Murray, Legislator Laura Curran, Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, Debbie Pugliesie of the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, and other invited guests joined Bethpage at the opening. The branch is located at 1800 Grand Avenue in Baldwin and is the credit union's 31st Long Island branch location, its 19th in Nassau County.

"Bethpage is thrilled to become an official member of the Baldwin community. We welcome our new neighbors and friends to come visit the branch and see all that Bethpage has to offer," said Wayne Grossé, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Bethpage Federal Credit Union. "Bethpage is a strong supporter of Long Island's small business community, and works closely with community residents to offer the best rates and lowest fees possible."

A bilingual branch, the new Bethpage Baldwin branch is 3800 square feet and offers a convenient drive-up window and vestibule, two ATMs as well as a technology bar with tablets offering a tutorial of Bethpage's mobile banking app for anywhere, anytime access. The branch will be managed by Melinda Varolian-Ayara, a 12-year veteran of Bethpage. Varolian-Ayara will oversee a staff of seven employees.

"I am thrilled to welcome the Bethpage Federal Credit Union to Baldwin," said Supervisor Kate Murray. "In addition to being a prosperous business, Bethpage Federal Credit Union has proven to be a neighbor who gives back to the community. They will be a welcome addition to the Grand Avenue corridor."

"I am delighted Bethpage Federal Credit Union has opened a branch in Baldwin! We warmly welcome Bethpage, and I know they will be a real asset to our community," added Legislator Curran.

Over the past year, Bethpage has continued to expand on Long Island, with 31 branches; 19 located in Nassau County and 12 located in Suffolk County. In addition to its community branches, Bethpage this year opened locations to serve the LIU Post campus and Nassau University Medical Center. In the 11 years since Bethpage received its community charter to serve all Long Islanders, it has grown to become the largest credit union in New York State, as well the entire North East region.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative, existing solely to serve its members and has experienced rapid growth in recent years to become a strong alternative to banks. Bethpage was approved for the largest federal community charter in the U.S. in 2003 and now is New York State's largest credit union and Long Island's primary community financial institution with 245,000 members, 31 branches and 60 shared service center locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. As a financial cooperative, Bethpage offers the best-in-market rates, low fees and world-class service, and a full menu of personal and commercial financial services.

Bethpage maintains branch locations in Albertson, Baldwin, Bay Shore, Bay Shore King Kullen, Bethpage, Brookville, Central Islip, Commack King Kullen, East Meadow NuHealth, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown King Kullen, Long Beach, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, Mineola, North Babylon, Patchogue, Port Jefferson, Riverhead, Seaford, Smithtown, Roosevelt, Valley Stream King Kullen, West Babylon and Westbury with over 425 surcharge-free ATMs in King Kullen, CVS Pharmacy and Costco locations throughout Long Island. For more information, call 1-800-628-7070 or visit www.bethpagefcu.com.

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