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BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION EXPANDS HEMPSTEAD BRANCH TO SERVE GROWING MEMBERSHIP & STRONGER LOCAL ECONOMY

Bethpage, New York – October 20, 2015 – In a commemorative ribbon-cutting ceremony, [Bethpage Federal Credit Union](#), New York State’s largest credit union, recently celebrated the grand re-opening of its Hempstead branch, which serves over 6,600 local Hempstead households, and which recently underwent a complete renovation to better serve its growing membership and stronger, revitalized Hempstead community.

Bethpage President and CEO Wayne Grossé was joined by Nassau County Comptroller James Gardner, Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, Hempstead Mayor Wayne Hall, Hempstead Chamber of Commerce President Dennis Jones, and other invited guests, to welcome the Hempstead community into its newly redesigned branch, which originally opened its doors in 2003.

“Bethpage is committed to providing extraordinary value and service to its members, in each of the communities we serve,” said Grossé. “We are very pleased to see the growth our Hempstead branch has experienced over the years. The branch has become one of our most active and opens over 30 new checking accounts each week – a good indication of the emerging Hempstead economy. Hempstead is home to strong families, businesses and communities, and its resurgence in recent years, including current revitalization efforts, has had a positive impact on the local economy, as reflected here with the expansion of our new branch.”

A collaborative team from Bethpage’s Support Services division, and IT group lead the redesign of the new, full-service branch which is located at 170 Fulton Avenue in Hempstead.

The branch is now more than double its original size with 4,700 square feet of operating space and includes over twice the square footage of the older design, includes a drive-up ATM, and new Teller Cash Recyclers.

The branch will also be Bethpage’s first branch to implement a full line of cash recyclers, designed to improve efficiencies, cutting down on wait time at the teller line. The new cash recyclers also give the branch an added security feature, eliminating the need for cash boxes on the teller line. John Osorno, who has managed the Hempstead branch since November, 2013, will oversee a staff of five employees.

In recent years, Bethpage has undergone an extension expansion across Long Island. To date, in 2015, Bethpage opened two new branches in East Northport and Centereach. In 2014, Bethpage opened four community branch locations in Baldwin, Albertson, Long Beach and the Valley Stream King Kullen; as well as locations to serve the LIU Post campus and Nassau University Medical Center. In the past 12 years since Bethpage received its charter to serve all Long Islanders, it has grown to become the largest credit union in New York State, as well as 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 275,000 members, 33 full service branches and more than 60 shared branches 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, Centereach, Central Islip, Commack King Kullen, East Meadow NuHealth Medical Center, East Northport, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown King Kullen, LIU Post (Brookville), Long Beach, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, Mineola, North Babylon, Patchogue, Port Jefferson, Riverhead, Roosevelt, Seaford, Smithtown, Valley Stream King Kullen, West Babylon and Westbury with over 500 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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