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Bethpage Federal Credit Union Celebrates New Elmont Branch With Regional Leaders



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Bethpage Federal Credit Union (Bethpage) held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony recently to celebrate its newest branch at 1633 Dutch Broadway (inside Broadway Plaza) in Elmont. Joining Bethpage Senior Vice President Robert Hoppenstedt in cutting the ribbon to mark the credit union's newest full-service branch on Long Island was Town of Hempstead (TOH) Supervisor Kate Murray, TOH Councilmember Edward A. Ambrosino, Nassau County Legislator John Ciotti represented by Anne DeMichael, and representatives from local business and civic groups. The program was followed by a festive continental breakfast.

“Elmont has a rich tradition on Long Island and Bethpage Federal Credit Union looks forward to being a part of its promising future,” said Hoppenstedt during the program. “We thank everyone in Elmont for the warm welcome and our honored guests for being here today to help us celebrate.”

Supervisor Murray presented a proclamation declaring the date “Bethpage Federal Credit Union” day in Elmont, while DeMichael on behalf of Legislator Ciotti, presented Elmont Branch Manager Jessica Carrasquillo with a commemorative plaque.

Bethpage, a full service financial cooperative, received a community charter in 2003 opening membership to all Long Islanders. Today, with over 140,000 members and more than \$3 billion in assets, Bethpage continues to open locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

“Bethpage Federal Credit Union is known for its commitment to convenience in creating easy access branch locations, a presence in King Kullen, 7-Eleven, Walgreen’s and Costco, as well as online and mobile banking services,” said Supervisor Murray. “It is good to welcome them to Elmont, especially because Bethpage is equally well known to be a good neighbor, committed to the communities it serves and to the future of Long Island.”

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The only financial institution on Long Island to offer Free Business Checking with Interest, Bethpage is certain to connect with the Elmont business community. In conjunction with its official opening, four teams of Business Relationship Managers visited with business owners within a three-mile radius of the branch, introducing themselves and the Bethpage comprehensive Business Services.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union is engaged in a number of programs that raise the profile of Long Island, including the annual Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show at Jones Beach each Memorial Day weekend, attracting over 450,000 visitors.

The Elmont branch is prepared to handle all Bethpage products and services, from checking and savings, to investments and loans. The branch is open six days a week: Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A coin machine is available on premises. More information on Bethpage membership and services is available online at www.bethpagefcu.com, by phoning 1-800-628-7070, or visiting any Bethpage branch location in Nassau or Suffolk County.

About Bethpage Federal Credit Union: A credit union with over 140,000 members and more than \$3 billion in assets, Bethpage maintains branches in Bay Shore, Bethpage, Commack, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, North Babylon, Port Jefferson, Riverhead and Smithtown with no-surcharge ATM access at more than 35 Shared Service Centers, King Kullen Grocery Stores, 7-Eleven Convenience Stores, Walgreen's Pharmacies and Costco Wholesalers.

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Taking part in a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the latest Bethpage Federal Credit Union branch located at 1633 Dutch Broadway in Elmont, NY were:

(l to r): Elmont Community Coalition Council for Sustainable Long Island's Mimi Johnston, Elmont East End Civic Association President Patrick Nicolosi, Bethpage Federal Credit Union Elmont Branch Manager Jessica Carrasquillo, Bethpage Federal Credit Union Senior Vice President Robert Hoppenstedt, Town of Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray, Town of Hempstead Councilmember Edward A. Ambrosino, The New York Racing Association Community Relations Manager Joanne K. Adams and Elmont Chamber of Commerce Past President Paul Sapienza.

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