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**Brookline Bank Completes Merger with First Commons Bank**

*Makes plans to welcome new customers and expand their banking options*

BROOKLINE, MA, March 1, 2018 - Brookline Bank announced today that it has completed the merger with First Commons Bank of Newton, MA . Effective immediately, all First Commons Bank customers will have fee-free access to all Brookline Bank ATMs and their deposits will now be fully insured above the FDIC \$250,000 limit as Brookline Bank is a member of the Massachusetts Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF). A communication about this transition is being sent today to all First Commons Bank customers.

“All of us at Brookline Bank want to extend a sincere welcome to our First Commons customers,” said Darryl Fess, CEO of Brookline Bank. “We look forward to being able to introduce you to our bank and range of offerings to help you with all of your banking needs. As we now work to transition accounts, we assure you that you can expect the same level of service and convenience you came to expect from First Commons.”

The transition of customer accounts and services will be complete early in June, 2018. Until then, First Commons Bank customers should continue to bank at their current First Commons branch locations.

Beginning in June, First Commons Bank customers will benefit from access to Brookline Bank’s comprehensive array of full-service consumer and business banking services as well as to its full network of 25 locations in greater Boston.

**About Brookline Bank**

Brookline Bank is a subsidiary of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: BRKL), and is headquartered in Brookline, Massachusetts. A full-service financial institution, Brookline Bank provides individuals and businesses with deposit and lending services, residential mortgages and home equity lending, commercial and CRE banking, cash management, merchant services, and access to investment services. Brookline Bank operates 25 offices in Greater Boston. For more information go to [brooklinebank.com](http://brooklinebank.com). Brookline Bank is an Equal Opportunity and Equal Housing Lender. Member FDIC / Member DIF.

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