



First Commons Bank of Newton, Mass., Opens Second Branch in Wellesley

Newton Centre, Massachusetts — August 18, 2011 — First Commons Bank of Newton, Mass opened its second branch office today at 161 Linden Street in Linden Square, Wellesley, Massachusetts. The new Newton-based bank began operations on July 22, 2009, and serves businesses and individuals in Newton, Wellesley, Waltham, and eastern Massachusetts.

"Our new branch expands our ability to fill the consumer and business voids created by the large banks," said Tony Nuzzo, Chairman, President, and CEO. "We provide superior client service, logical policies with onsite decision making, few fees, and easy access to funds through advanced technologies. In short, we are excited to bring our 'common sense' banking to Wellesley," said Nuzzo.

Debby Chui is Vice President and Branch Manager in Wellesley, and Brian Mann is Assistant Branch Manager. Together, the team has 33 years of banking experience and extensive knowledge of the local community that includes more than 20 years in the town of Wellesley. Debby Chui reports directly to Mark Jurilla, Chief Retail Officer.

Operating hours will be Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 to 5:00; Thursday and Friday, 8:30 to 6:00; and Saturday, 8:30 to 2:00. The bank's phone number is 617-243-4400 and the Web address is www.firstcommonsbank.com.

About First Commons Bank

First Commons Bank, N.A., is a new, nationally chartered, FDIC-insured full-service community bank, dedicated to serving the businesses and individuals of Newton, Wellesley, Waltham, and eastern Massachusetts. The bank, which opened for business in 2009, reports total assets of more than \$136 million, making it larger than 45% of all FDIC-insured banks in the U.S.

First Commons Bank provides clients with superior, personalized service and the highest-quality banking through its onsite management team, experienced staff members, a unique and welcoming branch environment, and advanced banking technologies. Of note: Tony Nuzzo, Chairman, President, and CEO, was named Financial Services Executive of the Year in the prestigious 2010 American Business Awards. First Commons Bank (<http://www.firstcommonsbank.com>) is headquartered at 718 Beacon Street in Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

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