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Newtown Savings Bank Announces Officer Promotions

NEWTOWN, CT – Newtown Savings Bank is pleased to announce the following officer promotions:

Lorena Barreto – Assistant Vice President, Mortgage Banker

Ms. Barreto joined the Bank in 2018 and has developed into an outstanding Mortgage Banker, receiving more than fifty-seven five-star reviews on Zillow. She has an impeccable reputation with peers, clients, outside partners, and within the community. Ms. Barreto volunteers with the Latino Scholarship Fund and serves on the Family Selection Committee for Housatonic Habitat for Humanity.

Alex Boschetto – Assistant Treasurer, Fraud Operations Manager

Ms. Boschetto joined the Bank in early 2022 and has since led fraud prevention efforts with outstanding results. As a former police officer, her previously acquired skills have been invaluable in protecting the Bank and its customers. Ms. Boschetto volunteered with both the Bank's food and Toys 4 Tots Drive last year.

Andrea Fodor – Assistant Vice President, Market Manager

Ms. Fodor joined the Bank in 2017 as a branch manager and transitioned into the Market Manager role. In this position, she deepened existing relationships and developed new opportunities. Ms. Fodor demonstrates exceptional dedication to the community as a Board Member for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bridgeport and active volunteer with the Monroe Rotary, Monroe Women's Club, Bridgeport Caribe Youth, and Adam's House.

John Francis – Assistant Vice President, Secondary Market & Post Closing Manager

Mr. Francis joined the Bank in early 2020 and immediately made an impact, receiving the Bank's 2020 *Rookie of the Year* Award. He continued to develop his skills, taking on responsibilities that improved communication and efficiency. Mr. Francis is Treasurer of the CT Mortgage Bankers Association Young Professionals and volunteers with Sterling House Community Center.

Toni French – Assistant Vice President, Residential Lending Compliance Manager

Ms. French joined the Bank in 2018 and quickly identified and implemented major improvements to the closing process, resulting in an enhanced customer experience. In 2019 she took on additional responsibilities and led retail lending compliance and monitoring efforts. Ms. French is a dedicated volunteer, supporting the Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Ann's Place, and Second Hand Siamese Pet Rescue.

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Holly Hatfield – Vice President, Compliance Officer

Ms. Hatfield joined the Bank in 2003 and had a variety of positions of increasing responsibility within Loan Origination and Collections. In 2016, she was named the Bank's Compliance Officer. Her efforts have been praised by both auditors and examiners and she was recently named a New Leader in Banking by the CT Bankers Association. Ms. Hatfield serves in various capacities at Jericho Partnership, including mentor, reading buddy, food pantry coordinator, and a member of the Leadership Board. She also volunteers at Faith Church in New Milford and United Way of Western Connecticut.

Rhonda McEwen-Thompson – Vice President, Talent Acquisition & Management

Ms. McEwen-Thompson joined the Bank in 2011 as part of the Newtown Investment Solutions team and was voted the Bank's *2011 Rookie of the Year*. She transitioned into the Human Resources Department in 2013, where she has been responsible for recruiting and employee engagement. She was the 2021 recipient of the Bank's *Shining Star Award* for her efforts in keeping employees safe and informed throughout the Covid pandemic, as well as launching the Bank's highly successful internship program. Ms. McEwen-Thompson organizes and leads the Bank's United Way Day of Caring, as well as volunteers on behalf of the Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut.

James Philipakos – Assistant Vice President, Mortgage Banker

Mr. Philipakos joined the Bank in 2019 and, while his production has been outstanding, most notable is his dedication to his customers. He has received more than 100 five-star reviews on Zillow and is highly regarded within the industry, as well as the local community. An active volunteer, Mr. Philipakos works with Housatonic Habitat for Humanity and Northern Fairfield County Association of Realtors on financial literacy and continuing education programs. He also serves on the Sherman Board of Education.

Dina Sabia – Assistant Vice President, Loan Origination Processing Manager

Ms. Sabia joined the Bank in 2016 as a member of the Retail Lending team. Her extensive knowledge of the residential mortgage lending business has enabled her to work with her team to enhance efficiency, manage record volumes, and achieve unprecedented audit and quality control results. Ms. Sabia frequently gives back to the community, volunteering with Kevin's Community Center, the Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, St. Rose Parish, and Massaro Community Farm.

Lee Sharshukov – Assistant Vice President, Senior Credit Analyst

Mr. Sharshukov joined the Bank in 2017 as a Credit Analyst I and quickly progressed through the levels of Credit Analyst. He continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to his professional growth, as well as the Bank's success. Mr. Sharshukov is an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

Rhonda Stokes – Assistant Treasurer, Customer Experience Manager

Ms. Stokes joined the Bank as a teller in 1994 and has since progressed into her current role, Customer Experience Manager (CEM). As a CEM, she leads her team effectively, has great rapport with her customers, and is well-known in the Woodbury community. Her volunteer

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efforts include the Woodbury Junior Women's Club, the Woodbury Food Bank, and New Start Ministry, where she spends many hours helping refugees acclimate to their new environment.

Nancy Victoria – Assistant Treasurer, Customer Service Center Manager

Ms. Victoria joined the Bank in 2021 and took over management of the Bank's Customer Service Center in early 2022, where she immediately had a positive impact. Under her leadership, the Customer Service Center has delivered improved business results, enhanced employee engagement, and implemented new technology to improve the customer experience. Ms. Victoria's volunteer commitments include Ann's Place and New Milford Pop Warner.

Kelly Williams – Assistant Vice President, Residential Lending Systems and Operational Efficiency Manger

Ms. Williams came to the Bank in 2019, bringing an extensive knowledge of accounting and finance which have greatly benefitted the Retail Lending Department and the Bank. Ms. Williams' volunteers with Ann's Place, the McGivney Center, the Newtown Scholarship Association, and Wallingford Cardinals baseball.

About Newtown Savings Bank

Newtown Savings Bank is a community bank headquartered in Newtown, Connecticut, with over \$1.9 billion in assets. Named "Best Small Bank in Connecticut" by Newsweek in both 2021 and 2023, the Bank is deeply invested in the customers and communities it has served since 1855. The Bank has 15 branches in Newtown, Bethel, Bridgeport, Brookfield, Danbury, Monroe, Oxford, Shelton, Southbury, Trumbull, and Woodbury, along with the New Haven Regional Lending Center in Hamden, CT. For more information and location details visit NSBonline.com or call 800.461.0672.