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## **WESTFIELD BANK ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION OF BRIAN FONTAINE TO BRANCH MANAGER**

**Westfield, MA**— James C. Hagan, President and CEO of Westfield Bank, is pleased to announce that Brian Fontaine has been appointed Branch Manager and Retail Banking Officer at the Bank's 569 East Street branch in Chicopee. He will be responsible for overseeing customer service, retail and business product sales including mortgage originations, as well as business development and community outreach. Other responsibilities include managing general operations and employee development within the branch.

Fontaine held management positions at multiple other banks before joining Westfield Bank as an Assistant Branch Manager and Business Specialist at the Bank's 599 Memorial Drive location in Chicopee.

"Brian has developed strong customer, partner, and employee relationships throughout his career, said Laurie Davison, VP, Regional Manager. He has a passion for serving our customers and will be an excellent addition to the East Street team with his energy, leadership, customer service, and sales skills."

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Outside of work, Fontaine is a volunteer with the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, works at a private ambulance company as a Certified Emergency Medical Technician, and enjoys playing pool. He resides in Ludlow, MA.

### **About Westfield Bank**

Westfield Bank, headquartered in Westfield, Massachusetts, is a federally chartered savings bank organized in 1853 and is the largest publicly traded bank headquartered in Western Massachusetts. The Bank is a full-service community-oriented financial institution offering a complete range of commercial and retail products and services. Currently, the Bank has twenty-five branch offices, fifty-three ATMs, and an additional thirty-one seasonal ATMs and serves Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts and Hartford and Tolland counties in Northern Connecticut. The Bank's middle market and commercial real estate lending team is based in Springfield, Massachusetts, and has a general regulatory limit on loans to one borrower of \$37.1 million. As of March 31, 2022, the Bank employed 331 full and part-time employees, had \$2.6 billion in total assets, \$1.9 billion in its loan portfolio, and \$2.3 billion in total deposits. The Bank is regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. As a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Bank's deposits are insured up to the maximum FDIC insurance coverage limits. To learn more, visit the bank's website at [www.westfieldbank.com](http://www.westfieldbank.com)

***PHOTO: A headshot of Brian Fontaine is attached***

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