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Ridgewood Savings Bank Names Ann Freese of Franklin Square, Greg Hrycak of Valley Stream, LouAnn Mannino of Belle Harbor, and Mirsada Tagani of Whitestone to Senior Officer Positions

Brian Lutz, Hector Nieves and Joan Piccione, Are Promoted to Vice Presidents; Ridgewood Also Welcomes New Senior Staff Roles

RIDGEMOOD, N.Y. (July 23, 2021) – Ridgewood Savings Bank (“Ridgewood”) is pleased to announce the recent promotion of four longtime employees to first vice president, as well as the promotion of three new vice presidents, and the recent addition of three senior staff members to the Ridgewood family.

Collectively, the four new first vice presidents possess over 150 years of experience at Ridgewood alone. They include: **Ann Freese, First Vice President & Director of Information Technology; Gregory Hrycak, First Vice President & Director of Commercial Lending; LouAnn Mannino, First Vice President & Director of Branch Operations; and Mirsada Tagani, First Vice President & Director of Digital Channels.**

Leonard Stekol, Chairman, President & CEO stated, “I am so pleased about these recent promotions as they are representative of the hard work, extreme dedication, and long-time service of our employees to the communities we serve. And, while this past year has been a difficult one for so many, our staff has proven resilient and continue to ensure our customers and their banking experience with us remains our top priority.”

About Ann Freese

As First Vice President & Director of Information Technology, Freese ensures the Bank’s technology supports its overall operations and business goals, and is aligned with long range strategic management goals. She supervises Information Technology and Records Management and monitors external risks and threats to protect the Bank. Her career at Ridgewood began in 1989 as management trainee.

Ms. Freese received her M.S. in banking and money management from Adelphi University and her undergraduate degree in finance from SUNY New Paltz. She helps to “multiply the good” in the community by supporting many of the Bank’s ‘Spirit of Ridgewood’ events and charities. She resides in Franklin Square with her husband and three children.

About Greg Hrycak

As First Vice President & Director of Commercial Lending, Hrycak is responsible for sourcing, originating, and underwriting the process of commercial real estate loans throughout the five boroughs of New York City, Westchester County, Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley region.

Mr. Hrycak received his undergraduate degree in management from St. John’s University and his M.B.A. in finance from Adelphi University. He helps to multiply the good in the community by volunteering with the Interfaith Nutritional Network (INN), a Long Island food pantry based in Hempstead. A resident of Valley Stream, Hrycak is married and enjoys working on his ’65 Buick Wildcat convertible.

About LouAnn Mannino

As First Vice President & Director of Branch Operations, Mannino is responsible for running the Bank’s branch network. She also coordinates staff training, customer outreach, business growth, and ensures that sales and a great client experience are met. Her career began at Ridgewood as a part-time teller in the Main branch.

Ms. Mannino received her undergraduate degree in organizational management from St. Joseph’s College and an Executive M.B.A. from University of Maryland. She is a graduate of the National School of Banking. Active in the Rotary Club of Rockaway, Mannino helps to multiply the good as Treasurer of Rockaway W.I.S.H. (Women Inspired to Support & Help), as a lector at St. Francis de Sales Parish, and as a gala fundraiser at Xavier High School, where her son is a senior and president of the student council. Married, she resides in Belle Harbor.

About Mirsada Tagani

As First Vice President & Director of Digital Channels, Tagani is responsible for personnel who carry out the Bank’s check clearing and payments, online, digital and mobile accounts, Ridgewood Financial Academy, the Bank’s Customer Contact Center, along with product development and implementation. Her career at Ridgewood began in 1992 as a part-time teller.

Ms. Tagani received both an M.B.A. and an M.A. in management from St. Joseph’s College and her undergraduate degree in Finance from Baruch College (CUNY). She is a graduate of the National School of Banking and serves in an advisory capacity on the board of NCR Corporation, and Fiserv. An active fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Foundation, Tagani supports Bank events in the communities Ridgewood serves. She is a resident of Whitestone and is married with two children.

New Officer Promotions and New Vice Presidents in the Ridgewood Family

Ridgewood also has recently named three new Vice Presidents of the Bank:

- **Bryan Lutz, Vice President & Senior Commercial Loan Officer** of East Norwich, New York;
- **Hector Nieves, Vice President & Chief Appraiser**, of Pelham Gardens, New York; and
- **Joan Piccione, Vice President & District Manager**, of Breezy Point, New York.

New to the Ridgewood Family

- **James Bouey, Vice President & District Manager**, of Briarwood, New York.
- **Irene Ferrall, Vice President and Marketing Director**, of Lynbrook, New York; and
- **Tom Kennedy, Vice President, Mortgage Servicing & Portfolio Management**, of Amityville, New York;

About Ridgewood Savings Bank

Founded in 1921, Ridgewood Savings Bank continues to serve the community as a strong and stable mutual savings bank with approximately \$6.5 billion in assets and 35 branches located throughout the New York metropolitan area. It ranks #1 on the prestigious Forbes 'Best-in-State Banks' 2021 list in New York State, and in 2020 was among the top 5 banks to receive Banking Choice Awards for New York City and Long Island. Since inception, Ridgewood Savings Bank has remained true to its community bank roots and mission to provide its customers the best possible service and banking experience. As it continues to refine and enhance its services and delivery channels, Ridgewood Savings Bank will continuously strive to be the bank that offers "Traditional Values with Modern Solutions."

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