



Berkshire Bank Locations to Reopen Friday Following Tornadoes
Bank to Match Donations to Red Cross up to \$10,000

Pittsfield, Mass. - June 2, 2011 - Berkshire Bank's Springfield and East Longmeadow locations will reopen tomorrow, Friday, following a temporary closure due to tornado damage and power disruptions.

While no one was injured, the Springfield branch at 1259 East Columbus Ave experienced minor damage to its 2nd and 3rd floors and the East Longmeadow branch located at 72 Shaker Rd. had been closed due to lack of power. The Bank's Commercial Lending, Cash Management, Wealth Management and Private Banking services were relocated to other bank locations during the closures.

- Commercial Lending is re-locating to 31 Court Street, Westfield
- Cash Management is moving to 31 Court Street, Westfield
- Wealth Management is moving to 138 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow
- Private Banking is moving to 138 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow

To help those affected by the storms, Berkshire Bank will accept donations on behalf of the Red Cross at all Berkshire Bank locations, and will contribute a matching grant up to \$10,000 from the Berkshire Bank Foundation. To donate, please make checks payable to the American Red Cross Pioneer Valley Chapter.

Background

Berkshire Hills Bancorp is the parent of Berkshire Bank, [America's Most Exciting BankSM](#). The company has \$3.2 billion in assets and 48 full service branch offices in Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont. The company provides personal and business banking, insurance, wealth management, private banking, and asset based lending services. Berkshire Bank provides 100% deposit insurance protection for all deposit accounts, regardless of amount, based on a combination of FDIC insurance and the [Depositors Insurance Fund \(DIF\)](#). The company currently has a pending agreement to acquire Legacy Bancorp, Inc. For more information, visit www.berkshirebank.com or call 800-773-5601.

Berkshire Bank Foundation, the charitable arm of Berkshire Bank, [America's Most Exciting BankSM](#), is a leader in philanthropy and community involvement. The foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life in Berkshire Bank's footprint by providing priority funding to education and community/economic development projects. It also funds programs dedicated to the arts, education, and human services. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$15 million to non-profit organizations in its footprint. For more information, visit www.berkshirebank.com/foundation, "Like" them on www.facebook.com/BerkshireBank or call Peter J. Lafayette, Executive Director at 413-447-1722.

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