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APPLE BANK AND LOCUST VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO PRESENT JOINT EXHIBIT "BACK TO THE FUTURE"

Architect Bradley Delehanty's Vision for Pre-War Locust Valley & The Road from Haarlem Savings Bank to Apple Bank

Opening on April 8, 2019 at Apple Bank's Locust Valley Branch Office at 200 Birch Hill Road

LOCUST VALLEY, NY – March 22, 2019 – Apple Bank's Locust Valley branch office will be hosting a joint exhibit with the Locust Valley Historical Society entitled "Back to the Future" that opens on April 8, 2019 and runs through July 2019. "Back to the Future" features a diorama of architect Bradley Delehanty's vision for pre-war Locust Valley alongside photographic exhibits tracing the histories of the village of Locust Valley and of Apple Bank going back to the 17th and 18th centuries, respectively.

Bradley Delehanty was a noted architect who designed many homes and buildings on Long Island's North Shore including the former Matinecock Bank Building on Forest Avenue, the Locust Valley Fire Department building and the interfaith chapel at C.W. Post College. Prior to World War II, Delehanty had designed plans for an enlarged retail and commercial center for the center of Locust Valley which were never realized due to the war. His proposed plans are part of the diorama exhibit.

Apple Bank is the second oldest, state-chartered saving bank in New York State with roots dating back to 1859 when one of its two predecessor banks, the German Bank for Savings, was established. Four years later in 1863, the Haarlem Savings Bank, Apple Bank's other predecessor bank, was founded on 125th Street in the Harlem section of Manhattan. In 1919, the German Savings Bank changed its name to Central Savings Bank, and in 1983, was acquired by the Harlem Savings Bank. Two years later, the merged banks were renamed Apple Bank for Savings. Upon the acquisition of 29 Emigrant Bank branches in April 2013, Apple Bank opened its Locust Valley office.

Herb Schierhorst, President of the Locust Valley Historical Society, said; "We are delighted to partner with Apple Bank to present this historic view of Locust Valley, the work of local architect Bradley Delehanty and the history of Apple Bank dating back to the 1850s. Six years following the founding of Haarlem Savings Bank in 1863, train service came to Locust Valley which was a pivotal point in the town's history. This 'Back to the Future' exhibit draws many parallels to the great histories of our town and of Apple Bank."

James Matera, Executive Vice President and Head of Apple Bank's Consumer Banking Division, said, "Building strong community partnerships has always been a cornerstone of Apple Bank's successful history. We are very pleased to be part of this historical exhibit with the Locust Valley Historical Society. It is a wonderful example of how two organizations can bring their rich histories together to highlight the past and its relevance for the present and future."

The "Back to the Future" installation was organized by the Locust Valley Historical Society and their archivist, Amy Driscoll, with the assistance of Kimberly Sheppard, Vice President and Branch Manager of Apple Bank's Locust Valley office. Apple Bank customers, the public and members of the Locust Valley Historical Society are invited to attend special preview receptions on May 3, June 7 and July 19 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Refreshments will be served and representatives from the Locust Valley Historical Society will be onsite to answer questions. The exhibit is also open to the public during Apple Bank's regular business hours, which are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Friday and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday. Apple Bank's Locust Valley branch is located at 200 Birch Hill Road.

About Apple Bank

Apple Bank, established in 1863, provides consumer and small business banking services in greater New York through its branch network and online banking platform and is an active lender in the commercial real estate and corporate banking sectors. Apple is the second-largest state-chartered savings bank in New York State, with \$14.3 billion in assets and 79 branches located in the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, Westchester and Rockland. Visit us at <u>www.applebank.com</u>.