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## **Rockville Bank President & CEO to Ring NASDAQ Opening Bell On Thursday, August 31 in New York City at 9:30 a.m.**

*Rockville, Conn., August 30, 2006* – **William J. McGurk, President & Chief Executive Officer of Rockville Bank, will preside over The NASDAQ Stock Market Opening Bell on Thursday, August 31 at 9:30 a.m.** The event will be held at the **NASDAQ MarketSite at 4 Times Square (43<sup>rd</sup> St. and Broadway) in New York City.**

► **This event celebrates two major accomplishments for the Rockville, Conn.-based bank:**

- 1. Rockville Bank's achievement of \$1 billion in assets** – As of June 30, 2006, Rockville Bank had assets of \$1.1 billion and total capital of \$154.4 million; and
- 2. One-year anniversary** of Rockville Bank's holding company, Rockville Financial Inc. Rockville Financial began trading on the NASDAQ on May 23, 2005 under the symbol "RCKB".

Rockville Bank's decision to sell a minority public interest in Rockville Financial Inc. was part of the its strategy to grow the bank, offer new products and services to its customers, and to remain independent.

"This has been a very exciting year for Rockville Bank and its customers," explains McGurk. "The proceeds from the stock sale has helped us to make investments in such things as new branches and technologies that enable us to compete with larger banks, while we continue to provide personal, community-based service. We look forward to more opportunities to continue to serve the needs of our customers and our stakeholders."

The Bank also celebrates the first anniversary of Rockville Bank Community Foundation, Inc., which allows the company to fund greater investments in the community.

This is the **second time that Rockville Bank will ring the NASDAQ bell in a little more than a year.** McGurk presided over the NASDAQ closing bell ceremony on Thursday, July 21, 2005

Rockville Financial, Inc. raised over \$83 million of capital in its initial public offering. The mid-tier stock holding company sold 8,357,050 shares of common stock at \$10 per share in a subscription offering. Those shares represent 43% of the total shares outstanding. Charter Oak Community Bank Corp., which was renamed Rockville Financial MHC, Inc., holds 55% of the total shares outstanding. In addition, Rockville Financial, Inc. contributed 2% of the shares outstanding to Rockville Bank Community Foundation.

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods serves as financial advisor and marketing agent to Rockville Bank and administered the stock distribution process in 2005. The law firm of Tyler Cooper & Alcorn, LLP is special counsel in connection with the reorganization.

**Rockville Bank is a 148-year-old, 18-branch community bank in Connecticut** that provides a convenient banking lifestyle for the communities it serves: Coventry; East Hartford; East Windsor; Ellington; Enfield; Glastonbury; Manchester; Rockville; Somers; South Glastonbury, South Windsor; Suffield; Tolland; and Vernon, with four supermarket locations open seven days a week. For more information about Rockville Bank's services and products, call (860) 291-3600 or visit [www.rockvillebank.com](http://www.rockvillebank.com).

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