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### **Homebuyers Workshop for the Community Offered by First County Bank**

**STAMFORD, Conn., June 9, 2014** – On May 20<sup>th</sup>, First County Bank offered the second seminar in the series of Homebuyers Workshops at the First County Bank branch located at 1042 High Ridge Road, Stamford. Open to the community, First County Bank’s Homebuyers Workshop provided home-buyers access to professionals versed in the home purchase process: a real estate agent, a home inspector, an attorney and the bank’s mortgage loan experts were available to answer questions and provide guidance.

Guest speakers and the topics featured at this workshop included: **David Zmary**, senior vice president, residential originations, at First County Bank, “How your bank can help you on the road to home buying”; **Ruth Miner** of Country Club Properties, “Understand the role of your real estate agent”; **Joe Lattarulo**, home inspector at House Masters, “Learn about the home inspection process and what it covers”; **Richard J. Margenot, Esq.** attorney-at-law, “What you should know about a real estate contract and the role of your attorney.”



L to R: **Joe Lattarulo**, home inspector at House Masters, **Richard J. Margenot, Esq.** attorney-at-law, **Ruth Miner** of Country Club Properties, **Dave Zamary**, senior vice president, residential originations at First County Bank, participated as expert panelists offering guidance to homebuyers at the May 20 Home Buyers Workshop offered by First County Bank.

“First County Bank is proud to host this event for home buyers to help them learn about purchasing their new home,” said Dave Zamary, senior vice president, residential originations. “Even for experienced home buyers, the process can be daunting and for new home buyers it can be overwhelming. We hope to educate consumers by providing the necessary tools and experts to approach home buying in a more confident manner, taking the mystery out of the process.”

First County Bank mortgage loan experts were in attendance to guide home buyers through the application process and explain mortgage options. They reviewed attendee finances to help determine how much they can borrow based on the guidelines used at First County Bank. Mortgage experts provided home buyers with: tips on applying for a mortgage; a complementary financial review to help determine a budget; borrowing guidelines; what documents and supporting information are required to complete a mortgage application; and how to negotiate for their dream home. Mortgage Information Kits detailing the steps involved to purchase and finance a home were distributed as a resource at the event.

**Another opportunity, open for the community to attend, is an informative Homebuyers Workshop on Tuesday evening, September 9, at the First County Bank branch located at 660 Main Avenue, Norwalk, CT. More details will be announced at a later date.**

First County Bank, headquartered in Stamford, Conn. for more than 160 years, is an independent mutual community bank with 15 branches in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Westport offering deposit products, mortgages, trust and investment services, business banking services and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees and assets in excess of \$1.3 billion. For additional information, please visit [www.firstcountybank.com](http://www.firstcountybank.com). Become a fan by clicking "Like" on the bank's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/firstcountybank>. Follow it on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/firstcountybank> or look for First County Bank on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/920207>.

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