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Worcester Railers HC announces Worcester Ice Center naming rights deal with Fidelity Bank

*The Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center is set to open in **September 2017***

Worcester, MA – The **Worcester Railers Hockey Club** (@RailersHC), proud **ECHL**(@ECHL) affiliate of the **New York Islanders** (@NYIslanders) announced **today** that **Worcester Sports Center LLC** has reached an agreement with **Fidelity Bank** for the naming rights to the new Worcester Railers HC \$18 million practice facility due to open in September. The combination rink, recreation, and retail facility will be called **Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center**.

The agreement between Fidelity Bank and the Worcester Ice Center will carry through 2027. A grand opening event at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center will be announced at a later date.

“I would like to thank Ed Manzi, Chris McCarthy, and the entire group at Fidelity Bank for their support of the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center,” said Cliff Rucker, owner of the Worcester Railers HC and the Worcester Ice Center. *“We are excited about the partnership and look forward to providing an ice center that the entire community will be able to enjoy this September.”*

In addition to being the Worcester Railers HC practice facility, the state-of-the-art 110,000 square foot Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center will be home ice for Worcester State University, Becker College and top-tier high school programs such as Worcester Academy. It will also host the Junior Railers and Junior Crusaders youth hockey programs, as well as several other youth hockey groups.

“The Fidelity Bank team is thrilled to be associated with the Worcester Railers HC and the continued investments that Cliff is making in the Worcester community,” said Edward F. Manzi Jr., Fidelity Bank Chairman & CEO. *“The Worcester community is an integral part of the Fidelity Bank family and we are honored to be such a significant and growing part of its transformation.”*

Fidelity Bank has a LifeDesign Banking Center in Worcester at 465 Shrewsbury Street and there are plans to open a second in downtown Worcester in the spring of 2018.

“The Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center is a great example of the exciting revitalization of the city’s Canal District and a terrific way to expand our LifeDesign brand in the market,” added Christopher W. McCarthy, Fidelity Bank President & COO.

Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center, managed by the EDGE Sports Group, will be a year-round facility featuring a pro shop, strength training, Reliant Medical Group’s Physical Therapy centers, and a two-story restaurant *Nonna’s Kitchen* and *Nonna’s Café*. The restaurants will

be operated by Niche Hospitality. For more information about the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center please visit www.worcesterice.com.

About the Worcester Railers HC

The Worcester Railers Hockey Club, a proud member of the ECHL, will play their inaugural game at the DCU Center on Oct. 14, 2017 vs. the Manchester Monarchs. Full season memberships, mini plans, and group tickets are on sale now by calling the Railers front office at [508-365-1750](tel:508-365-1750) or by visiting www.RailersHC.com.

About Fidelity Bank

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