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## F&M Bank to open Monday at new location

Bank has served San Clemente for five years at 501 N. El Camino Real and has just renovated a building at 621 N. El Camino Real that will offer more space and more parking.



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Farmers & Merchants Bank will open for business Monday at a new San Clemente location, 621 N. El Camino Real.

The bank announced the move Thursday, as it completes a renovation that has enhanced the site for the new bank with a distinctive tower and other Spanish colonial design features.



Workers toil on the corner of El Camino Real and Avenida Mariposa in San Clemente as Farmers & Merchants Bank prepares for a Monday opening.

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Friday will be the bank's final business day at 501 N. El Camino Real, a location the bank has occupied since June of 2006. The bank will remain closed Saturday as work focuses on the relocation, the bank said in a news release.

The new facility, with 8,200 square feet, will offer 2,100 more square feet of space plus more parking than at 501 N. El Camino Real, the bank said.

A grand-opening celebration for the public is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 24 featuring the Eliminators surf band and food from Bad to the Bone, the bank announced.

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