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The Bank of Washington invites public to Open House at new Edmonds Branch building

The Bank of Washington has a permanent home in downtown Edmonds – the community where local investors began operations nearly 12 years ago. An open house at the Edmonds branch will continue through the end of January in its new, 2,700-square foot structure located at 5th and Dayton.

President Larry Houk noted that the branch was designed for energy efficiency, using environmentally sensitive construction techniques. It is located just one block north of offices where the bank operated the past seven years.

Open house at the new offices will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays. Branch Manager Harry Ostrander and staff will welcome visitors. A collection of historical Edmonds photos will be on display.

“The new site is conveniently located for our customers at a key intersection in downtown Edmonds and features a drive-up banking window with adequate parking for those seeking 24-hour banking through ATM and night deposit facilities,” Houk said. The branch provides customers 11 on-site parking spaces which are made available to the public during non-banking hours and monitored through an agreement with the City of Edmonds.

The building was designed by Dimensions Architects of Bellevue and built by Wilcox Construction of Edmonds.

“We stressed ‘green techniques’ in planning this new home,” Houk said, “from stain selections, cement flooring, heavy insulation and energy-efficient lighting. A portion of the interior is exposed superstructure with colorization through natural sea water.”

“Our customers are definitely living in a digital age,” he added, “which means it is extremely important we avoid power interruptions. We’ve installed a natural-gas powered backup generator to keep our systems operative even through power outages.”

The bank opened in 1996 as the Bank of Edmonds and quickly outgrew its 5th and Main location, moving to larger quarters at 303 Main to operate there as one of the current six branches of The Bank of Washington. The operations were moved to the new

building in December. Other branches are located at Lynnwood, Mukilteo, Kirkland, Redmond and Issaquah. A seventh branch is scheduled to open in south Everett later this year at 31 Everett Mall Way.

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