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Monroe Bank & Trust to Open Banking Center in Plymouth Township

MONROE, Mich., October 29, 2018 – Monroe Bank & Trust announced today it will open a new banking center in Plymouth Township in Spring 2019. The 4,200-sq. foot space, located on Ann Arbor Rd between Haggerty and Lilley, will serve as a central hub for customers living in western Wayne County and the greater area.

“Opening this location in Plymouth is an important milestone in our bank’s 160 year history,” commented H. Douglas Chaffin, President and CEO, Monroe Bank & Trust. The company recently announced a merger with First Merchants Bank, a strong and growing financial institution, with a footprint spanning across several states. “Investing in the Plymouth community remains an important priority for our organization, and we look forward to continuing and building on that tradition in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.”

The location will be the flagship in regards to the customer experience, featuring a new look and feel for Monroe Bank & Trust. The Experience Design agency [Adrenaline](#) has been tapped to develop an innovative space focused on a unique, comfortable and seamless in-person customer experience. “As we continue to expand our digital banking offerings, we also want customers to have a quality face-to-face experience when they visit our bank in person,” said Wendy Warrington, Senior Vice President, Organizational Effectiveness Director.

This hub for Greater Plymouth will be one of 20 full-service branches and three lending and wealth offices in Michigan. Monroe Bank & Trust has an existing Plymouth location on Main Street that will eventually close once the new location opens next year. “We want to stay in the Plymouth community but expand our capabilities, and this larger banking center was the best way to accomplish all of that,” added Darren LaLonde, President of Monroe Bank & Trust’s Greater Plymouth Community.

The bank recently expanded its lending presence in the area, growing the commercial lending team and hiring a dedicated mortgage specialist based in Plymouth to meet growing needs of customers in the region. The bank has seen steadily rising demand over the last 10 years and outgrew the current space. This larger banking center will have capacity for business and personal banking, commercial lending, business services, mortgage lending and wealth advisory services. “We look forward to having a greater presence in western Wayne County and helping more individuals and businesses in the region grow and prosper,” Scott McKelvey, EVP, Wayne County President & Strategic Support Director.



Construction is expected to begin by the second week of November 2018. The banking center will be located along Ann Arbor Rd, next door to Grand Traverse Pie Company, and readily accessible to residents of Plymouth, Canton and Livonia, allowing Monroe Bank & Trust to meet growing demand in the area.

With over \$1.3 billion in assets, Monroe Bank & Trust is a full-service bank, offering a complete range of business and personal accounts, credit and mortgage options, investment and retirement services, and award winning community outreach, including volunteerism and financial education.

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About the Company:

MBT Financial Corp. (Nasdaq:MBTF), a bank holding company headquartered in Monroe, Michigan, is the parent company of Monroe Bank & Trust. Founded in 1858, Monroe Bank & Trust helps customers' remarkable stories unfold through an uncommon, optimistic culture. As one of the largest independently owned community banks in Southeast Michigan, with over \$1.3 billion in assets, this full-service bank offers a complete range of business and personal accounts, mobile and online banking, offices and ATMs across Monroe and Wayne Counties, credit and mortgage options, investment and retirement services and award-winning community outreach. The bank believes in its customers, helping them with everything from day-to-day needs to long-term goals, and its Wealth Planning and Advisory group is ranked fourth among all Michigan banks for total trust assets. The bank believes in its communities, supporting over 300 organizations with sponsorships and also more than 8,000 employee volunteer hours through the Monroe Bank & Trust ENLIST Volunteerism program. The bank believes in the power of knowledge, helping thousands of students and adults thrive through the Monroe Bank & Trust Financial Education

program. Monroe Bank & Trust is proud to be a trusted partner to communities and clients, and an employer of choice. We are Monroe Bank & Trust, and we believe in the story of you.

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