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**Merchants Bank Celebrates at Waterbury Branch Opening!  
Good Time Had by All; Donations Made to Community**

**WATERBURY, VT**—Merchants Bank’s open house for their new Waterbury branch was a celebratory event with special guests in attendance. Michael Tuttle, President and CEO of Merchants Bank, had announced that the opening of the Bank’s 36<sup>th</sup> location in Waterbury, VT (located at 994 Waterbury Stowe Road/Route 100, near the new Shaws Supermarket), would officially be Monday, September 18, 2006.

The branch celebrated with a “**Grand Opening Celebration**” and open house on Friday, October 6, from 9am until 4pm. The community was invited to attend and visit the new facilities. Cider, donuts, a luncheon buffet, ice cream and coffee were served. During a special ribbon-cutting ceremony, Branch President, Peggy Henry, presented a \$1,500 donation to the Waterbury Senior Center and a \$1,500 donation to The Ice Center of Washington West.

Since April of this year, the new branch has been under construction and was completed the beginning of September. The Waterbury office is the thirty-sixth Merchants Bank branch in Vermont.

“Waterbury was a logical choice for us and will cement Merchants’ presence in central Vermont, which is a thriving region,” said Tuttle.

Peggy Henry serves as the Branch President and is assisted by a staff of Personal Bankers, including: Cheryl Massucco, Jeanne Quesnel and Tom Reen. Maryann Russell will serve during the transition. Philip C. Smith is the Corporate Banking Officer; Robin C. Miller, the Corporate Banking Assistant; and Matthew D. Granai, the Trust Officer.

“I am thrilled with the success of the event. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to talk with members of the community and introduce them to Merchants Bank’s services and products,” said Henry.

Lobby and drive-up window hours of the Waterbury branch are 8:30am – 5pm, Monday -Friday. ATM service is available at a dedicated drive-up lane, 24-hours, seven days a week.



### **Merchants Bank's Waterbury staff contributes to the community**

The continuing mission of Merchants Bank is to provide Vermonters with a true community bank. It fulfills this commitment through a branch-based system that includes 36 bank offices and 43 ATMs throughout Vermont, personal bankers dedicated to top-quality customer service, and streamlined products: FreedomLYNX<sup>®</sup> Banking which consists of Free Checking for Life<sup>®</sup>, a Money Market Account, Free Online Banking and Bill Pay, Overdraft Coverage, Direct Deposit, a Free Debit Card and Free Automated Phone Banking; TimeLYNX<sup>®</sup> Certificates of Deposit; HomeLYNX<sup>®</sup> Home Equity Loans; RealLYNX<sup>®</sup> Residential Mortgages and CommerceLYNX<sup>®</sup> Business Banking. For more information about Merchants Bank, visit [mbvt.com](http://mbvt.com). Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

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The purpose of the **Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association** is to enrich the lives of older persons by providing services and activities that sharpen the minds and improve the physical and emotional health of its members and help keep them active and involved in the life of the community. For more information about the Waterbury Senior Center, please call **(802) 244-1234**.

Since opening in December 2003, the **Ice Center of Waterbury West** is home to area girls and boys teams, practicing talented figure skaters, adult hockey pick up teams and public skating programs. The Center's learn to skate program offers a friendly opportunity to test the ice. For more information about the Ice Center of Washington West, please visit [www.icecenter.org](http://www.icecenter.org).

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