Six Mile residents invited to ice cream social for new bank

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SIX MILE — Six Mile's new bank is scheduled to open soon, and in an effort to thank those who made it possible, bank officials are inviting residents to an ice cream social from 4-7 p.m. Thursday.

Town Council member James Atkinson said the bank recently mailed out 3,000 invitations to residents, adding that the event will take place at the former Six Mile Fire Department. Atkinson added the ice cream social will coincide with the final Thursday of the inaugural Farmer's Market.



Atkinson

"Since the Town of Six Mile fought so hard for a bank and folks are coming all the way from Charlotte for the ice cream social and to see Six Mile, I want to encourage the Six Mile community to turn out just to say 'hello' and eat some free ice cream," said Atkinson.

Last month, John Kreighbaum, president and chief executive officer of Carolina Premier Bank, a North Carolina state-chartered bank and wholly owned banking subsidiary of Premara Financial Inc., announced that "Our Bank" would be located in the building once occupied by First Citizens. The town has been without a bank since First Citizens closed its Six Mile branch last April.



Kreighbaum

Atkinson said Six Mile has needed a full-service bank for its present and future growth and development and that the town owes a debt of gratitude to Kreighbaum and Our Bank.

"These bank folks were willing to stick out their necks and, most importantly, their wallet and give us a bank when the many skeptics out there made fun of us for asking such a thing as whether a bank would consider Six Mile," said Atkinson, who has worked tirelessly to secure another bank for the town.

Atkinson thanks those volunteers who helped gut the old bank building and are in the process of refurbishing it to house Our Bank. Once it opens, the bank is scheduled to feature two tellers cross-trained to also serve as customer service representatives and customer lenders, a full-service ATM located on the exterior and refreshments available inside.

Atkinson is hopeful that residents will take time to stop by, greet banking officials and enjoy ice cream, asking those who have already received invitations to be sure and let others know.

"I am sure this would make the bank folks feel better about coming to Six Mile and give them encouragement for their efforts," he said.

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This building, which formerly housed First Citizens Bank in Six Mile, will soon be home to "Our Bank." In honor of the new bank's opening, the town will host an ice cream social Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the town's Farmer's Market.

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