

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite celebrates Newton office renovation

Bank of Granite's Newton office commemorated the completion of their recent extensive remodeling project with a Renovation Celebration. Customers enjoyed refreshments and fellowship with the staff during the daylong event.

Opened in February of 1984, Bank of Granite's Newton office "underwent extensive changes recently," said office manager H. Bernie Whitmer. "Most are obvious like the new carpet, paint and privacy panels for our customer service ladies," he said. "But others are more subtle like the better lighting, or behind-the-scenes, like the new safe deposit box booth that gives our customers more privacy."

Other improvements include an upgraded kitchen that employees will enjoy. The citizens of Newton will appreciate the redecorated community room, which the bank makes available to customers and to civic and non-profit organizations for meetings.

Speaking about the Renovation Celebration, Whitmer said, "This is our way of saying 'thank you' to our customers for any inconvenience during the project work. Now that it's complete, we hope the experience of coming to our office will be a more enjoyable one for all who enter."

Bank of Granite Corporation is the parent company of Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage, Inc. The bank operates 21 full-service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Watauga, and Wilkes counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these areas, as well as, in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury, N.C.

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Newton Customers Enjoy Refreshments