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## FIRST COMMUNITY BANK TO BUILD AT THE TUILERIES

First Community Bank has announced plans to build a full-service bank in the Northland's Tuileries Plaza.

"The Tuileries is a first-class development in an area poised for phenomenal growth. We see our location there as a mutually beneficial merger of our two dynamic organizations," said First Community Bank President Larry Kucinick.

With current assets of roughly \$450 million, the Lee's Summit-based financial institution is banking on multiple locations in the Northland, as well as new banks in Overland Park and De Soto, KS, to triple its assets over the next several years. True to the real estate adage, location was a key factor in the Tuileries' selection.

"The Northland is growing at an astonishing rate, and we're excited about being located along one of its top east-west corridors," Kucinick said. "We are enthused by the development's concept of mixed use of commercial and residential components."

The Tuileries Plaza, located on Highway 45 (also known as 64<sup>th</sup> Street) at Cosby Avenue, is being developed by George Gunter's Prairieview Development. The project also is about a mile from The National golf course, the Tremont and Risk Lake developments.

The bank group has sought final development plan approval from the City of Kansas City Plan Commission for the 4,000-square-foot building and expects to file for a building permit in mid-March. Initial plans call for construction to begin in May.

Meyer Complete has been tapped as general contractor. Initial site planning and design work, which are critical to the project, are being done by Warren Oblinger, HNTB, and Corporate Design Group. The design's stacked stone and cut limestone exterior with a clock tower blends with the Tuileries' architecture.

The Missouri Department of Transportation is reviewing final design plans for a fully lighted intersection at 64<sup>th</sup> and Lucerne to allow access from westbound traffic. A transportation development district was formed to fund the work.

Because the new building won't be complete until early 2007, First Community Bank will open a temporary office at Kelly's Crossing in early March. The location will be at 7607 Roanridge Road, the east outer road of I-29 between Barry Road and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. The 2,325-square-foot space required a complete tenant finish, which was done by Griffin Construction of North Kansas City.

"With its proximity to I-29, this location gives us the visibility and traffic flow we were looking for," Kucinick said. "It will be a great place for us to launch our growth in the Northland."

The bank will be staffed by a team of veteran Northland bankers and Kansas City personalities. Kucinick has 30 years of banking experience in the Kansas City Metro and Midwest markets.

Other team members will include Suzy Strohm, who has more than 15 years of bank management experience in the Northland, as well as Amy Sevier and Brandon Starks, who will join the Northland team.

"Voice of the Kansas City Chiefs" Bill Grigsby also recently joined First Community Bank. Grigsby, who has more than 20 years of banking experience in Kansas, will work in the areas of business development and community relations.

First Community Bank operates 13 full-service locations in west-central Missouri. The group also operates FCB Financial, an investment and insurance provider, in Overland Park. More information may be obtained from its web site at [www.fcbankonline.com](http://www.fcbankonline.com).