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Palomar Commons ready for its debut

Palomar Commons, Carlsbad's new shopping center at the corner of El Camino Real and Palomar Airport Road, took shape quickly during the summer, its progress astonishing passing motorists by the day as the site that once held the Olympic Resort gave way to the new retail center.

Now, the businesses are starting to move in, and several grand openings will be held this month, including the following three businesses, who recently joined the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce.

Lowe's, the anchor tenant, will open its doors to the public on Friday, Sept. 13. This is the eighth Lowe's store in San Diego County.

Grand opening festivities will take place a week later, on Saturday, Sept. 21. Natalie Turner, spokeswoman for Lowe's said a store of that size — 103,000 square feet of retail space with an adjacent garden center — provides an average of 125 jobs. The store will stock 40,000 different items to help customers build, improve and beautify their homes.

"The Carlsbad store will enable Lowe's to continue serving our

customers as well as begin serving new customers in the North County market," said Turner.

Jersey Mike's Subs is also opening one of its locations at Palomar Commons. The eatery has been in business since 1956, offering "authentic back East submarine sandwiches" at its more than 600 locations. Franchisee Joe Weir, who operates the Jersey Mike's Subs in Encinitas, is opening the one at Palomar Commons in early October, along with another Carlsbad-based location at 2604 El Camino Real.

Weir said Carlsbad has a reputation of being a good place to do business, and he's excited to be in that location. Weir said that compared with the Encinitas store — which has been very successful — that part of Carlsbad is under-served when it comes to restaurants.

"We're excited to be in the Palomar Commons," Weir said. "We think it's going to be a great center ... it's right in the commercial heart of Carlsbad."

Another Palomar Commons tenant, California Bank & Trust (CB&T), opened its doors on Aug. 5, relocating an office it used to

have less than a mile away on Palomar Airport Road. The new branch, at 2501 Palomar Airport Road, is larger, allowing the bank to house its North County Corporate Banking Group.

The new office holds 14 employees, half of them working at the bank and the other seven working full time serving the area's business community in the corporate banking group.

"The new branch has all of the bells and whistles that you need in a branch office," said Kerry Ross, who is CB&T's senior vice president of corporate banking for North County.

Features of the new bank include an enclosed merchant window and a fully lockable night depository that's well-lit.

Ross said CB&T is a full-service bank that is not as big as some of the national branches, "but we can get things done."

Palomar Commons was developed by Sudberry Properties. It's located on 16 acres of land and is expected to generate more than \$450,000 in tax revenue for the City of Carlsbad.



Palomar Commons at the intersection of Palomar Airport Road and El Camino Real, is starting to open. Among the tenants are California Trust & Bank, Jersey Mike's Subs and Lowe's.

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