



MEDIA ALERT

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Wawa Opens Newest Travel Center in Richmond, IN

Festivities include free t-shirts for the first 250 customers, free any size hot coffee, celebration of fuel and EV milestones, ceremonial fuel up with trucking partners, and ribbon cutting.

What: Wawa is inviting customers to a grand opening event to celebrate associates, customers, community and officially mark a new milestone in its convenience store history. Festivities start at **7:55 a.m.** with Wawa General Manager **Tonya Mills** doing the honors of counting down the moment when the doors open for the very first time at **8:00 a.m.**, with free t-shirts for the first 250 customers, as supplies last, and free any size hot coffee through **February 1st**!

Immediately following at **8:30 a.m.**, customers are invited to participate in a ceremony to celebrate the new store team and hear about the unique format and amenities in an entertaining fuel and EV milestone parade. The program includes a ribbon-cutting ceremony with local officials; excited customers; and a "Hoagies for Heroes" hoagie-building competition between first responders and professional drivers benefitting local charities.

Who:

- John Poplawski, Wawa Chief Real Estate Officer
- Rich Makin, Wawa Chief Fuel Officer
- Vince Cipollone, Wawa Director of EV Charging and New Fuel Business
- Joe Collins, Wawa Director of Store Operations
- Carmen Reyes, Wawa Area Manager
- Tonya Mills, Wawa General Manager
- Local Officials
- Richmond Police and Fire Departments
- Wally Goose Mascot

When: **Thursday, January 29, 2026**
7: 55 a.m. – Countdown to doors opening
8:00 am – Doors open with t-shirts for the first 250 customers, as supplies last
8:30 am – Ribbon cutting ceremony

Where: **2600 Williamsburg Pk. Richmond. IN 47374**

Why: Wawa is thrilled to bring its travel center format to Richmond and to serve professional drivers, travelers and local friends and neighbors. With over 8,000 square feet of space, the travel center will offer Wawa's signature fresh food and beverage offer, liquid fuel and EV charging for passenger vehicles through partnerships with Ionna and Tesla and a high-speed diesel fuel court for the needs of professional tractor trailer drivers. Fuel features include five high speed diesel fuel lanes, accepting over the road (OTR) payments, 20 EV charging stalls and 16 liquid fuel spots for passenger drivers. The store will have interior and exterior seating areas and a large open design for the fresh food and beverage area. Other amenities include a CAT weigh station, free parking for tractor-trailers, well-appointed restrooms and a pet relief area.

Visuals:

- Official countdown, doors opening, and excited customers lined up to be first to enter the first Wawa travel center
- T-shirt distribution to the first 250 customers, as supplies last
- Ceremonial fuel up of Wawa trucks and truck partners
- Entertaining Parade of fuel and EV milestones featuring the local store team
- Check presentations to local community partners
- Local heroes building hoagies during the Hoagies for Heroes contest
- EV ribbon cuttings marking the 15th Wawa location to host Ionna chargers and 225th Wawa location to host Tesla Superchargers
- Fun, music, Wawa's mascot Wally Goose dancing with the crowd, ribbon cutting and confetti