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**Wawa Announces Opening Date of Grand Opening of New Store in Richmond, VA**  
*Grand Opening Party on February 5 to Include Festivities and Community Support*

**RICHMOND, Va.** – Wawa, Inc. today officially announced the date of **Thursday, February 5**, as the grand opening of its new store Wawa store in Richmond. Located at **7351 Iron Bridge Rd, Richmond, VA, 23234**, this location is the fifth of nearly 100 stores Wawa expects to open in fourteen states in 2026 and will offer fresh food, beverages, convenience, fuel and more!

Wawa invites customers to join the Grand Opening Party beginning at 7:55 a.m. with Wawa General Manager, John Mangels, counting down to the moment when the doors open for the very first time at 8:00 a.m., with free “Wawa Grand Opening Tour in the USA” t-shirts for the first 100 customers, as supplies last, and free any size hot coffee through Sunday February 8. Immediately following at 8:30 a.m., customers are invited to participate in a ceremony to highlighting Wawa’s 200+-year history in American business, celebrating the new store team and honoring everyday heroes with a “Hoagies for Heroes” hoagie-building competition between first responders benefitting local charities.

Customers interested in attending can learn more and RSVP on Wawa’s Facebook page here: [Wawa | Facebook](#)

“As our nation celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2026, we’re proud to be a Company with more than 200 years in American business, now across thirteen states in the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast and Midwest markets. We are excited to celebrate by opening nearly one hundred stores this year as we spread our wings to reach even more new communities across the country,” said Brian Schaller, Wawa President. “Our ongoing growth and expansion allow us to invest in more communities, create new jobs and opportunities for our associates to soar in their careers, and provide meaningful support to more communities.”

**About Wawa’s 2026 Grand Opening Tour**

Wawa’s 2026 Grand Opening Tour will stop in 14 states throughout the USA, and each event will include a celebration of the community with the community creating joy, fun and meaningful connections with the new friends and neighbors while supporting local causes and honoring those who serve. The tour takes place during the Nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrating communities across the Country to mark this historical milestone.

**About Wawa, Inc.**

Wawa, Inc., a family and associate owned, privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming, and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and “certified” process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960s, Grahame Wood, George’s grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 in Pennsylvania as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for freshly prepared foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services and surcharge-free ATMs. Wawa stores are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Washington, D.C., with more than 1,190 locations to date. The stores offer a large fresh foodservice selection, including Wawa brands such as custom prepared hoagies, freshly-brewed coffee, Sizzli hot breakfast sandwiches, hand-crafted specialty beverages, a dinner menu including burgers and an assortment of soups, sides and snacks. Forbes.com Ranks Wawa as #24 of America’s Largest Private Companies.