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Wawa Announces Grand Opening Date for First Store in Johnston County
Grand Opening Ceremony on July 24 to Include Festivities and Community Support

Wawa, PA – (June 27, 2024) Today, Wawa announced the date of Thursday, July 24th, for its first store opening in Johnston County with details as follows:

July 24, 2025

55 Masonboro Dr, Garner, NC 27529

Doors Open: 8:00 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: 8:30 a.m.

During the grand opening event, Wawa will host festivities and a ribbon cutting, announce community partnerships and support for local organizations and celebrate local everyday heroes with its signature "Hoagies for Heroes" initiative.

"We are excited to continue our expansion into North Carolina with our first store in Johnston County" said Kim Dowgielewicz, Director of Store Operations. "We look forward to continuing to bring our unique brand of fresh food, beverages and convenience to new areas and to further our commitment to providing the community with not only a new level of convenience but a strong, committed community partner."

Wawa Expansion in North Carolina

With the opening of its third store in Greenville on July 23rd and first store in Garner on July 24th, Wawa will have twelve stores in North Carolina and projects to open up to five additional stores by year end, including its first Travel Center in Hope Mills. Over the next 8-10 years, Wawa plans to build and open 6-8 stores per year reaching a total of 90 stores in North Carolina. To build each store, Wawa will invest more than \$7.5 million per store and employ, on average, 140 contractors and local partners to build the store. Once open, each store will employ an average of 35 associates with Wawa expecting to create more than 3,000 long-term new jobs as a result of expansion in North Carolina.

About Career Opportunities: Soar with Wawa!

Wawa's expansion plans will create thousands of new jobs and career opportunities for those interested in soaring with us as we expand to North Carolina. Joining the Wawa team makes you part of a longstanding tradition of success that spans decades, hundreds of stores, multiple states and counting! Wawa associates own 39% of the company through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). View [career opportunities at Wawa](#) and examples of fulfilling careers.

About Wawa, Inc.

Wawa, Inc., a 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 and Washington, D.C. with over 1,100 locations to date. The stores offer a large fresh foodservice selection, including Wawa brands such as custom prepared hoagies, freshly brewed coffee, hot breakfast sandwiches, hand-crafted specialty beverages, a dinner menu including burgers and pizza, an assortment of soups, sides and snacks. Forbes.com Ranks Wawa as #22 of America's Largest Private Companies.