



**MEDIA ALERT**

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**Wawa to Open First Dayton Area Store with Grand Opening Celebration in Huber Heights**

Community members, local officials and first responders to join in celebration as Wawa continues Ohio expansion

**What:** Wawa is spreading its wings in Ohio and celebrating the grand opening of its first store in the Dayton area, located in Huber Heights, Montgomery County. During the event, the company will be joined by hundreds of customers, local officials, first responders and community partners to mark this milestone in Wawa history.

**Highlights of the festivities to include:**

- Ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Free, limited-edition t-shirts for first 250 customers, as supplies last
- Free hot, any-size coffee from September 18<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>
- Wawa's "Parade of the Ages," showcasing milestones over the company's 200-year history
- Wawa's leadership sharing expansion plans and ongoing investment in Ohio
- Local officials highlighting the positive impact of Wawa's expansion on the economy
- Grants presented to The Foodbank, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base USO Center, and Dayton Children's Hospital
- Launch of "Lending a Helping Hoagie" campaign, with the first week of hoagie sales benefiting God's Pantry Food Bank
- Wawa's "Hoagies for Heroes" hoagie-building competition between Huber Heights Police and Fire Departments with \$1,000 donated to each department's charity of choice

**Who:**

- Joe Collins, Wawa Director of Store Operations
- Robert Taubenslag, Wawa Area Manager
- Aliza Hughes, Wawa General Manager
- The Foodbank, USO, and Dayton Children's Hospital representatives
- Local first responders from Huber Heights Police and Fire Departments
- Wally Goose, Wawa Mascot
- Wawa Customers and Fans

**When:** **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

8:00 a.m. – Doors open

8:30 a.m. – Ribbon-cutting ceremony and festivities begin

**Where:** 4949 Chambersburg Rd. Huber Heights, OH 45424

**Why:** Wawa is thrilled to continue its Ohio expansion with the opening of its first store in the Dayton area. Over the next 5-8 years, Wawa plans to build and open 5-8 stores per year in Ohio, with expectations to open up to 60 stores in the state. To build each store, Wawa will invest more than \$7.5 million and employ, on average, 140 contractors and local partners. Once open, each store will employ an average of 35 associates, with Wawa expecting to create 2,100 new, long-term new jobs as a result of expansion in Ohio.

**Visuals:**

- Hundreds of customers lined up to be among the first to enter Wawa's first Dayton area store
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony and customers entering the store for the first time



- Wawa leadership and local officials discussing the milestone and the impact of Wawa's continued investment in the region
- Wawa's "Parade of the Ages," highlighting company milestones
- Wawa's "Hoagies for Heroes" hoagie-building competition between teams of local first responders
- Wally Goose hyping up and dancing with the crowd

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