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Wawa Expands to Suffolk

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 17, 2015) – Wawa will soon open their first store in Suffolk, located at 2916 Godwin Boulevard. To celebrate, they are hosting a Grand Opening – Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Friday, December 18th, at 3 p.m. Mayor Linda T. Johnson will be on hand for the event, which is open to the public.

Wawa stores offer fresh, built-to-order foods, beverages, coffee, fuel service and ATMs. Customers can choose from a large food service selection, including Wawa brands such as hoagies, hot breakfast sandwiches, specialty drinks and an assortment of soups, sides and snacks.

The Suffolk store is part of Wawa's first-ever "Virginia Grand Opening Triple Header", with other locations opening in Fairfax County and Hampton on the same day. Each event will include a ribbon cutting and charitable "Hoagies for Heroes" hoagie-building competition benefiting local charities identified by the local fire and police from each area. Also on Friday, Wawa will announce a donation of \$30,000 to the Special Olympics, honoring Wawa's long-standing partnership with the Special Olympics and the organization's importance as a national and regional partner.

"We are thrilled to celebrate this tremendous milestone in our Virginia expansion as we spread our wings to serve more customers and communities and fulfill more lives each day," said Chris Gheysens, Wawa's President and CEO. "Opening our first Suffolk location and new stores in Fairfax County and Hampton

is a significant step toward furthering our ability to invest in Virginia by building new stores and creating more jobs. We are honored and excited to be able to open three stores on the same day, and we welcome our new neighbors three times over.”

“We have eagerly awaited the opening of the first Wawa in Suffolk,” said Suffolk Mayor Linda T. Johnson. “The bright and modern store, variety of menu options and the convenient location will be appreciated by our community. We are so pleased with their expansion and wish them much success.”

The Suffolk store will create more than 30 new jobs. Cushman & Wakefield/Thalhimer represented the owner and tenant on the transaction.

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 1960’s, Grahame Wood, George’s grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for fresh, built-to-order foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services, and surcharge-free ATM’s.



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