

# THE MORNING CALL

## Lehigh Valley's first two Checkers coming to Allentown, Bethlehem



Allentown and Bethlehem will soon welcome Checkers, a double drive-thru restaurant chain specializing in burgers, hot dogs, fries and milkshakes. (July 11, 2013)

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The Lehigh Valley will soon welcome its first two Checkers -- one at 2585 Easton Ave. in Bethlehem (former Arby's building) and another at 1935 S. Fourth St. in Allentown.

According to company spokesman Greg Avdoian, a grand opening of the Bethlehem restaurant is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, while the Allentown eatery is scheduled to open sometime in August. Multi-unit Checkers franchisee Jay Pandya will be operating both locations.

Established in Mobile, Ala., in 1986, the double drive-thru restaurant chain specializes in burgers, hot dogs, fries and milkshakes. According to the company's websites, other Pennsylvania Checkers are located in Philadelphia (15) and Reading (1).