

New Checkers restaurant opens in Northport



Checkers has opened a location at 5500 McFarland Blvd. in Northport, and already has two Tuscaloosa locations at 4300 McFarland Blvd and 521 15th St.

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Checkers returned to Northport on Wednesday when it opened at 5500 McFarland Blvd. in the old Payless Shoe Source site next to Walmart.

The restaurant is under the management of local Checkers and Rally's franchisee Larry Rockwell, who oversees the operation of the two Checkers locations in Tuscaloosa.

When the restaurant was announced in January 2018, Northport city leaders were quick to welcome the new eatery back to the city after an almost 20-year absence.

“The entire (Northport City) Council along with the mayor is extremely excited to welcome Checkers, a national business chain, back to Northport,” said Northport City Council President Jay Logan in a news release. “This is a great infill development that takes a former eye sore along a great corridor for growth and now it brings jobs and growth to our city revenues.

“This also shows that Northport is a great city for a business to locate here, be it national or local, and will serve as a spark plug for future development along (U.S. Highway) 82 West.”