



## Checkers is coming to Bushwick

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A Checkers restaurant is coming to Bushwick, and will be sandwiched between a Dunkin' Donuts and Popeye's at 1130 Myrtle Avenue.

The owners of the two, and soon to be three, restaurants are brothers Bari and Mirwyse Nasary from Afghanistan.

Roughly 30 years ago, the two left their native country for neighboring Pakistan to flee the Russian invasion. They were eventually granted visas from the United States, and began working at their older brother's fried chicken restaurant in Brooklyn.

Bari saved up enough money to open his own restaurant, but it eventually failed. He was undeterred, however, and he and Mirwyse saved up enough money to open a Popeye's restaurant. The two now own five Popeye's restaurants with a sixth under construction in Queens.

The two created Nasary Development Group, which employees close to 60 part-time employees at the Bushwick locations alone.

"People that are nearby are always available to work, and they are not traveling too far to get to work," said the district manager for the group and Bari's nephew, Sajaad Nasary. "While they are making money, they are spending it in the community and bettering the Bushwick area."

Nasary was thinking of having a kick-off event for the new Checkers, bringing in the restaurant's mascot and

giving free combo meals for a year to the first 25 guests.

“We decided to do Checkers because we decided that this area just needed a burger place,” said Nasary. “Plus Checkers is a great franchise with bold food and great flavor.”

Checkers will open in early September, and potential employees are already turning in applications.

“I believe that our values that we have instilled in our crew has played a part in our success,” said Nasary. “We try to make sure that our customers are always happy.”

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