

Checkers plans three Montgomery locations

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One restaurant to go, please. In fact, make it three.

Burger and fries chain Checkers, known for its double drive-through, is taking the fast lane to Montgomery. A fully built restaurant will be brought in on a truck and lifted by crane on to a site that's now being prepared at the intersection of Ann and Plum streets.

Franchisee Mark Ryan said they'll start hiring the staff of about 25 later this summer and hope to be open by Thanksgiving. It'll operate seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on weekends.

Then he's off to start two other Montgomery locations before the end of 2019. More could follow.

The chain specializes in burgers, hot dogs, wings, fries and milkshakes. Ryan, who runs his own restaurant in Birmingham, said he looked at a lot of companies before deciding on Checkers because he felt it had the biggest potential for growth. And it had no presence in Montgomery.

“We looked at those neighborhoods and felt that would be a strong opportunity,” he said.



The Ann Street location will have two drive-throughs and two walk-up stations. There’s no interior dining. Ryan said they’ll have “a park-like setting” for eating outside.

He hasn’t settled on the locations for the next two Checkers yet.

You can see more at checkers.com.