

## Prizes, fanfare, and a year of free coffee; Dunkin' Donuts holds Grand Opening

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**Prince Frederick, MD** – It was a beautiful Southern Maryland afternoon just off Solomon's Island Road for the opening of a new franchise in the Prince Frederick area. After many years, a Dunkin' Donuts finally opened its doors in the city, bringing coffee and donuts to all its citizens.

"It's been a long process and I'm extremely happy that we're open now," said the store's franchisee Maria Icaza. In addition to the newly opened Prince Frederick location, Icaza also owns all three Dunkins in St. Mary's County.

Though the store opened on May 9, the location held its grand opening Tuesday, May 21, inviting the community to prizes and fanfare on the side of their breakfast treats. "So far it's been great, we've had a lot of people through the drive-through and in the front of the store," explained Icaza who added that the first 100 people at the event received free coffee for a year, motivating many to the lineup.

Locals Dona Floyd and Angela Powell who work right down the street from the shop said that they've been anticipating the event. The two pass by the store every day on their walk and were lucky enough to be two of the first hundred.

The impact of a big grand opening "absolutely" shows positive results according to Icaza, who explained they "get people excited and lets the community know we're here." She went on to say that sometimes the people who pass the store every day are unsure if it's open and that an official grand opening event lets everyone know they're here.

The event was capped off by presentations from the Governor's office, county commissioners, and the Calvert Chamber of Commerce. The governor's citation was presented by Jaymi Sterling, Gov. Larry Hogan's daughter who works across the bridge in the St. Mary's County State's Attorney's Office.

Commissioners Kelly McConkey [R-District 3], Steven Weems [R-At Large], and Earl "Buddy" Hance [R-At Large] were all present for the ribbon cutting. Weems had stated in the Calvert County Commissioners meeting that his son would be attending and that it is "the one item in eight and a half years he's excited for." McConkey quickly replied in jest, stating, "it's hard to believe there's anyone more excited than myself.

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