

Olive Garden opens in front of Target

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One of the area's favorite Italian eateries, Olive Garden, began serving guests on Memorial Day.

"Our newest Tuscan Farmhouse design at 1301 E. Hillside Dr. is the second such design to open in Tulsa County", said Katie Lennon, public relations spokesperson for the chain.

The company estimates about 165 new jobs are being created with the opening of the 247-seat, 7,441-square foot restaurant. "We expect the store to contribute to the state's restaurant industry growth" she said.

"Broken Arrow has become the largest suburb of Tulsa making it a perfect location for the newest member of Olive Garden's family of local restaurants", said Valerie Insignares, Executive Vice President of Operations.

According to the National Restaurant Association's 2009 Industry Forecast, restaurant sales in Oklahoma are expected to grow 2.5 percent this year.