



HANDEL'S ICE CREAM CONTINUES MISSOURI EXPANSION WITH NEW LEE'S SUMMIT LOCATION

Celebrate Lee's Summit's grand opening with Free Ice Cream for a Year for the first 100 guests on August 20.

LEE'S SUMMIT'S, MO, UNITED STATES, August 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Handel's Ice Cream](#), the beloved brand serving ice cream since 1945, is officially expanding its footprint in Missouri. The newest location in Lee's Summit is located at 410 Northwest Chipman Road. The shop will celebrate its official Grand Opening on Thursday, August 20. The festivities will treat the first 100 guests in line to "Free Ice Cream for a Year." This celebration marks a significant milestone for the brand as it continues to grow within the state, representing the third Handel's location to open in the Kansas City metro area within the last year, with more to come.

The new location is owned and operated by Todd and Traci Blackinton. This is the couple's second location, following their successful shop in Belton. After falling in love with the brand years ago, the Blackintons are excited to introduce this local favorite to the Lee's Summit community.

"Since opening our doors in Belton, the response from the Kansas City metro area has been incredible," said Todd Blackinton, co-owner of Handel's Lee's Summit. "We have seen firsthand how much this community values quality and connection, and we couldn't be more thrilled to bring our signature, handmade scoops to our neighbors here in Lee's Summit."

The scoop shop will offer 48 rotating flavors, pickup and delivery through DoorDash, Uber Eats, and Postmates, and catering services. The shop is open Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

"Handel's brings 80 years of tradition, and we are committed to maintaining that legacy of excellence," said Traci Blackinton, co-owner of Handel's Lee's Summit. "Every batch is made fresh in-store, and we are so proud to be part of the daily traditions and sweet celebrations for families throughout this area."

For more on Lee's Summit Handel's, visit <https://handelsicecream.com/store/lees-summit/>. You can also follow their progress and updates on Facebook at Handel's Lee's Summit and on Instagram at [@Handels_Leessummit](#).

*Must be 18 years or older to receive the Free Ice Cream for a Year offer. This offer is valid for the first 100 customers in line.

About Handel's Ice Cream

Handel's Ice Cream has been making and selling ice cream since 1945. Founded in Youngstown, Ohio, the legacy of Handel's began with Alice Handel. The brand was later purchased by Lenny Fisher, and what started as a single ice cream parlor has now grown into a beloved brand nationwide. Handel's is committed to quality, using abundant ingredients to create their ice cream, which is made by hand in small batches at each location. They offer 48 flavors every day, with more than 140 additional flavors that rotate seasonally.

Handel's has earned numerous industry accolades, including being ranked the #1 Sweet Treat and a Top 10 Brand to Buy by Franchise Times. The brand is also featured on the publication's Top 400 list of the largest franchise systems in the United States and its Fast & Serious list recognizing the smartest-growing franchises of the year. Additionally, Handel's was recognized on Fast Casual's Movers & Shakers 2025 list, while CEO Jennifer Schuler was named among the Top 25 Industry Executives for her leadership and innovation in foodservice. The brand is also recognized as a Top 500 Franchise by Entrepreneur Magazine.

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Handel's currently has over 175 locations across 20 states and is growing. To learn more about Handel's franchise opportunities, visit www.handelsicecream.com/franchise. □□□

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