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Peruvian rotisserie restaurant opens in Carnegie

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The owners of the new El Pollon restaurant in Carnegie, Luis and Marisa Neira.

Luis and Marisa Neira, natives of Lima, Peru, are making the regional debut of their El Pollon restaurant in Carnegie.

Specialty Group, which represents the restaurant, announced the newcomer to the region, calling it "the first authentic polleria to come to Pittsburgh," meaning the kind of charcoal rotisserie chicken restaurants that are staples throughout Peru.

The couple also operate three other pollerías, two in West Virginia and the other in Florida.

Open about a week now in the former location of BAKN in Carnegie, El Pollon is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout the week, with a menu not only of chicken, but also ceviche on the weekends as well a number of other speciality dishes.

The expansion into Carnegie was a natural one for El Pollon since the owners kept getting requests from customers at its West Virginia restaurants.

Terri Sokoloff, a principal of Specialty Group, said in a prepared statement that the building is a good match for an experienced operator with a unique restaurant concept.

"With the open kitchen it is really a show to watch the chicken in their massive charcoal oven," she said, noting the ovens can slow-roast 24 of the birds at a time.




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