

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

Current Real Estate Transactions, Leases Signed, Ownership Changes, and Business Brokerage Activity.



For restaurant contact information, please call Restaurant Activity Report at (443) 974-8897.

Stellar

1912 Bernard St
Raleigh, NC 27608

Mandy Tamplin

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 15, 2025

Publication Date: Feb. 20, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Taste, Small Plates & Wine Bar in Raleigh's High Park Village, recently closed and will be replaced by Stellar, a new wine bar set to open in mid-March 2025. Owners Mandy Tamplin and Daniel Willis are making updates to the space and plan to offer wine, cocktails, small plates, and rotating steak, pasta, and seafood dishes. Stellar will also feature live music and vinyl nights.

Kore Durham

Main Street
Durham, NC 27703
www.koredurham.com

Kumasi Stallings

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 1, 2025

Publication Date: Feb. 20, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: KORE, a new bar and lounge, is set to open soon on Main Street in Durham, North Carolina. While the exact address hasn't been publicly disclosed yet, KORE aims to offer a space where technology enhances human connection, blending tradition with innovation in both its ambiance and offerings.

Mezzo Market

1234 Market Street
Suite 101
Charlotte, NC 28201
www.mezzomarketclt.com

Djordje Avramovic

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: March 2, 2025

Publication Date: Feb. 20, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: European

Summary: Mezzo Market is expected to open in early March 2025 at 1234 Market Street, Suite 101, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201. Owned by Djordje Avramovic and Carol Austin, the market's menu is still in development but is expected to feature a variety of pizzas and tapas influenced by Avramovic's Serbian roots.

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Bartaco

1710 Commonwealth Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28205
www.bartaco.com

Anthony Valletta

President

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 23, 2025

Publication Date: Feb. 20, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Bartaco is set to join the Commonwealth development in Plaza Midwood, with an expected opening by fall 2025 at 1710 Commonwealth Ave, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205. The casual, coastal-inspired taco chain offers a variety of tacos, including baja fish, spiced chicken verde, seared chorizo, and falafel, along with margaritas, guac and chips, and rice bowls.

Clark's Snack Bar

3001 Central Ave.
Charlotte, NC 28205

Lincoln Clark

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 31, 2025

Publication Date: Feb. 20, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Clark's Snack Bar is set to open by the end of March 2025 at 3001 Central Ave, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205. Owned by Lincoln Clark, the restaurant will bring back popular items from The Good Wurst Company, including frankfurters from Upstate New York, sausage and kielbasa, brats, homemade fries, and baked beans, along with new additions like sandwiches, fried bologna, and chicken salad. The space will feature booth seating, picnic tables, and a return to the original "rock and roll vibe" with Grateful Dead decor and music videos.

Restaurant

413 Glenwood Ave
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.cortezraleigh.com

Charlie Ibarra

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 15, 2025

Publication Date: Feb. 20, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: The Cortez restaurant in Raleigh's Glenwood South will close on March 2, 2025, after nearly eight years in business. The owners, brothers Charlie and Hector Ibarra, plan to remodel the space and launch a new restaurant in April 2025. While details about the new concept have not been announced, it will remain under the same ownership. Their upstairs cocktail bar, Cuya, is expected to continue operating as usual.

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Dino's

3109 Shannon Road
Durham's University Hill
Durham, NC 27707
www.mattkellyhospitality.com

Matt Kelly
Owner
Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2025
Publication Date: Feb. 18, 2025

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: A new pizza spot, Dino's, is set to open this spring in Durham's University Hill, bringing classic Italian-American flavors to the Triangle. Founded by Matt Kelly, the acclaimed chef behind Nana's and Mateo, and Tom Cuomo, a former chef at New York's renowned Carbone, Dino's will be a pizza shop featuring Italian American favorites like, wings, salads, pizza and pasta cooked to order. Dino's will offer delivery, table service, a full bar and a fabulous patio with outdoor seating.

Summit Coffee

To Be Announced
Davidson, NC 28035
www.summitcoffee.com

Brian Helfrich
CEO
Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2025
Publication Date: Feb. 18, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Summit Coffee will open a new location at Summit Farms in east Davidson, North Carolina 28035, with construction starting in May 2025. The 13,000-sqft space will feature a bakery, coffee, pastries, and a cocktail bar, along with expanded roasting capacity. The facility is expected to open in early 2026.

Sol Delish

8927 J M Keynes Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.soldelishrestaurant.com

Latell Brice
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: Mar. 25, 2025
Publication Date: Feb. 18, 2025

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: American

Summary: Sol Delish is expanding to a larger dine-in location at 8927 J M Keynes Dr, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, set to open in Spring 2025. The new space will still be in the University Area Boardwalk, and the original location will transition to a take-out only service. The new location will offer a wider variety of Southern cuisine, live music, and a larger seating area for diners.

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Golden Hour

95 Roberts Street
Asheville, NC 28801
www.goldenhouravl.com

Jacob Sessoms
Founder
Est. Opening Date: March 1, 2025
Publication Date: Feb. 18, 2025

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Reopening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: American

Summary: Golden Hour, located in The Radical Hotel at 95 Roberts St, Asheville, North Carolina 28801, will reopen on March 1 after being closed due to flooding from Tropical Storm Helene. The wood-fired, farm-to-table restaurant will feature a seasonal, regional menu designed by James Beard Award-nominated chef Jacob Sessoms and Executive Chef Kevin Chrisman. Dishes include picanha steak with chimichurri, slow-roast lamb, and daily fresh seafood.

Paul & Jack Bakery & Cafe

911 N West St
Suite 107
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.linktr.ee/pnj_bakery

Jacques Matar
Owner
Est. Opening Date: April 1, 2025
Publication Date: Feb. 18, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Paul & Jack Bakery & Cafe will take over the former Layered Croissanterie space at 911 N West St., Suite 107, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603. They are known for its exquisite European-style pastries, bringing its renowned selection to the city. Customers can expect a full coffee and espresso menu alongside decadent treats like their nearly one-pound chocolate croissant filled with whipped cream, cinnamon rolls with the creamiest frosting, and cherry Danishes piled high with fresh fruit compote. Their signature bomboloni, including the irresistible creme brûlée variety with golden custard peeking through its sugared, torched exterior, are a must-try.

Front Porch Cafe

8109-121 Fayetteville Road
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27603
www.frontporchcafe.com

Laura Wayland
Owner
Est. Opening Date: May 15, 2025
Publication Date: Feb. 18, 2025

Location Type: Franchise
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Source reported that Front Porch Cafe is expanding into the Triangle with its first location in the region. The franchise company has submitted plans to open a new restaurant at 8109-121 Fayetteville Rd in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. Owned by Laura Wayland, Front Porch Cafe is known for its quality coffee and welcoming atmosphere