

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.

Taaza Bistro

3463 Gentry Lane
Clemmons, NC 27012
www.taazabistro.com

Chellappa Yasin

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 20, 2025

Publication Date: April 3, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Taaza Indian Bistro, a popular Indian restaurant specializing in South Indian cuisine, is opening its third Triad location at 3463 Gentry Lane, Clemmons, North Carolina 27012, in the space formerly occupied by Katsu Hibachi Cafe. Chef and owner Chellappa Yasin chose Clemmons for its strong demand for Indian cuisine, particularly dishes from Tamil Nadu and Hyderabad, such as Dum Biryani. The 2,850 sqft restaurant will seat 65 indoors and 30 on a patio. Tazza offers traditional dishes with options for chicken, goat, seafood, and vegetarian. The restaurant is expected to open soon with a staff of 15.

Piatto Fresco

305 McGill Ave NW
Building 200
Concord, NC 28027
www.eatpiattofresco.com

Adam Schorr

Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 6, 2025

Publication Date: April 3, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Other Ethnic

Summary: Piatto Fresco, a Mediterranean fast-casual restaurant owned by Adam Schorr, is set to open in May 2025 at Gibson Mill Market, 305 McGill Ave NW, Building 200, Concord, North Carolina 28027. The menu will feature fresh Mediterranean dishes such as hummus and pita, shawarma and braised lamb bowls, fresco salads, and sides like hand-cut fries and grilled vegetables.

Market on Morehead

1001 Morehead Square Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28203

Josh Willoughby

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025

Publication Date: April 3, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Market on Morehead, a 7,000 sqft restaurant in South End, is opening in December 2025 at 1001 Morehead Square Dr, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203. The venue will feature a 4,000 sqft, dog-friendly patio with a 25-foot LED TV, a double-sided bar, and a fenced-in dog park. The menu includes gourmet American dishes like burgers, quesadillas, and the "Girl Dinner."

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Boatman Spirits Co.

1713 Seaboard Station Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27604
www.boatmanspirits.com

George Ghneim

Founder/CEO

Est. Opening Date: May 20, 2025

Publication Date: April 3, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Boatman Spirits Co. is set to open in May 2025 at 1713 Seaboard Station Drive in Raleigh, North Carolina, featuring a craft cocktail bar and distillery. Founded by hospitality veterans Zack Thomas, Aaron Lambert, Jeremy Prichard, and George Ghneim, the venue will produce vodka, gin, single malt whiskey, rye whiskey, and seasonal fruit brandies. The distillery will include a 4,000 sqft bar with seating for 100 and a full kitchen serving Mediterranean-inspired dishes like shawarma and lamb kebab burgers. The beverage program will feature house-distilled spirits, beer, wine, and craft cocktails, aiming to deliver an elevated cocktail experience.

Topsail Steamer

5003 Falls of Neuse Rd
Quail Corners Shopping Center
Raleigh, NC 27609
www.topsailsteamer.com

Danielle Mahon

CEO/Founder

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 1, 2025

Publication Date: April 3, 2025

Location Type: Franchise

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$50 and Up

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Dave Riley and Kristen Thompson-Riley are set to open Raleigh's first Topsail Steamer in the Quail Corners Shopping Center at 5003 Falls of Neuse Road, aiming for a Fall 2025 launch. This seafood company, featured on "Shark Tank," specializes in ready-to-go steamer buckets that include shrimp, crab, corn, and potatoes. The 1,075 sqft store will feature seafood displays, a menu chalkboard, and a counter for ordering. Topsail Steamer offers buckets priced between \$60 and \$230 and has several locations in other states. They aim to engage with local breweries and events to attract customers.

Restaurant

1005 Holloway St.
Durham, NC 27701

Matt Yarboro

Owner

Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2025

Publication Date: April 3, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Source reported that a new bakery, located at 1005 Holloway St. in Durham, North Carolina 27701, is set to open under the ownership of Matt Yarboro. The bakery operations are currently in the planning phase, with property owners submitting plans for \$403,000 in renovations to establish the business in an existing facility.

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Ladybird Taco

1524 East Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28203
www.ladybirdtaco.com

Brooks Veazey
CEO
Est. Opening Date: May 2, 2025
Publication Date: April 1, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Mexican

Summary: Ladybird Taco, a Nashville-based eatery known for Texas-style breakfast and lunch tacos, is expanding to Charlotte, taking over the former Lebowski's Neighborhood Grill space at 1524 East Blvd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203. Opening sometime in 2025, the restaurant was founded by Gabe Scott and Andrew Wiseheart in 2020 and features made-from-scratch tortillas and a full coffee program.

Taco Roos

9615 N Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.tacoroots.com

Doug Baskin
Director
Est. Opening Date: May 3, 2025
Publication Date: April 1, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Mexican

Summary: Taco Roos, a taco concept owned by Cook Out, is coming soon to 9615 N Tryon St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262. The 1,881 sqft restaurant will offer taco boxes with tacos, a drink, and sides like chips and salsa, along with a la carte items such as tacos, quesadillas, and pepperoni pizza tortillas.

Chili Willi's

9615 Bailey Rd.
Cornelius, NC 28031

Rob Duckworth
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2026
Publication Date: April 1, 2025

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Update
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Mexican

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Chili Willi's would open at an unknown location, and we now know it will debut in early 2026 at 9615 Bailey Rd, Cornelius, North Carolina 28031. Rob Duckworth, owner of Duckworth's Grill & Taphouse, is reviving the former West Virginia Tex-Mex cantina with original founder Ron Smith. The menu will feature protein-based dishes, enchiladas, burritos, and flautas, while the 4,100 sqft space, formerly The Waterman, will have a Tex-Mex-inspired design and a revamped bar.

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The Hippo Wine Bar and Shop

123 E. Martin St.
Raleigh, NC 27601
www.hippowinebar.com

Katie O'Kane

Co-Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2025

Publication Date: April 1, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Reopening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: The Hippo Wine Bar, originally set to reopen in December 2024, will now open soon under new ownership by North South Hospitality in Raleigh. The group, known for Gussie's, is keeping the name while enhancing the space with cozy, natural elements designed by Julia Petiprin. Shifting from a wine shop to a wine bar, Hippo will offer food options like charcuterie and tinned fish, along with wine, beer, beer cocktails, and low-ABV drinks. The aim is to make wine more approachable and enjoyable for everyone, providing "damn good wine" for all patrons.

Monya Ramen and Izakaya

3800 Glenwood Ave.
Suite 100
Raleigh, NC 27612

Chris Lee

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2025

Publication Date: April 1, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Source reported that the owners of Sushi Mon restaurant submitted a plan to open a new restaurant operation dubbed Monya Ramen and Izakaya, in an adjacent place of Sushi Mon restaurant at 3800 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 100, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612. It is still in the early stages of development.