

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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Modern Alchemist

TBA
Old Fort, NC 28762
www.modernalchemist.com

Nathan Kelischek
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 25, 2025
Publication Date: May 22, 2025

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Modern Alchemist Distillery & Restaurant, co-founded by Nathan Kelischek and Chris Zieber of Appalachian Mountain Brewery, is set to open this summer in Old Fort, North Carolina. Inspired by their Modern Alchemist brand known for THC-infused mocktails, the new venue will expand on their craft beverage offerings. Appalachian Mountain Brewery's brewpub is located at 46 North Mills River Road, Mills River, NC. The exact address for Modern Alchemist Distillery & Restaurant in Old Fort is yet to be announced.

Trattoria Italia

6310 Old Oak Ridge Road
Greensboro, NC 27410
www.thetrattoriaitalia.com

Pasquale D'Alba
Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 24, 2025
Publication Date: May 22, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: ALL

Summary: Trattoria Italia is set to open soon at 6310 Old Oak Ridge Rd, Greensboro, North Carolina 27410, within the Cardinal Shopping Center. This Las Vegas-based family restaurant will offer classic Italian cuisine, including pasta, steak, and seafood dishes.

Local Time Brewing

TBA
Lillington, NC 27546
www.localtimebrewing.com

Chris Gallagher
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2026
Publication Date: May 22, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Local Time Brewing has announced the opening of a second brewery in Lillington, North Carolina, set for later this Spring 2025. The existing location features a tasting room with seating for 75, additional outdoor seating, and offers six to eight taps of house-made beers, including IPAs and stouts. The brewery is also dog-friendly, making it a welcoming spot for all animal lovers.

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Trebol

4000 Atlantic Avenue
Suite 128
Raleigh, NC 27604

Victor Soto

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 1, 2025

Publication Date: May 22, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Source reported that Victor Solo submitted plans to open a new nightclub operation dubbed at 4000 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 128, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604. Very few details have been shared at this time.

La Farm Bakery

101 Current Drive
Park Shops
Raleigh, NC 27607
www.lafarmbakery.com

Missy Vatinet

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: May 22, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: La Farm Bakery is set to open a new location at North Carolina State University this Fall 2025, taking over the former Port City Java space at 101 Current Drive in Park Shops. This expansion follows the bakery's recent opening of its second Raleigh location at Creekside Crossing Center. Owned by master baker Lionel Vatinet and his wife Missy, La Farm Bakery has been in business for 25 years and will be the bakery's eighth location in the Triangle. The new campus location will offer the bakery's signature European breads and pastries, enhancing the variety of food options available to N.C. State students.

Smash & Sizzle Burgers

275 N Elm Street
High Point, NC 27262

Est. Opening Date: June 7, 2025

Publication Date: May 22, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Hamburgers

Summary: Smash & Sizzle, a new food concept specializing in smash burgers, sizzling sides, and American comfort food with a twist, will open on June 7 at 275 N Elm St, High Point, North Carolina 27262. This collaboration between Stock + Grain and Providence Restaurant and Catering, the social enterprise of Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC, will provide job training opportunities for culinary program graduates, with executive chefs managing the restaurant's operations inside the downtown food hall, Stock + Grain Assembly.

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Emmy Lou's

2400 Park Road
Charlotte, NC 28203
www.emmylouwinebar.com

Andres Kaifer
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: Sep. 24, 2025
Publication Date: May 20, 2025

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Emmy Lou's, a new wine bar from Customshop and Marina's Tapas owners Andres Kaifer and Alex Bridges, is set to open this fall in Dilworth. The 1,200 sqft bar and retail shop will be located in Mere's former space at 2400 Park Rd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203, in The Courtyard shopping center. Emmy Lou's will offer wines by the bottle and an extensive by-the-glass list in a casual, welcoming setting. The name honors co-owner Alex Bridges' wife, Emma, and her great-grandmother who affectionately called her "Emmy Lou."

South Block

2007 Commonwealth Ave.
Charlotte, NC 28205
www.southblock.com

Amir Mostafavi
CEO
Est. Opening Date: Sep. 23, 2025
Publication Date: May 20, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: South Block will open a new location in Plaza Midwood later this fall, bringing its smoothies, cold-pressed juices, acai bowls, and toasts to 2007 Commonwealth Ave, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205. Founded by CEO Amir Mostafavi in Virginia in 2011, the brand is expanding into North Carolina as part of a larger growth strategy supported by the Savory Fund.

Mike's Vegan Grill

207 W 3rd Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
www.mikesvegan.com

Mike Roach
Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 24, 2025
Publication Date: May 20, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: Mike's Vegan Grill is preparing to open its first brick-and-mortar location at 207 W 3rd St, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101, in the former Murphy's Lunch space. This marks a new chapter for founder Mike Roach, whose vegan food truck has built a strong following locally. Roach also operates existing locations in Greensboro and Charlotte.

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Fable Books and Cafe

219 Raleigh St.
Holly Springs, NC 27540
www.linktr.ee/fablebooksandcafe

Brett Smith
Partner
Est. Opening Date: June 15, 2025
Publication Date: May 20, 2025

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

Summary: Fable Books and Cafe is set to open in June at 219 Raleigh St. in Holly Springs, as reported by the Triangle Business Journal. Owned by Nirmaliz Colón and DeAnna Kalk, this cozy new establishment will feature a cafe serving specialty coffee beverages and tea, complemented by house-made syrups and pastries sourced from La Farm Bakery. The cafe has partnered with Counter Culture Coffee in Durham for its wholesale coffee supply, promising a delightful experience for coffee lovers and a welcoming atmosphere for the community.

Cottage Coffee

2105 Umstead Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27606

Kate Pearce
Executive Director
Est. Opening Date: Aug. 1, 2025
Publication Date: May 20, 2025

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

Summary: Source reported that the city has submitted plans to renovate an existing facility in Dix Park at 2105 Umstead Dr., Raleigh, North Carolina 27606, to open a new coffee shop called Cottage Coffee. Very few details have been shared at this time, we will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Lutra Cafe and Bakery

312 Blackwell St.
Durham, NC 27701
www.lutrabakery.com

Chris McLaurin
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Aug. 1, 2025
Publication Date: May 20, 2025

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Chris McLaurin is set to open Lutra Cafe and Bakery in Durham, located in the American Tobacco Campus at 312 Blackwell St. The 2,600 sqft restaurant will offer baked goods, breakfast, and lunch, with weekend brunch items. After over a year of testing his baked goods at farmers markets and pop-ups, the owner signed the lease for the cafe, which will feature seating for 60 inside and 20 on the patio. He plans to hire 15 to 20 employees for Lutra, aiming to fill the gap in breakfast options in the Triangle. The menu will include a variety of items such as sweet and orange buns, sourdough, breakfast sandwiches, and salads. Additionally, he is considering a crowdfunding campaign to fund art installations and launch marketing efforts.

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