

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 (315) 790-8151.

Easy Tiger

125 S Lexington Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
www.easytigeravl.com

Kyle James

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 24, 2025

Publication Date: July 22, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Easy Tiger, a new sports bar from the team behind Flour Cafe, will open early fall 2025, just in time for football season. Located at 125 S Lexington Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28801, the bar will feature 12 big screen TVs for sports watch parties, classic sports movies during the off-season, and a menu of elevated pub fare including beef and falafel burgers, fried chicken sandwiches, chopped salads, fried mushrooms, and onion rings. A full weekend brunch and a detailed non-alcoholic drink menu will also be available.

Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant

7119 O'Kelly Chapel Rd.
Parkside Town Commons
Cary, NC 27519
www.chwinery.com

Tim McEnery

Founder/CEO

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026

Publication Date: July 22, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$50 and Up

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, an Illinois-based chain, is planning to open a location in Parkside Town Commons in Cary, North Carolina, as part of its expansion into the region. The proposed restaurant will occupy 11,114 sqft and is situated along the busy Highway 55 corridor, which has seen significant development recently. Cooper's Hawk offers a diverse menu that includes steak, seafood, and pasta, all complemented by suggested wine pairings, and features a wine club with its own wine production facility in Illinois. They are still in the early stages of development, we will update as more details are announced.

LRB Provisions

2009 Guess Rd.
Durham, NC 27705

Amanda Orser

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 1, 2025

Publication Date: July 22, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: Amanda Orser will open her first restaurant operation dubbed LRB Provisions at the former Dog House frankfurter stand at 2009 Guess Road, Durham, North Carolina. The restaurant will feature a smoker named Gertrude for housemade pastrami and smoked fish. With 27 years of culinary experience, Orser is shifting from fine dining to focus on lunch for the first time. LRB will serve a gourmet walk-up menu that includes sandwiches, seasonal soups, and a brown butter "brookie."

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G.O.A.T. Pizza

9623 Bailey Rd.
Cornelius, NC 28031
www.goatpizzanc.com

David Burke

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 2, 2025

Publication Date: July 22, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Reopening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: ALL

Summary: G.O.A.T. Pizza, led by Chef David Burke, has temporarily closed at 9623 Bailey Rd, Cornelius, North Carolina 28031, with plans to reopen in early September 2025 ahead of football season. Opened last year, the restaurant offers pizzas such as margherita, pepperoni, Big Wave Hawaiian, and sausage, along with gluten-free cauliflower crusts, smashburgers, sandwiches, and salads. The sports-themed concept emphasizes comfort and community dining.

Crazy Legs

9325 JW Clay Blvd.
Suite 222
Charlotte, NC 28262

Devante Powell

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 2, 2025

Publication Date: July 22, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Crazy Legs, a new sports cafe by Devante Powell and Wilson Rogers, is opening by early October 2025 at 9325 JW Clay Blvd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, near the JW Clay Station light rail stop. The 2,300 sqft venue will feature a sports bar atmosphere with multiple TVs, indoor bar and table seating, and a front-facing stage for weekly live podcast recordings. Offerings will include air-fried wings and sliders, signature loaded dishes with salad, fries, rice, or turkey legs as bases, and a 20-drink cocktail menu with Red Bull-based and frozen options.

The Salty Donut

229 S. Estes Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.saltydonut.com

Amanda Pizarro

Co-Founder

Est. Opening Date: Feb. 1, 2026

Publication Date: July 22, 2025

Location Type: Franchise

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: The Salty Donut is set to open a new location at 229 South Estes Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514. Known for its innovative flavors like brown butter and salt, maple and bacon, and guava and cheese. An opening date has not been announced yet. The new location will have 1,768 sqft space.

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Stanbury

936 N. Blount St.
Raleigh, NC 27604
www.stanburyraleigh.com

Will Jeffers

Co-Owner

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 1, 2025

Publication Date: July 17, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: American

Summary: Stanbury, a popular New American restaurant in Raleigh's Mordecai neighborhood, is expanding into the adjacent space previously occupied by Escazu Chocolates at 936 N. Blount St., Raleigh, North Carolina 27604, effectively doubling its footprint. The new 1,600 sqft area will allow for a larger kitchen, which co-owner Will Jeffers noted is currently cramped, and the addition of a cocktail bar offering light bites for guests.

E.O's Athletic Club

341 W. Main St.
Durham, NC 27701

Michelle Vanderwalker

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: July 17, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Michelle Vanderwalker and Sean Umstead are opening E.O's Athletic Club this Fall 2025 at 341 W. Main St. in downtown Durham, taking over the former Beyu Caffè space. The 3,242 sqft sports bar will feature multiple TVs for various sports events and seat 80 guests. The menu will focus on chicken wings, New Jersey/Massachusetts-style bar pizza, loaded baked potatoes, salads, and sandwiches. E.O's aims to fill a niche for sports viewing in the area, encouraging community involvement by incorporating childhood sports photos into the bar top. Named after biologist E.O. Wilson, the bar will use ants playing sports as its mascot, symbolizing connection through sports. The owners plan to hire 25 to 30 employees.

The Loop Restaurant

1800 E. Franklin St.
Eastgate Shopping Center
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Scott Novak

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025

Publication Date: July 17, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: Reopening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: American

Summary: he Loop Restaurant, located at Eastgate Crossing shopping center in Chapel Hill, has temporarily closed due to major flooding caused by Tropical Depression Chantal. The restaurant announced the closure on its Instagram, indicating that it was significantly affected by the floodwaters. The extent of the damage and plans for cleanup and reopening have not yet been detailed.

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Pleasant Provisions

830 W Fourth St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Matt Pleasants

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: July 17, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Pleasants Provisions, a grocery-restaurant hybrid by chef and butcher Matt Pleasants, is expected to open in November or December 2025 at 830 W. Fourth St, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101, within the 4th & Green Apartments. Pleasants—formerly of The Honey Pot and Earl's and currently with Smoke City Meats—will offer a full-service dine-in restaurant alongside a specialty grocery featuring North Carolina-sourced pantry staples, produce, cheeses, ready-made meals, beer, and wine. The concept emphasizes high-end yet approachable food, with bold, seasonal flavors and casual service.

Di Arma Di Taggia

20 2nd St. NW
Suite 200
Hickory, NC 28601

Dajuan Hector

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 17, 2025

Publication Date: July 17, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: ALL

Summary: Contact and partner Dajuan Hector has submitted plans to open a new cocktail bar and dessert restaurant at 20 2nd St NW, Suite 200, Hickory, North Carolina 28601. The venue will feature a combination of craft cocktails and desserts, with further details about the concept and menu yet to be announced.

Palm Berries

1111 Metropolitan Ave.
Suite 150
Charlotte, NC 28204
www.palmberriesllc.com

Lauryn Taylor

Franchisee

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 30, 2025

Publication Date: July 17, 2025

Location Type: Franchise

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salads

Summary: Lauryn Taylor is set to open the first Charlotte-area location of Palm Berries, a North Carolina-based health-focused franchise, in a 1,390 sqft space by late September or early October. The forthcoming shop will be located at 1111 Metropolitan Ave, Suite 150, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204. Offerings will include customizable acai bowls, smoothies, and rotating specials. Taylor, who has personal ties to the brand's founding family, plans to bring a cozy and welcoming atmosphere with natural design elements and a hand-painted mural.
