

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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Pokeworks

7169 O'Kelly Chapel Rd.
Cary, NC 27519
www.pokeworks.com

Peter Yang

Cp-Founder

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 1, 2025

Publication Date: July 29, 2025

Location Type: Franchise

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: American

Summary: Pokeworks is opening a new location at 7169 O'Kelly Chapel Road, Cary, North Carolina 27519 with a 1,640 sqft space. No opening date has been announced yet. This fast-casual restaurant specializes in customizable poke orders catering to specific dietary preferences such as vegan, gluten-free, and other mindful diets.

Serratore's Pasta & Pizza

112 N. Churton St.
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Josh DeCarolis

Owner/Chef

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 31, 2025

Publication Date: July 29, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: ALL

Summary: Chef Josh DeCarolis, known for his authentic Italian cuisine at Mothers & Sons in Durham, is opening Serratore's Pasta & Pizza in Hillsborough next month August 2025 at 112 Churton Street, Hillsborough, North Carolina. The restaurant will highlight classic Italian-American dishes from his childhood in Connecticut, such as Sunday gravy and red sauce specialties. Named after the owner's mother's maiden name, Serratore's will feature hand-rolled pasta, including gluten-free and vegan options, alongside dishes like chicken parm and pork rib sugo. The menu will also include Neapolitan-style pizzas, thanks to a large wood and gas burning oven. A cutlet section with various preparations of thin fried veal and chicken will be offered, served over linguine. The restaurant plans to open by the end of August 2025, starting with dinner and later adding brunch and lunch.

McWally's

1475 N. Judd Pkwy NE
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
www.mcwallys.com

Bryden McCormick

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 20, 2025

Publication Date: July 29, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: A new entertainment venue, McWally's, is set to open in August 2025 at 1475 N Judd Pkwy NE in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. The 42,000 sqft facility will feature bowling, laser tag, a restaurant, a bar, around 45 televisions, and private party rooms, providing a family-friendly atmosphere for fun and celebrations. McWally's aims to enhance the local entertainment options, especially for kids and families, reflecting Dr. Bryden McCormick's vision to contribute positively to the community where he practices dentistry.

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Las Guayamayas

5360 Hendersonville Rd.
Suite 829
Fletcher, NC 28732

Evelyn Leija

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 27, 2025

Publication Date: July 29, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: ALL

Summary: Sources have reported that Evelyn Leija has submitted plans to open a new take-out restaurant called Las Guacamayas at 5360 Hendersonville Rd, Suite 829, Fletcher, North Carolina 28732. While specific details about the menu have not yet been disclosed, the restaurant is expected to offer quick and flavorful options for customers seeking convenient, take-out dining.

Radar Brewing Co.

216 E 9th St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
www.radarbrewingcompany.com

Matt Armbruster

Owner

Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2025

Publication Date: July 29, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Owner

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Radar Brewing Co., located at 216 E 9th St, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101, is now under new ownership as Matt Armbruster and his fiancée Amber take the reins. Open since 2020, the brewery will maintain its popular beer offerings while expanding its selection with new brews and a new head brewer. Armbruster also plans to upgrade the taproom with additional food trucks, decor updates, and potential patio enhancements, aiming to fully utilize the brewery's 20 taps and enhance its unique sunset views.

Pump Social

24 Church St. NE
Concord, NC 28025
www.pumpsocialnc.com

AJ Donner

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 30, 2025

Publication Date: July 29, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: Pump Social will be opening later this summer at 24 Church St NE, Concord, North Carolina 28025, in a repurposed gas station. Owned by AJ and Rachael Donner—who together bring 30 years of hospitality experience—the restaurant will feature chef-driven sandwiches, salads, and bowls inspired by global flavors, along with a beer and wine menu. Guests can dine inside the 1,100 sqft interior or relax on the 1,500 sqft covered patio under the vintage gas station awning.

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Star Taco

18 N Main St.
Marshall, NC 28753
www.startacownc.com

Brian Sonoskus
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: Aug. 23, 2025
Publication Date: July 24, 2025

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

Summary: Star Taco, led by Chef Brian Sonoskus and his wife Kate, is opening soon at 18 N Main St, Marshall, NC 28753. Following the closure of Star Diner and the impact of Hurricane Helene, the couple is bringing a new concept focused on comfort and community. Located next to the courthouse and across from Zuma, Star Taco will offer pop-ups from the Celtic Monkey trailer until the official opening, expected in about a month.

Washington Perk

660 W 5th St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Crystal Stowe
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Sep. 24, 2025
Publication Date: July 24, 2025

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

Summary: Washington Perk is expected to open in fall 2025 at 660 W 5th St, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101, on the bottom floor of the Forsyth County Central Library. This will be the second location of the local favorite, combining a coffee shop and convenience store tailored to book lovers and library visitors.

Daily Grind Coffee Bar

116 E S Main St.
Suite C
Waxhaw, NC 28173

Mariya Panchenko
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Aug. 5, 2025
Publication Date: July 24, 2025

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

Summary: Daily Grind Coffee Bar is opening in early August 2025 at 116 E S Main St, Suite C, Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173. Owned by Mariya Panchenko, this will be the cafe's second location following its original Lancaster, SC shop. The new spot will offer Charlotte-based Night Swim Coffee, coffee flights, smoothies, and baked treats including doughnuts, muffins, macarons, and cake pops.

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Earth House

1022 Ryan Road
Cary, NC 27511

Micelli Bianchini

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025

Publication Date: July 24, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Source reported that Micelli Bianchini submitted plans worth \$94K to open a new juice and smoothie bar called Earth House. It will be located at 1022 Ryan Road, Cary, North Carolina 27511, and will feature a space of 1,152 sqft. Details about the timeline for the opening have not been provided, but we will update as more information becomes available.

Lawrence Barbecue

150 E. Cedar St.
Cary, NC 27511
www.lawrencefoodco.com

Jake Wood

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 5, 2025

Publication Date: July 24, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Relocation

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: BBQ

Summary: Jake Wood is set to move Lawrence Barbecue from Boxyard RTP to a new brick-and-mortar location in downtown Cary at 150 E. Cedar Street, with his last day at Boxyard RTP announced as August 9, 2025. The new restaurant, expected to open in Summer 2025, will be around 4,900 sqft with seating for approximately 250 people. The new location will feature an open kitchen, three smokers, a full bar, and an oyster cart shucking tableside. Alongside its signature barbecue, Lawrence will also serve popular dishes from its Lagoon Bar and Leroy's Tacos concepts, including quesabirria tacos and frozen drinks. The new spot will unite all three of Wood's concepts—Lawrence Barbecue, Lagoon Bar, and Leroy's Taco Shop—and will feature a patio, smokehouse, full bar, and merchandise options.

Good Graces

540 St. Albans Dr.
#130
Raleigh, NC 27609
www.goodgracesraleigh.com

Haley Borden

Owners

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 15, 2025

Publication Date: July 24, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Good Graces, a vibrant market, bar, and eatery, will be opening in the North Hills Innovation District at the base of Channel House Apartments at 540 St. Albans Drive, Suite 130, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 in August 2025. Aiming to become the go-to gathering spot for the Raleigh community, Good Graces will offer a versatile dining experience, featuring coffee, breakfast, and lunch during the day, and transitioning to shareable bites and drinks in the evening. The establishment promises a dynamic and welcoming environment for all.