

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.

La Autentica

2725 Northwest Blvd O
Newton, NC 28658

Victor Martinez

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 11, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 12, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: ALL

Summary: La Autentica owners are planning to open a new location soon at 2725 Northwest Blvd O, Newton, North Carolina 28658. The restaurant will offer Mexican favorites such as their popular Guacamole Mexicano, bottle beer specials on Mondays, margarita flights, and a variety of top tequila selections.

Twisted Noodles

1800 E. Franklin St., Suite 20-B
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.twistednoodlesch.com

Phon Punsak

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 12, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Reopening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: The owners of Twisted Noodles submitted renovation plans totaling \$75,000 after storm damage affected restaurant operations. The restaurant is located at 1800 East Franklin Street, Suite 20-B, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514. A reopening timeline has not been announced yet; we will provide updates as details emerge.

Sai Springs Indian Restaurant

11605 Holly Springs New Hill Rd.
Apex, NC 27539

Bharath Pepaala

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 12, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Source reports that partners have submitted plans to open a new restaurant, Sai Springs Indian Restaurant, in a space at Oakview Commons mixed-use complex, 11605 Holly Springs New Hill Road, Apex, North Carolina 27539. No other details have been provided. We will update as more information becomes available.

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Barley and Burger

1900 Hillsborough St.

Raleigh, NC 27607

www.barleyandburger.com

Travis Ellis

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 15, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 12, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Hamburgers

Summary: Barley and Burger is planning a fourth location at 1900 Hillsborough St. in Raleigh, near NC State, taking over the former David's Dumplings & Noodle Bar space. The new full-service restaurant will seat 123 indoors with outdoor seating and is slated to open in October 2025. The concept will mirror Barley and Burger's existing quick-service style but with a larger, sit-down format, offering smashburgers (with menu items like the Marty McFly and Ghostbuster), apps, salads, wings, and more, plus 12 taps for beer, wine, and cocktails. The Raleigh team—Will Clarke, his brother Brandon Clarke, Travis Ellis, and novelist Etaf Rum—plans to hire 60–70 staff and intends future expansion in the Triangle.

Dunbar Social

10000 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy.

Charlotte, NC 28277

Javier Rosenberg

President

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 24, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 12, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Dunbar Social by Topgolf Swing Suite is set to open this fall at The Ballantyne, a Luxury Collection Hotel, located at 10000 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277. The 9,200 sqft venue will feature indoor seating for 116, five simulator bays, outdoor seating for 36 with a bar, and a chef-driven menu with signature cocktails. It is operated by Northwood Hospitality, which also manages the hotel.

Acropolis Restaurant

416 N. Eugene St.

Greensboro, NC 27401

www.acropolisrestaurantgreensboro.com

Jimmy Contogiannis

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 30, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 12, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Acropolis Restaurant, owned by Jimmy Contogiannis, is expanding to include a bakery and deli by the end of 2025 at its longtime location, 416 N Eugene St, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401. The new space, converted from storage, will feature a coffee counter with a barista, Greek pastries such as baklava, galaktoboureko, walnut honey cookies, and wedding cookies, along with deli items like spanakopita, tiropita, hummus, and pita bread.

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The Emporium Market

448 N. Main St.
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Jenny Breedlove

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 20, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 7, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: The Emporium Market is opening soon at 448 N Main St., Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792, offering coffee, tea, grab-and-go foods, pastries, general store items, and unique gifts. The new downtown spot aims to be a cozy destination for both everyday essentials and thoughtful finds.

Posana

264 Thetford St.
Asheville, NC 28803
www.posanarestaurant.com

Peter Pollay

Co-Owner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 27, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 7, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: American

Summary: Chef Peter and Martha Pollay of Mandara Hospitality Group will open a second Posana location in fall 2025 at 264 Thetford St, Asheville, North Carolina 28803, in Biltmore Park Town Square. Like the original downtown Asheville location, which opened in 2009, the new restaurant will feature a seasonal, chef-driven menu inspired by the Pollays' travels, including favorites like kale salad, housemade gnocchi, and prime meats. The space will offer indoor and outdoor dining, a large bar and lounge, and signature design elements.

Sip & Cinder

1325 N. Broome St.
Waxhaw, NC 28173

Jon Fortes

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 7, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Sip & Cinder, a new concept from Jon and Amy Fortes of Flipside Restaurant Group, is set to open October 1, 2025, at 1325 N Broome St, Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173. The 3,700 sqft restaurant will focus on craft cocktails and wood-smoked barbecue, featuring dishes like smoked chicken, brisket, ribs, and shareables such as shrimp and grits and bacon-wrapped dates. The venue will seat 70 and include a 12-seat bar, with weekend brunch and takeout options also planned.

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Firebirds Wood Fired Grill

Highway 98 and Ligon Mill
Grove 98 Development
Wake Forest, NC 27587
www.firebirdsrestaurants.com

Steve Kislow
CEO
Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026
Publication Date: Aug. 7, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$50 and Up
Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Firebirds Wood Fired Grill plans to open a new location in Wake Forest, North Carolina, in the Summer of 2026, with construction set to begin in mid-September at the Grove 98 development on the corner of Highway 98 and Ligon Mill Road. The Charlotte-based steakhouse and seafood restaurant, aims to hire around 100 employees for its Wake Forest restaurant. Firebirds features a diverse menu that includes various steaks, surf and turf dishes, seafood, and salads.

On Thyme Restaurant

918 Castle St.
Wilmington, NC 28401
www.oohyoutgotthyme.com

Corey Scott
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Dec. 15, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 7, 2025

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

Summary: On Thyme Restaurant is planning a 1,400 sqft expansion at 918 Castle Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, which could begin construction this month August 2025. This addition will create a new bar, increase seating, expand the prep kitchen, and provide a waiting area, addressing customer feedback about overcrowding and the lack of alcohol service. Owners Corey and Phallin Scott, who opened the restaurant in fall 2022 after previously operating a catering service and food truck, opted to invest in expanding their space rather than relocating. The new addition will repurpose part of the existing outdoor seating area, allowing for year-round use.

Bright Side Books & Wine

600 W. Cabarrus St
Platform
Raleigh, NC 27603

Susannah Baird
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Oct. 1, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 7, 2025

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

Summary: Susannah Baird plans to open Bright Side Books & Wine, a romance bookstore and wine bar, this Fall 2025 in a 1,700 sqft space within Kane Realty's Platform development in Raleigh. After raising \$51,400 through Kickstarter, the store will offer various romance sub-genres and a full wine menu, along with prepared food from local vendors. Baird aims to cater to Raleigh's vibrant romance community and will host book clubs and author events. She plans to stock between 1,000 and 1,500 books. Bright Side will feature cafe and lounge seating and will also host book clubs and author events.