

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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UrbanGypsy & Co

To Be Announced
Concord, NC 28025

Karrie Kimsey

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 19, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: UrbanGypsy & Co., from owner Karrie Kimsey, will open on November 8, 2025, at a yet-to-be-finalized location in Concord, North Carolina 28025. The concept will combine a vintage store, coffee shop, and self-care center with spa suites, offering vintage goods, furniture, clothing, home decor, coffee, and wellness services, with buildout slated to begin September 1.

La Dolcekca Deluxe Bakery

1994 Charlotte Hwy.
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Karina Cooper

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 4, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 19, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Owner Karina Cooper, formerly of La Dolcekca Bakery Cafe, is preparing to open La Dolcekca Deluxe Bakery at 1994 Charlotte Hwy, Mooresville, North Carolina 28117. The new, smaller space — described by Cooper as “bigger in flavor” — will feature menu highlights like tres leches cake, flan, and Dubai chocolate, with an opening expected later this summer.

Gotcha Matcha

401 S. Tryon St.
Charlotte, NC 28202
www.gotchamatcha.co

Eric Hicklen

Founder

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 14, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 19, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Gotcha Matcha, founded by Eric Hicklen, will soon open its second Charlotte location at Three Wells Fargo Center, 401 S Tryon St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. The new 1,000 sqft space will serve the brand's signature matcha-based drinks, including creative offerings like the caramel matchiato and Dubai chocolate matcha, along with refreshers, espresso beverages, and loose-leaf teas. Hicklen, who launched the first Gotcha Matcha Uptown last November, says this new spot will carry the same welcoming atmosphere and serve as a stepping stone for his vision of nationwide expansion.

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Karahi Kraze

Greater Triangle Area
Raleigh, NC 27513

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 1, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 19, 2025

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

Summary: A new food truck called Karahi Kraze will soon be opening in the Greater Triangle area, North Carolina. They will serve South Asian fusion street food, featuring flavors from Pakistan, India, and beyond. The opening date has not been announced yet.

Ay Por Dios! Mexican Bistro

431 W. Franklin St.
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
www.aypordiosnc.com

Edy Barahona
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Nov. 15, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 19, 2025

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

Summary: Source reports that Ay Por Dios! Mexican Bistro has submitted plans to reopen in its former location at 431 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC 27517. The restaurant serves Mexican cuisine. The reopening date has not been announced yet; we will update as more details emerge.

El Jefe Modern Mexican

831 S. Main St., Suite 105
Rolesville, NC 27571

Rufino Torres
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 19, 2025

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

Summary: A new El Jefe Modern Mexican is underway at 831 South Main Street, Suite 105, Rolesville, North Carolina 27571. The new location will feature a 3,100 sq ft space. They will be offering an authentic Mexican menu. The opening timeline has not been announced yet, but it is expected to open sometime in 2025.

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Improper Pig

1600 Central Ave.
Charlotte, NC 28205

Will Bigham

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 26, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 14, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: BBQ

Summary: Improper Pig, part of the Stomp, Chomp & Roll hospitality group, will open its new flagship location in Fall 2025 at 1600 Central Ave, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205, in the former Pizza Peel building. The barbecue-Asian fusion restaurant will feature Southern-style pork rolls, smoked chicken wings, a vegetarian "No Pig" sandwich, new wood-fire grilled entrees, reimagined vegetarian options, and a refined beverage program with wine, beer, and craft cocktails, alongside upgraded interiors and a refreshed logo.

Wild Thyme Gourmet

445 Main St
Highlands, NC 28741
www.wildthymegourmet.com

Dindu Lama

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 23, 2026

Publication Date: Aug. 14, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Owners are planning to open a new restaurant operation in Spring 2026 in an existing facility slated for renovation at 445 Main St, Highlands, North Carolina 28741.

Sip & See Cafe

314 N. Church St.
Greensboro, NC 27401

Tracey J. Marshall-Becker

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 25, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 14, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: The Sip & See Gallery Cafe at The Marshall Muse Gallery, 314 N Church St, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401, opening Fall 2025, will offer a welcoming space for visitors to relax, enjoy drinks, and engage with art. Located just off the Main Gallery and across from the beverage bar, the cafe will feature a mini-exhibit, unique gift items, and space for creative activities like sketching or journaling, blending art and ambiance for a reflective and inspiring experience.

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Wine & Design

11216 Capital Blvd.
Wake Forest, NC 27587
www.wineanddesign.com

Harriet Mills
Founder/CEO
Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 14, 2025

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

Summary: Lorelei Hopkins is opening Wine & Design this Fall 2025 at 11216 Capital Blvd. in Wake Forest's Wake Pointe center, a 1,500 sqft space formerly The Urban Anemone. The franchise will host painting events, art classes, and kids' camps for wine-sipping guests, with Hopkins budgeting about \$75,000–\$80,000 to launch and a monthly rent of around \$3,600. Wine & Design aims to leverage established foot traffic in a busy retail area near Sam's Club and Walmart, and Hopkins hopes to hire two to three artists initially, expanding as needed; she also plans to pursue an ABC permit to sell alcohol.

Sir Walter Speakeasy

400-010 Fayetteville St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

Anthony Rapillo
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 14, 2025

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

Summary: Source reported that a new bar and restaurant operation dubbed Sir Walter Speakeasy will soon be opening at 400 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. Details about the menu or timeline of the opening have not been announced yet.

Restaurant

4500 Western Blvd.
Raleigh, NC 27606

Michael Siniscalchi
CEO
Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 14, 2025

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

Summary: The company behind 810 Billiards & Bowling intends to open a new upscale entertainment, dining, and bar venue at 4500 Western Blvd., Raleigh, North Carolina 27606. The yet-to-be-named establishment will occupy a 40,000 sqft space. Details are limited at this time, and we will provide updates as more information becomes available.