

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.

Mountain Madre

791 Merrimon Ave.
North Asheville, NC 28804
www.mountainmadreavl.com

Paige Scully

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 18, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 26, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: ALL

Summary: Mountain Madre Mexican Kitchen & Agave Bar is opening a second location this summer 2025 at 791 Merrimon Ave, North Asheville, North Carolina 28804, in the former Avenue M space. The restaurant will serve traditional and contemporary Mexican dishes, including smoked brisket tacos, street corn, and pineapple-beer-marinated carne asada. The flagship downtown location is affiliated with this expansion.

Corner Treestone Kitchen

362 16th St. PI SE
Hickory, NC 28602
www.cornerstonekitchen.com

Mary Lo

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 23, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 26, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Corner Treestone Kitchen, owned by Mary Lo, is opening in early fall 2025 at 362 16th St PI SE, Hickory, North Carolina 28602. The restaurant will offer a variety of dishes, focusing on fresh, seasonal ingredients and a neighborhood-friendly dining experience.

Rooster's

201 Griffith St.
Davidson, NC 28036
www.roosterskitchen.com

Jim Noble

CEO

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026

Publication Date: Aug. 26, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Rooster's Wood-Fired Kitchen, part of Jim Noble's Noble Food & Pursuits, is opening in June 2026 at 201 Griffith St, Davidson, North Carolina 28036, within Sadler Square. The 6,800 sqft location will feature a seasonally-inspired menu with brunch, lunch, and dinner options, including rotisserie chicken, mac and cheese, and Chef Noble's coconut cake. Rooster's joins Noble's other concepts, including Copain Bakery & Provisions, Noble Smoke, Bossy Beulah's Chicken Shack, The Jimmy, and Field Pea Catering.

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H&H Bagels

239 S Estes Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.hhbagels.com

Jay Rushin
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 26, 2025

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

Summary: H&H Bagels franchise company is planning to open a new location at 239 S Estes Dr, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. H&H's menu features at least nine types of bagels, which can be ordered plain or with one of several cream cheese flavors. Customers can also choose from breakfast and lunch bagel sandwiches, including a classic bacon, egg, and cheese bagel sandwich and the H&H Club, stacked with turkey, ham, bacon, cheese, avocado, and lettuce. We will provide updates as more details about the new location emerge.

Summer Moon Coffee

7340 Buffaloe Road, #100
Raleigh, NC 27604
www.summermooncoffee.com

Daniel Drennen
Partner
Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025
Publication Date: Aug. 26, 2025

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

Summary: Summer Moon Coffee is opening a new location at 7340 Buffaloe Rd., Raleigh, North Carolina 27604. An exact opening date has not been announced yet. The location will have 2,504 sqft space. Existing Summer Moon Coffee is a cozy, craft-focused roastery that showcases Texas-inspired storytelling through bold imagery, collaborative seasonal drinks, and a rustic, warm atmosphere.

42nd Street Oyster Bar

508 W Jones St.
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.42ndstoysterbar.com

Hunter Correll
General Manager
Est. Opening Date: Feb. 1, 2026
Publication Date: Aug. 26, 2025

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Reopening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: 42nd Street Oyster Bar, located at 508 W Jones St, Raleigh, North Carolina, plans to reopen as early as February 2026 under a new ownership group led by longtime GM Hunter Correll, following a March 2025 closure. The restaurant is now part of 42nd Street Partners LLC, formed in June; Correll has been with the oyster bar since 1996. The restaurant's past and memories are being celebrated, with guests invited to share their own stories. 42nd St. Oyster Bar and Seafood Grill is one of the South's most famous landmark restaurants serving Raleigh fresh, high-quality food, beer, and wine for nearly 80 years.

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Coquette

101 S. Tryon St.
Charlotte, NC 28202
www.coquetteclt.com

Jill Marcus

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2026

Publication Date: Aug. 21, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: Relocation

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: European

Summary: Coquette, a French-inspired restaurant, cafe and buvette from owner Jill Marcus and Mother Earth Group, will relocate in early 2026 from its current spot at 400 S Tryon St. to the former Essex Bar & Bistro space at 101 S Tryon St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. The new 5,296 sqft Uptown location will feature expanded seating, a private dining room, Parisian decor with new design touches, and an elevated menu by Executive Chef Stefano Gallo alongside a wine program led by Sommelier Fabien Boudart.

Piccolina

375 Depot St.
Asheville, NC 28801
www.piccolinaavl.com

Elana Pearlman

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 26, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 21, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: ALL

Summary: Piccolina, a husband-and-wife-run Italian restaurant, will open this fall at 375 Depot St, Asheville, North Carolina 28801, inside the Aura Arts building in the River Arts District. The New York Italian-style eatery will serve fresh Italian sandwiches, Neapolitan pizza, handmade pasta, Italian ice, zeppole, and soft-serve ice cream, all made with local Appalachian ingredients.

Mezcalito

1102 Walnut St.
Cary, NC 27511
www.mezcalitogrill.com

Oscar Diaz

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 21, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: ALL

Summary: Mezcalito, a six-location North Carolina Tex-Mex chain, is opening its first Cary, North Carolina, location at 1102 Walnut St in a former On The Border space. They are known for Mexican staples like fajitas, tacos, enchiladas, and a robust beverage menu featuring margaritas and mojitos. Mezcalito has collaborated with chef Oscar Diaz and was involved in a 2020 legal dispute over copied concepts.

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Barley and Burger

To Be Announced

Durham, NC 27517

www.barleyandburger.com

Travis Ellis

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026

Publication Date: Aug. 21, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Hamburgers

Summary: Barley and Burger plans additional Triangle locations, expanding its smashburger concept with a strong beverage program and guest-focused service. The Triangle is a key area for their multi-site growth strategy. Existing locations provide 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. They are still in the early stages of their growing planning development, we will update as more information becomes available.

Libations

3101 McChesney HI Lp

Holly Springs, NC 27540

Kali Scheibener

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 21, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Beverages

Summary: Source reported that Kali Scheibener and her partner are planning to open a new bottle shop and a bar called Libations in a 1,742 sqft space. It will be located in the Peterson Station mixed-use complex at 3101 McChesney Hill Loop, Holly Springs, North Carolina 27539. Very few details have been shared at this time.

Whistle Stop

7063 Siloam Rd.

Siloam, NC 27047

Steve Melton

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 5, 2025

Publication Date: Aug. 21, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: The Whistle Stop Takeaway Cafe is set to open in September 2025 at 7063 Siloam Rd, Siloam, North Carolina 27047. Led by Steve Melton, along with Milan and his family, the new restaurant aims to create a welcoming spot for residents of Siloam and nearby towns including East Bend, Booneville, Elkin, and Jonesville. The team brings strong business expertise and a community-focused vision, with hopes to expand their impact into surrounding areas like Pilot Mountain.