

## Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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### Village Inn Pizza

125 Bush Drive  
Morganton, NC 28655  
[www.villageinnpizza.com](http://www.villageinnpizza.com)

**Ray Lackey**

*Owner*

**Est. Opening Date:** Jan. 1, 2025

**Publication Date:** Aug. 28, 2025

**Location Type:** Regional

**Lead Type:** Relocation

**Average Check:** \$20 and Under

**Menu Type:** ALL

**Summary:** Ray Lackey Enterprises will relocate Village Inn Pizza from 1016 Burkemont Ave. to its new site at 125 Bush Dr, Morganton, North Carolina 28655, with an expected opening by late September or early October 2025. The new location, situated between Cracker Barrel and Hampton Inn, will feature the chain's signature A-frame design and offer its classic pizza menu.

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### Harriet's Hamburgers

2007 Commonwealth Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28205  
[www.harrietshamburgers.com](http://www.harrietshamburgers.com)

**Brian Stockholm**

*Founder*

**Est. Opening Date:** Sep. 28, 2025

**Publication Date:** Aug. 28, 2025

**Location Type:** Regional

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 and Under

**Menu Type:** Hamburgers

**Summary:** Harriet's Hamburgers, founded by Brian Stockholm of Papi Queso, will open this fall at 2007 Commonwealth Ave, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205. The menu will include burgers, fries, cheese curds, sauces, cookies, and drinks, with part of cookie sales benefiting Halfway There Rescue.

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### Sip & Brick

81 Broadway Street  
Suite 201  
Asheville, NC 28801

**Stone Fentzlaff**

*Owner*

**Est. Opening Date:** Sept. 23, 2025

**Publication Date:** Aug. 28, 2025

**Location Type:** Independent

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 and Under

**Menu Type:** Bakeries/Coffee/Snack

**Summary:** Sources have reported that Stone Fentzlaff, owner of Sip & Brick, is seeking approval to open a new Lego-themed bar at 81 Broadway St Suite 201, Asheville, North Carolina 28801.

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### Bounty Farmhouse Kitchen & Tap

4150 Sycamore Dairy Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28303  
[www.bountync.com](http://www.bountync.com)

**Chris Beal**

*Owner*

**Est. Opening Date:** Oct. 15, 2025

**Publication Date:** Aug. 28, 2025

**Location Type:** Independent

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$50 and Up

**Menu Type:** Classic/Varied

**Summary:** Bounty Farmhouse Kitchen & Tap will soon be opening at 4150 Sycamore Dairy Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina, the former Mash House location. It will be designed around whole-animal butchery, sustainable sourcing, and seasonal menus that reflect North Carolina farming heritage. Ingredients will be fresh, local, traceable, and community-first, and the restaurant will feature a farmhouse-style bar with craft cocktails, Carolina beers, and locally curated wines and spirits, blending neighborhood-kitchen warmth with modern hospitality. Expect beef, poultry, and seafood sourced from local NC farmers, a full bar with handcrafted cocktails and Carolina spirits, a scratch-made menu focused on whole-animal use and sustainability, and a welcoming, farm-style space.

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### Trophy Brewing & Distilling

207 Bickett Boulevard  
Raleigh, NC 27608  
[www.trophybrewing.com](http://www.trophybrewing.com)

**Rebecca Couch**

*Chief Operating Officer*

**Est. Opening Date:** Oct. 20, 2025

**Publication Date:** Aug. 28, 2025

**Location Type:** Regional

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 to \$50

**Menu Type:** Bar & Grill/Pub

**Summary:** Trophy Brewing plans an October 2025 opening for its new Raleigh location, Trophy Five Points, at 207 Bickett Blvd in the former Electric Supply Co. building. The 22,000 sqft venue will feature a taproom with about 10 taps, a full beverage menu including wine and cocktails, and a restaurant offering pizzas and salads, along with ample indoor and outdoor space and a 9,000 sqft flexible event space, plus storage for barrel aging beer and spirits.

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### Benchwarmers Bagels

1021 S. Saunders St.  
Raleigh, NC 27603  
[www.benchwarmersbagels.com](http://www.benchwarmersbagels.com)

**Andrew Cash**

*Co-Owner*

**Est. Opening Date:** Nov. 1, 2025

**Publication Date:** Aug. 28, 2025

**Location Type:** Regional

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 and Under

**Menu Type:** Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

**Summary:** UPDATE!! We previously reported that Benchwarmers Bagels would be opening a third location in Raleigh's North Hills Innovation District at 541 Church at N. Hills St. We now know that they will be opening at Kane Realty's Rockway development, located at 1021 S. Saunders St. near Dorothea Dix Park. The Rockway site places Benchwarmers directly below The Row Apartments (335 units), with convenient access to the Rocky Branch Greenway Trail and Dix Park, plus a large patio for outdoor dining. The new space will enable increased production and the sale of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and cocktails), expanding beyond its current offerings.