

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.

XICO

175 Biltmore Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
www.xicoasheville.com

Scott Linquist

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 15, 2025

Publication Date: Sep. 30, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$50 and Up

Menu Type: Mexican

Summary: XICO, an upscale Mexican restaurant from chef Scott Linquist, is set to open in October at 175 Biltmore Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. The menu will highlight wood-fired dishes such as whole red snapper, Mole Coloradito, tostadas, and seafood cocktails. Linquist, known for founding and leading acclaimed Mexican restaurants in Miami, Los Angeles, and New York City, brings his signature style to Asheville with this new venture.

Sushi Rose

To Be Announced
Charlotte, NC 28105
www.eatsushirose.com

Nevin Anuran

CEO

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 23, 2026

Publication Date: Sep. 30, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$50 and Up

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Sushi Rose, owned by Nevin and Karen Anuran, Ben Cerna, and partners Katrina and Jay Capistrano, is expanding to Charlotte in spring 2026. The restaurant, known for blending Japanese and Peruvian flavors, will feature sushi rolls with a Peruvian twist, small plates, and a cocktail program, though the exact address has not yet been released. The ownership team is also behind Melrose Coffee in the Triad area.

Pranzo

1000 Social St., #120
Raleigh, NC 27609

Michael Bongiorno

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2026

Publication Date: Sep. 30, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and \$50

Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Source reported that Bongiorno & Son, owned by Michael Bongiorno, is planning to open a new retail and foodservice concept called "Pranzo" Italian bistro and market in Raleigh. The new operation will occupy a 2,193 sqft space currently under construction at 1000-120 Social St.

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Pizzeria Toro

20 Seaboard Ave.
Seaboard Station
Raleigh, NC 27604
www.pizzeriatoro.com

Jay Owens

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 1, 2026

Publication Date: Sep. 30, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Pizzeria Toro, a well-known wood-fired pizza restaurant from Durham, is expanding to downtown Raleigh at 20 Seaboard Ave. The new location will be in the Seaboard Station and is expected to open by next Summer 2026. It will share a space with another new business, The Common Market.

Umi Sushi

1805 Walnut Street
Cary, NC 27518
www.umibuffet.com

Ying Xiu Yang

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Sep. 30, 2025

Location Type: Franchise

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: A new restaurant, Umi Sushi, is set to open in the former Red Lobster building at 1805 Walnut St. in Cary. The owner is listed as Hugo Gao. According to town records, plans have been submitted for an initial demolition of the interior walls before the restaurant is built out.

Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q

5523 W Wendover Ave
High Point, NC 27265
www.jimnnicks.com

Larry J. Ryback

CEO

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Sep. 30, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: BBQ

Summary: Jim N' Nick's Community Bar-B-Q, an Alabama-based chain founded in 1985, is set to anchor the new Palladium South development in High Point with a planned 4,800 sqft restaurant at 5523 W Wendover Ave, High Point, North Carolina 27265. Opening details are still under review, but the menu will feature plates like pulled pork, Carolina-style pork, beef brisket, bar-b-q chicken, and smoked turkey breast with sides, along with sandwiches such as brisket, pulled pork, and catfish served on potato buns. The Palladium South project is being developed by Bunker Land Group of Charlotte in partnership with David Couch, founder of Blue Ridge Cos.

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Galore Deli & Beyond

802 US Hwy 70 SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Ahmed Tareb

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 27, 2025

Publication Date: Sep. 25, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: Sources have reported that owner Ahmed Tareb will open Galore Deli & Beyond, a deli and convenience store, at 802 U.S. Hwy 70 SW, Hickory, North Carolina 28602, offering made-to-order sandwiches, snacks, and everyday essentials.

Maman

523 Fenton Place
Charlotte, NC 28207
www.mamannyc.com

Elisa Marshall

Co-Founder

Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2026

Publication Date: Sep. 25, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/Snack

Summary: Maman is planning a new cafe in South Charlotte at 523 Fenton Pl, Charlotte, North Carolina 28207. The New York-based French-inspired cafe, founded by Benjamin Sormonte and Elisa Marshall, will offer coffee, tea, sandwiches, pastries, breakfast items, and salads, including smashed avocado tartines and ham-and-cheese croissant sandwiches.

Poppycox

1115 N Brevard St
Charlotte, NC 28206
www.poppycoxclt.com

Michael Kocak

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 21, 2025

Publication Date: Sep. 25, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Chicken

Summary: Poppycox, known for its Nashville hot chicken, will open a brick-and-mortar location this fall at 1115 N Brevard St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28206. Owner Michael Kocak, who started Poppycox as a pop-up in 2022 and later added a food truck, will bring the same menu to Optimist Hall, including chicken sandwiches, tenders, and crazy fries with varying spice levels. Kocak plans to expand the menu later this year with additional chicken cuts and sides, marking the first step in broader growth plans for the brand in Charlotte and beyond.

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Urban Turban

1125 NC Highway 54
Suite 301
Durham, NC 27707
www.urbanturbannc.com

Manish Kumar

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2026

Publication Date: Sep. 25, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Urban Turban, located at 1125 NC Highway 54, Suite 301, in Durham, North Carolina 27707, has submitted plans for renovations. The project involves a major remodel and expansion of their existing restaurant operations, which will include the addition of a new bar area and an expansion into an adjacent space.

Nanny Goat

620 Foster Street
GeerHouse Development
Durham, NC 27701
www.nannygoatmarkets.com

Preeti Waas

Owner/Chef

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 25, 2025

Publication Date: Sep. 25, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: A new location for Nanny Goat, a grab-and-go market, is set to open in Durham at the GeerHouse development at 620 Foster St Durham, North Carolina 27701, near the Durham Food Hall. The market, owned by two-time James Beard semifinalist Preeti Waas and her daughter Amy Waas, is expected to open in October 2025. This will be the second location for Nanny Goat. Nanny Goat is inspired by a historic market in Philadelphia that served Irish immigrants.

The Left Hook Coffee

912 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
www.thelefthookcoffee.com

Kristin Kulik

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Dec. 15, 2025

Publication Date: Sep. 25, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: The Left Hook Coffee, owned by Kristin Kulik, is planning to open a new coffee shop in an existing space at 912 E Hargett St. in Raleigh. The owner, Kristin Kulik, has submitted plans for renovations to the new location.