

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.

JuaMoto Sunfired

6317 Old Sugar Creek Rd. A
Charlotte, NC 28269
www.juamotosunfired.com

Tau Khamisi Mkweli

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2026

Publication Date: Oct. 7, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Relocation

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: JuaMoto Sunfired, owned by Tau Khamisi Mkweli, also known as Dr. Tau, is relocating from Concord to Charlotte and will open in January 2026 at 6316 Old Sugar Creek Rd A, Charlotte, North Carolina 28269. Taking over the former Cocoa's Authentic Jamaican Jerk space, the 1,600 sqft restaurant with a 400 sqft patio will feature JuaMoto's signature vegan and plant-based dishes, along with new items such as acai bowls, smoothies, and grab-and-go options. The expanded location will also include larger artwork and herbal sections, aligning with Dr. Tau's mission to promote vitality and mindful living through food.

Prime Fish Cellar

2921 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28211
www.primefishcellar.com

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Oct. 7, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Reopening

Average Check: \$50 and Up

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Prime Fish Cellar, located at 2921 Providence Rd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211, will reopen this November following a major renovation. The revamped space in Providence Park will relaunch as a sushi, sake, and wine bar, marking a shift from its previous bottle shop and market concept. The team behind the project also operates Omakase Experience nearby, where Chef Robin Anthony serves seafood sourced directly from Tokyo's Toyosu Fish Market. Prime Fish Cellar is currently hiring staff ahead of its reopening.

Fishin Chicken

1600 W. Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28208

Ali Abu Al-Hassanin

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Oct. 7, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Owner

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Chicken

Summary: Nick's Gyros & Seafood at 1600 West Blvd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28208, is now under new ownership and will soon rebrand as Fishin Chicken. The restaurant, managed by new partner Ali Abu Al-Hassanin, continues to serve its popular seafood and gyro dishes, including tilapia, shrimp, and wings, with plans to introduce the new name and branding in the near future.

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Cabo Mexican Cuisine

8701 Brier Creek Parkway
Raleigh, NC 27617
www.cabosmexrest.com

Alex Torres

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Oct. 7, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Mexican

Summary: The Torres family is opening a new restaurant, Cabo Mexican Cuisine, in the former Applebee's location at 8701 Brier Creek Parkway in Raleigh's Brier Creek Commons shopping center. The restaurant, which the family purchased for \$3.65 million, will feature an elevated Mexican menu with dishes like shrimp tacos, steak, and ceviches, and its interior design will reflect the desert and ocean atmosphere of Cabo San Lucas.

Brooklyn Dumpling Shop

1001 Shiloh Glenn Drive
Morrisville, NC 27560
www.brooklyndumplingshop.com

Jeff Galletly

CEO

Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2025

Publication Date: Oct. 7, 2025

Location Type: Franchise

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: The franchisee, Maroon Market, LLC, owned by Kirk Hylton, has submitted plans for \$180,000 in renovations to convert a 2,000 sqft space at 1001 Shiloh Glenn Dr into a "Brooklyn Dumpling Shop" restaurant.

Satori

1514 US-70
Garner, NC 27529
www.cabomexrest.com

Alex Torres

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026

Publication Date: Oct. 7, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: The Torres family, who also own several El Tapatio restaurants, is planning to open a new concept called Satori, which will feature Japanese and Latin fusion cuisine. Satori will be located in Garner at the site of the former Ragazzi's Italian restaurant. Construction on the space is set to begin soon, with a projected opening timeline of six to eight months, approximately June 2026.

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Jersey South Bagel Co.

5 Regent Park Blvd
Asheville, NC 28806

Claire Simson

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 11, 2025

Publication Date: Oct. 2, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Update

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Jersey South Bagel Co. would open in August 2025. The new opening date is October 11, 2025, at 5 Regent Park Blvd., Asheville, North Carolina 28806. Known for their crispy-on-the-outside, fluffy-on-the-inside bagels, the new brick-and-mortar location will bring their popular offerings to the community in a more accessible setting.

PopUp Bagels

4020 Stream Way, Ste. 113
Charlotte, NC 28277
www.popupbagels.com

Tory D. Bartlett

CEO

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 17, 2025

Publication Date: Oct. 2, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: PopUp Bagels, a boutique bagel shop known for its rotating schmear flavors, will officially open on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 4020 Stream Way, Suite 113, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277, in The Bowl at Ballantyne. Co-owners Todd Gallinek and Deepen Patel will run the Charlotte location, the first of at least 10 planned in North Carolina. The shop serves bagels fresh from the oven—flavors like everything, sea salt, and poppy seed—designed to be ripped apart and dipped into smeareds such as scallion cream cheese, caramel apple, maple butter, and other weekly specials.

Laurel Park

4201 Congress St.
Charlotte, NC 28209

Dan McCormick

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 18, 2025

Publication Date: Oct. 2, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$50 and Up

Menu Type: American

Summary: Laurel Park, an upscale New American restaurant by restaurateur Dan McCormick, will open in October 2025 at 4201 Congress St, Charlotte, NC 28209, in the former Village Tavern space. Led by Chef Brett Faldstein, the menu will feature locally sourced, globally inspired dishes like Duck Barbacoa Empanadas, Lamb Merguez Bolognese, house-made pastas, and inventive desserts. The 5,500 sqft restaurant will offer 100 indoor seats, a bar, and a 2,000 sqft patio with fireside seating and an open-air bar.

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Red Phone Booth

125 Orange Street
Durham, NC 27701
www.theredphonebooth.com

Ralph Mensah
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Dec. 15, 2025
Publication Date: Oct. 2, 2025

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Update
Average Check: \$50 and Up
Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that The Red Phone Booth, a private speakeasy, will soon open its first North Carolina location in an undetermined location in downtown Durham, North Carolina. We now know that they will be opening at 125 Orange St, Durham, North Carolina 27701. Known for its entrance via a red London-style phone booth, the bar will be owned by local dentists Ralph Mensah and Michael Thomas. Mensah, inspired by a Nashville visit three years ago, aims to create a Prohibition-era ambiance.

Longleaf Swine

7713 Lead Mine Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27615
www.longleafswine.com

Adam Cunningham
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2026
Publication Date: Oct. 2, 2025

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: BBQ

Summary: Longleaf Swine, a popular Downtown Raleigh barbecue restaurant, is planning to open a second location in the Greystone Village shopping center at 7713 Lead Mine Rd, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615. The new restaurant will take over the former Sawmill Tap Room space and is currently aiming for an opening in the fall of 2026. This expansion continues Raleigh's recent resurgence in barbecue offerings.

The Swing Bays

3615 Rogers Branch Road
Wake Forest, NC 27587
www.theswingbays.com

Dustin Miller
Founder/Owner
Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026
Publication Date: Oct. 2, 2025

Location Type: Franchise
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Beverages

Summary: The Swing Bays, a Colorado-based indoor golf franchise, is opening its first North Carolina location in Wake Forest at 3615 Rogers Branch Road. Franchisees Phil and Nancy Gugliotta plan to open the 5,000 sqft facility by May of next year 2026. The venue will feature six golf bays equipped with Trackman simulators, a chipping and putting area, a gym with a fitness trainer, and a bar serving refreshments. The Gugliottas intend for this to be the first of multiple locations they open across the Triangle area and in Pinehurst.