

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.

The Craic

4810 Ashley Park Lane
Charlotte, NC 28210

Chris Healy

Operator

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 15, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 10, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: The Craic, a new restaurant and bar, is set to open later this quarter at 4810 Ashley Park Ln, Charlotte, North Carolina 28210, taking over the former Rusty Bucket space in SouthPark. The concept is led by Chris Healy of The Gin Mill and The Public House, along with Parker Starre and Delano Little, and will offer brunch through late-night service with comfort-driven fare, Irish-inspired dishes, bar food, and a full beverage program featuring beer, wine, cocktails, and zero-proof options.

Sonrisa

137 Brevard Court
Charlotte, NC 28202

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 26, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 10, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Latin American

Summary: Mucha Mucha is being rebranded as Sonrisa, a Latin American restaurant, and is set to open this spring, targeting March, at 137 Brevard Ct, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. The restaurant will be operated by the same team behind Valhalla Pub, Courtyard Hooligans, and other Brevard Court concepts, and will serve Latin American cuisine including house-made tortillas, fajita-style meats, seafood, and vegan options. Sonrisa will also feature a full bar centered on tequila-, mezcal-, and rum-based cocktails, with both upstairs and downstairs dining spaces as part of ongoing updates to the Brevard Court area.

Wake Up & Eat

360 Exchange St NW
Suite 107
Concord, NC 28027

Jose Fuentes

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 1, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 10, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Wake Up and Eat, a full-service breakfast and brunch restaurant owned by Jose Fuentes, is coming soon to 360 Exchange St NW, Suite 107, Concord, North Carolina 28027, with plans to open in about two months. The second location will mirror the menu of the original restaurant, offering comfort-focused breakfast and brunch fare such as sandwiches, waffles, chicken and waffles, pancakes, burgers, onion rings, and chicken tenders, and is expected to seat about 40–50 guests.

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Echo + Page

406 S. Driver St
Durham, NC 27703

Jermaine Bantum

Owner

Est. Opening Date: March 1, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 10, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Echo + Page, a new bookstore, vinyl shop, and coffee concept, is preparing to open in Durham at 406 S Driver St in Old East Durham, North Carolina. Owned by Jermaine Bantum, who also operates Triangle Coffeehouse, the concept will combine coffee service with a rotating, tightly curated selection of books and vinyl records. The shop is designed as a creative workspace and community hub, with an emphasis on supporting North Carolina authors and music artists. Inventory will change monthly based on themes. Echo + Page is targeting a late February or early March 2026 opening and plans to operate seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with evening events expected.

83 South

6211 Hillsborough St., Ste. 107
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.83south.com

Brooks Splawn

Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 10, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: 83 South Group, LLC, led by owner Brooks Splawn, is preparing to open a new foodservice concept in Raleigh at 6211 Hillsborough Street, Suite 107, within the "Bloc[83]" complex. According to updated filings and branding materials, the new operation is targeting an opening in Spring 2026.

Raleigh Cakes

5107 Unicorn Drive
Wake Forest, NC 27587
www.raleighcakes.com

Aurora Flanagan

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 15, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 10, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Raleigh Cakes, a custom cake and creative confections business owned by Aurora Flanagan, has submitted plans to open a new retail bakery operation within an existing space at 5107-M Unicorn Drive in Wake Forest, North Carolina. While the company's website does not list a physical storefront address and notes that cakes are made to order by appointment only, public records indicate this new location is planned as part of the brand's expansion.

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Le Parisien

62 N Lexington Ave
Asheville, NC 28801

Gabriel Attala

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Feb. 20, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 5, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: European

Summary: Le Parisien is opening later this month, targeting February 20, at 62 N Lexington Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. The new French restaurant is owned and operated by chef Gabriel Attala and will debut as a dinner-only concept featuring elevated French cuisine made with high-quality ingredients, delivered in a relaxed, non-white-tablecloth setting. The two-level space will include a large bar seating up to 20 guests, with plans to add weekend brunch service at a later date.

Culinary Dropout

15220 Bowl St
Charlotte, NC 28277
www.culinarydropout.com

Russell Owens

COO

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 9, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 5, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Culinary Dropout is coming soon to Ballantyne at 15220 Bowl St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277. The Arizona-based restaurant will open in a new two-story space with indoor-outdoor patios and is expected to offer its signature menu of pretzel bites, fried chicken, pork ribs, Detroit-style pizza, and a full cocktail, beer, and wine program.

Courtyard Hooligans

140 Brevard Ct
Charlotte, NC 28202
www.courtyardhooligansclt.com

Mark Krehbiel

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 8, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 5, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Renovation

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Courtyard Hooligans is coming soon with a reopening following ongoing renovations at 140 Brevard Ct., Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. The soccer-focused sports bar is revamping its space in Brevard Court, with construction underway and no confirmed completion date yet. Courtyard Hooligans is part of a group of related concepts that includes Valhalla Pub & Eatery, which was renovated last year, and Spurs Up Saloon, a rebrand of the former Crafty Beer Guys located nearby.

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Pita Bowl

438 Fayetteville St
Raleigh, NC 27601
www.pitabowlinc.com

Omar Dakdouk
Owner/Founder
Est. Opening Date: Mar. 1, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 5, 2026

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

Summary: Pita Bowl is planning to open a new fast-casual restaurant in City Plaza at 438 Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh, replacing the former Shish Kabob location. Founded by Omar Dakdouk, the concept features build-your-own bowls and pita sandwiches or wraps, centered on Mediterranean flavors with additional options such as jerk chicken and chimichurri grilled steak. The downtown location will be takeout-only, with online ordering available. Ownership is targeting a soft opening in mid-February, followed by a grand opening in early March. This will be the third Pita Bowl location in Raleigh.

Vic's Pizzeria

5920 Taylor Rd., #930
Wendell, NC 27591
www.vicspizzeriainc.com

Michael Longo
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2027
Publication Date: Feb. 5, 2026

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

Summary: Vic's Pizzeria is planning to open a new full-service location at 5920 Taylor Rd., Suite 930, Wendell, North Carolina 27591, in the Wendell Falls area. Owned by Michael Longo, the family-run restaurant will feature sit-down dining, a full bar, and patio seating, representing a more expansive version of the Vic's concept. The space is expected to include approximately 60 indoor seats and 80 outdoor seats. The menu will remain centered on Vic's core offerings such as pizza, pasta, calzones, strombolis, and desserts, with potential additions focused on bar appetizers. Ownership is targeting an opening in late 2026, with early January 2027 also possible, pending construction timelines.

Captains Gastro

3109 McChesney HI Loop
Apex, NC 27539
www.captainsgastro.com

Mehmetcan Engin
Partner
Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 5, 2026

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

Summary: The owner of the food truck Captains Gastro has submitted plans to open a new brick-and-mortar restaurant operation at 3109 McChesney Hill Loop in Apex, North Carolina 27539. The new foodservice operation would open in an existing space at the location. The project is being led by Mehmetcan Engin, who is listed as the partner for the restaurant.