

## Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.vicspizzerianc.com](http://www.vicspizzerianc.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](http://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.