

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.

Amelie's Express

1511 Central Ave
Charlotte, NC 28205

Lynn St. Laurent

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 2, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 17, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery

Summary: Amelie's L'Express, an express-style concept from the Amelie's French Bakery team, is expected to open in the first week of March at 1511 Central Ave, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205, inside a roughly 300 sqft space. The no-seating cafe will offer French pastries such as macarons, eclairs, and tarts, along with coffee, fresh-baked bread, and grab-and-go lunch items, expanding the popular bakery's footprint with its first express-format location.

East of Texas

300 Blackwell St., #104
Durham, NC 27701
www.east-of-texas-wsnc.com

Claire Calvin

Owner

Est. Opening Date: July 15, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 17, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: Update

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: American

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that East of Texas was planning to open a new foodservice operation at 318-100 Blackwell St. in Durham, North Carolina. We now know the restaurant will be located at the American Tobacco Campus at 300 Blackwell St #104, in a nearly 5,600 sqft space, with an opening planned for summer 2026. Founder Claire Calvin will bring the same Tex-Mex BBQ, smoked meats, tacos, and margaritas featured at the original Winston-Salem location to the Durham site.

Giorgios Epicurean Market

2020 Progress Court
Raleigh, NC 27608
www.gemraleigh.com

Giorgios Bakatsias

Founder/Owner

Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 17, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Giorgios Group is reportedly beginning renovation work at the former "Giorgios Epicurean Market" space at 2020-150 Progress Ct., Raleigh, North Carolina. Owner George Bakatsias is leading the remodeling project for the foodservice location. Further details regarding the updated concept and timeline have not yet been announced.

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The Pickled Onion

771 Tarboro Road
Youngsville, NC 27596
www.thepickledonionsrestaurant.com

Greg Sunday
Owner
Est. Opening Date: March 1, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 17, 2026

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

Summary: The Pickled Onion is preparing to open its fifth location at 771 Tarboro Rd., Youngsville, North Carolina 27596. Owner Gregory Sunday is targeting a late February or early March 2026 opening for the new standalone, ground-up build, which will seat approximately 185 guests. The menu will mirror existing locations, featuring wings with various sauces and dry rubs, Cajun-seared ahi tuna, meatball trios, stuffed jalapeños, pickle chips, chili nachos, and fried mac-n-cheese balls. The team is currently hiring and training staff ahead of launch.

Dear Dad's

219 S Elm St
Greensboro, NC 27401
www.deardadsrestaurant.com

Haras Sajjad
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: Mar. 19, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 17, 2026

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Dear Dad's, owned by Haras Sajjad and Sage Sajjad, is coming soon to 219 S Elm St, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401, opening a second location in a 1,850 sqft space to expand the brand's presence. The restaurant will serve a full breakfast, lunch, and dinner menu featuring avocado toast, eggs benedict, breakfast burritos, pancakes, French toast, salads, wraps, sandwiches, burgers, pork chops, fajitas, seafood, pasta, and handcrafted coffee and tea beverages.

Hummus Republic

1589 Skeet Club Rd., Ste. 131
High Point, NC 27265
www.thehummusrepublic.com

Nir Giat
Founder
Est. Opening Date: April 1, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 17, 2026

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

Summary: Hummus Republic, operated by co-franchisee Ghanshyam Pathak, is expected to open in April at 1589 Skeet Club Rd, Suite 131, High Point, North Carolina 27265, inside a 1,600 sqft space near a Harris Teeter-anchored shopping center. The fast-casual Mediterranean concept will focus on customizable bowls, wraps, and pitas with options such as chicken shawarma, lemon chicken, falafel, and beef and lamb gyro, along with sides like pita chips with hummus, za'atar sweet potato fries, and other fresh toppings and spreads.

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Qalas Coffee House

640 Merrimon Ave, Ste. 107
Asheville, NC 28804

Sadeq Albakri

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 2, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bakery

Summary: Qalas Coffee House is coming soon to 640 Merrimon Ave, Suite 107, Asheville, North Carolina 28804, from owner Sadeq Albakri, with plans to open as soon as next month. The Yemeni coffee and pastry concept will feature a limited menu focused on Yemeni-style coffee, teas, desserts, pastries and other baked goods, without full meal offerings.

Mister O1

14020 Stream Way, Ste. 110
Charlotte, NC 28277
www.mistero1.com

Umberto Mascagni

President & Co-Founder

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 23, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 12, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Mister O1 is coming soon to 14020 Stream Way, Suite 110, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277, at The Bowl at Ballantyne, with a targeted opening this fall from local hospitality group Onyx Brands, led by Todd Gallinek and Deepen Patel, and originally founded by chef Renato Viola. The pizzeria will feature thin-crust Italian-style pizzas made with locally and Italian-sourced ingredients, including specialty options like the star-shaped "extraordinary" pizzas, alongside classic varieties such as Hawaiian, meat lovers, Vittoria, Riccardo and dessert pizzas like Nutella and vegan hazelnut chocolate.

Crooked Hammock Brewery

4501 Edwards Mill Road
Raleigh, NC 27612
www.crookedhammockbrewery.com

Rich Garrahan

Founder/Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 12, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Crooked Hammock Brewery has broken ground on a new location near Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh at 4501 Edwards Mill Road, with plans to open in spring 2026. The brewery and restaurant will offer a selection of beer, seltzers, and a full menu featuring pub classics like nachos, burgers, and pretzels, all in an entertainment-focused environment. The outdoor area will include amenities like cornhole and hammocks for lounging. This location will be part of Crooked Hammock's expansion.

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Songbird Bar

1020 E. Whitaker Mill Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27608

Meaghan Paradise

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Meaghan Paradise is planning to open Songbird Bar at 1020 East Whitaker Mill Rd., Raleigh, North Carolina 27608. Plans have been submitted for a new smoothie and cocktail bar that will operate in an existing space undergoing minor renovations.

Kabab and Curry

153 E Franklin St
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.kababandcurrync.com

Babu Dawadi

Partner

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 12, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Other Ethnic

Summary: Kabab and Curry is opening a new location at 153 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, former Hibachi & Co. space. Renovations are currently underway, and no timeline for the opening date has been announced. They serve Nepalese cuisine.

Solo Taco

1160 Revolution Mill Dr
Greensboro, NC 27405

Joseph Ozbey

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 1, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Mexican

Summary: Solo Taco is set to open in March 2026 at 1160 Revolution Mill Dr, Greensboro, North Carolina 27405, from Cugino Forno founders Joseph Ozbey, Yilmaz Guver and Adam Aksoy. The new taqueria concept will feature a simple one-page menu focused on tacos made with quality ingredients, along with salads, desserts, margaritas and aguas frescas, with an emphasis on local products such as North Carolina shrimp.