

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.

Fly Kid Fly

126 Matthews Station St
Matthews, NC 28105
www.flykidfly.com

Seth Stidham

COO

Est. Opening Date: Feb. 28, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 3, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Fly Kid Fly is coming soon to The Station development at 126 Matthews Station St, Matthews, North Carolina 28105, where it will occupy a 1,700 sqft space. Operated by the Durban Group, the coffee shop first opened in 2024 at the Bowl at Ballantyne and is known for espresso-based drinks and creative specialties such as the Cloudburst with Japanese black sugar, cream, agave, and sea salt, and the Rare Air made with ube, oat milk powder, tart cherry, cinnamon, and cardamom.

Hoppin'

215 N Ames St
Matthews, NC 28105
www.hoppincli.com

Rich Moyer

Founder & CEO

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 23, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 3, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Hoppin' is expected to open in spring 2026 at 215 N Ames St, Matthews, North Carolina 28105. The Charlotte-born self-serve taproom concept was launched in 2017 by CEO Rich Moyer and features a signature tapwall offering a rotating selection of beers and cocktails, along with food options such as tacos and bowls, as the brand continues to expand beyond Charlotte into multiple states.

Oak City Smokes

402 South McDowell St
Raleigh, NC 27601

Kyrlos Ibrahim

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Feb. 20, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 3, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Oak City Smoke, a new smoke and vape retail shop, will soon be opening at 402 S. McDowell St., Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, according to co-owner Kyrlos Ibrahim. In addition to tobacco and vape products, the business plans to offer snacks, drinks, and coffee for customers, positioning the shop as a quick-stop refreshment option in the area.

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Ribsational

1637 Mack Todd Rd
Zebulon, NC 27597
www.ribsational.com

Carla Nerber

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 1, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 3, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Ribsational, a local food truck known for barbecue dishes, appears to be planning a brick-and-mortar restaurant at the former Rey's Family Restaurant location at 1637 Mack Todd Road. A sign has recently gone up at the property indicating the food truck operators' intent to move into the space. The concept is expected to continue offering barbecue favorites such as ribs, chicken, BBQ plates, string beans, boiled potatoes, and mac and cheese.

Sully's Sandwich Shop & Pizzeria

1112 Kentworth Dr
Holly Springs, NC 27540
www.sullys-sandwich-shop.com

Chelsea Vieira

Partner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 15, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 3, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Deli

Summary: Owners of Sully's Sandwich Shop & Pizzeria are planning to open a new restaurant operation at 1112 Kentworth Dr. in Holly Springs, North Carolina 27540. The new operation will open in a renovated space at the location and will operate as a foodservice concept.

Hummus Republic

3487 Gentry Lane
Clemmons, NC 27012
www.thehummusrepublic.com

Nir Giat

Founder

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 9, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 3, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Other Ethnic

Summary: Hummus Republic is coming soon to 3487 Gentry Lane, Clemmons, North Carolina 27012. The fast-casual restaurant will serve Mediterranean-inspired bowls built on rice, couscous, or garbanzo beans with toppings such as hummus, meats, and falafel, along with wraps, pita sandwiches, and sides.

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Olivelli Deli

3120 N Davidson St
Charlotte, NC 28205

Jeff Tonidandel

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Feb. 28, 2026

Publication Date: Jan. 29, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Deli

Summary: Olivelli Deli is coming soon to 3120 N Davidson St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205, replacing Reigning Doughnuts in the NoDa neighborhood. The new walk-up deli concept is being opened by Jeff Tonidandel and Jamie Brown and will focus on deli sandwiches and soft serve, with a small buildout planned for the space. Olivelli Deli will take over the former doughnut window following Reigning Doughnuts' closure in February, bringing a new daytime offering to the well-known NoDa location.

JP's Pastry

7072 NC-751
Durham, NC 27707
www.jpaspastry.com

Joe Parker

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 1, 2026

Publication Date: Jan. 29, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: JP's Pastry is preparing to open a new gluten-free bakery later in 2026 at an existing space located at 7702-108 NC Hwy 751 in Durham, North Carolina. The foodservice concept is owned by Joe Parker, who said plans are underway to launch the bakery at the Durham location. JP's Pastry will focus on gluten-free baked goods. An exact opening date has not yet been announced.

Laziz Fry & Buy

1200 Gathering Park Circle
Suite 104
Cary, NC 27519
www.lazizfryandbuy.com

Est. Opening Date: Feb. 20, 2026

Publication Date: Jan. 29, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Laziz Fry & Buy, a new halal fried chicken restaurant, deli, and convenience store, is preparing to open at 1200 Gathering Park Circle, Suite 104 in Cary, North Carolina. Owned by Syed Hossain and locally operated by Mohammad Reaz, the concept will combine a New York-style halal deli with an Indian-inspired twist alongside a neighborhood minimart offering grab-and-go food and everyday grocery items. The menu is expected to feature halal fried chicken, sandwiches, burritos, and breakfast items, including specialties such as a butter chicken burrito made with basmati rice and house-made accompaniments. Interior build-out and equipment installation are underway. They were targeting a January 2026 opening, but no exact date has been announced, they are more likely to open sometime in February 2026.

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Clean Juice

1800 E Franklin St, Ste. 22
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.cleanjuice.com

Kat Eckles

Co-Founder/Chief Branding Officer
Est. Opening Date: Feb. 15, 2026
Publication Date: Jan. 29, 2026

Location Type: Franchise
Lead Type: Reopening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Beverages

Summary: Clean Juice is preparing to reopen following a temporary closure caused by flooding damage to its juice equipment and refrigeration systems. According to the latest update, new equipment has been installed and renovations to the store are complete. The location is now actively hiring staff in preparation for reopening. The restaurant is expected to reopen in late January or early-to-mid February 2026, though an exact date has not yet been announced.

Restaurant

4301 Lawndale Dr.
Greensboro, NC 27455

Est. Opening Date: Feb. 28, 2026
Publication Date: Jan. 29, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: A new cafe is coming soon to the Greensboro Science Center at 4301 Lawndale Dr, Greensboro, North Carolina 27455, as part of the Expedition Rainforest: The Greensboro Biodome and Aquatic Rehabilitation and Conservation Center project. The cafe will be located in the reimagined upper zoo plaza and is designed to enhance the guest experience by providing expanded food service and improved amenities for visitors as they move through the Science Center campus.

Fratelli's Italian Steakhouse

2000 Reynolds Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
www.fratellissteakhouse.com

Est. Opening Date: March 2, 2026
Publication Date: Jan. 29, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Renovation
Average Check: \$50 and Up
Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Fratelli's Italian Steakhouse will reopen in March following a revamp at 2000 Reynolda Rd, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27106. Open since 2013, the restaurant will undergo renovations beginning in February, adding 2,100 sqft with two new dining rooms and updating the space with a more modern, elevated design. Fratelli's is part of Crisp Hospitality Group, led by Sammy Gianopoulos, Johnny Pappas, and Zach Vlahos, and will continue offering its menu of fresh pastas, hand-cut steaks, and seafood dishes after reopening.