

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.

Unhinged Coffee Co.

319 N First Ave.
Knightdale, NC 27545
www.unhingedcoffee.co

Jonny Mocha
Owner/Founder
Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2026
Publication Date: March 17, 2026

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

Summary: Unhinged Coffee Co. is planning to open its first brick-and-mortar coffee shop at 319 N. First Avenue in Knightdale, North Carolina, in the former Rewind Retrobar space. Founded by Jonny Mocha and Cody Vaughn, the locally owned concept began as a mobile coffee cart and pop-up at the Knightdale farmers market and will now expand into a permanent location expected to open later in 2026. In addition to serving coffee and cafe-style drinks, the shop aims to create a community gathering space while also promoting mental health awareness and wellness initiatives through events and programming.

Vic's Italian Restaurant

5442 Six Forks Rd
Colony Shopping Center
Raleigh, NC 27609
www.vicsitalianrestaurant.com

Michael Longo
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Aug. 1, 2026
Publication Date: March 17, 2026

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

Summary: Vic's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria is planning to open a new location at the Colony Shopping Center at the intersection of Six Forks Road and Millbrook Road in Raleigh, North Carolina, in the former KFC and Taco Bell building. Operated by the Longo family, which already runs Vic's Italian Restaurant locations in City Market, Lake Boone Trail, and Glenwood Avenue, the new restaurant will feature Italian classics, pizza, and pasta dishes, and will maintain the existing drive-thru for takeout and third-party delivery pickups. According to Mario Longo Sr., the restaurant is expected to open in about three months (approximately June/July 2026) after renovations to the space are completed.

Glenwood Parlor

225 Glenwood Ave
Raleigh, NC 27603

Ahmad Ajaj
Owner
Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026
Publication Date: March 17, 2026

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

Summary: Glenwood Parlor is a new nightlife bar concept planned for 225 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, North Carolina 27603, from owner Ahmad Ajaj, who is also involved with Halcyon Lounge and Split. The venue will occupy about 1,000–1,200 sqft and is designed as an intimate late-night gathering spot within Raleigh's Glenwood South district. Glenwood Parlor will feature cocktails and other beverages, weekend DJ music, bar seating, lounge areas, and patio seating, with plans to keep drink prices affordable. While the bar will not include a kitchen, the team is exploring adding a food truck or trailer.

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Solo Taco

1160 Revolution Mill Drive
Greensboro, NC 27405

Joseph Ozbey

Partners

Est. Opening Date: April 14, 2026

Publication Date: March 17, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Mexican

Summary: Solo Taco, a new concept from Cugino Forno partners Idris Aksoy, Yilmaz Guver, and Joseph Ozbey, is planned for Revolution Mill at 1160 Revolution Mill Dr, Greensboro, North Carolina 27405, with the exact unit still to be announced. The fast-casual restaurant will focus on a streamlined taco-only menu featuring high-quality ingredients and European-influenced meat preparation, along with beverages such as margaritas, beer, wine, and Mexican soft drinks.

Club West Brewing

2151 Hawkins St
Charlotte, NC 28203
www.clubwestbrew.com

Brad Bergman

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 14, 2026

Publication Date: March 17, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Owner

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Sycamore Brewing has reopened as Club West Brewing under new ownership on March 14, 2026 at 2151 Hawkins St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203, with former director of operations Brad Bergman taking full ownership after acquiring the business from co-owner Sarah Taylor. The rebranded brewery will continue operating from the South End location, though additional concept and menu details have not yet been announced.

Pinky's Westside Grill

1109 Morningside Dr
Charlotte, NC 28205
www.eatatpinkys.com

Andy Cauble

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 15, 2026

Publication Date: March 17, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Pinky's Westside Grill, owned by Andy Cauble and Greg Auten, is expected to open in late summer 2026 at 1109 Morningside Dr, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205, in the former Ginning Mule space in Plaza Midwood. The restaurant will offer its menu of specialty burgers, hot dogs, tacos, sandwiches, and salads, including build-your-own burger options, along with plans for a patio and a neighborhood-focused dining experience.

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1368 Sweet Corner Cafe

9211 N Tryon St
Suite 5
Charlotte, NC 28262

Crystal Nguyen

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 30, 2026

Publication Date: March 12, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: 1368 Sweet Corner Cafe is set to open its second location in late April or early May 2026 at 9211 N Tryon St, Suite 5, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262. The Vietnamese street food cafe is owned by Crystal Nguyen and will offer items such as beef pho, vermicelli noodle bowls, Korean beef short ribs, Vietnamese sandwiches, boba drinks, and mochi doughnuts.

All Purpose Bar

3123 N Davidson St
Suite 104
Charlotte, NC 28205
www.drinksforeveryone.com

Larry Suggs

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 13, 2026

Publication Date: March 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: All Purpose Bar is coming soon to 3123 N Davidson St, Suite 104, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205. The bar is owned by mixologist Larry Suggs and will offer cocktails and non-alcoholic beverages, drawing inspiration from East Coast bar concepts.

Chop Chop Red Pot

224 E 7th St
Charlotte, NC 28202
www.chopchopredpot.com

Erik Crawford

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 4, 2026

Publication Date: March 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Chop Chop Red Pot is set to open in April 2026 at The Market, located at 224 E. 7th St., Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. The concept, led by chef Erik Crawford, will combine Chop Chop Red Pot and sister concept Marlee Jean's Raw Bar and Kitchen, offering Southern-inspired street food such as shrimp and grits, pulled pork sandwiches, short rib grilled cheese, and seafood dishes.

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Dawn & Dusk Cantina

7810 Target Circle, #101
Raleigh, NC 27616

Est. Opening Date: April 11, 2026
Publication Date: March 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Dawn & Dusk Cantina is preparing to open at 7810 Target Circle, Suite 101, Raleigh, North Carolina 27616, near Triangle Town Boulevard. The upcoming concept will offer a Mexican-inspired menu featuring dishes such as chilaquiles alongside craft cocktails. The restaurant appears to be connected to El Patio Bar and Grill, which operates nearby.

Biddy Thomas

2409 Crabtree Blvd
Suite 100
Raleigh, NC 27604
www.biddythomas.com

Margaret Rosemond Soler
Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026
Publication Date: March 12, 2026

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

Summary: Biddy Thomas is a cafe and community gathering space planned for 2409 Crabtree Blvd, Suite 100A, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604, with a target opening in spring 2026. The concept is owned by Margaret Soler and is designed as a relaxed “third place” where guests can dine, play games, listen to music, and socialize. The menu will feature New Orleans–inspired cafe fare, including soups, salads, sandwiches, po’ boys, and rotating specials such as red beans and rice, jambalaya, gumbo, and fried fish Fridays, along with sweets like pralines and shaved ice. The space will include a horseshoe-shaped bar, lounge seating, community tables, and a piano for local performers, creating a social environment that encourages connection across generations and cultures.

Gym Tacos

216 E Roosevelt St
Wake Forest, NC 27587
www.gymtacosnc.com

Uriel Romero
Owner
Est. Opening Date: April 20, 2026
Publication Date: March 12, 2026

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

Summary: Gym Tacos is opening a new location in the former Hardee’s site at 216 E Roosevelt Avenue, Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587. Timeline for the opening has not been announced yet. The casual restaurant will serve their tacos, quesadilla, salads, nachos, and more. They will be open for lunch and dinner.