

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.

Shuckin' Shack

5349 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy
Charlotte, NC 28277
www.thueshuckinshack.com

Dawn Powers
Franchisee
Est. Opening Date: April 5, 2026
Publication Date: March 24, 2026

Location Type: Franchise
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Shuckin' Shack is opening soon, with a target debut in April 2026 at 5349 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277. The location will be operated by franchisees Dawn and Kevin Powers and will offer a seafood-focused menu featuring oysters, po-boys, fish 'n chips, and other seafood plates, as the brand continues its expansion across the East Coast.

Simpli City Cafe

3216 South Blvd.
Suite 101
Charlotte, NC 28209
www.simplicityclt.com

Marian Hall
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: April 15, 2026
Publication Date: March 24, 2026

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

Summary: Simpli City Cafe is opening soon, with a target debut in spring 2026 at 3216 South Blvd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209. The concept is owned by Marian and Owen Hall and will offer coffee, lattes, smoothies, and food made with whole ingredients, aiming to bring a high-energy, creative atmosphere to the LoSo neighborhood.

Trattoria on Main

109 S Main St
Suite 5542
Monroe, NC 28112

Frank Siano
Owner
Est. Opening Date: April 14, 2026
Publication Date: March 24, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Trattoria on Main is opening soon, with a target debut in mid-April 2026 at 109 S Main St, Suite 5542, Monroe, North Carolina 28112, taking over the former Main Street Bistro space. The concept comes from the team behind Siano's Pizza & Pasta and will offer a rustic Italian menu featuring shareable dishes, fresh pasta and sauces, fresh mozzarella, and classic Italian favorites, with more details expected ahead of opening.

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M Hansik

501 Washington Street
Durham, NC 27701
www.m-restaurants.com

Michael Lee

Owner/Chef

Est. Opening Date: May 15, 2026

Publication Date: March 24, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Update

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Chef Michael Lee was planning to open a new Korean restaurant at 501 Washington St. in downtown Durham, North Carolina, in the former Plum space with the name not yet announced. We now know the restaurant will be called M Hansik and is targeting to open in mid-May 2026. The concept will focus on Korean cuisine and will be the seventh addition to Lee's M Restaurants portfolio, which includes M Sushi Durham, M Kokko, M Tempura, M Pocha, M Izakaya, and M Sushi Cary.

Vino & Tap

307 S Academy St
Cary, NC 27511
www.vinoandtap.com

Kelli Kristin Schenck

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 5, 2026

Publication Date: March 24, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Owner

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Beverages

Summary: Vino & Tap is preparing to open a new wine and beer bar at 307 S Academy Street in downtown Cary, North Carolina, with a targeted opening in early April 2026. The concept will feature curated wines, champagne cocktails, and rotating craft draft beers in a relaxed, neighborhood-focused setting. The bar is taking over the former Cotton House space and aims to create a welcoming environment centered around conversation and social gatherings. Hiring is currently underway as the team builds out operations ahead of opening.

Bridge Coffee

203 N. Greensboro St.
Carrboro, NC 27510
www.bridgecoffeenc.com

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026

Publication Date: March 24, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Bridge Coffee is planning to open a new cafe at 203 N. Greensboro Street in Carrboro, North Carolina, in a renovated house next to Fitch Lumber. The concept will offer coffee and cafe-style offerings in a neighborhood setting, with renovations currently underway. An opening is expected in the coming months, possibly May or June 2026, as the team continues buildout and preparation.

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All Day Darling

567 Fairview Road
Asheville, NC 28803
www.alldaydarlingavl.com

Kyle Musumeci
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2027
Publication Date: March 19, 2026

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: American

Summary: Chef and owner Jacob Sessoms plans to open a second All Day Darling in 2027 at 567 Fairview Rd, Asheville, North Carolina 28803. The Oakley location will offer counter-service breakfast, lunch, and dinner, along with bowls, salads, sandwiches, plates, snacks, baked goods, a kid-friendly menu, an expanded dinner program, nightly specials, a full bar, wine, beer, brunch cocktails, and coffee from Counter Culture.

Restaurant

500 E Morehead St
Charlotte, NC 28202

Raffaele Patrizi
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2026
Publication Date: March 19, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Mano Bella owners Raffaele and Madison Patrizi plan to transition Capishe into a new Italian concept in early summer 2026 at 500 E Morehead St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. Drawing on Raffaele Patrizi's Roman background and the couple's experience operating Mano Bella, the new concept is expected to focus on made-from-scratch authentic Italian dishes and locally sourced ingredients.

Curry Pizza House

1715 Welden Village Ave
Kernersville, NC 27284
www.currypizzahouse.com

Gursewak Gill
CEO
Est. Opening Date: July 30, 2026
Publication Date: March 19, 2026

Location Type: Franchise
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Franchisees Kenny Patel and Maulik Parikh plan to open Curry Pizza House x Hidden Tap and Barrel in July or August 2026 at 1715 Welden Village Ave, Kernersville, NC 27284. The new restaurant and bar will offer about 55 to 60 indoor seats and 20 to 30 patio seats, with a menu featuring Indian-inspired and traditional pizzas such as tikka masala, butter chicken, paneer tikka, pepperoni, and meat lovers, along with wings, appetizers, salads, craft cocktails, beer, and wine.

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Aqua Vitae

2701 Lawnview Lane
Suite 108
Apex, NC 27523
www.apexaquavitae.com

Kenny Patel

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 30, 2026

Publication Date: March 19, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Aqua Vitae is a new luxury cocktail lounge opening at 2701 Lawnview Ln., Suite 108 in Apex, North Carolina. Owned by Kenny Patel and Maulik Parikh, the concept will focus on craft cocktails, mocktails, beer, and wine in a high-end, mixology-driven setting with lounge seating and occasional live entertainment. A March 2026 opening is planned, with a limited menu of finger foods to complement the beverage program.

Amedeo's Italian Restaurant

To Be Announced
Raleigh, NC 27606
www.amedeosrestaurant.com

Virginia Varnum Harris

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2027

Publication Date: March 19, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Relocation

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Amedeo's Italian Restaurant, located at 3911 Western Blvd. in Raleigh, North Carolina, may undergo a future redevelopment as ownership has filed a rezoning request to allow up to seven stories on the property. Plans are still preliminary, but could lead to a relocation of the longtime restaurant due to building updates and planned transit changes in the area. Ownership noted the process could take several years and continues to explore options, including a potential new location.

Shaka Taco

4502 Fountain Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
www.shakataconc.com

Steve Christian

Est. Opening Date: April 15, 2026

Publication Date: March 19, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Mexican

Summary: Shaka Taco plans to open its first standalone Wilmington location at 4502 Fountain Dr., in a former Trolley Stop space. Owned by Steve Christian and Cody Leutgens, the concept features fresh, locally sourced seafood tacos in a casual setting with mostly outdoor seating. A mid-April 2026 opening is planned, with lunch service launching first, followed by dinner.