

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.

Ichiban Japanese Restaurant

34 Tunnel Road
Asheville, NC 28805
www.ashevilleichiban.com

Est. Opening Date: June 30, 2026
Publication Date: March 3, 2026

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

Summary: Ichiban Japanese Restaurant has announced it will reopen at a new location at 34 Tunnel Rd, Asheville, North Carolina 28805, in the former Cracker Barrel space. The team shared that they are rebuilding their hibachi and sushi amenities to recreate the original Ichiban experience, with plans to reopen in early summer 2026.

Grey's Diner

3100 The Plaza
Charlotte, NC 28205
www.greysdinerclt.com

Sam Diminich
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Mar. 25, 2026
Publication Date: March 3, 2026

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

Summary: Grey's Diner and Community Kitchen, led by James Beard–nominated chef Sam Diminich of Your Farms Your Table Group, is set to open spring 2026 at 3100 The Plaza, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205, reviving the former Mattie's Diner. The concept will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner with locally sourced ingredients, blending classic diner fare with elevated hospitality.

Jeff's Bagel Run

4251 Parklake Ave.
Glenlake Office Park
Raleigh, NC 27612
www.jeffsbagelrun.com

Justin Wetherill
President
Est. Opening Date: April 1, 2026
Publication Date: March 3, 2026

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

Summary: Ryan McEvoy is expanding the Jeff's Bagel Run franchise in the Triangle area, having already opened a location in Wake Forest in September 2025, and planning to launch a new shop in Raleigh by March/April 2026, originally planned to open fall 2025. The new Jeff's Bagel Run location in Raleigh will be at 4251 Parklake Ave. in the Glenlake Office Park. Jeff's Bagel Run specializes in fresh, kettled bagels, and roasted coffee, with all ingredients made in-house. McEvoy aims to add 2 to 4 more locations in the Triangle, with the potential for up to 30 in the future, collaborating with franchise president Justin Wetherill.

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Curry Hub

153 East Franklin St.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Anuj Poudel

Partner

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026

Publication Date: March 3, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Curry Hub is planned for 153 East Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Owner Anuj Poudel has submitted plans for a new restaurant operation in an existing 1,768 sqft space slated for renovation at the location. We will update as more details are announced.

Longleaf Swine

307 E Main St
Carrboro, NC 27510
www.longleafswine.com

Adam Cunningham

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 1, 2026

Publication Date: March 3, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: BBQ

Summary: Longleaf Swine, the Raleigh-based barbecue concept from owner Adam Cunningham, is expanding to 307 E. Main St., Carrboro, North Carolina 27510, taking over the space currently occupied by Luna Rotisserie & Taproom following its March 8, 2026 closure. The restaurant is expected to open later in 2026 and will serve its signature wood-fired Eastern North Carolina–inspired barbecue, including ribs, brisket, pulled pork, and chicken, along with sides and a beverage program featuring beer, wine, bourbon, and whiskey.

Battleground Butcher Bar

1013 Battleground Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27408

Taylor Armstrong

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: June 25, 2026

Publication Date: March 3, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Battleground Butcher Bar, owned by Taylor and Jordan Armstrong, is set to open summer 2026 at 1013 Battleground Ave., Greensboro, North Carolina 27408, in a 4,000 sqft building. The new concept will combine a butcher shop and restaurant, offering sandwiches, fresh meats, and bar options.

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Surf City Line

2112 N New River Dr.
Surf City, NC 28445
www.surfcitylinenc.com

Jeff Peterson

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 17, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 26, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Reopening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Surf City Line Restaurant & Bar, located at 2112 N. New River Drive in Surf City, North Carolina, is undergoing upgrades and expansions ahead of its five-year anniversary and the upcoming 2026 season. The restaurant is currently closed for renovations and plans to reopen on March 17th, 2026.

Moxie

507 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28207
www.moxieclt.com

Margaret Cheatham Williams

Founder

Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2027

Publication Date: Feb. 26, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Moxie, founded by Margaret Cheatham Williams, is expected to open in early 2027 at 507 Providence Rd., Charlotte, North Carolina 28207, introducing a women-focused social club combining a cafe and cocktail bar with coworking spaces, retail provisions market, conference rooms, podcast studio, private events space, and wellness offerings such as Pilates, yoga, massage, and meditation.

Brunches

To Be Announced
Greenville, NC 27834
www.mimosasmademedoit.com

Danny McPherson

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 1, 2026

Publication Date: Feb. 26, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: Brunches, the brunch-focused restaurant known for its signature mimosas and all-day brunch offerings, is planning to open a new location in Greenville, North Carolina. While the exact address has not yet been announced, the expansion marks the brand's continued growth in the state, with additional details expected soon.

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Uwa Sushi & Grill

620 Foster St, Suite E
Durham, NC 27701

Est. Opening Date: April 15, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 26, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Uwa Sushi & Grill is coming soon to 620 Foster St., Suite E in Durham, North Carolina, at the GeerHouse development. The new sushi and grill concept has begun teasing its opening on social media, though an official opening date has not yet been announced.

Blue Skies Creamery

116 N Main St.
Kernersville, NC 27284
www.blueskiescreamery.com

Bret Bianco
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: April 1, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 26, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Desserts

Summary: Blue Skies Creamery, owned by Bret Bianco and Allan Hamaoui, is targeting an April 2026 opening at 116 N Main St., Kernersville, North Carolina 27284, transitioning from a mobile ice cream truck into its first brick-and-mortar shop featuring small-batch craft ice cream with plans to expand into cones, toppings, milkshakes, and floats while maintaining its core menu.

California Burritos Express

2021 Griffith Rd., Unit 100
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Marco Rodriguez
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: Mar. 19, 2026
Publication Date: Feb. 26, 2026

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

Summary: California Burritos Express, owned by Marco Rodriguez and Antonio Herrera, is targeting an opening in late March 2026 at 2021 Griffith Rd., Unit 100, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103, introducing its fourth fast-casual location with a build-your-own burrito concept featuring made-to-order items, indoor dining, patio seating, takeout and delivery options, and a margarita bar.