

## Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

Current Real Estate Transactions, Leases Signed, Ownership Changes, and Business Brokerage Activity.



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### Mestiza Steakhouse

16 Union St S  
Concord, NC 28025  
[www.mestizasteakhouse.com](http://www.mestizasteakhouse.com)

**Edward Rios**  
Owner  
**Est. Opening Date:** May 31, 2026  
**Publication Date:** March 31, 2026

**Location Type:** Independent  
**Lead Type:** New Opening  
**Average Check:** \$50 and up  
**Menu Type:** Steak/Seafood

**Summary:** Owner Eduardo Rios plans to open Mestiza Steakhouse in late May or early June 2026 at 16 Union St S, Concord, North Carolina 28025, taking over the former Gianni's Trattoria space. The restaurant will offer a fusion of Latin, European, and American flavors, featuring premium steaks such as a 32-ounce porterhouse, wine-braised short ribs, grilled salmon, gnocchi bolognese, tapas, and family-style sides, along with breakfast and lunch items like French toast, crêpes, frittatas, and pressed sandwiches.

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### Nash & Smashed

5821 Poyner Village Parkway  
Suite 101  
Raleigh, NC 27616  
[www.nashandsmashed.com](http://www.nashandsmashed.com)

**Zayan Abbasi**  
Owner  
**Est. Opening Date:** July 1, 2026  
**Publication Date:** March 31, 2026

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

**Summary:** Nash & Smashed, a fast-casual concept known for Nashville-style hot chicken and hand-smashed burgers, is opening its first North Carolina location at 5821 Poyner Village Parkway, Suite 101 in Raleigh. The restaurant has signed a 10-year lease for a 1,575 sqft space in the Poyner Village shopping center, located across from Triangle Town Center. This marks the brand's entry into the North Carolina market.

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### Jubala Coffee

4114 Center at North Hills  
Raleigh, NC 27609  
[www.jubalacoffee.com](http://www.jubalacoffee.com)

**Andrew Cash**  
Co-Owner  
**Est. Opening Date:** June 15, 2026  
**Publication Date:** March 31, 2026

**Location Type:** Regional  
**Lead Type:** New Opening  
**Average Check:** \$20 and Under  
**Menu Type:** Bakeries/Coffee/  
Snacks

**Summary:** Jubala Coffee is preparing to open a new location in the North Hills Main District at 4114 Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. The cafe will be located between Alo Yoga and Gorjana and marks another expansion for the local brand, which recently opened a downtown location in the Pendo building. This will be Jubala's fifth location in Raleigh, continuing its growth across the market.

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### Three Waters Cafe at Booker Creek

1322 /Fordham Blvd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Liliana Pagano**

Owner

**Est. Opening Date:** July 15, 2026

**Publication Date:** March 31, 2026

**Location Type:** Independent

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 and Under

**Menu Type:** Bakeries/Coffee/  
Snacks

**Summary:** Three Waters Cafe at Booker Creek is a new coffee shop planned for 1322 Fordham Boulevard in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Owner Liliana Pagano has submitted plans to open the cafe in an existing space that will undergo renovations. The project represents a new independent cafe concept coming to the Booker Creek area. Details about the opening has not been announced yet.

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### Float Dirty Soda and Ice Cream

1013 Battleground Ave  
Greensboro, NC 27408

**Chase Strange**

Co-Owners

**Est. Opening Date:** Aug. 1, 2026

**Publication Date:** March 31, 2026

**Location Type:** Independent

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 and Under

**Menu Type:** Desserts

**Summary:** Owners Chase Strange and Emily Baker, the team behind The Daily Grind in Burlington, plan to open Float Dirty Soda and Ice Cream in August 2026 at 1013 Battleground Ave, Greensboro, North Carolina 27408. The concept will blend a retro soda fountain with modern dirty soda offerings, featuring customizable drinks, housemade and sugar-free syrups, complimentary popcorn, build-your-own toppings, pretzel bites, and cookies.

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### Boxcar Bar + Arcade

To Be Announced  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
[www.theboxcarbar.com](http://www.theboxcarbar.com)

**Lara Nixon**

Owner

**Est. Opening Date:** May 3, 2026

**Publication Date:** March 31, 2026

**Location Type:** Regional

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 to \$50

**Menu Type:** Bar & Grill/Pub

**Summary:** Boxcar Bar + Arcade is set to open a new location in Industry Hill in Downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101, although an official opening date has not yet been announced. The concept will feature arcade games, pizza, and daily drink specials, adding an entertainment-focused venue to the downtown area.

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### El Tesoro

24 Wall St  
Asheville, NC 28801

**Victor Martinez**

Partner

**Est. Opening Date:** April 16, 2026

**Publication Date:** March 26, 2026

**Location Type:** Independent

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 and Under

**Menu Type:** Mexican

**Summary:** El Tesoro, a new Mexican restaurant, is set to open in mid-April 2026 in downtown Asheville, located at 24 Wall St., Asheville, NC 28801, taking over the former Cucina 24 space. The concept is backed by business partner Tonya Martinez and will operate independently from other similarly named El Tesoro locations in North Carolina. The restaurant is expected to serve Mexican cuisine, likely featuring tacos, burritos, and other traditional dishes, contributing to the continued growth of Asheville's dining scene

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### Jaggers

985 Concord Pkwy S  
Concord, NC 28027  
[www.eatjaggers.com](http://www.eatjaggers.com)

**Dennison Heaton**

Head of Operations

**Est. Opening Date:** July 1, 2026

**Publication Date:** March 26, 2026

**Location Type:** Regional

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 and Under

**Menu Type:** Hamburgers

**Summary:** Jaggers, owned by Texas Roadhouse, is planning a new location at 985 Concord Pkwy S, Concord, North Carolina 28027, according to recently filed permits, taking over a former Chick-fil-A drive thru site. The concept will feature a fast casual menu of burgers such as bacon avocado and green chile cheeseburgers, fried and grilled chicken sandwiches, salads, and milkshakes including chocolate chip cookie and banana split flavors.

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### Pizzeria Toro

807 Halifax St  
Raleigh, NC 27604  
[www.pizzeriatoro.com](http://www.pizzeriatoro.com)

**Jay Owens**

Owner

**Est. Opening Date:** Aug. 1, 2026

**Publication Date:** March 26, 2026

**Location Type:** Regional

**Lead Type:** New Opening

**Average Check:** \$20 to \$50

**Menu Type:** Pizza/Italian

**Summary:** Pizzeria Toro is planning to open a new location at 807 Halifax Street in Raleigh, North Carolina, with a targeted opening in Fall 2026. Led by chef and owner Gray Brooks, the restaurant will mirror its Durham concept, featuring wood-fired pizzas, seasonal small plates, and salads with a rotating menu alongside staple items. The space is expected to seat approximately 70 guests, with construction anticipated to begin soon pending final approvals. This will mark the brand's expansion into the Raleigh market

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### Eastcut Sandwich Bar

307 Colonades Way  
Waverly Place shopping center  
Cary, NC 27518  
[www.eastcutsandwich.com](http://www.eastcutsandwich.com)

**Brad Bankos**  
Co-Owner/Founder  
**Est. Opening Date:** Oct. 1, 2026  
**Publication Date:** March 26, 2026

**Location Type:** Regional  
**Lead Type:** New Opening  
**Average Check:** \$20 and Under  
**Menu Type:** Sandwiches/Soups/  
Salads/Deli

**Summary:** Eastcut Sandwich Bar will be opening their third location late Summer or Fall 2026 is expanding to Cary's Waverly Place shopping center, located at 302 Colonades Way, Cary, North Carolina 27518. The casual restaurant will serve New York-style, deli sandwiches, salads, and sides. They will be open for lunch and dinner.

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### Mr. Dumpling

239 South Elliott Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Guo Quan Li**  
Owner  
**Est. Opening Date:** June 1, 2026  
**Publication Date:** March 26, 2026

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

**Summary:** Guo Quan Li is planning to open a new restaurant called Mr Dumpling at 239 South Elliott Road in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Plans have been submitted for a new foodservice operation in an existing 3,000 sqft space at the location. The concept is expected to focus on dumplings and Asian cuisine, though additional details regarding the menu and opening timeline have not yet been released.

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### Blue Skies Creamery

116 N Main St  
Kernersville, NC 27284  
[www.blueskiescreamery.com](http://www.blueskiescreamery.com)

**Bret Bianco**  
Co-Owners  
**Est. Opening Date:** April 30, 2026  
**Publication Date:** March 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 Alan Hamaoui, is set to open its first brick and mortar location by the end of April at 116 N Main St, Kernersville, North Carolina 27284, transitioning from its food truck origins. The concept will offer homemade craft ice cream with unique flavors that put a twist on classics, including themed creations like its Around the World series, along with rotating monthly flavors aimed at giving customers something new to try with each visit.