

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.

Andretti Indoor Karting & Games

4857 Topgolf Way
Durham, NC 27517
www.andrettikarting.com

Eddie Hamman
Co-Founder/Managing Member
Est. Opening Date: May 19, 2026
Publication Date: April 28, 2026

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

Summary: Andretti Indoor Karting & Games is opening a new location at 4857 Topgolf Way in Durham, North Carolina, with a confirmed grand opening scheduled for May 19, 2026. The approximately 90,000 sqft venue will feature multi-level go-kart racing, over 150 arcade games, virtual reality attractions, laser tag, duckpin bowling, and racing simulators. The facility will also include a full-service restaurant and craft bar, offering a significant food and beverage component. Pre-opening events, including preview sessions and promotional nights, are scheduled leading up to launch. This marks a major expansion for the national entertainment brand into the Triangle market.

Las Mas Mexican Food & Cantina

111 S. White Street
Suite B
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Jose Roman Visoso
Owner
Est. Opening Date: May 15, 2026
Publication Date: April 28, 2026

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

Summary: Jose Roman Visoso is opening Las Mas Mexican Food & Cantina at 111 S. White St., Suite B in Wake Forest, North Carolina. The restaurant is a full rebrand and renovation of the former Las Margaritas location, which operated for 24 years. The concept will feature a full-service Mexican menu with both traditional dishes and expanded street food offerings, along with a bar-forward layout emphasizing upgraded beverage options. The space has undergone significant structural renovations over the past two years and will seat approximately 98 guests. The goal is to open in May 2026.

Yard Dog Brewing

3883 S Main St
Farmville, NC 27828
www.wrenbev.com

Drew Cheshire
General Manager
Est. Opening Date: June 15, 2026
Publication Date: April 28, 2026

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

Summary: Yard Dog Brewing Company, a new concept from WrenBev, is preparing to open at 3883 South Main St. in Farmville, North Carolina. General Manager Drew Cheshire confirmed the brewery will operate as a standalone brand within the company's portfolio, featuring a small indoor taproom with capacity for approximately 49 guests and a large outdoor space with yard games and a dog park area. The beverage program will include house-brewed beers alongside rotating selections from sister breweries, as well as wine and limited liquor offerings. Food will be provided via food trucks and outside vendors. An official opening date has not yet been announced.

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Flour

40 Wall St
Asheville, NC 28801

Carter James

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: May 15, 2026

Publication Date: April 28, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Flour Cafe', owned by Carter and Kyle James with executive chef Gordon Gibbs, is opening this spring at 40 Wall St, Asheville, North Carolina 28801, with a temporary soft launch beginning May 2 at their sister concept Easy Tiger at 125 S Lexington Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. The expanded cafe will offer a broader breakfast and lunch menu alongside a full coffee program, including biscuits, brunch items, and beverages such as mimosas and bloody marys, in a larger full service setting with both counter and table service.

Miam Breakfast House

3260 S Stratford Rd
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
www.miambreakfasthouse.com

Albert Agaliu

Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 14, 2026

Publication Date: April 28, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Miam Breakfast House is set to open in May at 3260 S Stratford Road, Winston Salem, North Carolina 27103. The popular brunch concept is known for offering modern twists on classic breakfast items, featuring an elevated menu of breakfast and brunch favorites.

Firebirds Wood Fired Grill

NE Christenbury Pkwy and Cox
Mill Rd
Concord, NC 28027
www.firebirdsrestaurants.com

Steve Kislow

CEO

Est. Opening Date: June 23, 2026

Publication Date: April 28, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$50 and Up

Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Firebirds Wood Fired Grill is planning a new location in Concord expected to open in 2027 at the northeast corner of Christenbury Parkway and Cox Mill Road, Concord, North Carolina 28027. The concept, led by CEO Steve Kislow, is known for open flame cooking with a menu featuring hand cut steaks, fresh seafood, and wood grilled dishes, along with a bar forward dining experience.

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Lila

225 S Poplar St
Charlotte, NC 28202

Nevin Anuran

Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 11, 2026

Publication Date: April 23, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Lila, formerly introduced as Sushi Rose, is planning to open in spring 2026 at 225 S Poplar St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, taking over the former Haymaker space. The Japanese-Peruvian fusion concept, which originated in Winston-Salem, is expected to offer dishes such as lomo saltado, sushi, crudo, and other globally inspired menu items.

Charlotte City Club

121 W Trade St
Suite 3100
Charlotte, NC 28202
www.charlottecityclub.com

Sean Laney

Founder

Est. Opening Date: April 1, 2026

Publication Date: April 23, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Owner

Average Check: \$50 and Up

Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Charlotte City Club has been acquired by Dallas-based BNG Hospitality as of April 2026. Located on the 31st and 32nd floors of 121 West Trade Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, the private business club will maintain its identity while transitioning into a more modern clubhouse, with a focus on enhanced member programming, remote work capabilities, and expanded social and networking experiences.

The Butcher's Block

120 S Main St
Salisbury, NC 28144
www.thebutchersblockllc.com

Eric Everhart

Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 26, 2026

Publication Date: April 23, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Sandwiches/Soups/
Salads/Deli

Summary: The Butcher's Block, a locally owned shop known for hand-cut meats and fresh seafood, is planning to open a second location at 120 S Main St, Salisbury, North Carolina 28144. Originally established in 2017 in Lexington, the concept offers high-end products such as Wagyu beef and fresh seafood, catering to both home cooks and restaurant professionals.

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Lutra Cafe and Bakery

312 Blackwell St.
Durham, NC 27701
www.lutrabakery.com

Chris McLaurin
Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 15, 2026
Publication Date: April 23, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Update
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Chris McLaurin was planning to open Lutra Cafe and Bakery at the American Tobacco Campus, 312 Blackwell Street in Durham and that it was expected to open in early January 2026. We now know that they are scheduled to open June 2026. Lutra will occupy a 2,600 sqft space and offer baked goods, breakfast, lunch, and weekend brunch items, with seating for approximately 60 guests indoors and 20 on the patio. They plan to open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The concept evolved from more than a year of farmers market and pop-up testing and aims to fill a gap in breakfast options in the Triangle.

Granite Grill

4251 Parklake Ave.
GlenLake development
Raleigh, NC 27612
www.thegranitegrill.com

John Davenport
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: Dec. 1, 2026
Publication Date: April 23, 2026

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

Summary: Big Kitchen Restaurant Group is planning to open Granite Grill, a new restaurant concept, at 4251 Parklake Ave in the GlenLake development in Raleigh, North Carolina. The concept will feature classic cocktails alongside a menu of grilled steaks, fish, burgers, and sandwiches in a casual neighborhood setting. The 5,135 sqft space will seat nearly 150 guests and include a large bar and patio with seating for up to 50 people. Granite Grill will mark the second location for the concept, following its original Richmond location, and represents the group's continued expansion in the Triangle market. Ownership has indicated the restaurant is targeting an opening by the end of 2026.

El Ranchito Calvary

3132 Calvary Road
Suite 108
Raleigh, NC 27604

Juan Quinto
Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026
Publication Date: April 23, 2026

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

Summary: Juan Quinto is planning to open El Ranchito Calvary, LLC at 3132 Calvary Dr Suite 108 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Plans indicate the concept will operate as a retail grocery store featuring a commercial kitchen, suggesting prepared food offerings alongside grocery items. The 4,134 sqft space is currently in development. Further details regarding menu, hours, and opening timeline have not yet been released.