

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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The Tickled Pickle Deli

3661 Concord Pkwy S
Concord, NC 28027
www.thetickledpickledele.com

Sarah Dabbs
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: May 15, 2026
Publication Date: April 7, 2026

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

Summary: The Tickled Pickle Deli is set to open in mid-May 2026 at 3661 Concord Pkwy S, Concord, North Carolina 28027. The concept is owned by Sarah and Barrett Dabbs, the duo behind Johnny Roger's BBQ & Burgers, and will feature a deli-style menu. Offerings are expected to include hot and cold sandwiches such as roast beef, corned beef, the "Mambo Italian," and the "Goat Father," along with soups, salads, and high-protein options.

Carrburritos

200 N Greensboro St.
Carr Mill Mall
Carrboro, NC 27510
www.carrburritos.com

Rae Mosher
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Aug. 1, 2026
Publication Date: April 7, 2026

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

Summary: Rae Mosher is relocating Carrburritos, a long-standing Carrboro concept, to Carr Mill Mall with an anticipated opening in early August 2026. The restaurant will remain open at its current location during the transition. The new space will allow for expanded catering operations, improved parking access and the addition of a full bar. Carrburritos, originally founded in 1997, is known for California-style burritos along with tacos, quesadillas and other Mexican fare.

Yeti Bowl and Shake

153 East Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Manish Koirala
Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026
Publication Date: April 7, 2026

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

Summary: Manish Koirala is planning to open a new concept, Yeti Bowl and Shake, at 153 East Franklin St in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Plans have been submitted for a restaurant buildout in an approximately 1,768 sqft space, with renovation activity expected at the site. Limited details have been released regarding the menu and opening timeline at this time.

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La La Land Kind Cafe

1930 Camden Rd
Charlotte, NC 28203
www.lalalandcafe.com

Francois Reihani
Founder
Est. Opening Date: May 4, 2026
Publication Date: April 7, 2026

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

Summary: La La Land Kind Cafe is set to open soon at 1930 Camden Rd, Charlotte, NC 28203, taking over the former Bitty & Beau's Coffee space in South End. The concept is founded by Francois Reihani and is known for its mission-driven approach of hiring and mentoring foster youth. The menu will feature dessert-style coffee, matcha drinks, and toasts such as avocado toast and truffle burrata toast, including signature items like the La La Latte.

Taste of Soul Restaurant

205 Tarboro St SW
Wilson, NC 27893
www.tasteofsoulrestaraunt.com

Quincy “Chef Q” Jones
Owner/Chef
Est. Opening Date: April 20, 2026
Publication Date: April 7, 2026

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

Summary: Taste Of Soul Restaurant is planning to open in April 2026 at 205 Tarboro St SW in Wilson, North Carolina. Social media posts confirm signage is up and buildout is progressing toward opening. The restaurant will operate as a take-out focused Southern cuisine concept featuring items such as wings, turkey dishes and comfort food staples. The business is also promoting private chef and catering services ahead of opening.

The Jugo Bar

411 W 4th St
Suite 141
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
www.thejugobar.com

William A. Fulton
Founder
Est. Opening Date: April 29, 2026
Publication Date: April 7, 2026

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

Summary: The Jugo Bar is set to open soon at 411 W 4th St, Suite 141, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101. The concept is owned by William Fulton and marks the brand's first retail location after operating as a production and wholesale business. The menu will feature fresh juices, smoothies, smoothie bowls, roibos teas, and other health-focused offerings, with both made-to-order and bottled options.

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Kitchen Social

104 S Sharon Amity Rd
Charlotte, NC 28211
www.ourkitchensocial.com

Brian O'Malley
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: Jan. 1, 2027
Publication Date: April 2, 2026

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

Summary: Kitchen Social, co-owned by Brian O'Malley and partners, is set to open its first Charlotte location in January 2027 at 104 S Sharon Amity Rd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211, within Cotswold Village. The 4,200 sqft restaurant with a 1,000 sqft patio will feature an open kitchen, indoor-outdoor bar, and firepit patio. The concept will offer a made-from-scratch menu with global influences including Indian, Asian, Mexican, and Italian cuisines, alongside brunch service and a beverage program focused on craft cocktails and curated wines.

Lady Funari

222 E Bland St
Charlotte, NC 28203
www.ladyfunari.com

Vince Giancarlo
Director
Est. Opening Date: May 31, 2026
Publication Date: April 2, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$50 and Up
Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Lady Funari, a modern Italian pasta bar from B-Side Group led by culinary director Vince Giancarlo, is set to open in spring 2026 at 222 E Bland St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203. The 1,600 sqft space will feature a pasta counter and open kitchen, offering handmade pastas, locally sourced vegetables, and shareables inspired by Giancarlo's family recipes, alongside a beverage program of Italian wines, vermouth, amaro, and espresso, with both indoor and outdoor seating.

Ilios Crafted Greek

201 Griffith St
Davidson, NC 28036
www.ilioscraftedgreek.com

Stratos Lambos
Co-Founders
Est. Opening Date: May 4, 2026
Publication Date: April 2, 2026

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

Summary: Ilios Crafted Greek, co-owned by Stratos Lambos along with Angelo and Frank Kaltsounis, is planning a new location at 201 Griffith St, Davidson, North Carolina 28036, within Sadler Square Shopping Center. The fast-casual concept will offer its signature menu of Greek plates, salads, pita sandwiches, hummus, and spinach and feta pie, continuing its expansion across the Charlotte area.

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The Artist Lounge

122 S. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
www.georgiatardyart.com

Georgia Tardy

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026

Publication Date: April 2, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Beverages

Summary: The Artist Lounge is a new outdoor entertainment and hospitality concept coming to 122 S. Salisbury Street in downtown Raleigh, North Carolina. The venue will feature a relaxed, creative environment designed for artists, including a pool, fire pit, multiple lounge areas, and a large bar with beer taps alongside a cafe component. The concept blends social, entertainment, and foodservice elements, though an official opening date has not yet been announced

Daughters

8 N Main Street
Wendell, NC 27591
www.bellowbutcher.com

Chris and Lauren Gass

Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2026

Publication Date: April 2, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Desserts

Summary: Daughters, a new soft-serve ice cream shop from Chris and Lauren Gass, is set to open in May 2026 in Wendell, North Carolina, next to their existing concept Bellow Butcher Co. Located at 8 N Main Street, the shop will take over the former Creative Cone space. The concept is inspired by the owners' daughters and will focus on soft-serve ice cream offerings, adding a complementary dessert option to their growing presence in the area..

Dum N Grill

1000 Market Center Drive
Morrisville, NC 27560
www.dumngrill.com

Sanjay Thumma

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2026

Publication Date: April 2, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Dum N Grill, an Indian fusion restaurant, is set to open at 1000 Market Center Drive in Morrisville, North Carolina, taking over the former Red, Hot & Blue location in Park West Village. The concept will feature a menu blending traditional and modern Indian cuisine, including biryanis, fire-grilled kebabs, curries, and other contemporary favorites. The project represents a conversion of an existing restaurant space, with an opening timeline yet to be announced.