

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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Sonrisa

137 Brevard Court
Charlotte, NC 28202

Brian Woulfe

Partner

Est. Opening Date: May 24, 2026

Publication Date: May 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Latin American

Summary: Sonrisa, a Latin American restaurant and bar with Brian Woulfe as partner in operations, is targeting an opening next week at 137 Brevard Court, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. The restaurant will offer a menu inspired by Latin American, Caribbean, South American, and Central American cuisines, featuring dishes such as empanadas, ceviche, Peruvian chicken, carnitas, ropa vieja, birria, and vegan sofrita, along with a cocktail program including pisco sours, margaritas, mojitos, and other regionally inspired drinks, plus patio seating.

Sunset Restaurant

498 Harrison Ave
Franklin, NC 28734

Jesse Green

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: May 31, 2026

Publication Date: May 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Owner

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Sunset Restaurant, owned by Jesse and Paige Green, is planning to reopen in late May or early June at 498 Harrison Ave, Franklin, North Carolina 28734. The longtime restaurant will continue serving Southern comfort food such as fried chicken, baked chicken, hamburger steak, turkey and dressing, and homemade pies, following renovations and expansion, and the Greens also own Graff's Tavern and Yogi's Neighborhood Grill.

Opa by George

14 Harnett Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
www.giorgiosgroup.com

Giorgios Bakatsias

Founder/Owner

Est. Opening Date: Aug 1, 2026

Publication Date: May 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Restaurateur Giorgios Bakatsias is preparing to open Opa by George, a seafood-forward Greek and Mediterranean restaurant, in the former Tequila Comida & Cantina Waterfront space at 14 Harnett Street in downtown Wilmington, North Carolina. Inspired by the coastal regions and ports of Greece, including Crete, Santorini, and Ikaria, the concept will focus on fresh seafood, small plates, and traditional Greek cuisine prepared with simple ingredients and Mediterranean flavors. Planned menu offerings include seafood crudo, grilled and baked seafood dishes, moussaka, lamb chops, souvlaki, Greek salad, lobster spaghetti, Kakavia seafood stew, and imported olive oil and breads. Bakatsias stated the restaurant's atmosphere will emphasize a lighter and more vibrant waterfront dining experience, with plans to open by Summertime 2026.

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Ashleigh Bakes Daily

111 W Main St
Durham, NC 27701
www.ashleighbakesdaily.com

Ashley Ratchford
Owner
Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2026
Publication Date: May 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Relocation
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/
Snacks

Summary: Ashleigh Bakes Daily is relocating and expanding into a larger permanent storefront at 111 W. Main Street in downtown Durham following the success of its incubator-space bakery operation at 307 W. Main Street. Owner Ashleigh announced ongoing renovations including demolition work, electrical upgrades, flooring installation, and new ovens as the business prepares to transition from pop-ups and shared kitchens into a full cafe environment. The new location is expected to feature breakfast and lunch offerings in addition to the bakery's popular cookies and baked goods. An exact opening date has not been announced yet.

Dosirak Outpost

307 W. Main St.
Durham, NC 27701
www.dosirakdurham.com

Kristine Suh
Owner/Founder
Est. Opening Date: June 28, 2026
Publication Date: May 12, 2026

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

Summary: Kristine Suh is preparing to open Dosirak Outpost, a Korean convenience store concept, at 307 W. Main Street in downtown Durham, North Carolina. The concept follows the success of Suh's Dosirak Durham Korean food pop-ups hosted at local venues including Remy's Lounge. Expected to open in late June 2026, the 300 sqft storefront will feature grab-and-go Korean foods such as triangle kimbap, snacks, cup ramyeon with self-serve hot water, Korean pantry ingredients, and cookbooks. Suh also plans to host cook-a-longs and cultural programming focused on Korean cuisine and community engagement. The storefront is part of Downtown Durham Inc.'s incubator space program supporting women- and minority-owned businesses.

360 Wine and Spirits

30 Concord Commons PI SW
Concord, NC 28027

Timothy Degree
Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 7, 2026
Publication Date: May 12, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: 360 Wine and Spirits, owned by Timothy Degree, is targeting to open in the second week of June at 30 Concord Commons Place Southwest, Concord, North Carolina 28027. The neighborhood wine bar will offer a selection of wine and spirits alongside light appetizers and small bites, creating a relaxed, social atmosphere for after-work gatherings and weekend visits; Degree, a retired Air Force veteran, previously owned a lounge.

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Cafe Audire

4090 Raleigh St
Suite 143
Charlotte, NC 28206

Est. Opening Date: June 8, 2026
Publication Date: May 7, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Update
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/
Snacks

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Cafe Audire would open in winter 2026. We now know that the cafe is planned to open in Q2 2026 at 4090 Raleigh St, Suite 143, Charlotte, North Carolina 28206, offering teas and locally sourced coffee during the day, custom cocktails in the evening, along with baked goods, finger foods, rentable vinyl record players, and events such as record swaps, DJ sessions, and themed nights.

FARE

111 S Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28203
www.foodbyfare.com

Kasia Bednarz
Co-Founders
Est. Opening Date: Aug. 2, 2026
Publication Date: May 7, 2026

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

Summary: Chicago-based FARE is opening at Queensbridge Collective in Charlotte at 1111 S Tryon St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203, with an anticipated opening in Q3 of 2026. Owners Kasia Bednarz and Britni DeLeon are bringing their fast-casual health-focused concept to the 1,500 sqft space, offering bowls, smoothies, egg white bites, avocado toast, and an expanded dinner and kids' menu. The location will feature large windows and outdoor seating with a warm, inviting design.

Cora

701 N Person St
Raleigh, NC 27604

Sarah Frey
Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 15, 2026
Publication Date: May 7, 2026

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

Summary: Cora, a new all-day dining concept from Mr. Burro founder Sarah Frey, is preparing to open in Raleigh's Person Street District in the former The Station space at 701 N Person St, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604. The restaurant is targeting a late-May 2026 debut and will feature globally influenced breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner offerings inspired by Frey's Honduran and Thai roots, along with flavors from her travels, particularly Spain. Planned menu items include chilaquiles, croquetas, ceviche, mussels, tostadas, breakfast burritos, sandwiches, and tapas-style small plates, alongside cocktails, mocktails, wine, juices, and a possible espresso program. The interior and patio are also being redesigned with a tropical Latin-inspired atmosphere.

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The Rican Lab

330 S Main St
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2026
Publication Date: May 7, 2026

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

Summary: The Rican Lab, a Puerto Rican food truck concept known for serving traditional Puerto Rican dishes with American-inspired twists, is preparing to open its first brick-and-mortar restaurant in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. The restaurant will occupy the former Fainting Goat location at 330 S Main Street. Ownership has not yet announced an official opening date.

La Pause Parisienne

160 NE Maynard Road
Suite 114
Cary, NC 27514
www.lapauseparisienne.com

Mohamed Khodja
Owner
Est. Opening Date: July 15, 2026
Publication Date: May 7, 2026

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

Summary: La Pause Parisienne is a proposed French bakery and cafe planned for 160 NE Maynard Road, Suite 114, in Cary, North Carolina. Owner Mohamed Khodja has submitted plans for renovations to convert an existing restaurant space into a bakery operation. The project is currently in the permitting and renovation phase, with an opening timeline not yet announced.

Hummus Republic

1589 Skeet Club Rd
High Point, NC 27265
www.thehummusrepublic.com

Jared Uddowlah
Manager, Operations
Est. Opening Date: June 3, 2026
Publication Date: May 7, 2026

Location Type: Franchise
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Other Ethnic

Summary: Hummus Republic is planning to open soon at 1589 Skeet Club Rd, High Point, North Carolina 27265 as part of its North Carolina expansion. The fast-casual Mediterranean concept will offer customizable bowls, wraps, and pitas with options like hummus, falafel, chicken, and fresh toppings.