

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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Guajiro Cuban Comfort Food

Cotton Mill
Asheville, NC 28202
www.guajiroasheville.com

Chris Barroso
Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 14, 2026
Publication Date: May 19, 2026

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

Summary: Guajiro is preparing to open its second location soon at the Cotton Mill in Asheville, North Carolina 28801, as construction continues on the new space. The Cuban concept, rooted in family recipes and traditional comfort food, is expanding following previous setbacks, with progress now visible as framing and interior work takes shape. The upcoming location aims to carry forward the restaurant's signature flavors and heartfelt atmosphere as it prepares to welcome the community back.

Katsushi Bar

3151 Elion Drive
Durham, NC 27713
https://www.instagram.com/katsushi_rtp/

Anthony Rapillo
Partner
Est. Opening Date: July 15, 2026
Publication Date: May 19, 2026

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

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that "Top Chef" alum Katsuji Tanabe was reviving his former Raleigh restaurant, High Horse, at the Hub RTP development located at 3151 Elion Dr., Durham, North Carolina 27713. We now know the restaurant will be called Katsushi Bar. Tanabe is partnering with restaurateur Anthony Rapillo and investor Andrew Rava on the 5,000 sqft restaurant, which will feature the original concept's acclaimed menu blending Mexican, Japanese and American culinary traditions. This new venture marks the second concept Tanabe and his partners have opened at Hub RTP. Katsushi Bar is currently slated to open in Summer 2026.

Churp

3231 Edwards Mill Rd
Raleigh, NC 27612
www.happyandhale.com

Jordan Perili
COO - Happy + Hale
Est. Opening Date: Oct 1, 2026
Publication Date: May 19, 2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and Under
Menu Type: Sandwich/Soup/Salad

Summary: Tyler Helikson is preparing to open a new fast-casual restaurant concept called Churp at Olde Raleigh Village in Raleigh, North Carolina. Helikson, who is also behind the Triangle-based Happy + Hale brand, says the independent concept will focus on approachable and affordable healthy dining with a menu centered around customizable bowls. Churp will also feature a dedicated kids menu with bento box-style meals designed to make healthier eating more engaging for families. Ownership reports the debut location is targeting a late-summer or early-Fall 2026 opening and additional expansion opportunities may follow depending on the success of the first restaurant.

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H&H Bagels

302 Colonades Way
Waverly Plaza
Cary, NC 27518
www.hhbagels.com

Jay Rushin

Co-Owner

Est. Opening Date: Aug 1, 2026

Publication Date: May 19, 2026

Location Type: Franchise

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/
Snacks

Summary: H&H Bagels is preparing to open a new location at the Waverly Place shopping plaza at 302 Colonades Way in Cary, North Carolina. The Cary restaurant will expand the company's growing presence in North Carolina and is expected to feature the brand's traditional New York-style bagels and deli-style menu offerings. An official opening date for the new location has not yet been announced.

Taco Roos

1014 Summit Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27405
www.tacoroo.com

Jeremy A. Reaves

CEO

Est. Opening Date: June 16, 2026

Publication Date: May 19, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Mexican

Summary: Taco Roos, a subsidiary of Cook Out, will open soon at 1014 Summit Ave, Greensboro, North Carolina 27405. The fast-casual concept is known for its street tacos, quesadillas, and Mexican-inspired offerings, bringing its affordable and quick-service menu to the Summit Avenue corridor under the Cook Out brand.

Pitstop Cafe

1805 Sullivan St
Greensboro, NC 27405

Marelyn Gonzalez

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 26, 2026

Publication Date: May 19, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/
Snacks

Summary: Pitstop Cafe will open in Summer 2026 at 1805 Sullivan St, Greensboro, North Carolina 27405. The new concept will combine a cafe experience with an automotive-focused setting, offering coffee and refreshments alongside a space connected to GGMAutomotive, aiming to bring convenience and a unique customer experience to the Aggieldand GSO area. The concept also emphasizes building trust between mechanics and customers, creating a welcoming environment where guests can relax while their vehicles are serviced.

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Little Alley Steakhouse

214 N Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28202
www.littlealleysteak.com

Fikret “Fix” Kovac
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: Aug 1, 2026
Publication Date: May 14, 2026

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$50 and Up
Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Little Alley Steakhouse, operated by F&H Food Trading Group, is planned for 214 N Tryon St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, inside the Hearst Tower, with construction moving forward following a \$3.7 million permit filing, though an opening timeline has not yet been announced. The Atlanta-based concept is expected to offer a modern steakhouse experience featuring in-house dry-aged steaks, seafood towers, and an extensive bourbon and whiskey selection, along with private dining spaces and upscale seating.

Topsail Steamer

8111 Creedmoor Rd
Raleigh, NC 27613
www.topsailsteamer.com

Danielle Mahon
Founder/CEO
Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2026
Publication Date: May 14, 2026

Location Type: Franchise
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Topsail Steamer plans to open a new take-home seafood boil location at 8111 Creedmoor Rd. Suite 29 in Raleigh, North Carolina 27613. Franchisee sisters Renee Moore and Paige Rogalski are currently working through permitting and construction plans for the new store, which is expected to open this summer. The Shark Tank-featured concept will allow customers to order ready-to-cook seafood boil buckets featuring items such as shrimp, crab legs, lobster tail, clams and scallops paired with corn, potatoes and sausage for at-home preparation. Ownership stated the Raleigh location will also offer custom seafood bucket combinations along with seasonings, sauces and butter designed for family meals, parties and special events.

Zamindar's

155 New Bern St
Charlotte, NC 28203

David Pandoria
Owner
Est. Opening Date: June 14, 2026
Publication Date: May 14, 2026

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

Summary: Zamindar's, led by Michelin Bib Gourmand chef Vamshi Adi alongside a local ownership team, is set to open soon in the former Lini & Pinni space in South End, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203. The concept will feature a dual experience with a fine-dining Indian restaurant and a British-influenced cocktail lounge, offering a menu inspired by traditional Indian recipes alongside elevated dishes and curated drinks.

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Bolt Drinks and Coffee

28 E Depot St
Angier, NC 27501
www.boltdrinksandcoffee.com

Brad Prashaw
Owner
Est. Opening Date: July 15, 2026
Publication Date: May 14, 2026

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

Summary: BOLT Drinks and Coffee plans to relocate its Fuquay-Varina location to 28 E. Depot St. in Angier, North Carolina. Ownership recently announced that the existing Fuquay-Varina store at 400 Broad St. will close on May 22, 2026, as preparations continue for the new Angier location. The concept is expected to continue serving specialty coffee beverages, energy drinks and other cafe offerings at the new site, though an official opening date has not yet been announced.

Basic Brewing

600 W Cabarrus St
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.enjoybasic.com

Kendall York
Founder/Owner
Est. Opening Date: Nov 1, 2026
Publication Date: May 14, 2026

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

Summary: Basic Brewing plans to open a new brewpub at the Platform Apartments development in Raleigh, North Carolina as part of Kane Realty Corporation's West End project near Union Station and Boylan Heights. The brewery is owned by Raleigh local Kendall York and is expected to feature a mid-century modern design with wood, tile and brass elements throughout the space. In addition to craft beer, the concept plans to offer cocktails, wine and a full kitchen serving pizza and American-inspired pub dishes along with a private event space for community gatherings and special events. Mary Ehrenberger, Retail Leasing and Multi-Site Manager for Kane Realty Corporation, stated that the concept aligns with the company's vision for a community-driven retail mix in the West End neighborhood. Basic Brewing is expected to open in Fall 2026.

Jaggers

1915 Hampton Inn Ct
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
www.eatjaggers.com

Dennison Heaton
Head of Operations
Est. Opening Date: Sept 24, 2026
Publication Date: May 14, 2026

Location Type: Franchise
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$50 and Up
Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Jaggers, a fast-casual chain created by the owner of Texas Roadhouse, is planning to open in fall 2026 at 1915 Hampton Inn Court, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103. The concept will offer a menu focused on burgers and chicken, including items like bacon cheeseburgers, along with other fast-casual favorites in a modern dining setting.