

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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Dry Ridge Brewing

160 Carl Eller Rd
Mars Hill, NC 28754
the-dry-ridge-dispatch.beehiiv.com

Chris Duncan
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Jun 10, 2026
Publication Date: May 21, 2026

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

Summary: Dry Ridge Brewing will open in June 2026 in Mars Hill, North Carolina, at 160 Carl Eller Rd, Mars Hill, North Carolina 28754. The concept, led by Chris Duncan, Frank Johnson, and Max Kirsner, with Duncan and Johnson associated with Spark Robotics, will operate as a taproom, restaurant, and community gathering space, featuring local beers on tap, a pizza focused menu with plans to expand into pub fare, and amenities such as indoor seating, an outdoor dining area, and a music pavilion for events and live performances.

Burr & Berry

2905 Monroe Rd
Charlotte, NC 28205
www.burrandberry.com

Jason Cowan
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Jun 26, 2026
Publication Date: May 21, 2026

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

Summary: Burr & Berry will open soon in Charlotte, marking its fourth location with a planned late summer 2026 debut at 2905 Monroe Rd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205. Owned by Jason Cowan, the drive-thru coffee concept is known for its specialty coffee drinks and customizable menu, continuing its expansion with a walk-up and drive-thru service model.

Hashtag India

1000 Market Center Dr
Morrisville, NC 27560
www.hashtagindia.com

Karthik Chinta
Owner
Est. Opening Date: Aug 1, 2026
Publication Date: May 21, 2026

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

Summary: HashTag India has submitted renovation plans for a new 2,507 sqft restaurant at 1000 Market Center Dr. in Morrisville, North Carolina. Owner Karthik Chinta is listed on project filings connected to the upcoming Indian restaurant concept. Additional details regarding the menu, operating model, and opening timeline have not yet been announced.

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Early Bird Cafe

736 N Main St
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Tracy Gower

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Jun 10, 2026

Publication Date: May 21, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Update

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/
Snacks

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Early Bird Cafe LLC, a new breakfast concept planned for Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, had registered at 736 N Main St. Owner Tracy Gower announced the upcoming cafe through social media, noting plans to operate Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with potential Saturday hours to be added. We now know the cafe is targeting a June 2026 opening.

Spice Trail

1823 North Harrison Ave.
Cary, NC 27513

Rashan Baral

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Aug 15, 2026

Publication Date: May 21, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Mayalu, LLC has submitted plans for a new Indian restaurant concept called Spice Trail at 1823 North Harrison Ave. in Cary, North Carolina. Owner Roshan Baral is overseeing approximately \$80,000 in renovations to convert an existing 3,044 sqft restaurant space for the new operation. Additional details regarding the menu, opening timeline, and operating format have not yet been announced.

Creations Coffee Co.

137 N Main St
Walnut Cove, NC 27052
[creations-coffee-company-106167.s
quare.site/](https://creations-coffee-company-106167.square.site/)

Ashley Duncan

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Apr 28, 2026

Publication Date: May 21, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Owner

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type:
Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Creations Coffee Co. will continue operating in Walnut Cove, North Carolina, under new ownership at 137 N Main St, Walnut Cove, North Carolina 27052-9212. Ashley Duncan and her husband have purchased the brand following plans for closure, with intentions to build on its faith-based mission while continuing to serve coffee and related offerings.