

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 (320) 300-4488.

Cocotte French Bakery

111 Gilead Rd
Huntersville NC 28078
www.cocottebakery.com

Alexandre Darbusset
Co-Founder
Est. Opening Date: Jul 22, 2026
Publication Date: Jun 16, 2026

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

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Cocotte French Bakery would open in early spring 2026. We now know that the bakery's second location is expected to open in late July or early August at 111 Gilead Rd, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078. Founded by Alexandre Darbusset and Angela Yeo, the bakery will offer authentic French pastries and a Parisian bistro-inspired atmosphere.

Raíces

1422 S Tryon St
Charlotte NC 28203
www.raicesclt.com

Alfonso Bravo
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: Jul 13, 2026
Publication Date: Jun 16, 2026

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

Summary: Raíces is expected to open this summer at 1422 S Tryon St, Suite 140, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203. The Mexican-inspired restaurant comes from husband-and-wife restaurateurs Alfonso Bravo and Amalia Macias, owners of Salud Mexican Kitchen, Coa Agaveria Y Cocina, and Masa Mexican Street Food in South Carolina. Led by chef TJ Steele, the menu will highlight the culinary traditions of Jalisco and Oaxaca with handmade tortillas, generational mole recipes, pozole, and seasonal dishes, complemented by an agave-focused cocktail program from mixologist Edson Sanchez.

Sip & Brick

81 Broadway St
Asheville NC 28801

Stone Fentzloff
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: Jul 21, 2026
Publication Date: Jun 16, 2026

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

Summary: Sip & Brick is coming soon to 81 Broadway St, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. Co-owned by Lauryn Wooding and Stone Fentzloff, the interactive cafe will combine brick-building activities with coffee, beer, other beverages, locally sourced baked goods, and light bites, creating a creative social space where guests can build, relax, and connect

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M Nikkei

101 E Chapel Hill St
Durham NC 27701
www.m-restaurants.com

Michael Lee

Owner/Chef

Est. Opening Date: Sep 1, 2026

Publication Date: Jun 16, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: M Restaurants is opening M Nikkei at 101 E Chapel Hill St, Durham, North Carolina. The new concept will replace M Pocha following a renovation of the existing restaurant space. Ownership reports that M Nikkei will feature robatayaki, sushi handrolls, and a completely refreshed dining experience while retaining select guest favorites. M Pocha closed June 13, 2026 to begin renovations and preparations for the new restaurant. An opening date has not yet been announced.

Amato Tea Shop

1283 NW Maynard Road
Cary NC 27513
www.ohmycakebyapple.com

Apple Lam

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Aug 1, 2026

Publication Date: Jun 16, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Apple Lam is opening a new Amato Tea Shop at 1283 NW Maynard Rd, Cary, North Carolina. Permit documents indicate that plans have been submitted for a new cafe and tea shop in an existing space. Renovations totaling approximately 1,162 sqft are planned for the location. Additional details regarding the menu, operating hours, and opening date have not yet been announced.

The Toasted Yolk

11201 Galleria Ave.
Raleigh NC 27614
www.thetoastedyolk.com

Chris Milton

Owner/Founder

Est. Opening Date: Jul 13, 2026

Publication Date: Jun 16, 2026

Location Type: Franchise

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: The Toasted Yolk Cafe is preparing to open its first North Carolina location at 11201 Galleria Ave. in Raleigh, North Carolina. The restaurant is taking over the former San Jose Mexican Restaurant space in the Wakefield area. Existing locations feature breakfast, brunch, lunch, and beverage offerings including omelets, pancakes, sandwiches, burgers, and specialty drinks. Company information indicates that the Raleigh location is targeting a July 13, 2026 opening.

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Slava Cafe & Bakery

37 Wall St
Asheville NC 28801

Svitlana Eadie

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Jul 31, 2027

Publication Date: Jun 11, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type: Other Ethnic

Summary: Slava Cafe & Bakery, a new Ukrainian cafe and bakery from Svitlana's Kitchen owner Svitlana Eadie, is expected to open in late July or early August at 37 Wall St, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. The cafe will serve traditional and modern Ukrainian breakfast and lunch dishes, fresh breads, pastries, desserts, coffee drinks, and specialty beverages inspired by Eadie's family recipes and heritage.

Level99

4325 Glenwood Ave
Crabtree Valley Mall
Raleigh NC 27612
www.level99.com

Matthew DuPlessie

Founder, President & CEO

Est. Opening Date: Feb 1, 2027

Publication Date: Jun 11, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Level99 is preparing to open its first North Carolina location at Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh, occupying approximately 40,000 sqft in the former Belk Men's space as part of the mall's ongoing redevelopment. Founded by Matt DuPlessie, the entertainment concept combines interactive challenge rooms, player-vs-player games, and social gaming experiences with a substantial food-and-beverage program. Plans call for scratch-made dining, handcrafted cocktails, craft beer, a 200-seat dining area, a full-service bar, and two private event spaces designed for group gatherings and corporate functions. The Raleigh location is expected to open in 2027.

M Hansik

501 Washington Street
Durham NC 27701
www.mhansik.m-restaurants.com

Michael Lee

Owner/Chef

Est. Opening Date: Jun 24, 2026

Publication Date: Jun 11, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Update

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Chef Michael Lee, founder of the M Restaurants group and M Sushi, was preparing to open M Hansik in Durham. The restaurant has now announced it will officially open on June 19, 2026, in the former Plum Southern Kitchen space at the Shops at Wye Junction. The 54-seat concept will showcase a modern interpretation of traditional Korean cuisine inspired by Lee's heritage. Initial menu offerings include kimchi dumplings, Pyongyang naengmyeon, galbi, and traditional Korean desserts such as hotteok. The restaurant will operate with limited seating prior to its grand opening celebration on June 24, 2026. Ownership has also launched the restaurant's website and social media channels ahead of opening.

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Frank's Beer Shop

3348 Commonwealth Ave
Charlotte NC 28205
www.franksbeershop.com

Joe Smaldone

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Jul 11, 2026

Publication Date: Jun 11, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Frank's Beer Shop owner Joe Smaldone is planning an expansion of the popular Charlotte beer destination at 3348 Commonwealth Ave, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205. Permit filings indicate the business will expand into an adjacent space and add a new bar and coffee concept, potentially in partnership with Enderly Coffee, creating an all-day destination serving coffee and beverages throughout the day.

Clouds Brewing

505 W Jones St
Raleigh NC 27603
www.cloudsbrewing.com

Matthew McNeil

Owner

Est. Opening Date: Jul 7, 2026

Publication Date: Jun 11, 2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Clouds Brewing is preparing to open a new brewery and restaurant at 505 W. Jones St. in Raleigh, North Carolina, in the space formerly occupied by Tobacco Road Sports Cafe. The company announced it acquired the assets and operations of the downtown property effective June 1, 2026, and is targeting an early July 2026 opening. The venue features expansive indoor dining areas, multiple bars, and private event spaces, making it one of the larger hospitality properties in downtown Raleigh. Clouds Brewing plans to continue serving its house-brewed craft beers alongside a menu of burgers, sandwiches, wings, salads, and shareable appetizers. The company also stated that existing employees will remain with the business and that previously booked private events and group reservations will be honored as the transition moves forward.

Viva Barista Cafe

229 W 5th St
Winston-Salem NC 27101

Ricardo Hidalgo

Co-Owner

Est. Opening Date: Jun 20, 2026

Publication Date: Jun 11, 2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type: Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Viva Barista Cafe, a family-owned coffee shop and roastery from Ricardo Hidalgo and his son Ricky Hidalgo, is scheduled to open on June 20 at 229 W 5th St, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101. The cafe will focus on single-origin coffees roasted in-house, offering specialty coffee education, visible roasting operations, and interactive experiences that allow guests to learn about and participate in the roasting process.