

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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Abuela's Little Kitchen

1341 Patton Ave
Asheville, NC 28806
www.abuelaslittlekitchen.com

Est. Opening Date: 8/8/2026
Publication Date: 7/7/2026

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

Summary: Abuela's Little Kitchen is opening soon at 1341 Patton Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28806. The popular Arden restaurant is expanding with a second dining room in West Asheville and is currently undergoing renovations and permitting ahead of its opening.

Ala Rahi

1080 Darrington Dr
Cary, NC 27513
www.alarahiusa.com

Rabia Asif Parekh
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 7/20/2026
Publication Date: 7/7/2026

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

Summary: Ala Rahi USA is preparing to open its first U.S. location at 1080 Darrington Dr. in Cary, North Carolina, with an opening planned for summer 2026. Originating in Karachi, the concept will offer a fusion of Pakistani, Turkish, and Mediterranean cuisine, featuring authentic South Asian spices, Turkish-inspired dishes, and a family dining atmosphere. The restaurant has launched its website and social media pages and is actively promoting the upcoming opening.

42nd Street Oyster Bar

508 W Jones St
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.42ndstoysterbar.com

Hunter Correll
General Manager
Est. Opening Date: 9/1/2026
Publication Date: 7/7/2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Reopening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: 42nd St. Oyster Bar, the iconic Raleigh seafood restaurant, is preparing to reopen at 508 W. Jones St., Raleigh, North Carolina 27603, following extensive structural repairs to its historic building. Closed since March 2025, the restaurant is being restored by new owners Hunter Correll and Chef Joe Rohrer, who acquired the concept with plans to preserve its legacy. Repairs remain underway, and while no reopening date has been announced, the ownership team has confirmed the restaurant will reopen and will provide additional updates as work progresses.

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EVO Kitchen & Co.

5220 New Fashion Way
Charlotte, NC 28278

Roc Well

Owner

Est. Opening Date: 8/7/2026

Publication Date: 7/7/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: EVO Kitchen & Co. is opening soon at 5220 New Fashion Way, Charlotte, North Carolina 28278. The new restaurant is taking over the former Shane's Rib Shack space and is currently hiring its founding front-of-house and back-of-house team ahead of its opening.

No Rush

245 E Friendly Ave
Greensboro, NC 27401
www.norushlifestyle.com

Est. Opening Date: 8/9/2026

Publication Date: 7/7/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type:

Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: No Rush is opening soon at 245 E Friendly Ave, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401. The new cafe and cocktail bar will serve coffee, cocktails, and host a community-focused space designed for working, socializing, and relaxing, with an atmosphere centered on coffee, cocktails, and culture.

Booyah's

104 S. Main St,
Four Oaks, NC 27524

Joanna Sasko

Owner

Est. Opening Date: 7/17/2026

Publication Date: 7/7/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Booyah's is preparing to open at 104 S. Main St. in Four Oaks, North Carolina, bringing a new restaurant concept to downtown Four Oaks. Social media posts show construction nearing completion, including new signage and exterior improvements, with the owners thanking the community for its support and stating they "can't wait to welcome you through our doors." The restaurant has recently launched its Instagram and Facebook pages but has not yet announced an opening date or released menu details.

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The Eighth Rule

201 E Trade St
Charlotte, NC 28202
www.the8thrule.com

Steph Curry
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 11/23/2026
Publication Date: 7/2/2026

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$50 and up
Menu Type: American

Summary: The Eighth Rule will open in late winter at The Ritz-Carlton, 201 E Trade St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. Created by Steph Curry in partnership with MINA Group, the bourbon-forward cocktail lounge will serve craft cocktails, rare bourbon pours, and innovative bar bites in an upscale setting.

Smooth Monkey

500 W Trade St
Charlotte, NC 28202
www.smooth-monkey.net

Robert W. Hackney
CEO
Est. Opening Date: 7/25/2026
Publication Date: 7/2/2026

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

Summary: Smooth Monkey will open later this month at 500 W Trade St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. The locally owned smoothie shop will serve smoothies made with whole fruits and vegetables, acai bowls, cold-pressed juices, wellness shots, and other nutritious grab-and-go options without added sugars, flavored syrups, or ice. This marks the company's third Charlotte-area location.

Little Bull

301 E Chapel Hill St
Durham, NC 27701
www.littlebullnc.com

Oscar Diaz
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 8/3/2026
Publication Date: 7/2/2026

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

Summary: Little Bull is relocating to 301 E. Chapel Hill St., Durham, NC, with the new downtown location scheduled to open on August 3, 2026. The restaurant, owned by Oscar Diaz and Juan Camilo Espada of the Mezcalito Group, is moving into a renovated historic building dating back to the 1910s in Durham's National Register Historic District. The year-long renovation preserved many original architectural elements, including reclaimed wood and salvaged beams repurposed into a staircase connecting the main dining room to an upstairs bar. The new location will serve dinner nightly beginning at 5 p.m. and continue offering weekend brunch, with weekday lunch service planned for fall 2026—the restaurant's first lunch program.

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The Left Hook Coffee

426 Hill Street
Raleigh, NC 27610
www.thelefthookcoffee.com

Kristin Kulik
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 8/1/2026
Publication Date: 7/2/2026

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

Summary: Left Hook Coffee Shop is opening a new cafe at 912 E. Hargett St, Raleigh, NC, with a grand opening scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2026. Located at the corner of Hargett and State streets, the new cafe will celebrate its opening with local vendors, artists, makers, live music, food vendors, live screen printing, circus-themed activities, wrestling, and other community events.

Postino WineCafe

201 S Estes Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.postino.com

Lauren Bailey
Co-Founder/CEO - Upward
Projects
Est. Opening Date: 11/1/2026
Publication Date: 7/2/2026

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

Summary: Postino WineCafe is opening its second Triangle location at 201 S. Estes Dr., Suite 302, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, in University Place, with a fall 2026 opening planned. The expansion follows the strong performance of the brand's Raleigh Village District location, prompting parent company Upward Projects Restaurant Group to accelerate its growth in the Triangle. The new restaurant will seat approximately 180 guests indoors and 100 on a 1,800 sqft patio. Guests can expect Postino's signature bruschetta boards, paninis, salads, and curated wine program. The restaurant also plans to hire approximately 60 employees ahead of opening.

Jim 'N Nick's

5523 W Wendover Ave
High Point, NC 27265
www.jimnicks.com

Lawrence Ryback
CEO
Est. Opening Date: 11/1/2026
Publication Date: 7/2/2026

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: Update
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: BBQ

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that opening details for Jim N' Nick's Community Bar-B-Q were still under review. The restaurant is now expected to open by the end of the year at 5523 W Wendover Ave, High Point, North Carolina 27265. Founded in 1985, the Alabama-based chain will serve slow-smoked barbecue, including pulled pork, Carolina-style pork, beef brisket, bar-b-q chicken, smoked turkey breast, sandwiches, and Southern sides.
