

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.

The Union Sky

26 Union St S
Concord, NC 28025

Krushani Patel

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: 8/30/2026

Publication Date: 8/18/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$50 and up

Menu Type: American

Summary: Krushani Patel and her husband, Ronak Patel, will open The Union Sky in August or September atop NOVI Lofts at 26 Union St S, Concord, North Carolina 28025. The 2,062 sqft rooftop restaurant and cocktail lounge will feature a 1,023 sqft patio overlooking downtown Concord and serve bar food, pasta, burgers, flatbread pizzas, desserts, and handcrafted cocktails. The Patels also own Red Chillez Indian Restaurant and Kiddie Academy of Harrisburg.

Fratelli Italian Kitchen

119 West Clay Street
Mebane, NC 27302

Corey Williams

Owner

Est. Opening Date: 10/1/2026

Publication Date: 8/18/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Tory Williams and his wife, Corey Williams, are preparing to open Fratelli Italian Kitchen at 119 W. Clay St. in downtown Mebane, North Carolina in early September 2026. The new restaurant will feature chef-inspired Italian cuisine including house-made pastas, fresh steaks, and desserts. A beverage program will include craft cocktails and an extensive wine list. Fratelli describes its concept as Italian tradition with a Southern influence and says it will focus on fresh pasta, thoughtfully crafted dishes, handcrafted cocktails, and hospitality.

Cafe Royale

1000 Social St., Suite 100
Raleigh, NC 27609

Patrick Shanahan

Owner

Est. Opening Date: 9/20/2026

Publication Date: 8/18/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: European

Summary: Local hospitality operator Patrick Shanahan and his team are preparing to open Cafe Royale at The Exchange in Raleigh, North Carolina as early as September 2026. The French-inspired all-day cafe will replace WRK by The Optimist and is designed to serve guests from morning through evening. The menu will include pastries, coffee, quiches, salads, wine, cheese, and caviar, while the beverage program will emphasize gin, bubbles, Champagne and low-ABV offerings. Illy coffee will also be served, and the restaurant will feature a colorful French-inspired interior and an outdoor patio.

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Melao

810 N. Mangum Street
Durham, NC 27701

Est. Opening Date: 9/15/2026
Publication Date: 8/18/2026

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

Summary: A new Colombian bistro called Melao is preparing to open in September 2026 at 810 N. Mangum St, Durham, North Carolina. The restaurant will take over the former Little Bull space and plans to combine Colombian food, cocktails, culture, and community. The menu will draw inspiration from Colombia's diverse regions with tropical fruits such as lulo and maracuya, coastal-inspired fresh seafood and traditional dishes such as bandeja paisa. Melao's social media shows exterior signage installed at the future restaurant and confirms the concept is coming soon.

La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant

1824 S Church St
Burlington, NC 27215
www.restaurantelafiesta.com

Homero Romo
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: 9/19/2026
Publication Date: 8/18/2026

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

Summary: La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant is renovating its location at 1824 S Church St, Burlington, North Carolina 27215, with construction currently underway and reopening planned soon. The family-owned restaurant, established in 1993, specializes in authentic Mexican cuisine prepared fresh daily and also operates locations in Graham, Mebane, Greensboro, and High Point.

Cactus

3450 Old Salisbury Rd
Winston-Salem, NC 27295

Est. Opening Date: 9/2/2026
Publication Date: 8/18/2026

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

Summary: Cactus Mexican Cuisine Bar & Grill will open soon at 3450 Old Salisbury Rd, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27127. The new restaurant will specialize in authentic Mexican cuisine and operate as a bar and grill, with preparations for its grand opening currently underway.

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Punch Bowl Social

2221 Iron Works Dr
Raleigh, NC 27604
www.punchbowlsocial.com

Gary Fassl
Sr. VP - Operations
Est. Opening Date: 11/1/2026
Publication Date: 8/13/2026

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

Summary: Punch Bowl Social plans to open at Raleigh Iron Works, North Carolina, taking over the former Jaguar Bolera space at 2221 Iron Works Dr., Suite 90. Permits have been filed to renovate the space with a new bar, arcade, and gaming areas. An opening timeline has not been announced.

Tavolo Italian Eatery

367 Freedom Parkway
Pittsboro, NC 27312
www.tavoloitalianeatery.com

Greg Lewis
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 9/15/2026
Publication Date: 8/13/2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Owners Greg and Maria are preparing to open a Tavolo Italian Eatery at MOSAIC at Chatham Park in September 2026. The new elevated-casual Italian concept will feature house-made pasta, dough, and sauces, locally sourced ingredients when available, Italian imports, wine, and patio dining. The couple also owns The Sycamore, 39 West Catering, and Forest Hall Wedding and Event Venue.

Playville Indoor Playground & Cafe

2111 Asheville Hwy
Hendersonville, NC 28791

Est. Opening Date: 9/10/2026
Publication Date: 8/13/2026

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

Summary: Playville Indoor Playground & Cafe is expected to open soon at Blue Ridge Commons Center, 2111 Asheville Hwy, Suite A2, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791. The family entertainment venue will feature a 5,000 sqft indoor playground with ball pits, slides, tunnels, trampolines, a toddler play area, an imaginative play town, and a cafe. The business recently announced that construction delays have been resolved and plans to welcome guests in the near future.

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Warehouse BBQ

12295 Capital Blvd.
Wake Forest, NC 27587
www.warehousebbq.net

Archie Ware
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 10/1/2026
Publication Date: 8/13/2026

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

Summary: Warehouse BBQ, a family-owned BBQ business that began as a food truck and later opened a brick-and-mortar restaurant in Youngsville, plans a second location at The Market of Wake Forest, 12295 Capital Blvd. The scratch-made BBQ concept is reportedly awaiting permits, and an opening date has not been announced.

The Parlor Car

120 E Court St
Marion, NC 28752
www.marionparlorcar.com

Est. Opening Date: 8/29/2026
Publication Date: 8/13/2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type:
Sandwiches/Soups/Salads/Deli

Summary: The Parlor Car is expected to open soon at 120 E Court St, Marion, North Carolina 28752. The train-themed bowl bistro will offer a menu of soups, bowls, and other comfort foods in a cozy downtown setting, along with a retail shopping area designed for guests to eat, shop, and relax.

Pita Press

301 Pisgah Church Rd
Greensboro, NC 27455

Est. Opening Date: 9/11/2026
Publication Date: 8/13/2026

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

Summary: Pita Press is expected to open soon at 301 Pisgah Church Rd, Greensboro, North Carolina 27455. The Mediterranean restaurant will occupy the former Barberitos space and offer a menu of fresh pitas, bowls, wraps, salads, and other Mediterranean favorites. The business is currently finalizing permits before announcing its official opening date.
