

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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Catch

To Be Announced
Wilmington, NC 28405
www.catchwilmington.com

Keith Rhodes
Chef/Owner
Est. Opening Date: 9/15/2026
Publication Date: 8/25/2026

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

Summary: CATCH is preparing to relocate in Wilmington, North Carolina, after closing its longtime restaurant location following 19 years of operation. The restaurant has confirmed that a new CATCH location is coming soon and also announced plans for a new bistro in downtown Wilmington. During the transition, CATCH will continue catering and operating its food truck. An address and opening date for the new CATCH location have not yet been announced.

Gourmand

425 Broadway St
Asheville, NC 28801
www.gourmandasheville.com

Peyton Barrell
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: 9/5/2026
Publication Date: 8/25/2026

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

Summary: Gourmand plans to open in late summer or fall 2026 at 425 Broadway St, Asheville, North Carolina 28801, in Reed Creek Greenway Plaza. The French-inspired all-day cafe, rotisserie, and wine bar will serve rotisserie chicken, fresh sandwiches, and coffee during the day, followed by wine service in the evening.

Mexilove

8136 S Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28273
www.mexilovetacostequila.com

Est. Opening Date: 9/7/2026
Publication Date: 8/25/2026

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

Summary: Mexilove Tacos & Tequila is opening soon at 8136 S Tryon St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28273, in the former Arby's space. The South Charlotte restaurant will serve tacos and other Mexican dishes alongside tequila-based cocktails in a colorful, lively atmosphere.

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Restaurant

2914 Wendell Blvd
Wendell, NC 27591

Jeff Hensley

Partner

Est. Opening Date: 11/1/2026

Publication Date: 8/25/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type:

Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Source reported that JBC Java, LLC is planning a new drive-through coffee shop at 2941 Wendell Blvd. in Wendell, North Carolina. Partner Jeff Hensley is listed as the contact for the project, which remains in the planning/construction stage. Additional details, including the restaurant brand, construction timeline, and anticipated opening date, have not yet been announced. We will update as more details are released.

Pyramids Hookah Lounge

8816 Gulf CT
Raleigh, NC 27617

Arsanious Saad

Owner

Est. Opening Date: 10/15/2026

Publication Date: 8/25/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Pyramids Hookah Lounge, LLC is in preliminary planning for a new bar and hookah lounge in Raleigh, North Carolina. Owner Arsanious Saad is listed as the contact for the project, which is expected to open in an existing space at 8816 Gulf Ct., Suite 100. An opening date and additional concept details have not yet been announced. We will update as more details are announced.

Maho's Bistro

Alamance Church Rd
Greensboro, NC 27406
www.mahosbistro.com

Marcus Hood

Owner

Est. Opening Date: 9/6/2026

Publication Date: 8/25/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type:

Sandwiches/Soups/Salads/Deli

Summary: Maho's Bistro, owned by Marcus Hood, is opening soon on Alamance Church Rd, Greensboro, North Carolina 27406. The permanent location will build on the family-owned food truck and catering business with an old-school, country-style atmosphere and a menu featuring gourmet hot dogs, signature egg rolls, sandwiches, loaded fries, and flavored lemonades.

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Miyagi

1435 Merrimon Ave
Asheville, NC 28804

Est. Opening Date: 9/16/2026
Publication Date: 8/20/2026

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

Summary: Miyagi is opening soon at 1435 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28804. The new North Asheville Japanese restaurant will offer a varied menu of fresh sushi, flavorful ramen, and hibachi dishes, combining traditional Japanese favorites with a lively dining experience. Preparations are underway for its upcoming grand opening.

Woody's Bar-B-Q

3500 N Roxboro St
Durham, NC 27704
www.woodys.com

Yolanda Mills
Founder
Est. Opening Date: 8/29/2026
Publication Date: 8/20/2026

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

Summary: We previously reported that Woody's Bar-B-Q was preparing to open its first North Carolina location at 3500 N. Roxboro St Suite 2, Durham, in Durham's Oxford Commons shopping center. Franchisee Abby Haywood has now confirmed that the 2,700 sqft, 66-seat restaurant will celebrate its grand opening on August 29, 2026. The restaurant will serve brisket, ribs, pulled pork, smoked chicken, Carolina-style vinegar barbecue, wings, beer, and wine. The franchisee has signed a development agreement for three Woody's Bar-B-Q locations, with Durham being the first.

Roe & Olivia's

3531 Dewitt Ln
Charlotte, NC 28217

Andres Kaifer
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 10/23/2026
Publication Date: 8/20/2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: American

Summary: Roe & Olivia's is expected to open in late 2026 in the former Giovanna's space at 3531 Dewitt Ln, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217. Customshop owner Andres Kaifer is partnering with longtime friend Michael Beltran, the Miami chef behind Ariete and Chug's Diner, to serve contemporary American cuisine influenced by their Cuban and Spanish roots. Early dishes include empanada gallega and lamb neck rotolo. The 3,644 sqft restaurant will have about 120 seats, including a patio, and is named after the chefs' firstborn daughters, who were born hours apart on the same day.

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South Block

110 East Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28203
www.southblock.com

Amir Mostafavi
Founder
Est. Opening Date: 9/21/2026
Publication Date: 8/20/2026

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 and under
Menu Type:
Sandwiches/Soups/Salads/Deli

Summary: South Block is opening its third Charlotte location soon at 110 East Blvd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203. Construction is underway on the South End shop, which will serve acai bowls, smoothies, fresh juices, protein drinks, and toast. Its menu will include signature items such as the Warrior Bowl, made with granola, fresh fruit, almond butter, cacao nibs, chia seeds, and blue spirulina.

Aviator Airplane Lounge

620 Brewing Dr
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
www.aviatorbrew.com

Mark Doble
Co-Owner/Founder - Aviator Gold
Leaf LLC
Est. Opening Date: 1/1/2027
Publication Date: 8/20/2026

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

Summary: Aviator Brewing Company is planning to open Aviator Airplane Lounge, a 2,425 sqft airplane-themed cocktail bar at 620 Brewing Dr. in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. The proposed lounge will be part of Aviator's existing brewery campus and feature an airplane hull incorporated into the bar. Aviator Gold Leaf LLC, an entity associated with Aviator Brewing Company, is listed as developer, with DesignLine Studios serving as engineer. Site plans are under review by the Town of Fuquay-Varina, and an opening date has not yet been announced.

Limra Mediterranean Restaurant

3109 McChesney Hill Loop
Holly Springs, NC 27539
www.limramedi.com

Can Engin
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 10/10/2026
Publication Date: 8/20/2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: \$20 to \$50
Menu Type: Other Ethnic

Summary: Limra Mediterranean Restaurant is preparing to open at 3109 McChesney Hill Loop, Holly Springs, North Carolina. Owners and chefs Can and Elif Engin are developing the modern Mediterranean concept after operating a food truck for approximately 15 years. Limra will serve 100% halal Mediterranean cuisine, including platters, wraps, bowls, and loaded fries, and will also offer catering. The restaurant's official website states that it is opening in summer 2026 and is currently inviting customers to join a soft-opening tasting event waitlist.
