

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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Eastcut Sandwich Bar

302-209 Colonades Way
Cary, NC 27518
<https://www.eastcutsandwich.com>

Jennifer Marks
Director of Operations
Est. Opening Date: 11/1/2026
Publication Date: 9/15/2026

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

Summary: Eastcut Sandwich Bar is expanding with a new restaurant planned for 302-209 Colonades Way, Cary. Partner Brad Bankos said the approximately 3,300 sqft space is currently undergoing renovations and is expected to open in fall 2026. The new location will serve Eastcut's menu of sandwiches, burgers, salads, bowls, and shareable items.

Nikko Steakhouse

325 Arlington Ave
Charlotte, NC 28203
<https://www.nikkosteakhouse.com>

Tyon D. Thompson
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 9/29/2026
Publication Date: 9/15/2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Owner
Average Check: \$50 and up
Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Nikko Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar has temporarily closed while new owner Tyon D. Thompson renovates and transforms the 6,800 sqft space into Nikko Steakhouse at 325 Arlington Ave., Charlotte, North Carolina 28203. Reopening soon, the expanded concept will serve premium steaks, seafood, sushi, and traditional Japanese dishes.

DiAnoche

3 London Rd
Asheville, NC 28803

Rebecca Bennett
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 10/12/2026
Publication Date: 9/15/2026

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

Summary: Anoché owner Rebecca Bennett will soon open DiAnoche, a sister coffee and agave spirits bar, at 3 London Rd., Asheville, North Carolina 28803. Located in the former Classic Paint & Body building near Burial Forestry Camp, it will be Anoché's second Asheville location and offer espresso, tequila, mezcal, and other agave-based drinks.

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Legacy Rolls

700 East Williams St.
Apex, NC 27502
<https://www.legacyrolls.toast.site>

Justin Canada
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 10/25/2026
Publication Date: 9/15/2026

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

Summary: Father-and-son co-owners Jerry and Justin Canada are expanding Legacy Rolls with a second location at 700 East Williams St, Apex, North Carolina. The fast-casual restaurant, founded in 2024, is built around a 150-year-old family bread recipe and serves cooked-to-order breakfast items, sliders and sweets, including signature cinnamon rolls in flavors such as blueberry, cookies 'n cream, and caramel apple. The Apex restaurant is currently under construction and will feature a larger staff, expanded hours and a revamped menu with new and seasonal sliders. The owners are targeting a soft opening by the end of October 2026 and eventually plan to expand Legacy Rolls through private franchising.

Una Mas

3298 Silas Creek Pkwy
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
<https://www.unamasnc.com>

Jose Alatorre Patino
Partner
Est. Opening Date: 10/17/2026
Publication Date: 9/15/2026

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

Summary: Jose Alatorre Patino and a business partner will open Una Mas Modern Taqueria at 3298 Silas Creek Pkwy., Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103, on October 17, 2026. The restaurant will offer elevated Mexican cuisine, including tacos, burritos, fajitas, enchiladas, seafood, steaks, and handcrafted margaritas.

Little Saint Cocktail Co.

640 St Albans Dr
Raleigh, NC 27609
<https://www.rosebudraleigh.com/>

Patrick Shanahan
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 5/1/2027
Publication Date: 9/15/2026

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

Summary: Co-owners Patrick Shanahan and Robby Opperman are planning Little Saint Cocktail Co., a new cocktail bar at 640 St. Albans Dr, Raleigh, North Carolina. The independent concept will be the first standalone cocktail bar in North Hills and will focus on a dedicated cocktail experience. Little Saint Cocktail Co. is targeting a spring 2027 opening, although details regarding the beverage menu, food offerings, design, and exact opening date have not yet been announced.

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Ladybird Taco

1524 East Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28203
<https://www.ladybirdtaco.com>

Brooks Veazey
CEO
Est. Opening Date: 10/4/2026
Publication Date: 9/10/2026

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

Summary: Ladybird Taco will open in October 2026 in the former Lebowski's Neighborhood Grill space at 1524 East Blvd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203. Led by CEO Brooks Veazey, the Birmingham-based restaurant will serve Texas-style breakfast and lunch tacos, queso, and other taco-shop favorites, along with craft coffee prepared by an in-house barista.

Nonna's Cafe

39 West St
Pittsboro, NC 27312
<https://www.nonnaknowsbest.org>

Dana Rumbold
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 9/25/2026
Publication Date: 9/10/2026

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

Summary: Owners Dana and Jim Rumbold are preparing to open Nonna's Cafe in the former Havoc space in Pittsboro's SoCo District before the end of September 2026. The new independent cafe will operate as a coffee shop and wine bar, with a large outdoor area planned for community events and gatherings. Nonna's Cafe is the first phase of the owners' plans for the property, with an additional restaurant concept planned for a later date.

El Corral Mexican Grill

8702 Alt US-220
Seagrove, NC 27341

Lory Canales
Manager
Est. Opening Date: 10/5/2026
Publication Date: 9/10/2026

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

Summary: El Corral Mexican Grill will open soon at 8702 Alt US-220, Seagrove, North Carolina 27341. The family-owned restaurant will serve authentic Mexican cuisine and is currently hiring as it prepares to open.

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Hollywood East Brewseum

1202 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
www.hollywoodeastbrewseum.com

Tyler Christensen
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: 9/18/2026
Publication Date: 9/10/2026

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

Summary: Co-owners Tyler Christensen and Patrick McCarthy are preparing to open Hollywood East Brewseum at 1202 Market St, Wilmington, North Carolina, with a soft opening scheduled for September 18, 2026. The film-themed restaurant and taproom occupies the former Rose Ice & Coal building and will feature memorabilia from movies and television productions filmed in the Wilmington area. The menu will offer elevated movie-theater-inspired fare including hot dogs, soft pretzels, hot honey cheese pretzel bites, pickle bombs, cheese curds, sweet potato waffle fries, and donut holes. The beverage program will feature locally brewed beers, including a custom Blueberry Velvet beer from Hi-Wire Brewing, along with wine and non-alcoholic drinks.

Smitty and Pearls

211 Lindsay St
High Point, NC 27262
<https://www.smittyandpearls.com>

Mark Penley
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: 9/30/2026
Publication Date: 9/10/2026

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

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Smitty and Pearl's would open on Sept. 1, 2026. We now know that the restaurant aims to open by the end of September 2026 at 211 Lindsay St, High Point, North Carolina 27262. The dining and entertainment complex will house three concepts: Umbo, an oyster-focused seafood restaurant; Siren Lounge & Bar, a nautical-themed cocktail and tapas space; and The Jungle Bar, offering casual dining and late-night entertainment. The venue will also feature three bars, flatbreads, smash burgers, wings, handcrafted cocktails, duckpin bowling, arcade and virtual-reality games, karaoke, and live music.

La Cucina della Nonna

39 West St
Pittsboro, NC 27312
<https://www.nonnaknowsbest.org>

Dana Rumbold
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 2/1/2027
Publication Date: 9/10/2026

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

Summary: Owners Dana and Jim Rumbold are developing La Cucina della Nonna, a new family-owned Italian restaurant in the former Havoc space in Pittsboro's SoCo District. The owners are completing a kitchen build-out and expect to open the full-service restaurant in early 2027. The property will initially open Nonna's Cafe, a coffee shop and wine bar, in September 2026, followed by La Cucina della Nonna once construction of the restaurant kitchen is complete. A large outdoor area is also planned for community events and gatherings.
