

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.

Miami Fusion Cafe

509 Biltmore Ave
Asheville, NC 28801
www.miamifusioncafenc.com

Damaris Gonzalez
Partner
Est. Opening Date: 10/22/2026
Publication Date: 9/22/2026

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

Summary: Miami Fusion Cafe plans to open a location inside Mission Hospital at 509 Biltmore Ave., Asheville, North Carolina 28801. The Cuban restaurant's offerings include Cuban sandwiches, frita burgers, empanadas, croquetas, pastries, Cuban coffee, mojitos, and weekend Nicaraguan specials.

Blinky's 2 Sweet

761 4th St SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Blanca Coronado
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 10/24/2026
Publication Date: 9/22/2026

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

Summary: Blinky's 2 Sweet will open soon at 761 4th St SW, Hickory, North Carolina 28602. Owner Blanca Coronado has submitted plans to open the new ice cream and snack shop in an existing space.

Pizzeria di Territorio

301 W Cabarrus St
Raleigh, NC 27601
www.pizzeriaditerritorio.com

Brian Wojick
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 2/15/2027
Publication Date: 9/22/2026

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

Summary: Owner Brian Wojick plans to open Pizzeria di Territorio at 301 W. Cabarrus St., Suite 200, in Raleigh's Warehouse District in Q1 2027. The full-service restaurant will specialize in scratch-made Neapolitan pizza prepared in a 900-degree Italian brick oven, along with fresh pasta, appetizers, entrees, and house-made desserts. The beverage program will include cocktails, wine, and beer.

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Stoccaggio

301 W Cabarrus St
Raleigh, NC 27601
www.stoccaggiospeakeasy.com

Brian Wojick
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 2/15/2027
Publication Date: 9/22/2026

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

Summary: Owner Brian Wojick plans to open Stoccaggio inside the Pizzeria di Territorio development at 301 W. Cabarrus St., Suite 200, Raleigh, North Carolina, in Q1 2027. The Italian-inspired speakeasy will seat approximately 25 to 30 guests and serve small plates such as chicken Parmesan sliders, smoked Wagyu brisket flatbreads, and lamb chops. Its beverage program will feature premium Italian-inspired cocktails and wine. Guests will enter through a storage-closet-style entrance inside the pizzeria or through a separate exterior door.

Bagels & Co.

414 Deacon Blvd
Winston-Salem, NC 27105
www.bagelsandco.com

Kevin Armantrout
CEO
Est. Opening Date: 9/23/2027
Publication Date: 9/22/2026

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

Summary: Bagels & Co. will open its first North Carolina location in fall 2027 at The Grounds, 414 Deacon Blvd., Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27105. The breakfast-and-lunch restaurant will serve handcrafted bagels baked fresh daily, homemade schmears, made-to-order sandwiches, and coffee.

Libations Bottle and Bev Co.

3101 McChesney HI Lp
Holly Springs, NC 27540
www.libationsbevco.com

Kali Scheibener
Partner
Est. Opening Date: 10/20/2026
Publication Date: 9/22/2026

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

Summary: Bart and Kali Gentile, together with business partner Ryan Walters, are preparing to open Libations Bottle & Bev Co. at 3101 McChesney Hill Loop in Peterson Station near the Holly Springs–Apex border, North Carolina. The independent bottle shop and taproom will feature 19 rotating craft-beer taps, Prosecco on tap, wine by the glass or bottle, and retail selections of beer, wine, cider, seltzer, and nonalcoholic beverages. Plans include approximately 10 bar seats, additional indoor seating, and an outdoor patio. Construction is in its finishing stages, and the business is targeting an October 2026 opening.

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Vitale Lakeside

1459 River Hwy
Mooresville, NC 28117
www.vitalelakeside.com

Susan Vitale
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: 10/16/2026
Publication Date: 9/17/2026

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

Summary: Gennaro and Susan Vitale of Vitale Hospitality Group will soon open Vitale Lakeside, a 9,000 sqft family-friendly waterfront restaurant at Queen's Landing, 1459 River Hwy., Mooresville, North Carolina 28117. The restaurant will serve burgers, steaks, pizza, Italian-inspired dishes, and seafood, complemented by handcrafted cocktails and views of Lake Norman. The group also operates Midtown Tavern and Bonnie & Clyde's Lounge.

piebird

115 Hendersonville Rd
Asheville, NC 28803
www.doubletreeasheville.com

Est. Opening Date: 12/31/2026
Publication Date: 9/17/2026

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

Summary: DoubleTree by Hilton will open the second location of its piebird restaurant concept by the end of 2026 inside the DoubleTree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore at 115 Hendersonville Rd., Asheville, North Carolina 28803. Developed with StiR Creative Collective, the restaurant will serve modern takes on American comfort food, including chicken and waffles, along with house-made seasonal pies. The first piebird opened at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Nanuet in New York in May 2026.

Barrio Taco Company

125 N Main St
China Grove, NC 28023

Jason Overcash
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: 10/13/2026
Publication Date: 9/17/2026

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

Summary: Jason Overcash and Chef Dustin Neely will soon open Barrio Taco Company at 125 N Main St, China Grove, North Carolina 28023. The restaurant will serve bold Tex-Mex-style dishes and drinks in a lively setting featuring a rooftop bar. Overcash owns Meadows at Grove Cartel and Grove Cartel Brewing Co., while Neely is a partner in West Loop Local and serves as corporate chef for Best Bars Charlotte.

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Sam Jones BBQ Pit Stop

411 West Morgan St
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.samjonesbbq.com

Sam Jones
Co-Owner/Pitmaster
Est. Opening Date: 11/1/2026
Publication Date: 9/17/2026

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

Summary: Sam Jones and his team plan to open a new Sam Jones BBQ Pit Stop in late 2026 inside Morgan Street Food Hall at 411 W. Morgan St. in Raleigh, North Carolina. The food hall location will be the company's third location and second in downtown Raleigh. The Pit Stop will feature a more limited food and drink menu than the existing Raleigh restaurant, with the concept known for traditional North Carolina-style whole-hog barbecue cooked over wood and served with Southern sides.

Vicious Biscuit

3030 S Evans St
Greenville, NC 27834
www.viciousbiscuit.com

Michael Ball
VP, Operations
Est. Opening Date: 12/1/2026
Publication Date: 9/17/2026

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

Summary: Franchise group Gravy Crew, LLC, led by Chris Carnes, Ben Fields, and operating partner Jonah Greenup, is preparing to open a Vicious Biscuit at 3030 S Evans St in Greenville's University Commons. The 3,000 sqft restaurant will be the brand's first franchised location in North Carolina and will serve Vicious Biscuit's Southern-inspired breakfast and brunch menu. The experienced restaurant group also operates 11 Zaxby's and six Chicken Salad Chick restaurants. The Greenville Vicious Biscuit is expected to open in late 2026.

Low Bar Lounge

201 W. Martin St.
Raleigh, NC 27601
www.lowbarlounge.com

Michael Thor
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 11/15/2026
Publication Date: 9/17/2026

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

Summary: The team behind Whiskey Kitchen is bringing back the downstairs space beneath the restaurant as Low Bar Lounge at 201 W. Martin St. in downtown Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. Sources report that the new lounge is coming soon, although an exact opening date has not been announced. Low Bar Lounge's website advertises planned hours of 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. every night. Additional details regarding the food and beverage offerings, sqft, ownership, and contact information have not yet been released.
