

Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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



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Nana Morrison's

9810 Gilead Rd
Huntersville, NC 28078
www.nanamorrisonssoulfood.com

Shawn Morrison
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: 12/2/2026
Publication Date: 10/6/2026

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

Summary: Nana Morrison's Soul Food, founded by Shawn and Kiana Morrison, plans to open its fifth location by December 2026 at 9810 Gilead Rd, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078. The family-run restaurant, which also has locations in North Charlotte, Eagle Lake, Indian Land, and Cary, serves family-recipe favorites such as fried chicken, smothered pork chops, smoked turkey wings, baked mac and cheese, collard greens, yams, and cornbread; their son Hank Morrison is also a co-owner.

Doherty's Irish Pub

701 E Chatham St
Cary, NC 27511
www.dohertysirishpubnc.com

Jon Allen
Owner/Operator
Est. Opening Date: 12/1/2026
Publication Date: 10/6/2026

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

Summary: Owners and operators Jonathan Allen and Kristen Fausey are preparing to open a new Doherty's Irish Pub & Restaurant at 701 E. Chatham St., Cary, North Carolina 27511. The restaurant will occupy the former Spirits Pub & Grub space, spanning approximately 4,730 sqft with a patio capable of seating more than 100 guests. Doherty's offers scratch-made Irish and American pub fare, including fish and chips, Guinness-braised brisket, boxty, and weekend brunch. The lease has been finalized, but an opening date has not yet been announced.

Rabid Axolotl Brewing

105 Rand Mill Road
Garner, NC 27529
www.rabidaxolotlbrewing.com

Matt Harrington
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 3/1/2027
Publication Date: 10/6/2026

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

Summary: Rabid Axolotl Brewing, LLC is preparing to open a family-friendly, community-focused craft brewery in the former Aristotle Spirits building at 105 Rand Mill Road in Garner, North Carolina 27529. The business is hoping to open in March 2027, provided development proceeds smoothly. The concept will emphasize craft beer, communal experiences, and a welcoming gathering place for families.

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The Deb

516 N. West St.
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.cuyaraleigh.com

Charlie Ibarra
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 11/15/2026
Publication Date: 10/6/2026

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

Summary: Charlie Ibarra and the team behind Cuya Cafe + Cocina are preparing to open The Deb inside Hone Sharpen at 516 N. West St., Raleigh, North Carolina 27603. Replacing Hone Sharpen's sandwich counter, the all-day wine bar and lounge will offer wine, spritzes, nonalcoholic cocktails, and a fusion tapas menu influenced by Italian, French, and Asian cuisines. The Deb is expected to open later in fall 2026.

Soul Food on 68

2100 Westchester Dr
High Point, NC 27262

Kila Kay
Partner
Est. Opening Date: 10/20/2026
Publication Date: 10/6/2026

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

Summary: Soul Food on 68, a family-owned restaurant promoted by Kila Kay, plans to open soon in the former Glo & Yves Southern Cuisine space at 2100 Westchester Dr, High Point, North Carolina 27262. Its October 1, 2026, opening was postponed to allow additional preparations, with a new official date expected to be announced in October. The menu will feature crispy fried chicken, made-to-order catfish and flounder, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, yams, and other Southern comfort dishes.

Gostosa Coffee Company

503 E Washington St
Greensboro, NC 27401

Philemon Emmanuel
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 11/12/2026
Publication Date: 10/6/2026

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

Summary: Gostosa Coffee Company, a new coffee shop from owner Philemon Emmanuel, plans to open soon in an existing space at 503 E Washington St, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401. Submitted plans call for approximately \$80,000 in renovations.

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Restaurant

321 W Fourth St
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Juan Quiceno

Owner

Est. Opening Date: 11/15/2026

Publication Date: 10/1/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$50 and up

Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Juan Quiceno, owner of Xcaret Mexican Grill & Cantina, plans to open a new upscale steakhouse-style restaurant at 321 W Fourth St, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101, replacing Jeffrey Adams on Fourth after a brief closure. The new concept is expected to serve steaks, seafood, classic sides, and cocktails, while Xcaret will remain open nearby.

Jubala Coffee

4114 Center at North Hills
Raleigh, NC 27609
www.jubalacoffee.com

Andrew Cash

Co-Owner

Est. Opening Date: 11/15/2026

Publication Date: 10/1/2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type:

Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Owner Andrew Cash is preparing to open the fifth Jubala Coffee location in the Main District at North Hills in Raleigh, North Carolina. The cafe will occupy space at the base of 4114 Center, between Alo Yoga and Gorjana, and will be Jubala's second North Hills location. Its existing cafe operates across the development at 200 Park at N Hills St. An opening date has not yet been announced.

Dampf Good BBQ

321 W. Geer St.
Durham, NC 27701
www.dampfgoodbbq.com

Nick Dampf

Owner

Est. Opening Date: 1/1/2027

Publication Date: 10/1/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Owner

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: BBQ

Summary: Source reported that brothers Nick and Bryce Dampf were preparing to open Dampf Good BBQ's first brick-and-mortar restaurant in the former The Pit space at 321 W. Geer St. in Durham, North Carolina. The Michelin Guide-recognized business specializes in Texas-style barbecue, including smoked brisket, ribs, and house-made sausage sold by weight. The restaurant was targeting a late December 2026 or early January 2027 opening. However, Nick Dampf subsequently stated that the owners are reconsidering the Durham project, so the opening is not currently confirmed.

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Hunter's Bagels

19905 W Catawba Ave
Cornelius, NC 28031
www.huntersbagels.com

Brandon Kurz

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: 10/30/2026

Publication Date: 10/1/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type:

Sandwiches/Soups/Salads/Deli

Summary: Hunter's Bagels, owned by brothers-in-law Brandon Kurz and Andrew Roth, is coming soon to 19905 W Catawba Ave., Cornelius, North Carolina 28031. The family-inspired shop will serve boiled-and-baked bagels, flavored schmears, breakfast and deli sandwiches, salads, waffles, baked goods, coffee, and espresso drinks.

High Point Bagels

1514 N Main St
High Point, NC 27262
www.highpointbagels.com

Mat Greenberg

Owner

Est. Opening Date: 11/20/2026

Publication Date: 10/1/2026

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Relocation

Average Check: \$20 and under

Menu Type:

Bakeries/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: High Point Bagel, owned by Mat Greenberg, will relocate from 1228 Eastchester Dr. to 1514 N Main St., High Point, North Carolina 27262. The new location will open soon and continue serving fresh bagels, breakfast sandwiches, spreads, coffee, and other bakery items.

Jim N' Nick's BBQ

115 Grand Hill Place
Holly Springs, NC 27540
www.jimnnicks.com

Brian Lyman

President

Est. Opening Date: 12/1/2026

Publication Date: 10/1/2026

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: BBQ

Summary: Jim 'N Nick's Community Bar-B-Q is preparing to open a new location at 115 Grand Hill Place in Holly Springs Towne Center, Holly Springs, North Carolina. The Alabama-based barbecue chain operates approximately 63 restaurants, including existing North Carolina locations in Hickory, Charlotte, and Concord. The restaurant is known for slow-smoked pork and beef, barbecue plates, sandwiches, Southern-style sides, and its signature cheese biscuits. Jim 'N Nick's officially lists the Holly Springs restaurant as coming soon, but an opening date has not yet been announced.
