Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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RESTAURANT ACTIVITY REPORT —Est.1998—

For restaurant contact information, please call Restaurant Activity Report at (320) 300-4488.

Lewis Barbecue

Salvage Yard at Raleigh Iron Works
Raleigh, NC 27604
www.lewisbarbecue.com

John Lewis
Founder/Owner
Est. Opening Date: 5/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/10/2026

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

Summary: John Lewis is developing Lewis Barbecue at Salvage Yard in the Raleigh Iron Works district of Raleigh, North Carolina. Latest coverage places the opening in the second quarter of 2027, and construction is beginning in November 2026. The restaurant will specialize in Central Texas-style smoked meats.

Que Onda

1515 Mockingbird Ln
Charlotte, NC 28209
www.queondatacos.com

Manny Flores
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 2/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/10/2026

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

Summary: Que Onda Tacos + Tequila is projected to open in February 2027 at 1515 Mockingbird Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209, serving its signature tacos and other menu favorites, with patio seating and cocktails. Founder and CEO Manny Flores also operates Que Fresa through his Que Hospitality group.

Bourbon Leaf

28 Broadway St
Asheville, NC 28801
www.bourbonleafvip.com

Ophelia
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 11/21/2026
Publication Date: 11/10/2026

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

Summary: Bourbon Leaf will open its newest lounge space on November 21, 2026, at 28 Broadway St, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. Owners Ophelia and Jerrod offer premium cigars, bourbon, curated cocktails, hookah, small bites, music, and an elevated lounge atmosphere.

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Pertinacious Coffee

1700 Abbey Pl
Charlotte, NC 28209
www.pertinaciouscoffeeco.com

Emma Layman
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 1/15/2027
Publication Date: 11/10/2026

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

Summary: Pertinacious Coffee plans to open its first standalone cafe in mid-January 2027 at 1700 Abbey Pl, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209. Founder and owner Emma Layman will serve specialty coffees, including the blueberry vanilla latte, along with overnight oats, chia pudding, toast, artisan sandwiches, and pastries from Whisk + Wood and Wheatberry. Layman also operates a Pertinacious cafe inside The Club, a fitness and coworking space.

The Latin Effect

Near US 15-501
Durham, NC 27705
www.thelatineffect.com

Alberto Bert Chedrani
Partner
Est. Opening Date: 2/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/10/2026

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

Summary: The Latin Effect plans to open a permanent restaurant near US 15-501 in Durham, North Carolina, in early 2027. Chef-owner Alberto Chedrani previously operated the brand's Chapel Hill storefront, which closed in May 2026, while its food-truck business continued.

Coco Fro

1004 Morning Glory Ave.
Durham, NC 27701

Pierce Freelon
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 12/20/2026
Publication Date: 11/10/2026

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

Summary: Coco Fro, founded by Pierce and Kathryn “Katye" Freelon, is developing their first brick-and-mortar location for an ice cream production and tasting-room space at 1004 Morning Glory Ave., Durham, North Carolina 27701. The independent business specializes in organic, dairy-free, freeze-dried ice cream made with coconut cream and natural sweeteners. The owners are targeting a soft opening by the end of 2026, with traditional ice cream, churros, and coffee planned as the concept develops. An outdoor stage is also planned for children's programming and community events.

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Wren Rooftop

501 Woodburn Rd
Raleigh, NC 27605
www.wrenrooftop.com

Shantelle Jefferson
Contact Person
Est. Opening Date: 5/20/2027
Publication Date: 11/5/2026

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

Summary: Wren Rooftop is scheduled to open in spring 2027 at the Oberlin Hotel, 501 Woodburn Rd, Raleigh, North Carolina. Managed by Concord Hospitality Enterprises, the rooftop restaurant and bar will feature Southern-inspired cuisine, cocktails, and city views; its opening is separate from the hotel's other dining outlets.

Uzumaki Revolving Sushi

7907 Providence Rd
Charlotte, NC 28277
www.uzumaki-revolvingsushi-chicago.com

Est. Opening Date: 4/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/5/2026

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

Summary: Uzumaki Revolving Sushi plans to open in April 2027 at 7907 Providence Rd, Ste 200, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277. Located in the Arboretum Park development, the Chicago-based all-you-can-eat Japanese restaurant will feature a revolving conveyor belt, bullet-train food delivery, and robotic service. Its menu will include nigiri, sashimi, sushi rolls, shrimp tempura udon, edamame, seaweed salad, and other vegan options.

Eggbred

3052 Eastway Dr
Charlotte, NC 28205
www.eggbred.com

Albert Shim
CEO
Est. Opening Date: 1/31/2026
Publication Date: 11/5/2026

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

Summary: EggBred, operated by franchise owner Fabricio Botta, plans to open in early 2027 at 3052 Eastway Dr, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205. Located in the Eastway Crossing shopping center, the fast-casual breakfast and brunch restaurant will serve egg sandwiches, loaded breakfast burritos, waffles, avocado toast, burgers, chicken sandwiches, mac and cheese, cold brew, and children's meals. The Charlotte restaurant will be the California-based brand's second North Carolina location.

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Pulp Juice & Smoothie Bar

3605 Rogers Branch Rd
Wake Forest, NC 27587
www.pulpjuiceandsmoothie.com

Bill Forrest
VP - Franchise Dev
Est. Opening Date: 1/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/5/2026

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

Summary: Pulp Juice & Smoothie Bar is preparing to open at 3605 Rogers Branch Rd Suite 105, Wake Forest, North Carolina, with no opening date announced. The concept serves smoothies, juices, bowls, wraps, and salads, and both its official location page and the town's business listing identify the forthcoming site.

Brick & Basil

1821 Chatham Flats Drive
Apex, NC 27502
www.brickandbasilnc.com

Scott Harvey
Chef/Owner
Est. Opening Date: 2/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/5/2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: $20 and under
Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: Brick & Basil is preparing to open at 1821 Chatham Flats Dr Suite 4, Apex, North Carolina, within The Ballast on Salem development. The independent concept comes from the owners of Rolling Deep Food Truck and will feature Detroit-style deep-dish pizza, handmade pasta, and gourmet Italian panini. The restaurant is targeting an early 2027 opening, although an exact date has not been announced.

Sushi Sho

2502 Battleground Ave
Greensboro, NC 27408
www.sushishowinstonsalem.com

Tiffany Zheng
Partner
Est. Opening Date: 12/10/2026
Publication Date: 11/5/2026

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

Summary: Sushi Sho, represented by partner Tiffany Zheng, plans to open a second location soon at 2502 Battleground Ave, Greensboro, North Carolina 27408, replacing a former Zaxby's restaurant. The restaurant will offer all-you-can-eat and a la carte Japanese cuisine, including sushi, sashimi, hibachi, appetizers, and bubble tea.