Restaurant Activity Report—Lead Report

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Curry Pizza House

1715 Welden Village Ave
Kernersville, NC 27284
www.currypizzahouse.com

Gursewak Gill
Founder & CEO
Est. Opening Date: 12/28/2026
Publication Date: 11/24/2026

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

Summary: Curry Pizza House will open soon at 1715 Welden Village Ave, Kernersville, North Carolina 27284. The restaurant will serve pizzas featuring Indian curry flavors and spices, marking the franchise's first North Carolina location.

The Union Grill

112 W Union St
Morganton, NC 28655
www.theunion-grill.com

Zack Cranford
Partner
Est. Opening Date: 1/10/2027
Publication Date: 11/24/2026

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

Summary: The Union Grill will open in early 2027 at 112 W Union St, Morganton, North Carolina 28655. Cranford Hospitality, led by partner Zack Cranford, will operate the American grill serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Al's Burger Shack

1111 Center Point Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405
www.alsburgershack.com

Charlie Farris
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 4/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/24/2026

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

Summary: Al's Burger Shack is preparing to open at 1111 Center Point Dr Suite 131, Wilmington, North Carolina. Co-owners Jason Kesler and Charlie Farris plan an outdoor patio and a menu of hand-pattied burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, shakes, and rosemary sea salt fries. The brand offers burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, fries, and shakes.

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Uji

101 N 3rd St
Wilmington, NC 28401
www.ujiilm.com

Sada Hudson
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 12/10/2026
Publication Date: 11/24/2026

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

Summary: Uji is preparing to open at 101 N. Third St., downtown Wilmington, North Carolina. Owner Sada Hudson plans to serve specialty matcha, Japanese-style sandwiches, and onigiri during the day, with reservation-only omakase dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings. The owner is targeting a soft opening after Thanksgiving and a full opening in December 2026.

Quin

15 North West Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Connor Johnson
Owner/Chef
Est. Opening Date: 12/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/24/2026

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

Summary: Quin is a new modern American restaurant planned by chef-owner Connor Johnson at 15 North West Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The approximately 10,000 sqft restaurant will be part of the Garden West development. The owner/chef has secured a lease and financing, with an opening targeted for late 2027. We will update as more details are announced.

Blue Pearl Restaurant

10 W 3rd St
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Est. Opening Date: 12/27/2026
Publication Date: 11/24/2026

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

Summary: Blue Pearl Restaurant will open soon at 10 W 3rd St, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101. The new restaurant from the team behind Raku Ramen & Sushi will serve Japanese and Asian cuisine.

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Miró Spanish Grille

4905 Ashley Park Ln
Charlotte, NC 28210
www.mirospanishgrille.com

Felipe Alvarez
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: 12/1/2026
Publication Date: 11/19/2026

Location Type: Independent
Lead Type: Update
Average Check: $20 to $50
Menu Type: European

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Miró Spanish Grille, a Charlotte restaurant serving Spanish cuisine since 1999, was expected to open in summer 2026. The restaurant will now open its SouthPark location on December 1 at 4905 Ashley Park Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina 28210. Co-owner and operator Felipe Alvarez will serve tapas such as empanadas, croquetas, gambas al ajillo, and patatas bravas, along with seafood and meat paella. The restaurant will host live music on Thursdays and offer patio happy hour specials. While it awaits its ABC permit, it will waive corkage fees for guests bringing their own wine.

Wakey Wakey

1794 W Main St
Locust, NC 28097

Juan Martinez
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 12/18/2026
Publication Date: 11/19/2026

Location Type: Regional
Lead Type: New Opening
Average Check: $20 and under
Menu Type: Classic/Varied

Summary: Wakey Wakey, owned by Juan Martinez, is coming soon to 1794 W Main St, Locust, North Carolina 28097, in the former Mezcali location. The breakfast, brunch, and lunch concept serves classics such as pancakes and croissant sandwiches, along with smashburgers and Mexican dishes.

Bad Brain Coffee Co.

To Be Announced
Raleigh, NC 27604
www.badbraincoffee.com

Aaron Pennington
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 1/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/19/2026

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

Summary: Bad Brain Coffee Co., owned by Aaron Pennington, will relocate from Raleigh Iron Works as Drift Coffee + Kitchen completes its cafe there. The business stated that it intends to continue operating and has been told to depart within 30 days after Drift opens. A replacement address and relocation date have not been announced.

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Sushi Kingdom

1100 Timber Dr. East
Garner, NC 27529

Allen Ye
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 1/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/19/2026

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

Summary: Sushi Kingdom is preparing to open at 1100 Timber Dr. East, Garner, North Carolina, in the former TGI Fridays space. Owner Allen Ye has submitted plans for the new restaurant, and the facility is slated for renovation. An opening date and further menu details have not been announced.

Wagyu Factory

232 Crossroads Blvd.
Cary, NC 27518
www.wagyufactory.com

Harvey Ren
Managing Partner (Chubby Grp - Operator)
Est. Opening Date: 2/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/19/2026

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

Summary: Wagyu Factory is preparing to open its first North Carolina location at 232 Crossroads Blvd., Unit 24, in Crossroads Plaza in Cary. The Chubby Group concept will feature unlimited Wagyu barbecue, Korean-style dishes, and other Asian-inspired selections in a space combining contemporary Korean aesthetics with industrial design. The official website lists Cary under the barbecue format and continues to describe the location as coming soon. An opening date has not been announced.

Casolo's Pizza

282 Ridge Rd
Lexington, NC 27295

Joseph Casolo
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 12/24/2026
Publication Date: 11/19/2026

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

Summary: Casolo's Pizza, owned by Joseph Casolo, hopes to open by Christmas at 282 Ridge Rd, Lexington, North Carolina 27295. The shop will serve Manhattan-style pizza, with cannoli and house sauce sold by the jar also planned.