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Ember

5 Biltmore Ave
Asheville, NC 28801
www.emberavl.com

Layla Neuroth
Co-Owners
Est. Opening Date: 12/3/2026
Publication Date: 11/3/2026

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

Summary: Ember will open on December 3, 2026, at 5 Biltmore Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. Owners Layla and Justin Neuroth, who also operate Brü and Färm?se at the same address, will offer American live-fire cuisine, including coal-grilled oysters, wood-fired ribeye, a Wagyu-blend burger, roasted celeriac and bone marrow, alongside cocktails, wine, beer, and mocktails.

Scoop N Scootery

9605 N Tryon St
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.thescoopnscootery.com

Patrick Knorring
Franchisee
Est. Opening Date: 2/1/2026
Publication Date: 11/3/2026

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

Summary: Scoop N Scootery will open in February 2027 at 9605 N Tryon St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262. Franchise owner Patrick Knorring will offer oversized and customizable ice cream sundaes, frozen yogurt, and milkshakes, with pickup and late-night delivery available.

Gringo A Go Go

5433 Wade Park Boulevard
Raleigh, NC 27607
www.gringoraleigh.com

Salvador Alvarez
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 1/15/2027
Publication Date: 11/3/2026

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

Summary: Gringo A Go Go is preparing to open a second Raleigh location at 5433 Wade Park Blvd, Raleigh, North Carolina, in the former Spring Rolls space near Lenovo Center and Carter-Finley Stadium. The Mexican restaurant is part of JalMex Hospitality Group. October 30 reporting indicated the restaurant was expected to open by January 2027 at the latest, although an exact date has not been announced.

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Bar O Bar

2301 Corley Rd., Suite 101
Cary, NC 27519
www.barobarnc.com

Sai Ancha
Co-Owner - Sama Hospitality
Est. Opening Date: 12/15/2026
Publication Date: 11/3/2026

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

Summary: Sama Hospitality is preparing to open Bar O Bar at 2301 Corley Rd., Cary, North Carolina, in The Shoppes at Twyla Walk, with a December 2026 opening planned. The contemporary Indian restaurant will emphasize South Indian cuisine and is associated with co-owner Sai Ancha and chef Vikash Vumudi. Announced menu items include Donne biryani and Ghee & Gunpowder, alongside cocktails inspired by Indian desserts. Sama Hospitality also operates Fusion Nine in Morrisville. An exact opening day has not been announced.

Topsail Steamer

214 E. Chatham Street
Cary, NC 27511
www.topsailsteamer.com

Danielle Mahon
Founder/CEO
Est. Opening Date: 5/1/2027
Publication Date: 11/3/2026

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

Summary: Topsail Steamer is preparing to open at 214 E. Chatham St., Cary, North Carolina, with a spring 2027 opening targeted. Local operators Bruce Westenfelder and Tammy Preston will run the new location. Customers will collect ready-to-cook seafood pots containing seafood, meats, vegetables, and seasonings to steam elsewhere. The Cary shop is a separate expansion from the brand's Raleigh location. An exact opening date has not been announced.

Cinco Modern Mexican Cuisine & Lounge

206 Harvey St
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
https://cincomodernmex.com

Enrique Aguirre Soto
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 12/10/2026
Publication Date: 11/3/2026

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

Summary: Cinco Modern Mexican Cuisine & Lounge will open soon at 206 Harvey St, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103. Operated by Cincoangles LLC, with Enrique Aguirre Soto named in its liquor license filing, the restaurant will serve modern Mexican cuisine and alcoholic beverages in the former Razzoo's Cajun Cafe space.

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Longleaf Swine

7701 Lead Mine Road
Raleigh, NC 27615
www.longleafswine.com

Adam Cunningham
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 12/20/2026
Publication Date: 10/29/2026

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

Summary: Owner Adam Cunningham is planning to open a new Longleaf Swine restaurant at 7701 Lead Mine Road in Raleigh, North Carolina, previously occupied by Sawmill Tap Room. An opening by the end of 2026 is expected, while the official website continues to list North Raleigh as coming soon. Plans call for a barbecue restaurant with multiple bars and a grab-and-go market offering prepared foods, sauces and merchandise.

Penny Black

2 Brook St
Asheville, NC 28803

James Donaldson
Co-Owner
Est. Opening Date: 11/22/2026
Publication Date: 10/29/2026

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

Summary: Penny Black will open soon at 2 Brook St, Asheville, North Carolina 28803, inside Biltmore Village's historic post office building. Co-owner James Donaldson is developing the speakeasy style cocktail bar in association with Chemist Spirits, drawing inspiration from the company's Antidote Bar and its range of gin, vodka, whiskey and specialty liqueurs.

Ole's Guacamoles

4 Sweeten Creek Rd
Asheville, NC 28803
www.olesguacamoles.com

Elena Delatorre
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 11/16/2026
Publication Date: 10/29/2026

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

Summary: Ole's Guacamoles will reopen soon at 4 Sweeten Creek Rd, Asheville, North Carolina 28803, in the former Moe's Original BBQ space in Biltmore Village. Owners Ole and Elena Delatorre are renovating the new location after Hurricane Helene damaged the family owned Mexican restaurant's former Asheville site on South Tunnel Road.

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Naan by Gulshan

1301 East Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
www.naanchapelhill.com

Baljeet Singh
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 12/1/2026
Publication Date: 10/29/2026

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

Summary: Owners Baljeet Singh and Gulshan Singh are planning to open Naan by Gulshan at 1301 E. Franklin St., Suite 100, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, previously occupied by Tandoor Indian Restaurant. The full-service restaurant will offer North Indian cuisine and a full bar, with lunch and dinner service planned. Its official website continues to list the restaurant as opening soon, but a revised opening date has not been confirmed.

Aqui Es Mexico Cocina Mexicana

1145 Glenway Dr
Statesville, NC 28625
www.aquiesmexiconc.com

Nico Vazquez
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 11/23/2026
Publication Date: 10/29/2026

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

Summary: Aqui Es Mexico Cocina Mexicana plans to open a new restaurant at 1145 Glenway Dr, Statesville, North Carolina 28625. Owner Nico Vazquez has submitted plans to convert the 5,025 sqft former Red Lobster into the Mexican restaurant's newest location.

Sabatino's Italiano

1270 Buck Jones Road
Raleigh, NC 27606
www.sabatinosapex.com

Marco Sabatino
Owner
Est. Opening Date: 1/1/2027
Publication Date: 10/29/2026

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

Summary: Owner Marco Sabatino has submitted plans to open a new Sabatino's restaurant at 1270 Buck Jones Road in Raleigh, North Carolina. The proposed restaurant will occupy approximately 5,290 sqft. An opening date has not yet been announced.