

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 (443) 974-8897.

Asahi Sushi House

539 N Broad St
Brevard, NC 28712

Zeferino Ortega Gaspar

Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2025

Publication Date: March 27, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Sources have reported that Asahi Sushi House is set to open at 539 N Broad St, Brevard, North Carolina 28712, in a 2,750 sqft former Burger King. Owners have begun renovations for the new restaurant, which is expected to offer a variety of sushi rolls, sashimi, and Japanese-inspired dishes.

Butter Punk

372 Depot St
Unit 50
Asheville, NC 28801

Beth Kellerhals

Owner

Est. Opening Date: April 24, 2025

Publication Date: March 27, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: Update

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Deli

Summary: UPDATE!! We previously reported that Butter Punk would open in fall 2024. We now know that damages from Hurricane Helene have delayed the opening to spring 2025. Pastry chef Beth Kellerhals, known as Asheville's "Queen of Biscuits," will open Butter Punk at 372 Depot St, Unit 50, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. The cafe will feature a biscuit-based menu alongside coffee and pastries.

Puddin's Shack

104 North Graham Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Charlie Farris

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2025

Publication Date: March 27, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Source reported that Charlie Farris has submitted plans to open a new bar operations dubbed Puddin's Shack located at 104 North Graham St., Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516. The owner has submitted plans for \$300K in renovations for the 1,195 sqft space.

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Sneaky Penguin Brewing Company

112 Madison Street
Warrenton, NC 27589

www.sneakypenguinbrewing.com

Chris Nadeau

Owner

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2025

Publication Date: March 27, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Sneaky Penguin Brewery announced that they will be opening of their second location in the former Mill Hill Brewery space at 112 Madison Street, Warrenton, North Carolina, just an hour away from their Raleigh taproom. Guests can look forward to cozy indoor vibes, a spacious outdoor area featuring a stage for live music, and a small-batch brew system that will offer exclusive beers unavailable anywhere else.

Fizzwerks

618 Ramseur Street
Suite 103

Durham, NC 27701

www.fizzwerks.com

Andrew Pruss

Partner

Est. Opening Date: April 10, 2025

Publication Date: March 27, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Fizzwerks is opening soon at 618 Ramseur Street #103, Durham, North Carolina 27701. It promises to bring a fresh and exciting experience to the local dining scene. The venue is expected to offer a vibrant atmosphere with a focus on craft cocktails, local beers, and inventive bites made from seasonal ingredients. As anticipation grows, Fizzwerks aims to become a valued spot for both residents and visitors, contributing to the area's culinary landscape.

Restaurant

301 E. Chapel Hill St.
Durham, NC 27701

www.aaktun.info

Oscar Diaz

Owner/Chef

Est. Opening Date: Nov. 1, 2025

Publication Date: March 27, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Latin American

Summary: James Beard-nominated chef Oscar Diaz is planning to open a yet-to-be-named restaurant in Durham, North Carolina by the end of the year 2025. Located in a century-old building at 301 E. Chapel Hill St., the venue will feature live-fire Latin American cooking with a large wooden grill. Diaz envisions a restaurant and rooftop bar on the main and second floors, while the basement will host a lounge. Though he shared limited details, the owner emphasized that the cuisine will incorporate live-fire cooking, stating, "Everything is going to be kissed by fire in that place."

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Clutch Coffee Bar

404 Jake Alexander Blvd W
Salisbury, NC 28147
www.clutchcoffeebar.com

Darren Spicer

Co-Founder/CEO

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 24, 2025

Publication Date: March 27, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Clutch Coffee Bar is expanding to Salisbury, with a new drive-thru location opening this fall at 404 Jake Alexander Blvd W, Salisbury, North Carolina 28147. Founded by Darren Spicer, John Anderson, and Jake Vandermeer in 2018, the brand specializes in coffee, energy drinks, refreshers, smoothies, and shakes. Signature drinks include the Base Jumper Mocha, Electric Stardust, and Dream Bar Mocha.

The Refreshery

255 E Chatham St
Cary, NC 27511
www.caryrefreshery.com

Stephen McNulty

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2025

Publication Date: March 25, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Beverages

Summary: Source reported that Stephen McNulty is planning to open a new restaurant operation dubbed The Refreshery at 255 East Chatham St., Cary, North Carolina 27511. The new juice bar location will have a 1,116 sqft space. The Refreshery aims to provide a fresh and healthy beverage option to the community.

Beow's Books & Brews

10940 Raven Ridge Road
Falls River Town Center
Raleigh, NC 27614
www.beows.com

Jim Ranieri

Founder/Managing Partner

Est. Opening Date: July 1, 2025

Publication Date: March 25, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Beow's Books & Brews is set to open its second location in Falls River Town Center at 10940 Raven Ridge Rd, Raleigh, North Carolina 27614, this Summer 2025. The restaurant, which first opened in Brennan Station in 2023, combines a bookstore with offerings of coffee, beer, and food. Founder Jim Ranieri expressed enthusiasm for the area's high residential density, making it an attractive location for their new venture.

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Sycamore Brewing

282 S Sharon Amity Road
Charlotte, NC 28211
www.sycamorebrew.com

Richard Magrath
President
Est. Opening Date: June 26, 2025
Publication Date: March 25, 2025

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

Summary: Sycamore will open a family-friendly location with a large beer garden at Cotswold Village Shopping Center, 282 S Sharon Amity Rd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211, in summer 2026. The venue will feature 7,000 sqft indoors and an 11,000 sqft beer garden with games, TVs, and a play area for kids. Offerings will include craft cocktails, an expanded food menu with a kids menu, weekend brunch, and table service.

Haraz

8320 University Executive Park Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.harazcoffeehouse.com

Raad Al-sharee
Franchisee
Est. Opening Date: June 24, 2025
Publication Date: March 25, 2025

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

Summary: A new Haraz location is set to open at Verde at McCullough Station Apartments, 8320 University Executive Park Dr, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, this summer. Owner Raad Al-sharee is overseeing construction on the nearly 2,700 sqft space, which will feature distinct nods to Yemeni culture. The cafe will serve Middle Eastern coffee specialties, including the popular Pistachio Latte and traditional Adeni/Karak Chai, and aims to provide a late-night social space for the community.

Sabor Hondureno

3232 Springs Rd NE
Hickory, NC 28601

Pedro Lopez
Partner
Est. Opening Date: April 27, 2025
Publication Date: March 25, 2025

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

Summary: Sabor Hondureno, with partner Peter Lopez, will open at 3232 Springs Rd NE, Hickory, North Carolina 28601, sometime in 2025. Plans have been submitted for restaurant operations at the existing location, with further details on offerings to be announced.

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Paul & Jack Bakery & Cafe

1881 Lake Pine Drive
MacGregor Square
Cary, NC 27511
www.linktr.ee/pnj_bakery

Paul Matar

Owner

Est. Opening Date: August 1, 2025

Publication Date: March 25, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Bakery/Coffee/Snacks

Summary: Paul & Jack Bakery & Cafe will open their third location at 1881 Lake Pine Drive, Cary, NC 27511 this Summer 2025. The new shop will offer a menu similar to their Raleigh and Wake Forest locations, featuring a variety of baked goods and cafe items. After this opening, the owner plans to take a break from expanding the business but has future plans for a gelato store.