

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.

Dirty South Bar & Grill

534 US Hwy 70 SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Est. Opening Date: April 19, 2025
Publication Date: March 20, 2025

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

Summary: Dirty South Bar & Grill will open in April 2025 at 534-A Hwy 70 SW, Hickory, North Carolina 28602. Under new ownership, the restaurant will feature a Southern-inspired menu with a twist. Hiring is currently underway for servers, bartenders, cooks, hostesses, and dishwashers.

Over Yonder

1377 Blowing Rock Road
Boone, NC 28607
www.veryondernc.com

Andrew Long
Owner
Est. Opening Date: April 3, 2025
Publication Date: March 20, 2025

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

Summary: Over Yonder is set to reopen at Rhode's Motor Lodge, located at 1377 Blowing Rock Rd, Boone, North Carolina 28607. Owned by Loden Hospitality, the boutique hotel will serve as the new home for the restaurant following its closure in Valle Crucis. Over Yonder will be operating "pop-up" style for the next few weeks until fully opening for lunch and dinner, offering Appalachian cuisine with a mix of old favorites and new dishes.

WagBar

TBA
Cary, NC 27511
www.wagbar.com

Kendal Kulp
CEO/Co-Founder
Est. Opening Date: June 1, 2025
Publication Date: March 20, 2025

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

Summary: Sources report that WagBar is planning to open a new dog park and bar at an undetermined location in Cary, North Carolina. The dog park and bar will offer beer, wine, cider, coffee and snacks. Wagbar will also host regular events like daily rotating food trucks and live music. We will update as more details are announced.

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Jade Express

111 Seaboard Ave.
Raleigh, NC 27604
www.eatatjade.com

Zengwei Ren

President

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2025

Publication Date: March 20, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Jade Express is scheduled to open at 111 Seaboard Ave, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604. An exact opening date has not been announced as of yet. The restaurant offers authentic Chinese cuisine, hibachi, sushi, and more.

Dose Yoga + Smoothie Bar

115 Morris St.
Durham, NC 27701
www.doseyogaraleigh.com

Emily Coules

Owner/Founder

Est. Opening Date: Oct. 15, 2025

Publication Date: March 20, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Beverages

Summary: Emily Coules is set to open her third Dose Yoga studio in Durham, North Carolina, with a 4,000 sqft space featuring a hot yoga studio, wellness room, and smoothie bar. The studio will be located in The Novus at 115 Morris St, Durham, North Carolina 27701, a luxury high-rise scheduled for completion in Q2 2025, with an anticipated opening in October 2025. The owner emphasizes the community support in Durham and plans to hire 20 to 30 staff members.

Restaurant

2400 Park Road
Charlotte, NC 28203

Andres Kaifer

Co-Owners

Est. Opening Date: Sep. 24, 2025

Publication Date: March 20, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Andres Kaifer and Alex Bridges, the team behind Customshop and Marina's Tapas, will open a new wine bar and retail shop this fall at 2400 Park Rd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203. The 1,200 sqft space, formerly home to Mere's, will feature an extensive wine list by the glass and bottle, a custom tap system, and a welcoming atmosphere with both indoor and patio seating. The menu is expected to include rotating sandwiches, a cheese and charcuterie program, and a simplified dinner selection inspired by Customshop.

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The Rift Bar Yard and Pizzeria

2144 Wrightsville Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403
www.theriftfilm.com

Justin Smith

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 15, 2025

Publication Date: March 18, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Pizza/Italian

Summary: A new pizzeria will be opening at The Rift, a bar in the Cargo District East, which recently underwent renovations. The permitting process is just beginning, and The Rift Bar Yard and Pizzeria will serve slices, personal pies, and larger sizes, along with salads and appetizers. The exact style of pizza—whether New York, Chicago, or Detroit—has yet to be determined. The pizzeria will be located in the back of The Rift at 2144 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, facing an expansive 11,000 sqft outdoor bar yard with various seating options.

Cooper's Hawk

3110 Kathleen Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27408
www.chwinery.com

Tim McEnery

Founder/CEO

Est. Opening Date: Aug. 30, 2025

Publication Date: May 18, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$50 and Up

Menu Type: Steak/Seafood

Summary: Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants is set to open in late summer 2025 at 3110 Kathleen Ave, Greensboro, North Carolina 27408, marking its first North Carolina location. Founded by CEO Tim McEnery in 2005, the upscale restaurant and winery concept offers a Napa Valley-inspired wine experience. The menu includes an extensive selection of wines, along with dishes such as gnocchi alla vodka, braised short rib risotto, filet mignon, pistachio-crusting grouper, red wine braised short ribs, and chicken piccata. The venue will feature a full-service bar, a private dining room, and a wine tasting room.

Krill

506 Ramseur St.
Durham, NC 27701
www.krillrestaurant.com

Karl Sosa

New Owner

Est. Opening Date: Mar. 17, 2025

Publication Date: March 18, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Owner

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Asian

Summary: Krill, a pan-Asian restaurant in downtown Durham that opened in 2022, is now under new ownership and shifting its focus to Filipino cuisine. Co-equity owners Nick Jordan and Eric Porper have transferred full ownership to Karl and Paula Sosa, who are narrowing the menu to highlight traditional Filipino dishes. New offerings include noodle dishes like tapsilog, oxtail stew, and chicken with coconut adobo sauce, along with kamayan-style feasts for communal dining and a weekend brunch menu.

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Nanny Goat

3151 Elion Drive
Horseshoe at Hub RTP
Research Triangle Park, NC
27709

Preeti Waas

Owner/Chef

Est. Opening Date: May 1, 2025

Publication Date: March 18, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 and Under

Menu Type: Deli

Summary: Two-time James Beard-nominated chef Preeti Waas is set to open a boutique bodega called Nanny Goat in Research Triangle Park's HUB RTP development. This will be her second venture in the Horseshoe at HUB RTP, joining her upcoming Indian restaurant, Cheeni. Nanny Goat will offer local and imported fresh produce, grab-and-go items, artisan gifts, flowers, and baked goods from local bakers. Nanny Goat is inspired by a historic market in Philadelphia that served Irish immigrants. HUB RTP seeks to enhance the area with vibrant amenities for residents and workers.

Suffolk Punch

16912 Birkdale Commons Pkwy
Huntersville, NC 28078
www.suffolkpunchbrewing.com

Ryland Pond

Co-Founder

Est. Opening Date: April 18, 2026

Publication Date: March 18, 2025

Location Type: Regional

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: Suffolk Punch will open at 16912 Birkdale Commons Pkwy, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078, in spring 2025. This will be the brewery's third location, following its original South End spot and recent SouthPark expansion. The Birkdale Village location will feature a two-story taproom with a rooftop, a partially covered patio, and an all-seasons patio. The brewery will focus on drinks, offering beer, cocktails, wine, ciders, hard kombucha, and seltzers, while Executive Chef Michael Rayfield will rotate seasonal dishes made with locally sourced ingredients.

McHale's Irish Pub

3112 N Davidson St.
Charlotte, NC 28205

Brendan Kuhlkin

Owner

Est. Opening Date: June 26, 2025

Publication Date: March 18, 2025

Location Type: Independent

Lead Type: New Opening

Average Check: \$20 to \$50

Menu Type: Bar & Grill/Pub

Summary: McHale's Irish Pub is planning a return to the Charlotte community at 3112 N Davidson St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205, though an opening timeline has not yet been announced. Owner Brendan Kuhlkin, who also co-owns Millstone Pizza and Taphouse and Rock Hill Brewing Company, is bringing the Irish pub to the NoDa neighborhood. Plans indicate a facade renovation for the space, but further details about the concept remain undisclosed.