



January 2010 Short Report

Retail News

Now Open

Field House, Canton's newest sports bar, is now open in the **Can Company** at 2400 Boston Street.

Milan is now open at 1000 Eastern Avenue. "Where food meets fashion," the upscale restaurant and lounge features elegant Italian-Mediterranean cuisine.

Perfecto Coffeehouse is now serving up café fare and coffee at 784 Washington Boulevard.

Salamander Books is now open and selling a unique collection of used books at their new location at 519 N. Charles Street.

Little Italy has gained a candy and sweets shop, with the addition of **Sugarush Candy Boutique** at 830 E. Baltimore Street.

Steel Drum Café is now open at 771 Washington Boulevard in Pigtown. The new restaurant offers Caribbean fare and live entertainment from local bands.

Coming soon

All American Deli will open in February at 1001 Fleet Street. The new, casual restaurant will feature a variety of sandwiches and pizzas.

Centro, a new tapas bar, will open this Spring at 1444 Light Street. The menu will feature Latin American and Spanish tapas, with seasonal influences.

Noodles and Company will open their first location in Downtown Baltimore at the **Haborplace** Light Street Pavilion.

GetAroundDowntown.com News

The Downtown Partnership now has a parking garage search! Our parking database is now online at our website at <http://www.godowntownbaltimore.com/GettingAround/ParkingSearch.aspx>. Search by neighborhood, operator, and monthly or daily rate.

The Jacob France Institute has released a report on the [Red Line's](#) economic impact. The study found that the Red Line would generate \$2.1 billion of economic activity, create or support 9,800 jobs that will engage the existing labor supply in Baltimore, and that will pay \$539.7 million in salaries and wages over the construction period.

Member News

[Health Care for the Homeless](#) will be among nine recipients of an allocation of \$650,000 by the federal government to implement electronic patient records at community health centers.

The [Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore](#) hotel is celebrating its 80th anniversary.

The [University of Maryland School of Medicine](#) has been awarded a \$30 million grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) to create the NHLBI Progenitor Cell Biology Consortium, a center that will coordinate the stem cell research nationally.

Development News

The [Baltimore Development Corporation](#) is seeking architects for their Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act Program Façade Improvement Project. The project will complete commercial façade improvements in Oldtown, Pigtown, West Baltimore Street, Belair-Edison, and Pennsylvania Avenue. Proposals are due to BDC by 12 noon on February 1, 2010. The Request for Proposals can be found [here](#).

The [Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development](#) has extended Baltimore's Enterprise Zone to include the area bounded by Lombard, Baltimore, Paca, and President Streets. Businesses moving into or expanding in the Enterprise are eligible for property and job creation tax credits for up to ten years. The Baltimore Development Corporation administers the City's aspect of the program—more information can be found [here](#).

Westside

America's Realty is buying the **Lexaco Building** at 501 W. Lexington Street for \$650,000. The building will undergo a \$300,000 renovation to restore the building's exterior and reduce Lexaco's retail space to add a Subway. The upper levels may be renovated later to create loft apartments.

The City has approved the sale of four parcels of land on Howard Street to [Accent Development](#) for **Howard Street Lofts**, a \$7.7 million mixed-use project to include nearly 8,000 square feet of retail and offices, 26 apartments, and parking.

Mt. Vernon

Hotel Brexton will be celebrating its grand opening on February 1. The 29-room boutique hotel boasts the original circular staircase, preserved pentagonal elevator, 290 windows, unique luxurious rooms, and personal concierge service.

The first component of **The Fitzgerald**, the [Bozzuto Group's](#) new mixed-use development adjacent to the University of Baltimore, has opened. The state-of-the-art 1,245-space parking garage will be managed by Parking Management, Inc., and will provide parking to both the University as well as the neighborhood at large.

The **First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church** is undergoing a \$1.5 million renovation this winter. The work includes the installation of an air conditioning system and a repainting of the intricate interior.

Oldtown

The [Holiday Inn Express - Downtown](#) has celebrated their grand opening. Located at 221 N. Gay Street, the 70-room hotel is a historic rehabilitation of a 1924 bank building and one of the first such projects for Holiday Inn. The hotel has drawn a wide variety of visitors, including business travelers, tourists, marathoners, and hospital guests.

Harbor East

RSM McGladrey, an accounting, tax, and business consulting firm, has announced their move from Timonium to the new **Legg Mason tower**. The company's 350 employees will be moving into 38,500 square feet this summer.

Adjacent Neighborhoods

Union Mill, a \$20 million Seawall Development Company project to convert the former manufacturing building into residential and commercial space, has been awarded \$2.9 million in state historic tax credits.

TRAVELCLICK, an international hospitality e-commerce company, has opened a branch office at 1410 Key Highway.

The **Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics** has bought 1809 Ashland Avenue and an adjacent lot from East Baltimore Development Inc. for \$1.6 million to house its fifty employees currently scattered in different buildings.

Construction has begun on **Westport**. After receiving \$620,500 in federal stimulus funding, [Turner Development](#) has begun shoreline and wetland reconstruction. After this prep work is complete, the construction of new utilities will begin in the spring.