

## November 2009 Short Report

### Retail News

#### Now Open

[Joe's Bike Shop](#), a local institution, has opened its second location at 723-B S. Broadway to service the Fells Point neighborhood.

**N.Y. 47<sup>th</sup> Street Jewelry** has now opened its second location in a beautifully rehabilitated building at 108 W. Lexington Street.

[Mr. Rain's Fun House](#) is now open above the [American Visionary Arts Museum](#), at 800 Key Highway. The menu of this new café will feature creative American dishes to cater both to museum-goers and restaurant patrons.

**The Rowhouse Grille** is now open at 1400 Light Street in Federal Hill. The new restaurant and bar will feature eclectic, seasonal entrees and classic pub food.

**Sam's Kid** is now open at 811 S. Broadway. This new restaurant is bringing pan-Asian small plates and entrees to Fells Point.

#### Coming Soon

**Langermann's** will be opening in the upcoming month at 2400 Boston Street in the Can Company. Occupying the space of former Kiss Café, Langermann's will offer upscale Southern fare, and an extensive wine list.

**The Midtown Lounge** will open by the end of the year above Midtown Yacht Club at 15 E. Centre Street.

### Member News

In recognition of the 14 pro bono cases it handled this year, [Ober | Kaler](#) has been named Maryland Volunteers Lawyers Service's 2009 law firm of the year.

The [University of Maryland Institute of Human Virology](#) has been awarded \$18 million in federal grants to further a number of AIDS research projects.

[BGE](#) has been awarded \$200 million in stimulus funding for its smart meter program to allow customers more information about energy pricing and allow them to reduce energy use during peak times.

[Baltimore City](#) has received \$66 million in stimulus funding to renovate and upgrade 270 public housing units across the city to its current inventory.

### GetAroundDowntown.com News

The [Maryland Transit Administration](#) has received Federal Railroad Administration approval to begin using bi-level passenger cars for high-speed service on the MARC Penn Line to increase passenger capacity.

## **Development News**

### Camden Yards

The Board of Public Works has approved \$24 million in structural and energy efficiency upgrades to **Camden Yards** and **M&T Bank Stadium**. Additionally, the Orioles have issued a Request for Proposals for prospective partners in concessions and merchandising.

### Westside

Demolition on the **Superblock** will begin soon. The City has awarded a demolition contract to P&J Contracting to demolish twelve buildings as part of the proposed \$100 million redevelopment project.

### Inner Harbor

The [Baltimore Development Corporation](#) is considering proposals for the **Inner Harbor Carousel site**. Ideas ranged from repairing the existing carousel to a 4-D theater and traveling museum featuring Ripley's Believe it or Not artifacts. BDC officials will decide by the end of the year whether to seek full proposals for the carousel site.

### City Center

**Baltimore HealthCare Access, Inc.**, a nonprofit agency affiliated with the Baltimore City Health Department, has renewed and expanded its office space lease at 201 E. Baltimore Street. The expansion, from 15,858 square feet to 21,577 square feet, is to accommodate expected employment growth.

[The Baltimore Convention Center](#) recently awarded a 7 year concessionaire contract to **Centerplate**. The new concessionaire plans to enhance the current food and beverage operations at the Convention Center, and focus on a full event or meeting experience.

The **Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development**, Department of Neighborhood Revitalization has moved to 10 N. Calvert Street.

### Westport and Carroll-Camden

The City of Baltimore has approved the \$13.6 million sale of land for **Celebration Casino** to the Baltimore City Entertainment Group. The casino will also expand their original application to the state's Video Lottery Facility Location Commission to include 3,750 slot terminals instead of the original 500 machines. A decision is expected this fall from the commission.

The [Maryland Stadium Authority](#) is conducting a feasibility study to analyze the possibility of bringing two **soccer stadiums** to Baltimore: a 17,000 – 20,000 seat soccer stadium to Westport for the DC United team and a 7,000-seat facility in Carroll-Camden for the Crystal Palace Football Club, a minor league team currently playing at UMBC.