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BLOGS ABOUT THE REGION'S RESTAURANTS

# TOP TEN RESTAURANTS IN A STRIP MALL

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I can see you asking, "Why do we care whether a restaurant is located in a strip mall?"

For several reasons. First, there are hidden gems here. If you didn't know they were good, you might overlook them because of the location.

Second, it gives me a chance to highlight some restaurants in the 'burbs that aren't chains.

Third, you don't have to worry about parking.

These are just the ones I know about. If you have other suggestions, please post below. (And tell us why you like them.)

Here's my list, in alphabetical order:

- **Aida Bistro** in Columbia. Italian food, small plates and a wine bar. \$\$
- **Asean Bistro** in Columbia. Pan-Asian food. \$\$
- **Christopher Daniel** in Timonium. New American with a martini lounge. \$\$\$
- **Cynthia's** in Severna Park. Seasonal New American cuisine. \$\$\$
- ***Grace Garden in Odenton. Gets votes for most authentic Chinese in the area.*** \$
- **House of India** in Columbia. Casual Indian. \$\$
- **Mia Carolina** in Glyndon. Recently renovated, with northern Italian food. \$\$\$
- **Orchard Market & Cafe** in Towson. Contemporary and traditional Persian cuisine. \$\$
- **Shin Chon** (8801 Baltimore National Pike) in Ellicott City. Korean barbecue. \$\$
- **Trattoria Alberto** in Glen Burnie. Fine-dining northern Italian food. \$\$\$\$

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