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Black Friday Green at Mia Bella Sugar Land/Vintage Park

Popular “Italian with a twist” restaurants upgrade gift cards Friday, Nov. 23

Mia Bella Trattorias, the year-old restaurant in Sugar Land’s First Colony Mall and the popular mainstay in Northwest Houston’s Vintage Park, are adding a nice chunk of green to Black Friday shoppers in those two shopping centers.

Yes, anyone who purchases a Mia Bella gift card online between now and Thanksgiving, can redeem the card on Black Friday – the traditional everyone-go-shopping day Nov. 23 – and automatically be awarded an additional 20% on the card’s value. The offer is good for lunch or dinner that day only.

Cards can be purchased for \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100. To purchase a gift card, go to <http://www.miabellarestaurants.com/giftCertificates.html>.

The Sugar Land and Vintage Park Mia Bellas are owned by Julio Garcia, a strategic partner of Mia Bella Restaurants chain. He opened the locations with Mia Bella founder Youssef Nafaa, who started the Mia Bella in Downtown Houston on Main Street more than a decade ago. Mr. Garcia has an extensive history in the restaurant business, which began with him working as a busboy when he was just 16.

Mia Bella offers an exciting array of pasta, seafood, meats and vegetables, all made with Italian ingredients, but with the restaurant's own stylish twist – thus its “Italian with a Twist” theme. The menu is an exciting combination of familiar foods and daring preparations. Sautéed chicken breasts with artichoke hearts, tomatoes, capers and shitake mushrooms served over herbed couscous and grilled filet of beef tenderloin wrapped in prosciutto topped by Gorgonzola and green peppercorn sauce with garlic-leek mashed potatoes are two house specialties which help set the pace for the kitchen. The restaurant also brags on a unique assortment of pizzas and sandwiches.

Hours at are Sun.-Fri. 11a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sundays include a special brunch.

For more information, check www.bellarestaurants.com