

Mount Vernon - Belvedere Clarion



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Welcoming New Businesses in Mount Vernon

Cathedral Crossing

The former Associated Black Charities property at 1114 Cathedral Street on the southwest corner of Cathedral and W. Chase Streets has been repurposed into a mixed-use property now known as Cathedral Crossing.

The Jabber Five Real Estate Group (also responsible for Chipotle, Tutti Frutti, and Pet Valu at 1209 N. Charles Street) purchased the property in the Summer of 2013 and is nearing lease-up of the ground floor retail space.

While the Associated Black Charities office remains on the second floor, new retail businesses now open on the first floor include the Glass Ceiling Boutique, School of Vogue, and AT&T Wireless.

Breaking News: Brad Shapiro of Jabber Five will be opening Baltimore's first Jamba Juice at Cathedral Crossing. This national brand of health-conscious smoothies and snacks will be a great addition to the neighborhood and is anticipated to open this Spring 2015.

For investment or employment opportunities, please contact Brad Shapiro at bshapiro@jabberfive.com or 410-560-3970.

Tree Committee

MVBA Trees Fundraiser at Spirits of Mt. Vernon a Success!



Thanks to everyone who came out on a cold and rainy night for some wonderful wines at Spirits of Mount Vernon and to raise money to support MVBA's tree effort. Special thanks to Vicki Schassler

and the staff of Spirits for hosting. Spirits generously donated half of proceeds from sales of wine by the glass and 20% of proceeds from sales of wines by the bottle to MVBA's tree effort. Spirits also donated a \$100 gift card that we raffled off to a lucky winner. The fundraiser raised a total of \$350 that will be used to purchase gator bags, mulch, and compost for trees to be planted in the spring of 2015.

We are looking at doing a second spring fundraiser with another neighborhood business this spring, so stay tuned for details! Our first spring planting date is tentative scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, so mark your calendars now.

Emerald Ash Borer Lecture - Thurs., March 26th - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Are you concerned about the impact of the arrival of the emerald ash borer on Baltimore's tree canopy? Do you want to know more about possible solutions and ways to protect our ash trees? The Baltimore Tree Trust is hosting a workshop and lecture by Dr. Deborah G. McCullough, an entomologist and national expert on the emerald ash borer. If you plan to attend, sign up now at the Baltimore Tree Trust's website at this link. The lecture is expected to fill up.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has killed tens of millions of ash trees across the eastern half of the U.S. Last summer it officially arrived in Baltimore, a death threat to our 212,000 ash. Come learn what you can do about the most destructive tree pest since Dutch elm disease.

The good news for homeowners who have beautiful, old ash trees: "There is no reason for a landscape ash tree to die from Emerald Ash Borer anymore," says Deborah McCullough, a professor of entomology and forestry at Michigan State University. "You can treat a tree for a lot of years before you reach the cost of removing that tree."

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum
4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD

Bike Ways

As a sign of the times, bicycling to work has become an ever increasing option for many. Accommodating the increase and expected future in-

crease of bicycles to share the road in a safe manner, requires re-thinking transportation in general. To do this may cause significant changes to traffic lanes and parking. The most recent information MVBA was aware of is that Maryland Avenue, Cathedral Street, and Madison would be affected by the proposed plans. Up to 120 on street parking spaces could be lost in the plan. Please join us on Tuesday for a presentation and discussion of the current plans for bike ways and the impact on parking.

Robberies

There has been a recent uptick in robberies on the Preston Street Charles St., Corridor area. These robberies are happening at various times of the day and night, so everyone should be vigilant and alert. Victims are reporting that the assailant is banishing a knife during the robberies. The description is:

M/B/40'S. 5'8-5'9. 160 LBS. MUSTACHE W/FACIAL STUBBLE. WEARING BLACK HOOD, BLACK KNIT CAP AND BLACK PANTS. ARMED W/ KNIFE

Midtown Spring Town Hall Meeting

Midtown property owners, business leaders and friends are invited to attend our 2015 Spring Town Hall meeting on March 25, 2015. The event will be held at Payne Memorial A.M.E., 1714-15 Madison Ave.

7:00 p.m. - Dessert Reception

7:30 p.m. - Presentation of the FY2016 budget for community input.

FY2016 proposed budget may be reviewed online at www.midtownbaltimore.org

Happenings in Mount Vernon

The Maryland Humanities Council

108 West Centre Street | 410-685-0095 |

Literary Mt. Vernon Walking Tours

The Maryland Humanities Council's popular monthly Literary Mt. Vernon Walking Tours resume Saturday, April 18 at the low cost of \$10 per person. Tour goers will learn of the novelists, muckrakers, Pulitzer Prize-winning poets and authors, rappers, and editors who lived, worked or visited the cultural district,

with a little history thrown in and sense of place to boot. The two-hour walking tour also includes a unique, hands-on experience with a presentation by Peabody Library Curator Paul Espinosa on some of the Library's treasured collections. Appropriate for high school aged walkers and above. [Reserve your spot online today!](#)

The Spire Series

Friday, April 24, 8—9:30pm

210 West Madison

www.firstfranklin.org

Metropolitan opera-mezzo Theodora Hanslowe and world renowned pianist Mark Markham, both graduates of Peabody Conservatory, mark their return to Baltimore with a program featuring works by Handel, Strauss, Obradors, Gershwin, Porter and others. A Meet-the Artists reception will follow the performance.

Spotlighters Theatre

817 St. Paul Street | Phone: 410-752-1225

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

by Dale Wasserman

Greg Bell, director

Mar 27 - Apr 19

Who really is running the asylum? McMurphy, a charming rogue who contrives to serve a short sentence in an airy mental institution rather than in a prison, learns he has made a mistake. He clashes with the head nurse, and faces the final punishment. [Click here](#) for more info.

Center Stage

700 North Calvert Street | 410-332-0033 |

After the Revolution

By Amy Herzog

Mar 18 - May 17

Emma Joseph is young, ambitious, talented, and about to put the ideals of her politically leftist, New York family into action. But a long-buried secret about her much-loved blacklisted grandfather threatens her work and throws her principles - and loyalties - into question. As the family, including grandmother Vera, wrestle with their legacy, Emma must chart her own course forward.

A Monumental Bicentennial

Call for participants

Save the date! July 4th

Baltimore is celebrating the bicentennial of the nation's first monument dedicated to George Washington! On behalf of the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy, The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts is excited to announce "A Monumental Bicentennial" and the reopening of Baltimore's iconic Washington Monument on Saturday, July 4, 2015.

The patriotic celebration includes the official re-dedication of the monument and ribbon cutting at 10:45am immediately followed by a festival celebration featuring family-fun, hands-on crafts, old-fashioned games and contests, live music, picnic-style food concessions and activities throughout the neighborhood's businesses and cultural institutions. There is a call for participants out if you're interested in being an entertainer, exhibitor, or food vendor.

The Conservancy is encouraging the neighborhood to get involved! If you're a business or property owner on Charles Street, we will be contacting you in the upcoming months regarding festive bunting. For more information on the Washington Monument and the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy, visit mvpconservancy.org.



Piano Lessons
with Taryn Klusewitz

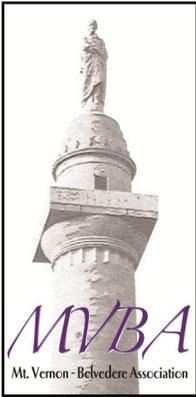
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