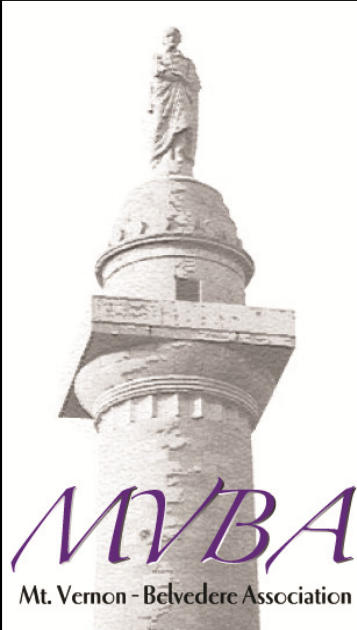


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MVBA Newsletters Will no Longer be Sent by Mail

Due to the cost and time it takes to print, post and mail newsletters, MVBA will only be sending the newsletter out electronically beginning with the May edition.

Please send you email address to secretary@mvba.org if you would like us to add you to our email list. You will also be able to access the newsletter on the MVBA Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/MVBA1938/>

In addition, MVBA will be leaving printed copies of the newsletter in various restaurants, cafes, and businesses throughout Mount Vernon that you are welcome to pick up.

Proposed Addition to the Historic Hotel Brexton

In the first half of meeting, we will hear and discuss plans for the construction of an addition to historic Hotel Brexton. We look forward to hearing from the developers and from the community on this matter. Please join us to learn about this important proposal and to share your thoughts, concerns, and questions.

11th District City Council Candidates Forum

In the second half of the meeting, we will be holding a forum for the candidates running for City Council in the 11th district. Come hear from these candidates who have been kind enough to come to our General Body Meeting on the eve of the following week's primary election. Please come prepared

with questions for the candidates.

Join Us at Ware House 518 for MVBA's Inaugural Tippler Thursday Event

Come kickoff spring at Ware House 518 for Mount Vernon's first Tippler Thursday event! Festivities begin at 6:00 pm on April 21st -- the third Thursday of the month. Ware House 518 will be serving a featured cocktail for the event which they have named "The Vernon." If you have not visited Ware House 518 before, you are in for a treat! The space is wow-worthy, the cocktails amazing and the food incredible. So come support and toast your neighbors, friends and local business owners at our first ever Tippler Thursday! Happy hour runs until 7:00 pm, so don't be late. Ware House 518 is located at 518 N. Charles St. Info: www.warehouse518.com/

MVBA will be organizing a monthly Tippler Thursday at a different venue on the third Thursday of each month. Please visit mvba.org or our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MVBA1938/ to get updates on Mount Vernon's Tippler Thursday events.

Spring Cleaning Garage Sale at Hotel Indigo to Benefit the Dog Park

It's time to declutter! The Hotel Indigo is hosting a "Garage Sale" in the underground garage and the booth rental proceeds will be donated to the dog park for ongoing maintenance. The sale will take place on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Parking space rental (booths) is as follows: \$50 for for-profit organizations & \$40 for non-profit organizations and individuals. Rental includes one parking space per vendor buttables will not be provided.

Everyone please come out on May 7th to find new treasures or make some money selling your old treasures. To rent a space in the Hotel Indigo's garage please contact jason.curtis@hotelindigobaltimore.com

Howards Park Dog Run is located at Howard and Center Street. This collaborative effort between the Seton Hill and Mt Vernon Belvedere association is scheduled to open early summer.

New Trash Cans

As stated on the Baltimore City Public Works website, "Baltimore City is providing one free 65-gallon trash can to every residential address that currently receives trash collection service by the City. Using these cans will help keep our neighborhoods and waterways clean, reduce the rodent population, reduce strain on our workers, and make trash collection more efficient. Property owners who own a row home that is part of a continuous block-long group and have front collection have the option to call 311 by April 20, 2016, to request a smaller 35-gallon can. Hang tags will be posted at each property in the weeks prior to delivery. A neighborhood delivery schedule will be posted at www.publicworks.baltimorecity.gov and updated regularly. Please begin using your can as soon as it arrives. Your collection day and pickup location will remain the same."

More information about this effort as well as an informational video is available at www.publicworks.baltimorecity.gov. If you have any questions regarding this effort, please feel free to send a message to Michele Richter at vicepresident@mvba.org And just a reminder about trash pickup Hours:

- Recycling: Tuesdays, 10am to noon
- Trash, in a covered can: Fridays, 10am to noon.


If you do have a sanitation issue, please report it to 311 via

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phone, online or by using the 311 app. You can do this anonymously, and can copy the report number with the address to vicepresident@mvba.org If we do not call, the city will never know there is a problem!

Would You Like a Community Garden?

Members of the community have expressed interest in having a community garden. Community gardens can be a beneficial addition to a community by increasing the availability of nutritious foods, strengthening community ties, reducing environmental hazards, reducing food miles and creating a more sustainable system. If you would be interested in joining the exploratory committee to create a neighborhood garden, please contact Brian Levy at president@mvba.org

Baltimore City Farmers' Market & Bizarre Opening Day - April 17th

Maryland's largest producers-only market offers an assortment of produce, meats, dairy, breads, flowers, collectibles and crafts on Sundays between April 17, 2016 and December 18, 2016 from 7am to sell out (typically noon). Many Sundays also feature live music performances and cooking demonstrations.

On April 17th, opening day, Chef Egg brings his culinary expertise to the market with cooking demonstrations from 9am to 11:30am. Shoppers can also enjoy live music from Scott Paynter of Jah Works with his original reggae sound. Demos will be held near the Saratoga Street entrance, and market-goers are invited to pick up helpful cooking tips, recipes and delicious samples. For opening day, the first 100 attendees will receive a free tote bag, available at the Welcome Tent.

The market is located below the Jones Falls Expressway at Holliday & Saratoga streets. For more information visit www.promotionandarts.org/events-festivals/baltimore-farmers-market-bazaar.

Flower Mart May 6th and 7th

Mark your calendar for Baltimore's FlowerMart. Flowers and plants galore, hat and pet contests children's area, unique crafts, live entertainment, and food. The festival takes place on Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th on and around historic Mount Vernon Square. Visit www.flowermartmd.org

BSO Pulse: The Lone Bellow

Pulse is a new concert series that brings together the classical world and the indie rock scene on one stage. Each concert will open with members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, followed by a performance by the featured band (The

Lone Bellow) and culminating with a unique collaboration. Start the evening off with food from some of the area's best restaurants, happy hour specials, local vendors and live pre-concert entertainment! Happy hour is from 5:30 to 7:00, lobby activities start at 7:00, and the concert starts at 8:30. For more information go to www.bsomusic.org/calendar.aspx

Join a Committee, Meet Your Neighbors and Improve Our Neighborhood!

The Community Service and Engagement Committee meets every other Sunday at 218 E. Preston Street. Please call Matt for entry and for more information at (914) 602-8584 and contact him at corrsecretary@mvba.org for more information.

The Membership Committee meets at Spirits of Mount Vernon on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Contact Julie Canard for more information at membership@mvba.org

The Development Committee meets on the first Monday of every month at 6:00 pm. Contact Lance Decker at development@mvba.org

For the Clean & Beautiful Committee please contact Michele Richter at vicepresident@mvba.org

For the Green Committee/Trees contact Andy Smith at trees@mvba.org

For the Dog Park Committee contact Samantha Braun or Geoffrey Hart at dogpark@mvba.org.

The Safety Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm at Spirits of Mount Vernon. Contact Jason Curtis at safety@mvba.org for more information.

New Spring Menus & Specials in Mount Vernon Restaurants

Brew House No. 16 has a new spring menu that includes a lot of fresh seafood and fish. A few of the additions include a seasonal grilled whole fish, an Oyster Po' Boy, and a Paella loaded with giant head-on prawns, mussels, smoked chicken, house made sausage, and grilled asparagus served over risotto. Brew House No. 16 has outdoor seating, Saturday and Sunday brunch, and a daily happy hour from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. For more information go to www.brewhouseno16.com.

FLAVOR offers fresh-ingredient, handcrafted cocktails and simple American favorites on shareable small plates. FLAVOR's new spring additions include a new slider called "The Duck". A local Beef Slider topped with Duck Confit, Blue Cheese, Arugula, and House-Made Fig Preserves. FLAVOR has a daily happy hour and serves Sunday brunch. For more information go to www.flavorbaltimore.com.

Tuesday Steak Nights are back at **Marie Louise Bistro**. Le Steak Maison is served with a House Salad, Pommes Frites, and glass of House Wine all for \$22.95. And don't forget about Martini Mondays when all Martini's are just \$6.00. On Thursdays you are served three different wines and a cheese buffet for just \$10.00. Marie Louise Bistro has outdoor seating, happy hour Sunday through Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and brunch on Saturday and Sunday. For more information go to www.marielouisebistrocatering.com

Poets has happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with drink specials and food specials-- Monday \$10 mussels and fries, Tuesday \$6 flat breads, and Wednesday \$1 sliders. For more information go to www.baltimoreindigohotel.com/poets-restaurant.

City Cafe has Monday night Steak Night for \$19 and 1/2 price bottles of wine. They also have outdoor seating, happy hour and valet parking starting at 5:00. For more information go to www.citycafebaltimore.com.

Indigma has happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. featuring drink specials and \$5 small plates. For more information go to www.indigarestaurant.com.

The much awaited opening of **The Room** at 800 Saint Paul St. will be coming soon! Stay tuned for more information.

Mount Vernon Conservancy

The Mount Vernon Conservancy offers free weekly yoga at the Belvedere Condominiums every Saturday beginning at 8:15 am. The Conservancy has also launched a Monumental Memories campaign to capture new and old memories about the Monument for inclusion in a Bicentennial time capsule. Enter your memory online on the Conservancy's website. Those online are both fun and at many turns inspiring: www.mvpcconservancy.org/enter-your-memory/

Election Schedule

2016 Primary Presidential / Mayoral Election

Deadline for Voter Registration: April 5, 2016 at 9:00 PM
Early Voting Dates: April 14 - April 21, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Primary Election Day: April 26, 2016 from 7:00 AM- 8:00 PM

2016 General Presidential / Mayoral Election

Deadline to Register: October 18, 2016 at 9:00 PM
Early Voting Dates: October 27-Nov. 3, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

General Election Day: November 8, 2016 from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM



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