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#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS, MERRY CHRISTMAS, & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## General Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th, 7:30pm

Please join us in the new year on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:30pm for our MVBA General Meeting held at The Belvedere at 1 East Chase Street.

#### There is NO MEETING this December!

As always, our general meetings are free and open to the public, members and non-members alike. Please join us to discuss important issues and events related to our Mount Vernon community.

MVBA Meeting space generously provided by Belvedere & Co.

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#### Welcome New MVBA Board Members

The MVBA Board Elections are officially over and we have a new slate of Directors and Officers to take on the new year.

President—Michele Richter

Vice President—Wesley Stuckey

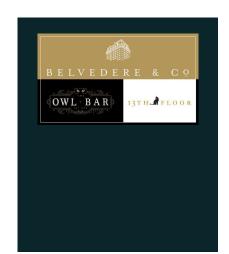
**Recording Secretary**—Jeff Withington

Treasurer—Onahlea Shimunek

Corresponding Secretary—Lex Wiesand

Newly Elected Directors—Julie Canard & Mario Brandhorst

**Current Directors**—Scott Brillman, Teddy Davidson, & Steve Shen



#### New MVBA Website & Branding

Over the last several months, we have been working on a brand spanking new website and logo for MVBA. The new website really focuses on the historic aspects of the neighborhood mixed with the modern usage of our beautiful buildings and amenities.



We are currently working with Comcast to resolve an IP address conflict with the url mvba.org. Apparently, residential wifi customers with Comcast service have a blocked firewall on the site. Comcast is working on resolving this issue. In the meantime, visit the new website on your mobile device and on the xfinitywifi network.

With the launching of the new website, we focused on updating the logo and overall brand image of the Mount

Vernon – Belvedere Association. The new logo is really a system of marks. The primary logo features a simple illustration of the Washington Monument, which is at the heart of the neighborhood. To the side of the monument is the full name of the Mount Vernon – Belvedere Association. A secondary, abbreviated, logo was developed for the short acronym MVBA. This logo references the engraved brick pavers that are indicative to historic buildings and walkways across the neighborhood as well as in other historic East Coast cities.





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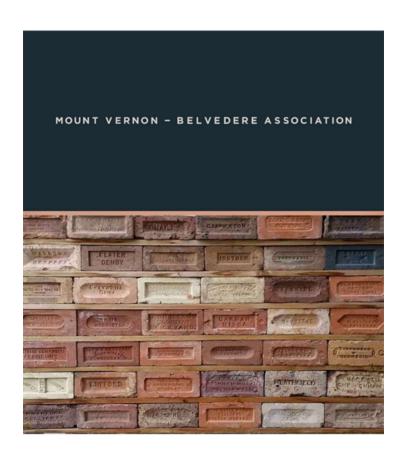


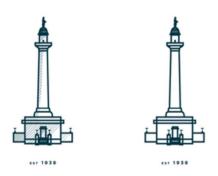






The primary color palette that we developed for the brand draws inspiration from the colors found across the neighborhood. From oxidized verdigris copper on window and roof details to the dark slate blue-green iron work around the monument to the buff/beige mortar between the many bricks that construct the historic character of the neighborhood, these colors provide a solid foundation to build upon for many decades ahead.







We are excited to implement our new branding as we enter the new year. This rebranding and new website is a major improvement to the external image of MVBA as we continue to elevate the association and advocating for the residents, businesses, and historic properties within the neighborhood.

#### **New MVBA Business Members**

Each month, we will be recognizing businesses that join MVBA membership. So, join MVBA by clicking HERE.

If you have any questions on membership, please reach out to our fabulous Membership Committee Chair, Julie Canard at <a href="mailto:membership@mvba.org">membership@mvba.org</a>.

Encourage your neighbors and other businesses in Mount Vernon to become members of MVBA. It is only \$20 for Individuals and \$50 for Businesses, per year, to become a member.



# Upcoming Business Round Table: Winter Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, January 24th, 9-11am 12 W. Madison Street (corner of Madison & Morton Streets)

MVBA continues to welcome all local Business Owners to our next quarterly Business Round Table this Winter on Wednesday, January 24th from 9-11am located at 12 W. Madison Street (corner of Madison & Morton Streets).



### **Holiday Crime Watch**

With the holidays here, be on the look out for Fedex, UPS, and USPS packages that have been coming up missing.

Package theft has been occurring more frequently than usual.

In some instances, packages have been stolen within minutes

of being delivered. A good suggestion, to ensure that you actually receive your packages on time and without any issues, consider having your packages held at a shipping facility or designated secure pickup point.

Also, if you are a victim of stolen packages, please make sure to send a message to safety@mvba.org and file a police report. If you have any surveillance footage of the act of theft, definitely include that in your message to the Safety Chair and to the police.



#### Children's Park Fundraiser

January 20th | 4-11pm

HomeSlyce Pizza at 336 North Charles Street

Although it is now winter and the children's park may be used a little less frequently, now is the perfect time to fundraise for improvements and operations. Join us on Saturday, January 20th from 4pm till 11pm at HomeSlyce at 336 North Charles Street. Print the following pdf attachment and bring it to your server when you place your order and HomeSlyce will donate 15% of the proceeds from your purchase.

## Coming Up in January

- See you all on January 16th at the First General Meeting of the new year.
- Children's Park Fundraiser, January 20th, 4-11pm,
   HomeSlyce Pizza at 336 North Charles Street.
- Business Round Table, January 24th, 9-11am,
   12 West Madison Street.

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