



NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS, MERRY CHRISTMAS, & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

General Meeting

Tuesday, January 15th, 7:30pm

Please join us in the new year on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:30pm for our MVBA General Meeting held at St. Ignatius Church at 740 N. Calvert 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.

Winners of MVBA November Election

Congratulations to Steve Shen and Jack Danna on their win at the MVBA November Election for the two Director positions.

Steve and Jack are no newcomers to MVBA bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge. We look forward to working with you again Steve and Jack!

New MVBA Business Members

Each month, we will be recognizing businesses that join MVBA membership. This month, we are proud to welcome Chickie & Co located at 801 N. Howard Street (corner of Howard & Madison Streets).

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. We welcome all businesses in the neighborhood to join MVBA by clicking [HERE](#). If you have any questions on membership, please reach out to our Membership Committee Chair, Julie Canard at membership@mvba.org.



47th Annual Monument Lighting

Thank you to everyone who joined the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy and Downtown Partnership in the 47th Annual Monument Lighting. It was another successful event this year!



MVBA Holiday Party 2018

Oh, What a Night! *It was!*

A HUGE THANK YOU! to Sammy's Trattoria located at 1200

N. Charles Street for hosting the 2018 MVBA Holiday Party.

Wonderful Italian food, great raffle items and company

provided. And a big THANK YOU! to the wonderful businesses

in the community listed below who donated the raffle items...

THANK YOU TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR MAKING THE RAFFLE POSSIBLE

AJ's Deli 520 Park Ave	Dooby's 802 N Charles St	MV Nails 1101 N Calvert St
Baltimore Architect Foundation 11 W Chase St	Eddie's of Mount Vernon 7 W Eager St	Nouveau Home 10 W Eager St
Baltimore Centerstage 700 N Calvert St	The Elephant Restaurant 924 N Charles St	Owl Bar 1 E Chase St
Bottle of Bread 216 W Read St	Flowers by Chris 10 W Eager St	The Prime Rib Restaurant 1101 N Calvert St
The Brewer's Art 1106 N Charles St	Indigma 900 Cathedral St Opening 2019	Sammy's Trattoria 1200 N Charles St
The Bun Shop 239 W Read St	Jay's on Read Street 225 W Read St	Schola Cooking School 916 N Charles St
Café Fili 816 Cathedral St	Keeper's Vintage 229 W Read St	Spirits of Mount Vernon 900 N Charles St
Chickie & Co 801 N Howard St	Knit Soy Metal 229 W Read St	Stable and Saloon 909 N Charles St
CityFit 1021 Cathedral St	McLain Wiesand 1013 Cathedral St	Studio 7 the Salon and Spa 800 N Charles St
Different Regard 825 N Charles St	Mount Vernon Body Art 827 N Charles St	Trinacria Cafe 111 W Centre St
The Dollhouse 525 N Charles St	Mount Vernon Supermarket 815 N Charles St #1	Wet City 223 W Chase St
		The Zone 813 N Charles St

We look forward to next year's party.

Save the date December 10th!



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.



Baltimore City Council Legislative Updates

Below are the recent legislative updates by Baltimore City Council:

- Council President Jack Young recently introduced the [Water Accountability and Equity Act](#). This important bill has two parts: 1) the **Water-for-All Discount Program** which will provide credits to cap water bills of low-income households at a level they can afford to pay based on their income and 2) the **Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals** which will provide a fair, neutral and accountable process for all customers to resolve their water billing problems. Hearings on this bill will be held

in 2019.

- The City Council has formally begun the [confirmation process for Joel Fitzgerald](#) as the next commissioner of the Police Department. The confirmation hearings will be held in January 2019. **On Saturday, January 5th from 10am-4pm**, residents will be invited to give testimony to the Executive Appointments Committee.

On **Monday, January 7th at 5pm**, the City Council will question Dr. Fitzgerald. This hearing will be open to the public, but testimony will **only** be taken from Council members. [Click here](#) to stay up to date on the Council's confirmation process.
- The next Council Meeting is **Monday, January 14th**.

[Click Here](#) for the calendar for all upcoming Council Meetings and Hearings. All hearings and council meetings are open to the public. You'll need a photo id to enter City Hall.





Winter Weather Reminders from Baltimore City

With winter weather now here, Baltimore City reminds everyone of the following:

- ***Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalk in front of your house.***

Per City Code, snow removal is required within 3 hours after the end of a snow or ice event unless the snowfall stops between 3pm-6am, in which case snow must be removed by 11am. Failure to shovel the snow from the sidewalk in front of your property can result in fines from the City.

- BPD reminds you not start your car and go back inside to let it warm up. It's against the law to leave your car running with no one inside, which can result in a fine, and it increases potential for robbery. BPD also reminds everyone not to leave anything in your car and to make sure that it is locked.
- DPW reminds you that on days/nights where the temperatures are to drop below freezing to have your faucet on the lowest level on a drip to prevent pipes from freezing.

Stay safe and warm this winter season!



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Join Bikram Yoga Works

Join Bikram Yoga Works, one of our new businesses to Mount Vernon. Bikram offers a variety of health and wellness services to fit your needs. Check them out at bikramyogaworks.com.

Bikram Yoga Works is offering a 10% discount on all class packages and 20% discount on basic monthly auto debit membership to all MVBA members. And with the new year approaching, it's a great time to focus on your health and wellness!

Thank you Bikram Yoga Works for thinking of our members and choosing Mount Vernon to be your home!



Upcoming Business Round Table: Winter Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, 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 Thursday,

January 24th from 9-11am located at 12 W. Madison Street
(corner of Madison & Morton Streets).

Coming Up in January

- **MVBA January General Meeting**

Tuesday, January 15th | 7:30pm

St. Ignatius Church | 740 N. Calvert Street

- **MVBA Business Round Table**

Thursday, January 24th | 9-11am

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