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Safety is important to us.

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st, 7:30pm

Please join us this coming Tuesday, February 21st at 7:30pm for our MVBA General Meeting held at The Belvedere at 1 East Chase Street.

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.

At this month's meeting, we will have an extensive discussion on SAFETY within our community. We want to engage all of you on this discussion—so please join us.

In an effort to make our community safer, MVBA strongly

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encourages all of the residents, businesses, and institutions within our community to:

Turn on Your Exterior Lights

- *Leave your exterior lights on overnight (using LED lights ensure energy and costs savings).*
- *Add light sensors that turn on the lights automatically in the evening.*

Install a Camera

- *Install a Nest camera or similar camera—it's very easy! Utilizing Wi-Fi, the Nest camera allows you to view your property from your smart phone while you're home or away. You can place one in your window facing outside or purchase an exterior Nest camera and install it on your building. The Nest camera costs \$199, and you can purchase it online or at Home Depot or Lowes. You can also purchase a Nest Aware subscription for video history (10-day or 30-day video history) making it great to view footage from your camera when you've been away for an extended period of time.*
- *You can register your camera with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) via Citiwatch (BPD Community Partnership) to aide in catching any perpetrators. Please go to: **citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov**.*





Community Safety Walk

There will be an organized community Mount Vernon Safety Walk with Officer Lee from BPD on Saturday, February 25th at 5pm. We'll be meeting in front of Mount Vernon Marketplace, located at 520 Park Ave. This is a great opportunity to get more involved and build a stronger community of neighbors.



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THURSDAYS

Don't Miss Our Third Thursday
Mount Vernon Marketplace
Tomorrow, February 16th, 6-8pm

Join us for our monthly Third Thursday Happy Hour event. This month, we are visiting the Mount Vernon Marketplace at 520 Park Ave on Thursday, February 16th

from 6 to 8pm.



Happy Hour at the Local Oyster is from 4-7pm.

and includes \$5 red/white wine, \$3/\$5.50 16/32oz PBR draft drink specials and \$1 Local Oysters (*usually 4 varieties to choose from*). Thursday is also Ladies' Night which includes \$5 Rail Drinks and \$10 1/2lb steamed shrimp (*at Local Oyster Only*).

Many of the other vendors also have great Happy Hour specials...so stop by and enjoy the many offerings available and catch up with your neighbors! The vendors are excited to welcome us this month.

Department of Public Works (DPW)

Visiting MVBA

DPW staff will be joining us to give discuss the new water billing system portal and how to access its features.

Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Rudolph S. Chow, P.E., has announced that during the month of February, DPW staff will be attending

approximately 50 community association meetings across Baltimore to discuss the new water billing system portal and how to access its features.

DPW's new web portal allows citizens to view their water usage in daily, or hourly, increments. Knowing how to fully utilize the web portal enables customers to make better decisions when it comes to conserving water, and saving money.

Thousands of citizens have already registered to use the portal and are actively monitoring their usage to detect leaks, dripping faucets, or breaks in the service line or in interior piping that may need a plumber's intervention. The Department wants to increase use of the portal by as many customers as possible.

"This is a great opportunity for Baltimoreans to learn about this excellent resource," said Mayor Catherine E. Pugh. "The water billing portal can really make a difference for citizens in tracking their water usage. It is a great tool to manage consumption and to save money through conservation, and through early discovery of leaks and service line breaks."

Any customer in the City who receives a bill for water service may register to view their account at <https://waterbillportal.baltimorecity.gov/> or by clicking through on the DPW website, PublicWorks.BaltimoreCity.gov. A YouTube video is also available to guide customers through the process, at <https://www.youtube.com/user/BaltimoreDPW>. For first time access to the portal customers will need the access code sent to them in the mail. Those who need the code re-sent to them may request it by emailing DPW.Billing@baltimorecity.gov.

Those with even basic computer skills should easily be able to use the portal and access all its features. For those who may need additional guidance, the Department of Public Works is conducting a series of training sessions at various branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. These will involve hands-on training. The sessions will all be held between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. To ensure a time slot we strongly recommend that water customers make an appointment by contacting Mr. Larry Nunley, DPW Community Liaison: 410-396-8966 or Larry.Nunley@baltimorecity.gov.



Looking North in Mount Vernon — February 7, 2017 @wesleystuckey

New MVBA Business Members

MVBA proudly recognizes **Brew House No. 16** at 831 North Calvert Street, **The Doll House** at 525 North Charles Street, **Sotto Sopra** at 405 North Charles Street, **The Bun Shop** at 239 West Read Street, **Cookers Music Bistro** at 885 North Howard Street, **Belvedere Bagels & Grill** at 1023 North Charles, and **Schola** at 1005 North

Charles in joining our growing restaurant and business membership. Please stop by and welcome them to MVBA.

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 membership@mvba.org.

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.



MVBA Tree Pruning Event

March 11th from 9am-1pm

Join us for our next tree maintenance event of 2017. No tree pruning experience necessary. We'll meet up at a local coffee shop and end with lunch for volunteers - locations TBA.

This is a rain(-or-snow)-or-shine event, so please dress for the weather. Wear closed-toe shoes, and bring work gloves if you have them. We recommend bringing a water bottle. See you there!

Attend Event

Coming Up in March

- We will discuss **Bikes in Mount Vernon** at our general Meeting March 21st.
- Third Thursday at **Cookers Music Bistro** on March 16th.
- Attend **Light City** (March 31-April 8)
lightcity.org →

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