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### **General Meeting**

Tuesday, February 20th, 7:30pm

Please join us this coming Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for our next MVBA General Meeting held at The Belvedere at <u>1 East Chase Street</u>.

At this month's meeting, we will be discussing ongoing safety concerns and will have an overview of the 911 call center.

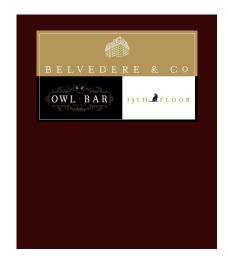
Councilman Costello will be here to discuss the City Council's bill that was introduced recently about Short Term Rentals in the city. This bill will affect Airbnb properties as well as other short term rentals.

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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If you have tried to access the MVBA.org website over the last couple of weeks, you may have noticed that it has not loaded correctly. Over this week, we will be changing our hosting provider from Start Logic to Go Daddy. So, you may experience some downtime while the site transfers. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this may have caused you. We will update you all when the site is back online.



#### **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 Membership Committee Chair, Julie Canard at <a href="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.

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### Children's Park Donations

Thank you all who came out on January 20th to HomeSlyce for our winter fundraiser. If you were unable to attend, we could still use your support to help fundraise for updates and operations for the children's park.

Click Here to Donate!



Saint Patrick's Day in Mount Vernon — March 12, 2017 @wesleystuckey

### Saint Patrick's Day Parade

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Sunday | March 11th | 2pm

until it ends at the Inner Harbor.

Mount Vernon Place

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Before you know it, it will be leprechaun day in Mount Vernon.

The kick off to the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, begins in

Mount Vernon Place and heads South along Charles Street



# **Safety Meeting**

Wednesday | March 14th | 7pm

12 W. Madison Street

(corner of Madison & Morton Streets)

Join us for the first Safety Meeting of 2018 on Wednesday,

March 14th, 7pm. The meeting will be downstairs at 12 West

Madison Street. This meeting will be lead by our new Safety

Chair, Jeff Withington.

## Save the Date: Community Safety Walk

Saturday | April 28th | 7:30pm

Mount Vernon Market Place at 520 Park Ave

This Spring, the MVBA Safety Committee will lead a neighborhood safety walk with the Midtown patrols and officers from BPD. We hope to see you there.



# Upcoming Business Round Table: Spring Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday | April 25th | 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 Spring on

Wednesday, April 25th from 9-11am located at 12 W. Madison Street (corner of Madison & Morton Streets).



Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt in Mt. Vernon

Sunday | April 1st | 11am-1pm

East Park of Mount Vernon Place

Join us for a community celebration including an Easter
Brunch and Egg Hunt in the East Park of Mount Vernon Place
starting at 11am on Sunday, April 1st. The Mount Vernon
Place Conservancy, the Mount Vernon Place United Methodist
Church and the Mount Vernon-Belvedere Association will be
co-sponsoring a potluck brunch in the East Square. There'll be
lots of eggs for the children's picking. It's going to be a great
time!

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## **Announcing Dates for Oktoberfest 2018**

As mentioned last month, we are getting ahead of the game and already planning for the 2nd Annual Oktoberfest Mount Vernon. This year, on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> we will commence Oktoberfest 2.0 with plenty of amazing beer, delicious food, and festive Fall celebrations.

#### Save the date!

For any business in Mount Vernon who would like to participate this year, please email info@oktoberfestmountvernon.com. We are very excited to continue to grow this event as a wonderful Fall festival that aims to promote local restaurants and small businesses in our community. In 2017, we saw approximately 1,200 visitors in the inaugural Oktoberfest Mount Vernon weekend. This year,

we hope to grow the attendance to well over 2,000. See you all there!



# Ratapooy says Pick It Up!

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#### Did you know that rats love dog poop?

#### YUP!!! They LOVE it!

If you follow Facebook at all, you have probably seen a number of posts, recently, about owners not picking up after their dogs. This is a HUGE issue within the community. From a health standpoint, 24% of the bacteria that pollutes our waterways is from dog waste. Also, rats who have eaten poison and then ingest dog poop are very likely not affected

by the poison. This creates a large increase in the local rat population.

We need your help — please pick up after your dog!

Not picking up your pet's golden (or should we say brown) nuggets, can land you with a **HEFTY FINE**.

MVBA is working with Midtown Baltimore to add a number of new pet waste stations around the neighborhood. If you are interested in donating to help us fund this goal, please do. You can <u>Click Here to Donate!</u>

# Coming Up in March

- Saint Patricks Day Parade | March 11th | 2pm at Mount Vernon Place
- Safety Meeting | March 14th | 7pm at 12 W. Madison Street
- General Meeting on March 20th at The Belvedere, 1 East Chase Street, at 7:30pm.

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