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# **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# General Meeting Tuesday, January 16th, 7:30pm

Please join us this coming Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for the first 2018 MVBA General Meeting held at The Belvedere at <u>1 East Chase Street</u>. Our special guest will be Peggy Smallwood, Interim Executive Director, from Midtown Community Benefits District. Peggy will review the services provided by Midtown and answer and/or address any questions/issues from the audience. For those of you not familiar with Midtown, please visit link <u>midtownbaltimore.org</u>.

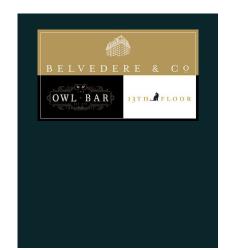
Wesley Stuckey, newly elected Vice President, will provide an overview of the new website and branding at this meeting.

Onahlea Shimunek, Treasurer, will provide an overview of the 2017 financials.

MVBA Meeting space generously provided by Belvedere & Co.

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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.



# Welcome New MVBA Board Members

Please join us in welcoming the newly elected MVBA Board of Directors as listed below:

**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

Newly Appointed Director — John Molino

**Current Directors** — Scott Brillman, Teddy Davidson,

& Steve Shen

The board, at their first board meeting of 2018, voted in John Molino to fill the board seat that was vacated by Wesley Stuckey. Wesley vacated his board director seat when he was elected as Vice President in the November 2017 elections.

John will fulfill the appointed director position for the remainder of Wesley's prior term, which culminates in December 2019.

The board will be holding a special MVBA Retreat on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1734 Maryland Avenue from 10am-3pm.

# Updates on MVBA Committees for 2018

#### **Business Committee**

Officially formed in late 2017, this committee is chaired by Onahlea Shimunek along with Mario Brandhorst.

### Community Service + Engagement Committee

Teddy Davidson will be chairing this committee moving forward, as he replaced the former chair, Matt Muir.

### **Grants Committee**

This committee was recently formed to assist MVBA with obtaining grants to aide us in getting more resources for more neighborhood accomplishments. We are looking for someone who has experience with obtaining grants for this committee. If you know of someone interested and capable of this role, please email grants@mvba.org.

### **Liquor Review Committee**

Michele Richter is currently chairing this committee.

### Marketing + Promotions Committee

Wesley Stuckey is chairing this committee. MVBA created this committee to aide in promoting MVBA throughout the community and beyond.

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## Parking + Transportation Committee

This committee's name was changed name from Parking to Parking & Transportation, to better suit these issues in Mount Vernon. Steve Johnson chairs this committee.

## **Safety Committee**

Jeff Withington is our new safety chair. A big thank you to

Jason Curtis for graciously holding the position of Safety Chair
until we found a replacement—many months later! Thank you
Jason! And thank you Jeff for taking on this important role
within MVBA!

If you are interested in participating on a committee, please reach out to the Committee Chair at the email listed in the directory at the end of this newsletter.

# **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).



Children's Park Fundraiser

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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.

Download Flyer PDF Here



# **Baltimore Restaurant Week**

January 12th-21st | Happening NOW!!!

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There is no better reason to go out and have lunch or dinner at one of the wonderful restaurants in the neighborhood, than Baltimore Restaurant Week.

Check out <u>baltimorerestaurantweek.com</u> for participating restaurants in the area.



# Announcing Dates for Oktoberfest 2018

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!

# Coming Up in February

· General Meeting on February 20th at The Belvedere, 1 East Chase Street, at 7:30pm.

# **CONTACTS 2018**

# **Officers** President

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# **Directors** Mario Brandhorst

Scott Brillman Julie Canard Teddy Davidson John Molino Steve Shen

# **Committees** Architectural Review

Business Children's Park Clean + Beautiful Community Service + Engagement Development

Marketing + Promotions

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To contact members by phone, call MVBA's main number 410-528-1919 and select the desired extension from the menu.—

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