

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

General Meeting

Tuesday, January 15th, 7:30pm

Please join us tomorrow, Tuesday, January 15th at 7:30pm for our MVBA General Meeting held at St. Ignatius Church at 740 N. Calvert Street.

This month, we welcome Penn Station Partners, who will be talking about their upcoming plans to renovate and expand Penn Station as well as welcome Jabari Lyles, Baltimore City LGBTQ Community Liaison, to discuss his new role.

Councilmen Eric Costello and Robert Stokes will also join us

the community an update on what they're working on for the new year. Finally, we will be joined by representatives from MedMark Treatment Centers to discuss their facility relocation

to follow-up on the Mount Vernon car arsons as well as give

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from University of Maryland Midtown Campus to two new locations in Seton Hill including 701 McCulloh Street and 501 W. Madison Street. MedMark offers medication-assisted treatment to reduce withdrawal symptoms of opioid addiction and substance abuse counseling. MedMark also has a Mount Vernon location at 817 N. Calvert 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.

Image may contain: night and outdoor Follow-Up on Mount Vernon Car Arsons

MVBA invited representatives from BPD as well as our Councilmen Eric Costello and Robert Stokes to follow-up on the December 21st car arsons in Mount Vernon. Please join us on this discussion as well as overall safety and quality of life in our community.

New MVBA Business Members

Each month, we will be recognizing businesses that join MVBA membership.

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 <u>HERE</u>. If you have any questions on membership, please reach out to our Membership Committee Chair, Julie Canard at <u>membership@mvba.org</u>.



Baltimore residents, offices, restaurants, hotels, and cultural institutions are adjusting to Coronavirus-related disruptions. We will continue to advocate fo our restaurant community, share information when helpful, and assist with economic recovery when the time comes. #ProudUBaltimore #BaltRW

RESTAURANT WEEK PARTICIPANTS - tag us with your plans to open/close/offer delivery or carryout, etc. and we'll share on the @BmoreRestaurantWeek Instagram page and Facebook.com/BaltimoreRestaurantWeek.

Baltimore Restaurant Week

Now through Sunday, January 20th

Baltimore Restaurant Week, presented by Downtown

Partnership of Baltimore and Visit Baltimore returned on

January 11th running through January 20th, providing an

affordable and exclusive taste of the city's vibrant culinary

scene. Restaurants participating throughout Baltimore's

neighborhoods will offer 10 days of special prix-fixe menus for

brunch, lunch and dinner. The promotion encourages

discovery of new restaurants or repeat visits to favorite

eateries across the city by offering delicious discounts. Pick a

place, make a reservation, and enjoy.

There are a number of wonderful Mount Vernon restaurants participating and dishing up some tasty cuisine. Support our locals spots.

For more info, visit baltimorerestaurantweek.com.



Baltimore City Council Legislative Updates

Below are the recent legislative updates by Baltimore City

Council as mentioned last month:

- 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 next Council Meeting is today, 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.

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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!



Upcoming Business Round Table: Winter Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, January 24th, 9-11am

Spirits of Mount Vernon | 900 North Charles Street

(Please note change in location!)

MVBA continues to welcome all local Business Owners to this month's quarterly Business Round Table held on Thursday,

N. Charles Street (corner of Charles & Read Streets).



MVBA Winter Tree Pruning

Saturday, February 2nd | 9am-1pm

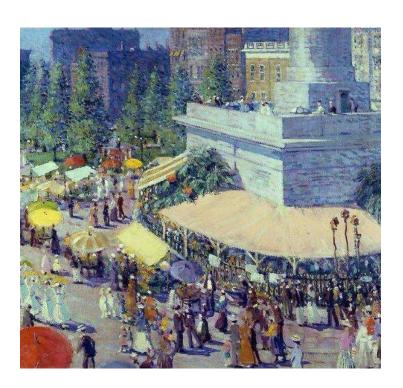
Meet-Up Location | NW Corner of Charles & Madison Streets

Join us in pruning trees around the neighborhood on February 2nd as well as next month on March 2nd---save the dates! On February 2nd, we'll meet at the northwest corner of Charles & Madison Streets (near Dooby's) at 9am and wrap up at around 1pm for lunch afterwards (lunch location to be determined).

This is a rain-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 and sunscreen.

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Mount Vernon Place Conservancy

Flower Mart 2019 & Call for Local Vendors

Is it too early to be thinking about Spring? The Mount Vernon Place Conservancy doesn't think so--as it's already gearing up for Flower Mart 2019 being held on Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th at Mount Vernon Place. This year's event is being re-envisioned to focus on flowers and plants as well as educational activities supporting the greening of the city.

They are also looking for local-based vendors for food, music, and arts and crafts that celebrate plants, flowers, and of course, Mount Vernon Place! If you are interested in participating as a vendor, <u>click here</u> for the application.



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 now here, it's a great time to focus on your health and wellness!

Coming Up in February

- No MVBA General Meeting in February
- MVBA Tree Pruning

Saturday, February 2nd | 9am-1pm

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