

July 2018

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General Meeting Tuesday, July 17th, 7:30pm

Please join us, Tuesday, July 17th at 7:30pm for our next MVBA General Meeting held at Grace & St. Peter's Church Sanctuary at 707 Park Avenue (corner of Park Avenue and Monument Street).

As discussed last month, we will no longer hold our General Meetings at The Belvedere. The meetings will begin to rotate to different venues in Mount Vernon. This month, we are welcomed by Reverend Christopher Pyles at Grace & St. Peter's Parish.

We have invited Rev. Pyles as well as the winners of the Primary Election's Senatorial Campaign for the 40th and 45th Districts to speak.

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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.

Vote this Month to Reduce Number of MVBA General Meetings

Over the last several months, the MVBA board has discussed the possibility of reducing the number of monthly meetings to a bi-monthly rotation (i.e. every other month).

As per the MVBA by-laws, we are bringing this idea to the General Membership for discussion. We discussed this idea at our May and June General Membership Meetings.

This month, we will hold a formal vote at our General Meeting, held on July 17th.

Currently, we meet the third Tuesday of every month, except for August and December. This proposal would reduce our meeting count from 10 a year to six. As mentioned before, this would allow us to focus and structure the General Meetings to cover issues and topics in a more comprehensive forum, to be mindful of everyone's valuable time.

MVBA Safety Committee Chair Change

Jeff Withington, our current Safety Chair, has resigned from his position due to a relocation out of state. Effective August 1st, our new Safety Chair will be Vicki Schassler, owner of Spirit's. Please join us in wishing Jeff and his family well on their new adventure. Thank you, Vicki for taking on this important role for MVBA!

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 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.



Clean your Tree Wells!

If you have walked around the neighborhood lately, you should have seen that there are a large number of tree wells that look pretty shabby. Please help out by cleaning and weeding the tree wells in front of your building. Remember, it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalks and tree wells, in front of their property, in tip-top shape.

Don't be that neighbor on the block that makes everyone else look bad!



Rescheduled

Next Business Round Table:

Summer Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday | July 25th | 9-11am

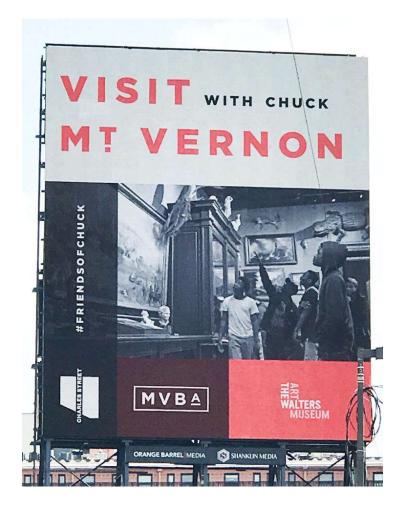
12 W. Madison Street

(corner of Madison & Morton Streets)

This month, we needed to reschedule the Summer Business Round Table, from July 11th to Wednesday, July 25th from 9-11am.

MVBA continues to welcome all local Business Owners to our quarterly Business Round Table at 12 W. Madison Street (corner of Madison & Morton Streets).

We look forward to seeing you in 2 weeks!



#FRIENDSOFCHUCK

MVBA is proud to partner with Historic Charles Street

Association to present the #FriendsOfChuck campaign on the

LED Billboard next to Penn Station.

A huge thanks is due to Kristin Speaker, for negotiating and arranging this wonderful and prominent ad placement.

July kicked off with Mount Vernon as the featured neighborhood within the Historic Charles Street Corridor.

Stuckey Design offered up design and campaign brainstorming, pro bono, to help promote our wonderful businesses.

Every 2 months, the ads will swap out to highlight another area along Charles Street. Over time, we hope to feature

many many more of our businesses and institutions.

Join us as we Sleep with Chuck, Eat with Chuck, Shop with Chuck, and Visit with Chuck. #FriendsOfChuck



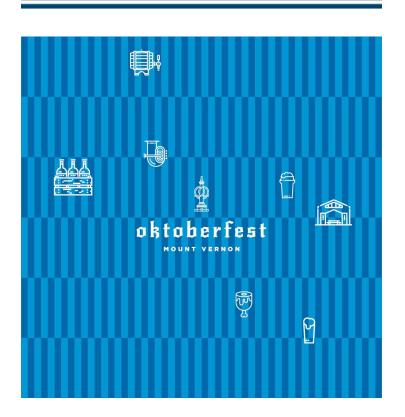
MVBA Planters have finally landed on Cathedral Street

MVBA is happy to showcase our very, very large planters placed on Cathedral between Chase and Centre Streets. We are extremely appreciative of the enormous efforts by Midtown Baltimore. Huge kudos to the Midtown Crew including Curtis Ritz, Wayne Brooks, Isaiah Edwards and Shawn Williams---thank you all so much!

Midtown's Green Team is assisting us on an ongoing basis, with watering the planters--especially in this heat!

The planters will be decorated seasonally with lovely plantings. We hope everyone enjoys the additional green space added along the Cathedral Street corridor.

If you would like to donate or sponsor a planter, please contact us at info@mvba.org and/or visit mvba.org/donate.



Oktoberfest 2018

Oktoberfest will be here before we know it. This year, on Friday, October 5th & Saturday, October 6th 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!



Artscape 2018

July 20th — 22nd

Friday: 11am-9pm | Saturday: 11am-9pm | Sunday: 11am-7pm

Charles Street at Mount Royal

In perfect tradition, the scorching heat of summer in Baltimore is here for Artscape.

New for 2018 – Artscape is proud to shine a light on the creative and artistic talent of Baltimore's youth, with plans to

showcase youth-focused programming (in both the visual and performing arts) on Artscape's opening day – Friday, July 20th. For more information, visit Artscape.org.

See you there.



Baltimore Restaurant Week

July 27th — August 5th

Baltimore Restaurant Week, presented by Downtown

Partnership of Baltimore and Visit Baltimore returns July 27 to

August 5, 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.

Charm Ball: Celebrating Chase Brexton Health Care's 40th Anniversary!

Saturday, September 22nd, 6pm-midnight

Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

Honoring

Franklin N. McNeil, Jr.

Legacy Award

David H. Shippee

Leadership Award

Joanne Kraus

Lifetime Volunteer Award

The Baltimore City Health Department

Community Partner Award

Get ready to don your foxiest 70's threads, totally tubular 80's attire, or dopest 90's duds as we toast our 4 decades! More details at charmball.org

Coming Up in August

No General Meeting in August!!!

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