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General Meeting

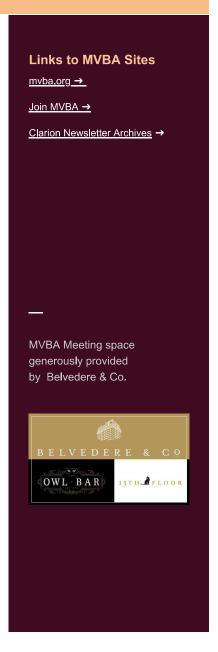
Tuesday, June 20th, 7:30pm

Please join us this coming Tuesday, June 20th at 7:30pm for our MVBA General Meeting held at The Belvedere at 1 East Chase Street. We will continue our discussion on the new bus routes that are coming to the community as well as safety concerns in the community.

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.

New Bus Routes in Mount Vernon

We will have an open forum to discuss the BaltimoreLink new bus routes. These new routes will be in effect, starting on June



18th. Visit the <u>BaltimoreLink website</u> for more details. We will also be providing an update on our recent meeting with MTA and DOT officials on this topic.



Photo via MTA

As mentioned previously, there will also be a bus-only lane traveling on Charles Street between Madison and Oliver Streets as well as St. Paul Street between Monument and Redwood Streets, scheduled to begin August 21st and September 25th respectively. These changes will impact many businesses and residents in the community. So please be sure to use this opportunity to voice concerns and thoughts. You can read more about these new bus-only lanes at

More Bus-Only Lanes Coming to Downtown

Baltimore on baltimorefishbowl.com

New Bike Lanes in Mount Vernon

We will have an open forum on Tuesday evening to discuss the new upcoming bike lanes on Madison and Centre Streets.

Summer Safety in Mount Vernon

Summer time is here. Unfortunately, there is always an uptick in crime this time of year. Please be extra alert and pay close attention to your surroundings. This also means being extra vigilant in keeping your windows and doors to your homes and cars locked and valuables out of sight. We will be discussing safety at our meeting this coming Tuesday evening.



PRIDE is Here Again!

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Make the most out of this weekend's activities to celebrate PRIDE 2017! For information about PRIDE, visit <u>baltimorepride.org</u>. Many of our neighborhood bars and restaurants are having specials to help us all join in on the celebrations. <u>The Baltimore Sun</u> just posted a story to help you plan your libation consumption. Have fun and be safe!

This year's PRIDE parade kicks off tomorrow, Saturday,

June 17th, from the intersection of Charles and Eager

Streets beginning at 2:00 p.m. Participants will proceed north on Charles Street to end at 22nd Street.

In preparation for the parade, the following streets will be closed to through traffic on Saturday from 11am to approximately 4pm:

- Charles Street between Madison & Eager Streets
- · Read Street between Cathedral & St. Paul Streets
- Eager Street between Cathedral & St. Paul Streets
- North Avenue between Maryland Avenue & St. Paul Street (12 -5pm)

The remainder of the parade route will close at 1:45pm for the start of the event. Please note that the access ramp to the northbound Jones Falls Expressway from Charles Street will also be closed during the parade. Motorists should be advised that temporary traffic stops will be implemented during this time for the safety of parade participants.

Parking will also be restricted in these areas during these times. Motorists traveling in this vicinity should be on the watch for pedestrians and are encouraged to use alternate routes.

New MVBA Business Members

MVBA proudly recognizes **ChateauRidge Group** at *512 St.*Paul Place, and **Merritt Clubs** at *210 East Centre Street*, in joining our growing list of restaurant and 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 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.



Business Round Table: Special Discussion at City Cafe

Wednesday, June 21st, 9-11am City Cafe at 1001 Cathedral Street (corner of Cathedral & Eager Streets)

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Please join MVBA for a special discussion to continue the dialogue from the first quarterly Business Round Table.

This meeting's focus will be an open discussion between business owners about how we can work together to increase business and foot traffic this summer.

This event will be hosted by our neighbors at City Cafe.

Thank you in advance for taking some time from your schedule to enlighten the group with your thoughts and suggestions!

Business Round Table: Upcoming Quarterly Meeting

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Wednesday, July 12th, 9-10am 12 W. Madison Street (corner of Madison & Morton Streets)

MVBA continues to welcome all local Business Owners to our upcoming quarterly Business Round Table on Wednesday, July 12th from 9-10am located at 12 W. Madison Street (corner of Madison & Morton Streets).





Brew House No. 16 Thursday, June 22nd, 6-8pm

Join us for our monthly Third- Fourth Thursday Happy Hour event coming up this Thursday, June 22nd, 6-8pm at Brew House No. 16 at 831 North Calvert Street. See you there!

Coming Up in July

- MVBA General Meeting on Tuesday, July 18th
- Third Thursday on July 20th at TBD location.



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