



NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting

Tuesday, March 19th, 7:30pm

As a reminder, our next MVBA General Meeting will be held tomorrow, **Tuesday, March 19th** beginning at 7:30pm at the Westminster House located at 524 N. Charles Street. At this meeting, we will be joined by our new District 40 State Delegate, Melissa Wells to discuss her new role and her plans for 2019. We'll also be joined by Larry Nunley, DPW Community Liaison to discuss water-related issues and answer any questions. Finally, we'll be joined by Colin Beckman to discuss the Penn Station MARC Riders Group.

MVBA Treasurer, Onahlea Shimunek will be giving an overview of the MVBA 2018 financials. In addition, we'll be presenting proposed changes to our MVBA bylaws as well as discussing recent 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 MVBA Business Members

Each month, we recognize new businesses that join MVBA membership. This month, we're proud to announce our new business member, **Madison House** owned by Dr. Paul Rhodes and located at 4 E. Madison Street.

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 [HERE](#). If you have any questions on membership, please reach out to our Membership Committee Chair, Julie Canard at membership@mvba.org.



Proposed MVBA Bylaws Revision

At our March 19th General Meeting, as mentioned above, we will be discussing the MVBA Board's proposed changes to the 2007 MVBA bylaws. In February 2019, the Board met to revise and modernize the association bylaws. To view the

current and proposed version of the bylaws, please [click here](#).



Penn Station MARC Riders Group

A group of area residents started the group called the Penn Station MARC Riders Group. This group is comprised of individuals who commute to Washington, D.C. on the MARC train, as well as other interested community members who want to improve MARC service for the benefit of neighborhoods surrounding Baltimore Penn Station. The Penn Station MARC Riders Group will focus on studying MARC operations, identifying the needs and changes sought by MARC Penn Line riders, and finding ways to lobby for improvements to the MARC Penn Line service. If you are interested in attending the groups next meeting or joining the group, please email Colin Beckman at beckman.colin@gmail.com. Colin will be attending the March 19th General Meeting to discuss this new group.



Police Commissioner | Michael S. Harrison

The Baltimore City Council voted unanimously to confirm Michael S. Harrison as the city's new police commissioner at the March 6th Confirmation Hearing. Please [click here](#) for a recording of Commissioner Harrison's swearing-in ceremony.

Mount Vernon Safety Concerns

As seen on the various Facebook posts and talking to neighbors, there has been an increase in crime in Mount Vernon over the last couple of weeks including armed robberies as well as burglaries. With this increase in crime, BPD has added additional patrols in the community. We'll be

joined by BPD to discuss the uptick in crime in Mount Vernon
at our upcoming general meeting this month.



Homelessness, Panhandling & Loitering

Officials at the Mayor's Office of Human Services would like
our help tracking incidents of homelessness, panhandling
and/or loitering, as mentioned previously. By sending a quick
email to the following email address:

homelessoutreach@baltimorecity.gov regarding your
experiences with homelessness, panhandling and/or loitering,
it gives officials an opportunity to track these incidents and
begin outreach with the individuals, as necessary. Of course,
please call 911 if there is an emergency.



Baltimore City Council Legislative Updates

The next Council Meeting is **Monday, March 18th**. [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.



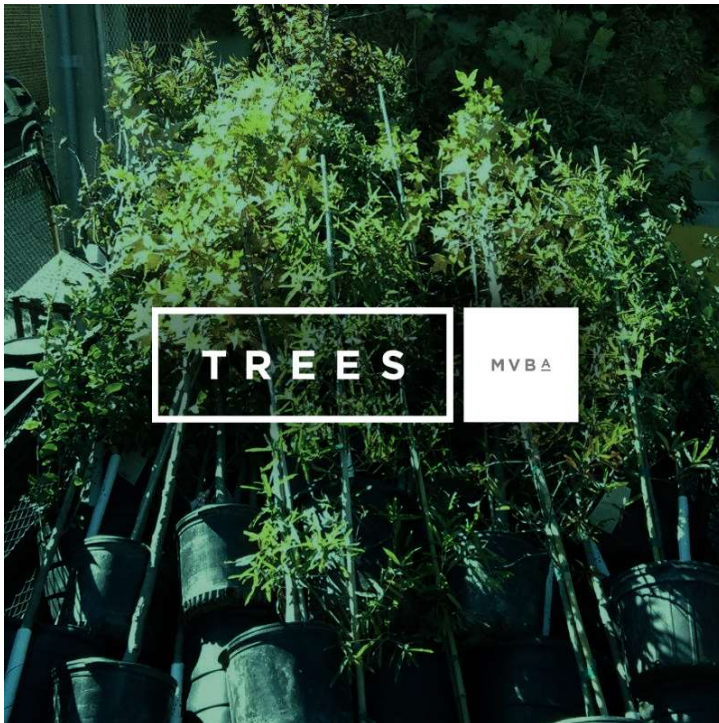
Midtown Baltimore Spring Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, March 28th | 6:30pm

Berea Temple SDA Church | 1901 Madison Street

(Robert Street Entrance)

Join Midtown Baltimore for the 2019 Spring Town Hall Meeting held on Thursday, March 28th at Berea Temple located at 1901 Madison Avenue (*enter at Robert Street*). There will be a Meet & Greet reception starting at 6:30pm followed by a presentation of the FY20 budget for community input. The proposed budget will be available for review at midtownbaltimore.org. We hope to see you there!



MVBA April Tree Planting & Maintenance

Saturday, April 13th | 9am-1pm

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

Join us for some tree planting and maintenance around the neighborhood on Saturday, April 13th. We'll meet at the northwest corner of Charles & Madison Streets (near Dooby's) at 9am and wrap up at around 1pm.

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.

For more information about MVBA tree events, visit

[Eventbrite](#).



Upcoming Business Round Table: Spring Quarterly Meeting



Thursday, April 25th, 9-11am

Chase Brexton | 1111 North Charles Street



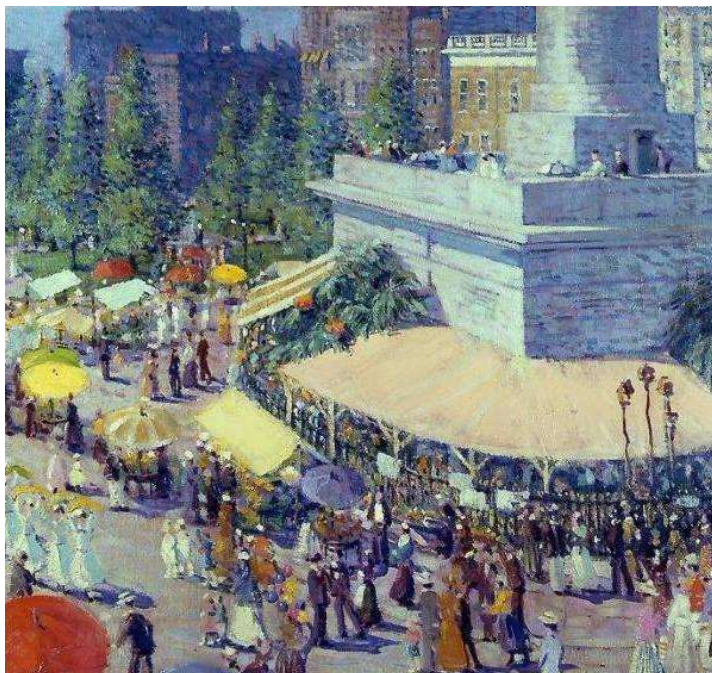
MVBA continues to welcome all local Business Owners to the next quarterly Business Round Table held on Thursday, April 25th from 9-11am at Chase Brexton Health Care located at 1111 N. Charles Street (*corner of Charles & Chase Streets*).





64th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Another successful St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mount Vernon last Sunday, March 10th. We hope everyone had a fantastic time, and we're already excited for next year's event!



Mount Vernon Place Conservancy

Flower Mart 2019

The Mount Vernon Place Conservancy is gearing up for their first Flower Mart festival being held on Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th at Mount Vernon Place. With the Conservancy now leading Flower Mart, 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 continuing to look 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, [click here](#) for the application.



Design and Wine at Nouveau: Dress Up
Your Room and Shake Up Those
Accessories!

Wednesday, March 20th | 7-8:30pm

Nouveau Home & Interior Design | 10 W. Eager Street

Design Workshop | Tickets \$10 per person

Once you've picked out your furniture, how do you turn your room from a plain showroom into a showplace for your personal style? This design workshop is for anyone who wants new ideas for accessorizing their home. Learn dozens of tips for adding accessories - not too much, not too little. We'll show you ways to "shop your home" to select items that give your room some style. You'll learn how to select items, how to group them, how to arrange them, and how to add one or two new pieces to give your room an updated look. Join us for a fun evening of wine, nibbles and hands-on practice dressing up your space with your favorite accessories. Go home with lots of fabulous ideas.

For more info, call 410.962.8248 or contact Nouveau at NouveauDesignandWine@gmail.com or register at [Eventbrite](#).

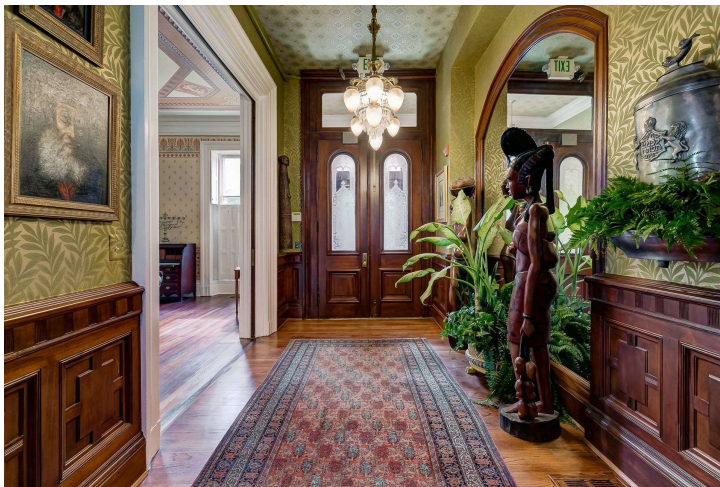


Madison House

Your Elegant Mount Vernon Retreat located at...

4 East Madison Street

Planning a family getaway, an intimate company retreat or
a grand wedding reception?



Fully renovated and exquisitely decorated, this 1850's
mansion nestled in historic Mount Vernon, is available as a
bed and breakfast, or for your exclusive enjoyment.

Madison House boasts nine uniquely and beautiful decorated
bedrooms, each with an en suite bathroom. Available for stays

of two nights or more.



For more information, please call Dr. Paul Rhodes at
202.713.1234 or email him at PaulRhodesMD@gmail.com.



Indigma Returns to Mount Vernon



Indigma Modern Indian Bistro | 900 Cathedral Street



MVBA is thrilled to have Indigma Modern Indian Bistro return to Mount Vernon. Congratulations to Tony and Ann Chemmanoor on their beautifully decorated new space located at 900 Cathedral Street. Please see the press release for Indigma below:



900 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201
taste@indigmabistro.com www.indigmabistro.com
443.449.6483
Parking Lot directly across the street

Baltimore, MD - Indigma has made its return this year as the redefined, redesigned Indigma - Modern Indian Bistro. The highly anticipated restaurant has opened its doors in its new location on the corner of Cathedral and Read. Indigma's fan base will not be disappointed as their favorite and most popular dishes are still offered here. The new menu provides seasonally changing options - where Indigma's expert chefs prepare every hand-selected dish to perfection.

Bar: The bistro's bar boasts an extensive beer and wine list, including beer and wine unique to India, one-of-a-kind martinis, fresh handcrafted cocktails, and a range of exotic juices. Indigma is open for lunch and dinner, with their unique lunch buffet back on popular demand.

Lunch: wide array of freshly made salads, soups, appetizers, main entrees (seafood, meat, and vegetarian), breads (brought fresh-baked to the table), condiments, and tantalizing desserts. It includes rarely seen combinations of Northern and Southern Indian preparations, Indo-Chinese dishes, and a variety of unique selections. Also available are harmoniously spiced Vegan, Vegetarian, and Gluten-free choices.

Dinner: rare and flavorful dishes, as well as traditional favorites. Small plates have especially become great hits.

Ambiance: The atmosphere is that of a trendy bistro with flair. It pays homage to the late Ted Pearson, award-winning interior designer of Rita St. Clair Associates. The walls are painted in Pearson's bold saffron and vibrant purple hues that make for a stunning backdrop in the modern Indian bistro.

History: Restaurateurs, Tony and Ann Chemmanoor, set their roots in Mount Vernon over thirty years ago. Bombay Grill, the original, earned the title of "trendsetter" (The Baltimore Sun).

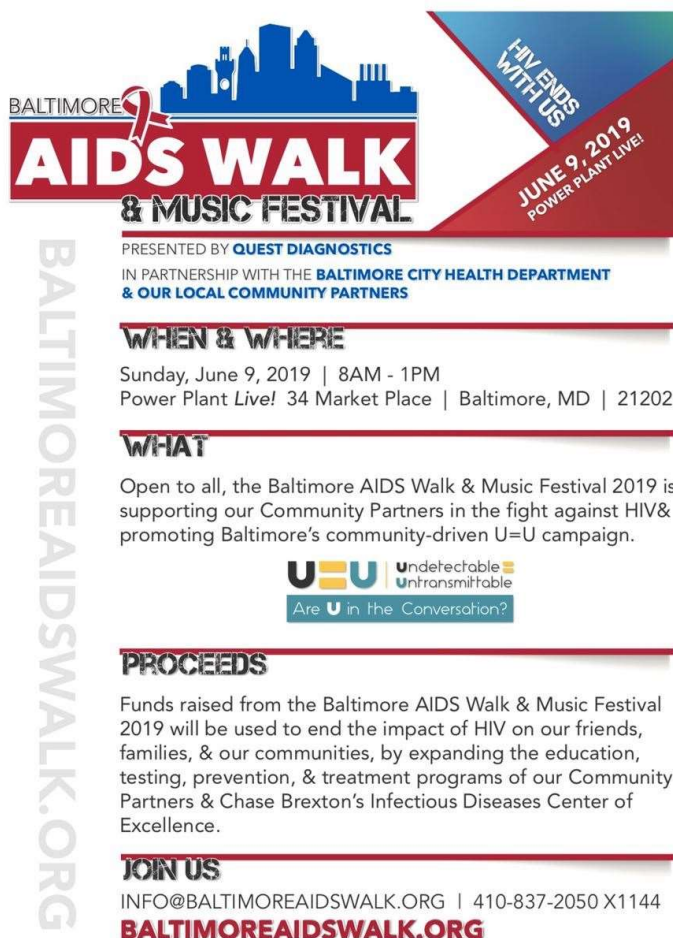
And now, Baltimore, Indigma's back!
We've missed you as much as you've "missed" us (as our regular guests have said).
Come visit us soon....

Baltimore AIDS Walk & Music Festival

Save the Date! | Sunday, June 9th

Power Point Live | 34 Market Place | 8am-1pm

Join Chase Brexton for the Baltimore AIDS Walk & Music Festival held on Sunday, June 9th at Power Point Live, 34 Market Place. For more details, see below:



The poster for the Baltimore AIDS Walk & Music Festival 2019 features a blue skyline of Baltimore at the top. Below it, the text 'BALTIMORE AIDS WALK & MUSIC FESTIVAL' is prominently displayed in white and red. To the right, a red banner with white text reads 'HIV ENDS WITH US' and 'JUNE 9, 2019 POWER PLANT LIVE!'. Below the main title, it says 'PRESENTED BY QUEST DIAGNOSTICS' and 'IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS'. A vertical text on the left side reads 'BALTIMOREAIDSWALK.ORG'. The poster is divided into sections: 'WHEN & WHERE' (Sunday, June 9, 2019 | 8AM - 1PM, Power Plant Live! 34 Market Place | Baltimore, MD | 21202), 'WHAT' (Open to all, the Baltimore AIDS Walk & Music Festival 2019 is supporting our Community Partners in the fight against HIV & promoting Baltimore's community-driven U=U campaign. It includes the U=U logo with the text 'Undetectable = Untransmittable' and 'Are U in the Conversation?'), 'PROCEEDS' (Funds raised from the Baltimore AIDS Walk & Music Festival 2019 will be used to end the impact of HIV on our friends, families, & our communities, by expanding the education, testing, prevention, & treatment programs of our Community Partners & Chase Brexton's Infectious Diseases Center of Excellence.), and 'JOIN US' (INFO@BALTIMOREAIDSWALK.ORG | 410-837-2050 X1144, BALTIMOREAIDSWALK.ORG).

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- **No MVBA General Meeting in April**

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