

MOUNT VERNON BELVEDERE ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting

Tuesday, May 16th, 7:30pm

Please join us this coming Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30pm for our MVBA General Meeting held at The Belvedere at 1 East Chase Street. We will be discussing the newly proposed bus routes that are coming to 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

Jade Clayton and Marc Szarkowski from the MTA Office of Planning will join us to discuss the new BaltimoreLink bus routes and traffic/parking modifications. This discussion will be

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MVBA Meeting space
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the perfect opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns.



Photo via MTA

In addition to the new routes that are being proposed, there will be a bus-only lane traveling on Charles Street between Madison and Oliver Streets as well St. Paul Street between Monument and Redwood Streets. These proposed traffic modifications are 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

THE MOUNT VERNON PLACE CONSERVANCY
Invites the Public to Attend
A Ceremony Commemorating the One Hundredth
Anniversary of the Groundbreaking for a
Statue of the
Marquis de Lafayette



A World War I Commemorative Event

May 16, 2017 • 5:00 pm

Lafayette Statue, Mount Vernon Place

In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place in the Engineers Club



Ceremony Commemorating 100th
Anniversary of Lafayette Statue
Tuesday, May 16th, 5-6pm

Join the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy and numerous dignitaries in the South Square the evening of May 16th for a ceremony commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Groundbreaking for the impressive statue of Lafayette in [Mount Vernon Place](#).

Giant French and American flags raised on [Baltimore City Fire Department](#) trucks will adorn the space, and [Mayor Catherine Pugh](#), Consul General Michel Charbonnier of the French

Embassy, and Col. Robert Dalessandro, the Chairman of the National World War I Centennial Commission, and others, will speak.

Music will be provided by a brass quintet from [The Maryland Defense Force Band MDDE BAND](#), who will perform the American and French national anthems, and after a wreath is presented, both Taps and Aux Morts.

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100 years ago, shortly after the United States entered World War I, a delegation of French dignitaries visited Washington DC to coordinate with American leadership on the war effort. As a symbol of the important friendship between the two nations, the delegation then visited Baltimore to break ground for Mount Vernon Place's new statue of the Marquis de Lafayette, the French military officer who became a hero in the American Revolution.

After the groundbreaking in the East Square, it was thought that Lafayette deserved a more prominent place in Mount Vernon Place. As plans progressed, the statue's site was moved to the South Square, where everyone travelling north on Charles Street would see it silhouetted against the [Washington Monument](#). Carrère & Hastings were hired to redesign all the squares in Mount Vernon Place in the popular City Beautiful style - which is what we see today! The Lafayette statue was dedicated in 1924.

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New MVBA Business Members

MVBA proudly recognizes **Byrnes & Associates Inc** at *516 N Charles St Suite 413*, 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.



Thank you to our Local Business Owners who joined us last month for the MVBA Business Round Table

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 Business Round Table on Wednesday, July 12th from 9-10am located at 12 W. Madison Street (corner of Madison & Morton Streets).

3RD THURSDAYS



Sammy's Trattoria

Thursday, May 18th, 6-8pm

Join us for our monthly Third Thursday Happy Hour event coming up this Thursday, May 18th, 6-8pm at **Sammy's Trattoria** at 1200 North Charles Street. See you there!



It is FINALLY OVER!!! CATHEDRAL STREET is OPEN

Thank you Councilman Costello for your efforts in helping us get through the never ending sinkhole construction.



May is "Clean Your Windows" month!

Make Mount Vernon beautiful again by cleaning your windows and planting some flowers for your neighbors to

enjoy.

Coming Up in June

- MVBA General Meeting on Tuesday, June 20th
- Third Thursday on June 15th at Brew House No.16, located at 831 N Calvert St



As Original As Baltimore





Poets Modern Cocktails & Eats.

Welcome Mount Vernon neighbors! Stroll over and enjoy creative food for breakfast, lunch and dinner—all in our unique, stylish setting!

Try our classic and artisan cocktails, fabulous wine list, and craft beers.

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At Poets, we have many entertaining, popular offerings throughout the week, such as:

- Happy Hour, 4-7 pm
- Free Self-Parking @ Franklin Street Garage
- Wednesday Night, \$1 Sliders
- Thursday Jazz Night, 6-8 pm
- Drag Brunch, 2nd Sunday Monthly

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