



Mount Vernon Belvedere Clarion

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Wow What a Party!

We had a huge and festive crowd at Red Maple on December 12 on hand to celebrate the incredible year that MVBA had in 2006 and more great things to come in 2007. It was standing room only as we were joined by most of the Baltimore City Council including our soon-to-be mayor Sheila Dixon as well as business owners, residents, and institutional representatives including many, many new faces. It was a great night to be a part of Mount Vernon.

Sincere thanks go to Lenard Clark of Red Maple for hosting MVBA this year. Thanks also go to his first class staff who kept the MVBA crowd happy with incredible food and drink. Kudos to MVBA's party organizers Petula Nash, Jack Danna, Charlene Briddell, Brian Coleman and Susan Warren. And to these wonderful businesses and individuals who supplied an overflow of door prizes: Neals Hair Salon, George's Restaurant at the Peabody Court, Marriott Inner Harbor (thanks, Onahlea Shimunek), Fitzgerald Hoskins, Mt. Vernon Stables, Philippa Strydom, Iggie's, Sammy's Trattoria, Minato Restaurant, Donna's, The Peabody Court Hotel, Clarion Atrium Court Hotel and the Sleep Inn in Rockville, Maryland (thank you, Jason Curtis) and BlueHouse in Fells Point.

Sanitation Help

We are in dire need of a Sanitation Committee Chair to bat down a few chronic dumping locations and do weekly reporting to the Office of Sanitation Enforcement. If dumped trash bothers you, this is your chance to do something about it and to have a major impact on the quality of life in Mount Vernon. Contact Jack Danna to volunteer – easy instructions will be provided!

311

The time is now to get on the phone or computer and rack up the 311 calls to bring in much-needed city services to Mount Vernon: street lights out, parking signs missing, broken sidewalks and storm drains, dirty alleys (we can all come up with several of those), dumped garbage, rental buildings without trash cans, properties with broken windows, graffiti or peeling paint and any illegal activity. If we don't call for services, we can count on these resources going to other neighborhoods that do use 311.

Christmas Tree Pick-up

The city will be collecting trees from people's homes on their SECOND collection day of the week, from January 4th – January 27th.

Please join us for the first general meeting of 2007 at the Belvedere Hotel on January 16, beginning at 7:30pm.

Our planned topics of discussion include Historic Tax Credits, mass transit, and Mt. Vernon Place funding. It is hoped that Senator Verna Jones and Catherine Pugh will be able to attend to participate.



To your health in the New Year! Recover from holiday stress.

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Liquor License Committee

The application for a liquor license at Sirs Deli located at St. Paul at Chase has been withdrawn. A specific reason for the withdrawal was not given. Presently, there are no other applications under consideration. *Swj*

2007 Membership Renewals

Renewals for 2007 were mailed in December to all members. Returns of renewals has been brisk. If you have not sent in your renewal, please do so soon. Reminders will be sent out in late January. You can also renew on-line at our new website, www.mvba.org.

The Walters Art Museum

Baltimore—The Walters Art Museum will present a stunning array of Korans from the ninth to the 19th century, highlighting the richness and variety of Islamic culture in **Speaking the Word of God: Illuminated Korans from the Walters Art Museum.**

On view Feb. 3–April 29, 2007, the exhibition will display 22 Korans—Islam’s central religious book. Muslims believe the Koran is the exact record of the words God spoke to the prophet Muhammad (ca. 570–632). For this reason, the Koran can only be written in Arabic.



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