



Mount Vernon Belvedere Clarion

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It's Here! The Official Playground Dedication is Saturday May 5!

Join your neighbors and friends in the festivities as we formally dedicate and celebrate the creation of Mount Vernon's incredible Children's Park on Saturday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m. The party will be happening at the park at Calvert and Madison Streets. MVBA members partnered with businesses, foundations, city agencies and major institutions to design and construct this major new asset for Baltimore city, raising more than \$ 500,000 in contributions to make it happen. Come and enjoy food and fun for all on May 5. (Rain date will be May 6 at 10:00 a.m.) This event has been made possible by a grant from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts and Comcast, with the support of Mayor Sheila Dixon and Governor Martin O'Malley. We appreciate their funding of our Dedication Celebration.

We're Back: The Michael Weems Collection Returns to Flower Mart

Again this year, the Michael Weems Collection is donating thousands of hand-etched glassware items (bowls, vases, stemware, tumblers, etc.) to be sold at 70-90% off retail prices with proceeds going to the Mount Vernon Children's Park. This has been a sell out event for the past few years and promises to be just as fast paced and successful this year. So come early to do graduation, wedding, birthday and holiday gift buying.

School for the Arts Presents Dazzling Show April 21 - 23 – Everyone is Invited

Mount Vernon's own School for the Arts at Cathedral and Madison Streets presents its annual production "Expressions" highlighting the amazing talents of its students – many of whom go on to success on Broadway, in films and television, and in major orchestras. Support this outstanding neighbor and fine institution by attending their

black-tie gala on Saturday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. (\$ 275 per ticket), or the show only on Sunday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. (\$ 15 per ticket, \$ 10 for seniors), or the performance and cocktail and dessert reception on Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. (\$ 60 per ticket). There are so many ways to enjoy this wonderful show, but one thing is for certain, if you experience "Expressions" just once and you will be back year after year – it's THAT good! Don't miss it. Go to www.bsfa.com or call 410-347-3043 for tickets.

Flower Mart...Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for two days to help with the Lemon Stick stand at the Flower Mart. The event is Friday May 4th 2007, and Saturday May 5th 2007. 11:00AM-7:00PM both days. It's a fun event and the Lemon Stick stand is a busy booth., so we will need your help! Please contact Regina Minniss at 410-937-4896 or rminniss@cbmove.com.

Congratulations to Ken Pippin who was honored in January with citations from both Governor Robert Ehrlich and Mayor Martin O'Malley. Citations were awarded to Mr. Pippin as recognition and appreciation for his hard work, support and continued commitment to the improvement and preservation of Mt. Vernon's Historic Belvedere. Ken worked hard with our leadership to protect the Belvedere on the "Fight the Height" issue. Born in Baltimore, the first address of his life was near Eutaw Place in Bolton Hill. His son, Ray and daughter-in-law, Susan, along with granddaughter Gracie, are renovating a townhouse on Calvert Street.

Ken is currently and has served as the President of the Board of Directors of the Belvedere Council of Unit Owners since 2000. In this volunteer position, he, along with the other directors, have worked hard to ac-

The next General Membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 17, at the Belvedere Hotel, starting promptly at 7:30pm. Kristin Speaker, Executive Director of the Charles Street Development Corporation, will be our guest speaker. She will be discussing the proposed trolley car system and other developments along Charles Street.



complish financial stability for the building as well as bring about the improvements that you see taking place on virtually every floor, in the lobby and the exterior of the building. He continues to dedicate countless hours to ensure that the historic 104 year old "Grande Dame" continues to live up to her role as one of Baltimore and Maryland's most elegant and prestigious landmark.

And a Nightingale Sang

By CP Taylor, Directed by Vincent M. Lancisi
 Mar 21—Apr 29, 2007 at The Everyman Theatre
 1727 N. Charles St., Baltimore MD 21201. Website:
 www.everymantheatre.org. Box Office: 410.752.2208.

Sanitation Committee

In case you haven't notice, after a long absence, our sanitation inspector is back in the neighborhood and she's here to keep Mount Vernon/Belvedere Terrace looking good! Here are some reminders for you, and for you to share with your neighbors, to help keep the neighborhood clean and avoid those costly fines:

- * Trashcans can be placed outside for pickup only on Tuesdays & Fridays between 5-9PM
- * All rental buildings are required to have covered trashcans for tenants.
- * Please do not use your neighbors cans or dumpster, individuals can be fined for this.
- * Bulk Trash pick-up, Regular Trash and other sanitation schedules can be obtained through calling 311.

If you are interested in joining the MVBA Sanitation Committee to help further educate our neighbors and address additional sanitation concerns, please email sajela@earthlink.net.

Architectural Review

The committee met on March 27 and discussed the following properties.
 715 St. Paul Street, currently being used as office space, was recently purchased by Tower Hill Development and will be renovated to include extensive work on the front and rear façade.
 514 St. Paul Street, also another property that will have extensive renovations to the front façade, that has been altered significantly through the years from the original design.

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Midtown Benefits District

Early results from the new “Billy Goats” that Midtown recently purchased for cleaning sidewalks throughout the District, have been successful. In the past, Midtown could only clean most sidewalks only once a week. But with the new machines, so far Midtown has been able to clean all the sidewalks throughout the District at least three times a week.

At Midtown’s Spring Townhall Meeting on March 21st, the proposed FY2008 budget was presented and accepted by all present. The budget was then approved by the Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled board meeting on April 4. The budget will now be presented to the City’s Board of Estimates for final approval.

Recycling Reminder:

Paper goes out at the same location and on the same nights as your garbage. Flatten and tie boxes with twine, put newspapers in paper bags or stack and tie with twine. Bottles and cans go into blue grocery bags only. Place bags in front of your property on the second and fourth Monday before 7 AM.

Discover Decorative Arts From the Ottoman Empire The Walters presents exceptional embroidered textiles, glazed pottery and metalwork

Baltimore—The Walters Art Museum will offer a selection of its 18th- and 19th-century decorative arts from the Ottoman Empire—the borders of which once stretched over Asia Minor, the Balkans, North Africa and other regions—in “Ottoman Embroideries & Other Ornament.” From May 5 to Sept. 9, visitors can see Ottoman objects, including embroidered textiles, glazed pottery and metalwork, most of which have not been on view in the past three decades.

For information, call 410-547-9000, ext 305 or visit the web site at www.thewalters.org/eventscalendar/

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Thanks to those listed below who have generously contributed to MVBA’s Endowment Fund known as the John Eager Howard Society. The fund is intended to provide financial resources for the Association in the future through the use of the interest earned on the fund. The principal of the fund cannot be accessed by the Association. If you would like to join, contact any Board member of the Association. Membership includes lifetime membership in MVBA.

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Historic Mt. Vernon/Belvedere

FLOWER MART RETURNS!

Friday May 4th 2007, and Saturday May 5th
2007. 11:00AM-7:00PM

Paper Recycling schedule:

Every Tuesday & Friday after 7pm

Bottle Recycling schedule:

April 9 & 23

May 14 only (May 28 Holiday)

