



Mount Vernon Belvedere Clarion

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There is no general meeting in December. Instead, the Association hosted its annual holiday party at Sasha's on December 12th. Our thanks to Sasha's, Petula Nash and all the other individuals that helped make the party a success. At the well attended party, numerous awards were given to individuals who have put significant time and effort into the community during the past year. See article below.

The next general meeting will be held at the Belvedere Hotel, on January 15, beginning promptly at 7:30pm.

Development News

Renovation at 101 West Read (The Medical Arts Building) is underway! The owner, Somerset Development, has hired Struever Brothers as their contractor. They have moved in and set this major development project in motion. It will bring 95 new rental units to Mount Vernon, and much more foot traffic in a area of the community that could use it. The developers of this project have agreed to a long-term lease of parking spaces nearby to accommodate their residents.

MVBA Selects 2007 Historic Mount Vernon Award Winners

The MVBA Board was pleased to present 2007 Historic Mount Vernon Awards to the following individuals and businesses at the MVBA Holiday Party on December 12: Bill Hazelhurst, developer of the Printers Square Apartments at Mount Royal and Guilford, Steve Shen, one of Mount Vernon's representatives to the Midtown Community Benefits District and chair of our Architectural Review Committee who has been working almost full time on community issues during the past year, Jamie Kendrick and his colleagues at the city's Transportation Department for their responsiveness to community input on the Charles Street streetscape design, and to Craig Strydom, Drayton Foltz, Chris Regan and the owners of Read Street Books for the anti-crime initiatives they have lead on the west side of the neighborhood.



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Architectural Review Committee Lauded

Also recognized at the Holiday Party for their enormous investment of time and expertise on behalf of the community were the dozen members of the MVBA Architectural Review Committee. With so much development and renovation happening in Mount Vernon, their meetings have been known to run as long as six hours at a time, they have had to schedule multiple meetings some months to keep up with their responsibilities and they often take time from their regular jobs to meet with property owners about particular projects. The ARC members expend much time and effort making certain that all major projects and exterior work in Mount Vernon is of the highest quality and in keeping with the neighborhood's historic character. They are frequently in the middle of very controversial discussions and decisions, but they have earned the respect of the property owners they work with as well as the city's architectural preservation commission. We are grateful for their service to Mount Vernon.

Warren Given Community Service Award

MVBA congratulates its Vice President Paul Warren who was honored at a December 15 Prayer Breakfast hosted by Delegate Shawn Tarrant and Mayor Sheila Dixon. Warren was presented with a Citation of Recognition for his commitment to the city and its residents.

Holiday Shopping in Mount Vernon

Put on your walking shoes, wrap yourself in holiday spirit and get ready to do all of your shopping right in your own neighborhood! Visit these great MVBA members for gifts:

Gian Marco Menswear (forget Nordstrom and Brooks Brothers, *this* is the place for gorgeous menswear in Baltimore), Sandarac Gallery (220 W. Read), Drusilla's Books at 817 N. Howard (exquisite editions on all subjects including Maryland and Baltimore, and beautiful children's selections), Imperial Half Bushel at 831 N. Howard (fabulous and incredibly affordable antique silver), Beadazzled (make your own unique gifts), Spirits of Mount Vernon (everyone enjoys a great bottle of wine), the Meredith Gallery at 805 N. Charles, Love Allie Boutique at 10 E. Preston Street, Irokyo Gallery at 224 W. Read, and the gift shops of the Walters, the Maryland Historical Society, and the BSO. Plus all of our restaurants, hotels and B&B's will gladly provide gift certificates: Treat yourself or a friend to the gift of fitness at MV Fitness (opening in January 2008) or True Balance Studio at 1021 Cathedral. Followed by a massage at Neal's on Park Avenue or Water Spirit Wellness Center at 211 E. Mount Royal, or acupuncture at Ancient Arts Acupuncture located above Brewer's Art. The stronger our businesses are, the stronger our community will be. Spend your holiday dollars here!

Starting January 8, 2008, "Single Stream" re-cycling starts.

Set out all mixed paper and bottles and cans every Tuesday and Friday 5pm-7pm, the same time as your regular trash each week. Recycling materials should be set out in front of house. Your regular trash goes in the same location as it did previously.

Recyclables are:

- * Metal (Aluminum, tin, and steel food and beverage containers)
- * Plastic (Bottles and jars with 1 – 7 on the bottom)
- * Glass (Bottles and jars)
- * Mixed Paper (All colors, mail, books, newsprint, folders, magazines, cardboard, cereal boxes, office and school paper)

ONLY the items above are acceptable!
For example: Do not put items such as window glass, used food containers, waxed boxes, or aluminum foil into your recycling container.

Do not use plastic bags for your recyclables. Plastic bags are no longer acceptable. 3 options: 1). purchase and use a recycling bin; 2). use a container of choice that is clearly marked as recycling material; 3). use a cardboard box.

New Board Members for 2008

At the November general meeting, as there were no contested positions for board members, those present voted to accept the slate of candidates as the new board members for 2008. New members will take their seat at the board of directors meeting in January, 2008.

New members as follows:

President: Jason Curtis

Corresponding Secretary: Robert Beachy

Director (3yr): David Wiesand

Director (3yr): Ernest Liotti

Director (2yr remaining): Kendra Whitlock Ingram

Director (1yr remaining): Barbara Jean Gilbert

Liquor issues

Presently, the only active liquor issues in play is the convenience store at 815 St. Paul, who would like to obtain a license to sell beer, wine, and alcohol; and in addition, El Patron, located at 801 N. Charles Street is seeking permission to have live entertainment. At present, the community is objecting to both applications. Hearings for the above applicants is scheduled to be heard on January 3rd, 2008, at City Hall, Room 215, on the 3:00pm docket.

311 and the Mount Vernon Place Parks

Please remember that the Mount Vernon Place parks are officially closed at dusk. If you see sleeping or loitering in the park after dark or any inappropriate activity during the day, please call 311 immediately.



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Appointed Member:

Bill Oelke, Walters Art Museum

Ex-officio Members

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Mary Ann Henderson
Jason Curtis

Historic Mt. Vernon/Belvedere

NEW TRASH PICKUP HOURS

**Tuesday and Friday 4:30-6:30pm:
Trash(in covered cans) and paper
recyclables.**

**2nd and 4th Mondays by 7am
(barring holidays): Plastics and
glass in separate bags.**

**Watch for New Recycling Program
in January!**

Paper Recycling schedule:

Every Tuesday & Friday after 4:30pm-6:30pm

Bottle Recycling schedule:

2nd & 4th Mondays, by 7am. Glass & Plastic
in separate bags

