



Mount Vernon Belvedere Clarion

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The next general membership meeting will be April 21st at the Belvedere Condominiums, lobby level. Meetings begin promptly at 7:30 pm and all are welcome to attend.

Mount Vernon Business News

Congratulations to Indigma Restaurant at 802 N. Charles Street for the glowing review in April's Urbanite Magazine. Indigma is one of the most spectacular hidden gems of Mount Vernon with a loyal and passionate clientele, but a very low profile. The Urbanite's review notes the "romantic dining room and creative fusion menu that includes flavors comforting to Western palates." Try their \$ 9.95 lunch special or \$ 16.95 dinner of Indian tapas to experience their exquisite and affordable cuisine.

The results are in at MV Fitness. Some folks are losing 20 lbs. in each session of MV's Fitness Club programs. A new four-week session starts on May 5 and non-club members are welcome to sign up.

www.mvfit.com 410-878-2990

Watch for the re-opening of Mount Vernon's beloved Howard's Delly on Cathedral Street. After much cleaning and remodeling, the new owner plans to be open 7 days a week serving breakfast and lunch, with perhaps a basic breakfast buffet on Sundays.

Check out the new look inside City Café. Renovations have given this favorite meeting place a fresh new look with new paint and new display cases, among the changes. New flooring is on its way.

One of our oldest businesses, and most supportive members, is the Odorite Company at 1111 Maryland Avenue. Despite the industrial sounding name, Odorite is THE place for any kind of cleaning tools (brooms and mops), appliances (vacuums and carpet steamers) and supplies at bargain prices. Their stock will surprise anyone who has never set foot in this terrific shop and they are happy to serve individuals as well as their many corporate customers throughout the region.

And, don't forget rug cleaning and repairing as part of your Spring Cleaning. Dulk-erian's Rugs, which has operated in Mount Vernon since 1921, are experts with oriental carpets. They also buy and sell antique carpets and they are some of the nicest people you'll ever meet. Check them out at 919 N. Calvert Street.

We are pleased to welcome Marie Louise Bistro at 902 N. Charles Street (the old Gampy's building) as a new MVBA member. The pastry selection alone will bring you back again and again to Mount Vernon's one and only French restaurant, but don't stop at pastries. The Sunday brunch and breakfast, lunch and dinner offerings are excellent, too.

And thanks to MVBA members Indigma, Neal's, City Café, MV Fitness, Minato, the Peabody Court Hotel, Truffles Catering/The Owl Bar, Center Stage, the Baltimore Symphony, the Maryland Historical Society, and the Walters for their super support of the annual silent auction at Grace and St. Peter's School at 707 Park Avenue. Thanks also to MVBA members Jason Curtis and Onahlea Shimunek for making generous contributions to the auction from Marriott Spring-hill Suites and the Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards. Grace and St. Peter's is Mount Vernon's only elementary school and has been irreplaceable resource for Mount Vernon families – as well as many underprivileged children throughout the city-- for over 60 years.

Historic District Sign Project

Thank you to MVBA members David Weisand, Ralph Barlatier and Daniel and Sandra Thomas for their generous contributions to the Mount Vernon Historic District Sign Project. These contributions and those of many other members, along with a matching grant from the Baltimore City Heritage Area Authority, will allow us to place Historic District signs at every corner throughout our CHAP district. The signs should be installed next month. While marking historic districts is done in most cities



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**March/April is member-
ship renewal time!
MVBA hopes you will
renew your membership
soon. Look for your
membership renewal to
arrive by mail. You
may also renew on-line
at www.mvba.org.**