

Consider the 2 photos I am posting here.

First, spending legislation that the city council will consider when it meets on 3/27/24. It is a request by Mayor Patterson-Howard, for city residents to cover the cost of her attendance at an event at the Boca Lago Golf & Country Club, in Boca Raton, Florida, called “Mount Vernon Day Celebration”.

\$100 for registration, \$1,500 in total.

Second, see the flyer for this event that came along with the request. Here are some the places where the mayor may be conducting important city business at this heady event:

- During the Cigar Party
- On the golf course
- Over the delicious BBQ
- While enjoying Cocktails on the Terrace
- In the pool (“feel free to bring your swimsuit”)

Note that City Council President Cathlin Gleason is on the Mount Vernon Day 2023 “Committee”. My guess is she will not be submitting a request for taxpayers to cover the cost of her attendance. Maybe her costs are covered since she is on the “Committee”. Who knows? Frankly, I don’t care; this is “Through the Looking-Glass” bizarro land.

Straight up, this nothing more than an elaborate “high school reunion”. That’s great. If you are into that sort of stuff, have at it. But to ask taxpayers to cover the cost shows a breathtaking lack of judgement.

Even if the city was flush with cash, this would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer money, full stop. But the city is far from flush with cash. Last fall, at the 9/14/23 meeting of the Industrial Development Agency, the mayor said the city is in a “very precarious financial situation”. At that same meeting Comptroller Morton said the city must be “very prudent, and very cautious” with our finances because the situation is so tenuous.

I wish this was an April Fool’s Day gag, but sadly, I don’t think it is.

Perhaps this is staged to give the appearance that the City Council is not simply a “rubber stamp” for this mayor’s reckless **tax-and-spend** agenda? But I don’t think so. I don’t think anything that conspiratorial is going on here. In fact, my prediction is the city council will not approve this spending.

What’s most likely is that this mayor simply lacks good judgement when it comes to spending taxpayer money. Considering her behavior, that makes the most sense. This is just another horrible decision that fits along a continuum of horrible decisions.



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MALCOLM CLARK
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March 18, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Mount Vernon
One Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Dear Honorable Council members,

This letter comes as a request to the City Council for the enactment of legislation authorizing the Mayor to attend the Annual 2024 Mount Vernon Day celebration on April 8th. This meeting will be held in Boca Raton, Florida.

The cost to register shall not exceed \$100. The entire trip including transportation, incidentals, registration fees and hotel should not exceed \$1,500. (One thousand five hundred dollars).

The cost of the travel and hotel fee will be expensed from budget A 1210.402 – Travel

In Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Shawyn Patterson-Howard".

Shawyn Patterson-Howard, MPA
Mayor

You're Invited To:

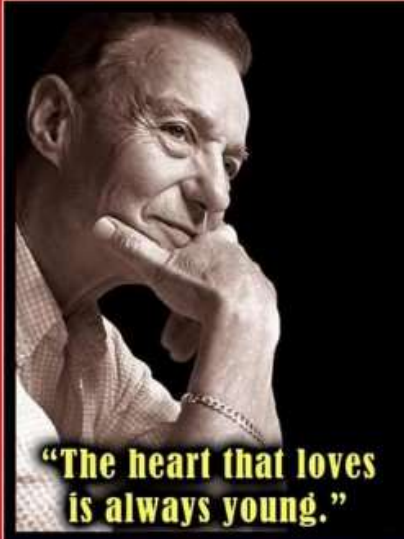
MOUNT VERNON DAY 2024



at Boca Lago Golf & Country Club

Monday, April 8, 2024

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Dear Current and Former Mount Vernonites,

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Mount Vernon Day 2024! We cordially invite you to join us for a spectacular day of festivities, including a delicious BBQ, golf options, a cigar party and cocktails on the terrace. Please come dressed casually and feel free to bring your swimsuit. To ensure you are seated with your desired group, kindly provide us with the names of the individuals in the designated space below by MARCH 8, 2024. Our shared love for the beautiful 4.2 square mile city of Mount Vernon, NY, unites us all. We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition and celebrating our city together. May God Bless You!

Warm Regards,

Bill Prattella

**Dr. William C. Prattella,
Chairman**

COMMITTEE:

Margaret Anne Cavalluzzi
Liz Daniello
Bruce Fabricant
Ralph Fatigate
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- BBQ Chicken
- Ribs
- Sausage and Peppers
- Coffee, Soda, and Tea included!
- Corn on the Cob
- French Fries
- Tossed Salad
- Potato Salad
- Coleslaw
- Sweets Table

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Group Rate - Code MTV408

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(845-216-4370) AT BOCA LAGO GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, 8665 JUEGO WAY, BOCA RATON, FL, 33433

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Names of Individuals Sitting at your Table: _____

CIRCLE

LUNCH ONLY (\$70 pp)

LUNCH & GOLF (\$130 pp)

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