

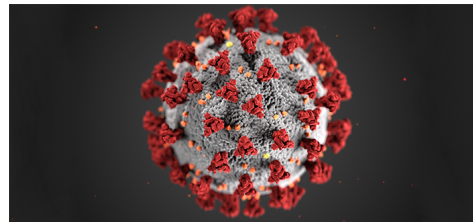


## No General Meeting in August

As a reminder, there is no MVBA General Meeting in August. Please join us on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30pm for our next MVBA General Meeting. The September 15th meeting will be held remotely via Zoom, and the details regarding this general meeting will be posted in the September 2020 Newsletter.

And as always, our general meetings are free and open to the public, members and non-members alike. Please join us to discuss important issues and events related to our Mount Vernon community.

Please reach out to us with any questions. The email directory is available at the bottom of the newsletter.



## Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Baltimore City continues to deal with the impact of COVID-19. As of August 11th, Baltimore City has 12,705 COVID-19 cases and 400 deaths. For health resources on COVID-19, the City, State and Federal Government all have information on their websites:

- [Baltimore City Health Department](#)
- [Maryland Department of Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

As mentioned over the last few months, Baltimore City has launched an **online COVID-19 Dashboard** to see the number of COVID-19 cases, with breakdowns by race, zip code, age, gender and number of cases over time. Be sure to check it out, if not already done so.

To learn more about COVID-19 from the above-listed agencies, check out the websites via the links provided above. Information continues to change on a frequent basis, so please continuously visit these websites--lots of valuable information!

Additionally, please check out our **MVBA Facebook page** for information.

**Wishes of good health to everyone!**



### Supporting Local Businesses Now

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It continues to be important to support our local businesses. Whether it's buying groceries, prepared foods, wine/beer/liquor, toiletries, cleaning products, clothing----and even masks, **show your support by purchasing items locally**. Be sure to call the store and/or visit their website beforehand. And some stores even deliver!

Keep giving some **LOVE** to our Mount Vernon businesses!

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### MVBA Membership Renewals Due

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**As a reminder, annual MVBA membership renewals are due by September 1st.** Be certain to ensure that your membership is current along with your contact (and other) information in Wild Apricot.

Folks, encourage your neighbors and other businesses in Mount Vernon to become members of MVBA. It is only \$20 for Individuals and \$50 for Businesses, per year, to become a member. We welcome all residents and businesses in the neighborhood to join MVBA by clicking [HERE](#). If you have any questions on membership, please reach out to our Membership Committee Chair, Julie Canard at [membership@mvba.org](mailto:membership@mvba.org).



### Residential Permit Parking Enforcement

#### Resumes on Tuesday, September 1st

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The Baltimore City Department of Transportation will resume parking enforcement of Residential Permit Parking on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Parking enforcement of parking meters resumed on July 13, 2020, prompting many drivers to park in nearby residential areas. This has created problems for residents trying to find available parking close to their

home. If you do not have a permit on your vehicle, you will be subject to receiving a citation (ticket).

**If you have a blue or yellow decal, visitor permit(s), or any temporary permit with a 2020 expiration date, there is no action required.** These permits will continue to be honored until further notice, even if they are expired.

**Residents who live at an eligible RPP address can apply online immediately**  
at [pabc.thepermitstore.com](https://pabc.thepermitstore.com) for a new permit if you meet one of the following criteria:

- You are a new RPP customer who has not been able to purchase a permit due to the COVID-19 closure of PABC offices.
- You are an existing customer who has purchased a new vehicle or has new plates.
- You are an existing customer who moved from one RPP area to another. If you moved within the same RPP area, you may continue to use the decal and visitor permit(s) you already have.

**Residents who qualify can apply immediately online at [pabc.thepermitstore.com](https://pabc.thepermitstore.com) to have a permit mailed to them.** The online application will allow residents to upload the required documents that are usually verified in person at the Parking Authority Office or at a Community Pickup. A Parking Authority team member will verify the documents online and mail residents their permits.

**As of August 10th, the Parking Authority Office, located at 200 W. Lombard Street, is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.** Extended late-night hours and Saturday hours will not be available. The office will be open for residents who do not have online access or experience problems with the website.

For the safety of the Parking Authority employees and customers, the office will open with the following restrictions:

- *There will be a maximum of five customers allowed in the office at a time. Please form a line outside along the wall until you are called to come in.*
- *A mask or face covering must be worn at all times.*
- *A health screening will be required in the Arena Garage lobby closest to our office main entrance before you may enter the PABC office. If you do not pass the health screening, entry will be denied.*
- *Hand sanitizer will be available. Please use some when you enter.*
- *Please do not walk up to any employee desk. Please have a seat and wait to be called, as employees must wipe down surfaces between each customer.*
- *This information will also be posted on our [website](#). If you have any questions about address eligibility, the online application, or our reopening procedures, please contact us at (443) 573-2800 or email [rpp@bcparking.com](mailto:rpp@bcparking.com).*

You can reach Parking Authority Team Members during regular office hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm). Please call 443-573-2800 or email [RPP@bcparking.com](mailto:RPP@bcparking.com). Information can also be found on their website at [parking.baltimorecity.gov](https://parking.baltimorecity.gov).



Accepting Candidate Nominations for Board Positions - Directors

We are currently accepting nominations for two (2) Director seats for serving a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Following is a list of responsibilities for the Director position:

The purpose and function of the Board of Directors of the Association shall be to provide advice and consent to the President in the day-to-day management of the Association's affairs.

**Additional Responsibilities include:**

- *Meeting and acting as a board and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of meetings and management of the Association as are deemed proper, not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association.*
- *Participate in the planning of the meetings of the Association and to prepare recommendations for the membership.*
- *Approve the expenditures funds by the officers of the Association and to approve and adopt a budget for the Association each year.*
- *Receive an annual statement of income and expense and provide for its audit.*
- *Act on behalf of the issue(s) at a general meeting of the full membership.*
- *Execute such additional duties as may be required by the bylaws, as amended from time to time.*

**Time Commitment for Position:** 10+ hours per week

Elected board members must be members in good standing who are eligible to vote and shall be a property owner, business owner, and/or tenant within the boundaries of the Association who have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the community through an existing track record of service on Committees, by volunteering, and/or by improvement of properties in the community.

All board members are expected to act as a Chair/Co-Chair of a MVBA Committee. Additionally, all board members must disclose potential and real conflicts of interest to the Board and recuse themselves, if appropriate.

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*If you're interested in one of the Director positions, please complete a short questionnaire at <http://mvba.org/election2020/> and upload a resume with your experience demonstrating how you would be a good candidate for one of the Director seats. You'll hear from the Nominations Committee by early September regarding your interest as well as any follow-up questions.*

*The Board's slate for the elected positions will be selected in early September. The candidates will be given a few minutes to speak and present themselves at the September 15th General Membership Meeting as well as at the November 17th General Membership Meeting & Election.*



- The next City Council Meeting is **Monday, August 17th**; all [Council Hearings](#) continue to be held virtually. You can tune into the City Council meeting at 5:00PM [online](#) or on CharmTV (Channel 25/1085HD). A list of [all of the hearings can be viewed here](#).
- The Board of Estimates continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays--also meeting virtually. It can be viewed on [CharmTV](#).



### Tree Wells & Sidewalks | Clean-Up Weeds

The tree wells and sidewalks throughout the community are still looking wild with highly grown weeds. Please, please clean up the tree wells and sidewalks in front of your properties. After all, it is your responsibility.

Do your part to get our community looking good----we really need everyone's help on these efforts!



### Construction Starts on Latrobe Building

Great news! The Latrobe Building at 2 East Read Street has officially commenced construction.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out to

Jen Webber at [Jennifer@ashnyc.com](mailto:Jennifer@ashnyc.com).

Announcements will be posted regularly to the Mt. Vernon Neighbors Facebook group and also on Instagram at Latrobe\_Baltimore.



Check out the message below from the **Merritt Athletic Downtown Club**, located at **210 E.**

**Centre Street:**

We know stress levels have been at an all-time high because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your health and fitness is very important as you begin to adjust to a new 'norm'. Merritt Clubs is here for you, providing a safe place for you to feel comfortable to workout. We have worked with state and local health officials to ensure our clubs are observing all guidelines. Click [here](#) to see all of the changes we have made at our Downtown location. We invite you to come see for yourself. Click [here](#) to come try the club free.

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### Reminder to all Mount Vernon Residents on Unpermitted Work

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Please photograph and report any unusual construction or demolition activity to [stewardship@mvba.org](mailto:stewardship@mvba.org) as soon as you witness it, and all reports will be kept confidential.



As shown below, vinyl window replacement is not permitted; wooden window replacement is required given that Mount Vernon is a historic district.







## MIDTOWN BALTIMORE

Keeping Midtown Clean, Green & Safe

### Midtown Fall Town Hall (Virtual Meeting)

Save the Date! Thursday, October 22nd | 6:30pm

Tune in to learn what Midtown has accomplished and what new initiatives they're launching in the coming year to make them more visible and more valuable to their constituents. *Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Town Hall will be held virtually.*

They'll be sharing on-going updates about this event over the next few weeks so please stay tuned to their [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for the most up-to-date information. Definitely check out their new website!



### Homelessness, Panhandling & Loitering

Officials at the Mayor's Office of Human Services would like our help tracking incidents of homelessness, panhandling and/or loitering, as mentioned previously. By sending a quick email to the following email address:

[homelessoutreach@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:homelessoutreach@baltimorecity.gov) regarding your experiences with homelessness, panhandling and/or loitering, it gives officials an opportunity to track these incidents and begin outreach with the individuals, as necessary. Of course, please call 911 if there is an emergency.



### Coming Up in September

- Tuesday, September 15th General Meeting

*Enjoy the rest of your summer!*

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