



HAPPY HOLIDAYS, MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No General Meeting in December

As a reminder, there is no General Meeting in December. Also, we will not be holding our annual MVBA Holiday Party due to the pandemic as mentioned at our November 17th General Meeting.

Please join us on **Tuesday, January 19th at 7:30pm** for our first 2021 MVBA General Meeting.

The January 19th meeting will be held remotely via Zoom, and the details regarding this general meeting will be posted in the January 2021 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.



Welcome New Mayor Brandon Scott

On December 8th, Brandon M. Scott was inaugurated as the 52nd Mayor of Baltimore City.

Below is information provided on Mr. Scott via the Baltimore City website (baltimorecity.gov):

Brandon M. Scott is the 52nd Mayor of Baltimore, working to end gun violence, restore the public's trust in government and change Baltimore for the better.

Scott was unanimously elected President of the Baltimore City Council by his colleagues in May 2019. As Council President, Scott developed and released the first-ever City Council President legislative agenda, focused on building safer, stronger communities, cleaning up city government, investing in Baltimore's young people, and centering equity. Previously, Scott served on the City Council representing Baltimore's 2nd District. He was first elected in 2011 at the age of 27 and is one of the youngest people ever elected to the Baltimore City Council.

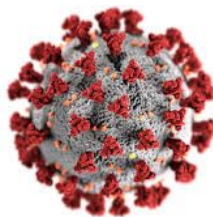
During his first term, Scott emerged as a leading voice in reducing violence in Baltimore and reinstated Council Oversight of the Baltimore Police Department by holding quarterly hearings. He believes that reducing violence will require a holistic, all-hands-on-deck approach, one that recognizes violence is fundamentally a public health issue. Scott led legislative initiatives that created extensive crime data sharing and online reporting of crimes by the Baltimore Police Department. In 2016, Scott introduced and passed legislation creating an open data policy in Baltimore.

In early 2018, then-Councilman Scott introduced and passed monumental legislation on equity in Baltimore. His equity assessment program law will require all city agencies to operate through a lens of equity and require all operating budgets, capital budgets and proposed legislation to be weighed through an equity lens. That legislation is in the early stages of implementation.

Mayor Scott is a rising star in politics. He was a member of the Young Elected Officials Network and served as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for YEO's America's Cabinet. He also served as the Chair of the National League of Cities' Large Cities Council.

Mayor Scott is a community leader, public servant and lifelong resident of Baltimore City. A proud Baltimorean, Scott is a graduate of MERVO High School and St. Mary's College of Maryland. He lives in Baltimore's Frankford neighborhood in Northeast Baltimore.

Congratulations Mayor Scott!



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Baltimore City continues to deal with the impact of COVID-19. As of December 14th, Baltimore City has 28,267 COVID-19 cases and 576 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 a reminder, Baltimore City has updated their [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 as well as much more information on COVID-19. Be sure to check out this updated dashboard!

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.

Continued wishes of good health to everyone!



Mayor Scott's New Executive Order

Effective Since December 11th

Mayor Brandon Scott announced a new executive order effective December 11th at 5pm. Under the executive order, the following restrictions are in place:

Gatherings: Indoor gatherings at public and private facilities will be limited to no more than 10 persons.

Outdoor gatherings at public and private facilities will be limited to no more than 25 persons. Sports gatherings at Recreation & Parks are prohibited.

Religious Facilities: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy.

Retail Establishments and Malls: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy. Businesses with a BD7 or D tavern license and with a separate packaged goods section can keep that section open at 25% of maximum capacity.

Indoor Recreational Establishments: Closed including adult entertainment venues and clubs and the non-retail activities at Hookah and Cigar establishments.

Outdoor Recreational Establishments: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy.

Foodservice Establishments: Closed to indoor & outdoor dining. This includes bars, restaurants, nightclubs, breweries, and tour boat dining. ***Carry-out, delivery and drive-through service may continue.*** Businesses with a BD7 or D tavern license and with a separate packaged goods section can keep that section open at 25% of maximum capacity.

Fitness Centers: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy, that is limited to individual fitness only; ***group-fitness activities prohibited.***

Casinos: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy. Open for gaming only; food and beverage services prohibited.

Personal Services: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy. Staff must wear face coverings at all times while indoors. Services must be provided on an appointment-only basis, and a log must be kept of names of customers, staff providing services, and other residents who enter the shop.

Libraries: May continue to operate with curbside pickup service.

Museums, Zoos, Aquariums: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy.

Theaters and Outdoor Entertainment Venues: Closed.

Live Performances: Prohibited.

As previously announced by the Mayor and Health Commissioner, the City's Health Order **requires residents to wear face-coverings.**

For more information on this executive order, please [click here](#).



MVBA General Election 2020 Results

Following the November 17th General Election, below are the elected candidates for the two open Director seats serving a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2021:

- Director 1 | Marjil Casso
- Director 2 | Angie Jackiewicz

Congratulations to Marjil and Angie on their Director appointments!



Shop Locally for Holiday Gifts

As we weather through this challenging year, please continue to support your local businesses---

shop locally for holiday gifts this year! Whether it's buying groceries, prepared foods, wine/beer/liquor, toiletries, cleaning products, clothing----and even masks, **show your support by purchasing items locally.**

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

Encourage MVBA Membership

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.



Baltimore City Council & Service Updates

- The first 2021 City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11th. Please note that all council hearings continue to be held virtually at this time. You can tune into the City Council meetings [online](#) or on CharmTV (Channel 25/1085HD). A list of [all of the hearings can be viewed here](#).

Additionally, following is information on recycling collection.

- **DPW has suspended recycling collection indefinitely at this time.** There are [14 collection sites](#) (one in each council district) where you can take your recyclables that will be open Mondays|Wednesdays|Fridays from 7am-3pm, Tuesdays|Thursdays from 7am-6pm and Saturday from 8am-2pm. [Click here](#) for a map and list of locations along with hours of the City's Convenience Drop-Off Centers where you can also drop off your recycling. ***Trash collections are continuing as regularly scheduled.***



Residential Permit Parking Enforcement

Still No Changes at this time!

As mentioned before, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation resumed parking enforcement of Residential Permit Parking on Tuesday, September 1st.

Parking enforcement of parking meters resumed on July 13th, 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 still 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.thepermitsstore.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 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.

The Parking Authority Office, located at 200 W. Lombard Street, is now 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 their [website](#). If you have any questions about address eligibility, the online application, or their reopening procedures, please contact them at (443) 573-2800 or email rpp@bcparking.com.



Reminder to all Mount Vernon Residents on Unpermitted Work

Please photograph and report any unusual construction or demolition activity to stewardship@myba.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.



Winter Weather Reminders from Baltimore City

With winter weather now approaching, Baltimore City reminds everyone of the following:

- **Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalk in front of your house.**
Per City Code, snow removal is required within 3 hours after the end of a snow or ice event unless the snowfall stops between 3pm-6am, in which case snow must be removed by 11am. Failure to shovel the snow from the sidewalk in front of your property can result in fines from the City.
- BPD reminds you not start your car and go back inside to let it warm up. It's against the law to leave your car running with no one inside, which can result in a fine, and it increases potential for robbery. BPD also reminds everyone not to leave anything in your car and to make sure that it is locked.
- DPW reminds you that on days/nights where the temperatures are to drop below freezing to have your faucet on the lowest level on a drip to prevent pipes from freezing.

Stay safe and warm this winter season!



Homelessness, Panhandling & Loitering

Officials at the Mayor's Office of Human Services (MOHS) 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 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 January

- Next MVBA General Meeting | January 19th | 7:30pm

Again, Happy Holidays Everyone!
Wishing you all a joyous, safe and peaceful holiday!



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