



NEWSLETTER

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## No General Meeting in February

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As a reminder, there is **no** MVBA General Meeting in February.

Our next MVBA General Meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 19th** beginning at 7:30pm at the Westminster House located at 524 N. Charles Street. At the March General Meeting, we will be joined by our new District 40 State Delegate, Melissa Wells to discuss her new role and her plans for 2019. We'll also be joined by Larry Nunley, DPW Community Liaison to discuss water-related issues and answer any questions. More details on the March 19th meeting will be announced in the March Newsletter.

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.

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## New MVBA Business Members

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Each month, we will be recognizing businesses that join MVBA membership.

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 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).

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## Baltimore City Council Legislative Updates

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Below are the more recent legislative updates by Baltimore City Council as mentioned last month:

- Council President Jack Young introduced the [Water Accountability and Equity Act](#). This important bill has two parts: 1) the **Water-for-All Discount Program** which will provide credits to cap water bills of

low-income households at a level they can afford to pay based on their income and 2) the **Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals** which will provide a fair, neutral and accountable process for all customers to resolve their water billing problems.

Hearings on this bill will be held in 2019.

- The next Council Meeting is **Monday, February 25th**. [Click Here](#) for the calendar for all upcoming Council Meetings and Hearings. All hearings and council meetings are open to the public. You'll need a photo id to enter City Hall.

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## Meet & Greet | Police Commissioner Michael S. Harrison

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If you were unable to attend the Meet & Greet of the new Police Commissioner, Michael S. Harrison at the Central District meeting held on February 12th, [click here](#) for a recording of that meeting.

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## Homelessness, Panhandling & Loitering

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Officials at the Mayor's Office of Human Services would like our help tracking incidents of homelessness, panhandling and/or loitering. By sending a quick email to the following email address: **[homelessoutreach@baltimore.gov](mailto:homelessoutreach@baltimore.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.



Winter Weather Reminders  
from Baltimore City

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In the midst of winter weather, Baltimore City reminds everyone of the following:

- ***Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalk in front of your house.***

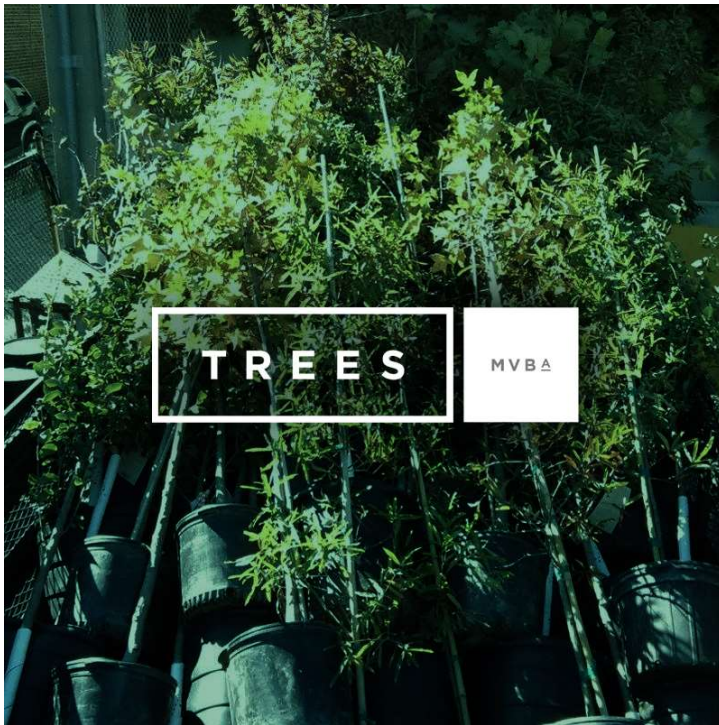
Per City Code, snow removal is required within 3 hours after the end of a snow or ice event unless the snowfall stops between 3pm-6am, in which case snow must be removed by 11am. Failure to shovel the snow from the sidewalk in front of your property can result in fines from the City.

- 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!*







## MVBA Winter Tree Pruning

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Saturday, March 2nd | 9am-1pm

Meet-Up Location | NW Corner of Charles & Madison Streets

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Join us in pruning trees around the neighborhood on March 2nd. We'll meet at the northwest corner of Charles & Madison Streets (near Dooby's) at 9am and wrap up at around 1pm for lunch afterwards (lunch location to be determined).

This is a rain-or-shine event, so please dress for the weather. Wear closed-toe shoes, and bring work gloves if you have them. We recommend bringing a water bottle and sunscreen.

For more information about MVBA tree events, visit

[Eventbrite](#).





## 64th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

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Sunday, March 10th | 2pm

Mount Vernon Place

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Before you know it, it will be leprechaun day in Mount Vernon.

The kick off to the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, begins in

Mount Vernon Place and heads South along Charles Street

until it ends at the Inner Harbor.



## Mount Vernon Place Conservancy

### Flower Mart 2019 & Call for Local Vendors

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Is it too early to be thinking about Spring? The Mount Vernon Place Conservancy doesn't think so--as it's already gearing up for Flower Mart 2019 being held on Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th at Mount Vernon Place. This year's event is being re-envisioned to focus on flowers and plants as well as educational activities supporting the greening of the city. They are continuing to look for local-based vendors for food, music, and arts and crafts that celebrate plants, flowers, and of course, Mount Vernon Place! If you are interested in participating as a vendor, [click here](#) for the application.

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### Information on Penn Station

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To learn more on the Penn Station project as well as give your thoughts and/or ideas on the project, visit [baltimorepennstation.com](http://baltimorepennstation.com) as discussed at our January MVBA General Meeting.

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### Coming Up in March

- **MVBA Tree Pruning**

Saturday, March 2nd | 9am-1pm



- **64th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Sunday, March 10th | 2pm

- **MVBA March General Meeting**

Tuesday, March 19th | 7:30pm

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