

MVBA Newsletter | February 2021

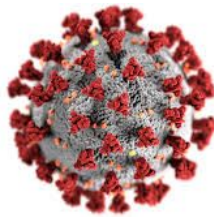


No General Meeting in February

As a reminder, there is no general meeting in February. Please join us on **Tuesday, March 16th** at **7:30pm** for our next MVBA General Meeting. The March 16th meeting will be held remotely via Zoom; more details on this meeting will be provided in next month's 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 February 16th, Baltimore City has 39,477 COVID-19 cases and 768 deaths. For health resources on the virus, 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 Phase I Restrictions Continue

Baltimore City continues to remain under Phase I restrictions per Mayor Scott's most recent executive order effective January 22nd. Under this executive order, the following restrictions are in place:

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

Outdoor gatherings at public and private facilities are 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.

Indoor Recreational Establishments: All indoor recreation sites **except for adult entertainment and hookah/cigar lounges** will be allowed to reopen at 25% capacity.

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

Fitness Centers: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy. Fitness classes are allowed -- **10 person limit** -- social distancing and masks required.

Casinos: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy. Dining areas allowed to reopen, following the requirements of foodservice establishments.

Foodservice Establishments: Outdoor dining can resume at 50% capacity. If space is tented, the tent needs to be open on all sides. Indoor dining can resume at 25% capacity, but patrons are only allowed to stay for one hour.

Bars without food licenses will also be allowed to reopen -- 50% outdoors, 25% indoors, 1-hour time limit (includes breweries). Carry-out, delivery, and drive-through service may continue. All foodservice establishments must keep a log of contact information for patrons and staff for contact tracing purposes.

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: Live streaming of performances is allowed.

For more information on this executive order, please [click here](#). Information is also available on our [MVBA Facebook page](#).

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 at membership@mvba.org.



Continue Shopping Locally in 2021

As we weather through this challenging winter, please continue to support your local businesses--**shop locally!** 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!



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.

Permits that expired after March 2020 will be honored until the Governor lifts the Emergency Order.

Residents who live at an eligible RPP address can apply online immediately at 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 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.



Baltimore City Council & Service Updates

- The next 2021 City Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 22nd at 5pm**. 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](#).
- For more information on the Baltimore City Council, please visit them [here](#).

See information below for a Baltimore City Services update.

- **As a reminder, DPW resumed curbside recycling collection on Tuesday, January 19th.** DPW closed the Community Collection Centers for recycling in each of the 14 City Council Districts on February 13th given that curbside recycling collection resumed.



St. Patrick's Day 2021 Parade Cancelled

Due to the uncertainty with the pandemic, the Baltimore 2021 St. Patrick's Day Parade has been cancelled. The folks hosting the event thank you for your understanding, and look forward to seeing you at the Parade on March 13th in 2022.

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy St. Patrick's Day.



Graffiti in Mount Vernon & Reporting It

Graffiti in our neighborhood is out of control! Please help us curb the graffiti by reporting it to 311 including both public and private property instances. More information on graffiti reporting follows below.

Private Property Instances

- Complaints of graffiti on private property will be investigated by Housing Code Enforcement.
- If there is a violation, a notice will be issued for the owner or operator to correct. The property owner is responsible for removing and/or painting over, however fines are not normally issued for graffiti.
- Graffiti on private property is no longer being removed by the city.

Public Right of Way Instances

- This includes graffiti on public property, such as: buildings, street lamps, bridges, etc.
- Graffiti complaints on public right of way will be removed by the Department of

Transportation. Please be aware there may be a delay in addressing the graffiti based upon the city's current COVID-19 policy/schedule.

- Graffiti on Recreation and Parks properties will be removed by that agency.

As with all city services, please report instances of graffiti directly to **311** and take note of the Service Request number (SR#). If you have additional questions or need help following up on a case, you may email Midtown, our Community Benefits District at service@midtowncommunity.org, submit a service request via their website at midtownbaltimore.org or call their office at (410) 528-1512. **Please note that Midtown does not remove graffiti, but can help us follow-up on an incident with the correct city agency.**

Please help us keep our neighborhood looking great by reporting graffiti. Thank you!



Reminder to all Mount Vernon Residents on Unpermitted Work

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





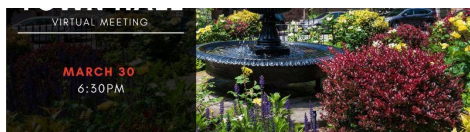
Winter Weather Reminders
from Baltimore City

With winter weather now here, 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!





Midtown Baltimore | Virtual Spring Town Hall

Tuesday, March 30th | 6:30pm via Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: [816 284 0235](#)

Join Midtown to hear about their past year's accomplishments and learn what they have planned for the year ahead. The district's proposed FY2022 budget will be presented for community input. This meeting is being held virtually on Zoom and will be also live streamed to their [Facebook page](#).

If you have questions that you would like to see addressed during the meeting, please [email](#) them by **March 26th**.



Coming Up in March

- March 16th | General Meeting via Zoom
- March 30th | Midtown Spring Town Hall via Zoom



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