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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

General Meeting

Tuesday, January 21st, 7:30pm

Please join us on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30pm for our MVBA General Meeting held at 12 W. Madison Street (corner of Madison & Morton Streets). Please use the side entrance on Morton Street to enter. Snacks and drinks will be provided to welcome in the new year.

This month, we welcome Jennifer Weber with **ASHNYC**, who will give an update on the Latrobe project located at 2 E. Read Street. We'll also be joined by the owners of **The Manor** to discuss their new business opening at 924 N. Charles Street (previously known as The Elephant).

Additionally, Jenelle Harvey from **Thread**, a non-profit organization that works with under-performing Baltimore City High School students, will join us to talk about her organization as well as volunteer opportunities for community members to participate in.

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.

MVBA Board-Appointed Officers

Join us in congratulating Onahlea Shimunek for her board appointment to the MVBA Treasurer position once again as well as Steve Shen to the MVBA Development Officer position. We are still working on an appointment for the Secretary/Information Officer role. More news to follow on that position in the coming month!

Additionally, join us in welcoming Scott Ponemone as a new Director to the MVBA Board. Scott's board appointment is for the replacement of Steve Shen's Director seat, given Steve's Development Officer appointment. Scott is a long-standing MVBA ARC committee member as well as a dedicated community and member. Welcome Scott!

New MVBA Business Members

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.



Thread Informational Meeting

As mentioned above, we'll be joined this month by Jenelle Harvey, Thread Community Networks

& Events Volunteer Recruiter at our upcoming January 21st General Meeting. Thread is a non-profit organization that has worked to support under-performing Baltimore City High School students for the past 15 years. They enroll 9th grade students who rank in the bottom 25% of their class and face an abundance of challenges outside the classroom, connecting them with up to 5 volunteers (a Thread family) who provide them with continuous support and increased access to community resources for 10 years. Once enrolled, Thread commits to never giving up on a single student and their students consistently defy the odds.

For more information on Thread, please visit thread.org. You can also check out a [TEDx talk](#) by their founder, Sarah Hemminger as well as the [2018 New York Times Op-Ed](#) by David Brooks about their organization.



Baltimore City Council Legislative & Community Updates

Below are the recent legislative updates by Baltimore City Council:

- Council President Scott recently introduced [“Public Ethics Law – Gifts to Elected Officials and Staff”](#) which clarifies a loophole in existing public ethics law.
- Council President Scott also introduced [Informational Hearing – Overdose Prevention Sites](#) and [Informational Hearing – Syringe Service Expansion](#) which call for hearings to learn more about the services provided by overdose prevention sites and syringe service programs and how they can help prevent overdoses. In introducing the

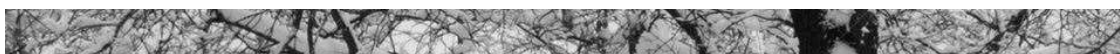
resolutions, President Scott said “Our city has experienced an overdose epidemic for my entire life, yet we have not done enough to address it as the public health crisis it is. Since 2015, there have been 3,500 fatal overdoses in Baltimore. I look forward to starting the conversation about overdose prevention and harm reduction in City Hall, side by side with direct service providers and advocates, so we can invest in proven solutions and take action to save lives.”

- Currently, Council President Scott continues to work on implementing his [Legislative and Policy Proposal \(2019-2020\)](#). Several policies are making their way through the legislative process with two signed into law. You can find an update on the status of these policies in the [Policy Tracker](#).
- The next Council Meeting is **Monday, January 27th**. [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.

Below are the recent community updates via Baltimore City Council:

- The [20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade](#) is tomorrow, Monday, January 20th at 12 pm. The Parade is along Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from Eutaw Street to Baltimore Street.
- Baltimore City Recreation & Parks (BCRP) has launched [Recreation 2025](#), their five-year strategic plan.
- Strong City Baltimore is holding their [Neighborhood Institute 2020 “Building Civic Power”](#) on March 28, 2020.
- The [2020 Census](#) is in April, and Baltimore wants to make sure that **Everyone Counts**. Accurate census numbers impact funding and representation for Baltimore. **It is important that everyone participates in the Census.**

As a reminder, Baltimore City Government **will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 20th** for Martin Luther King Day.





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!



DPW Christmas Tree Disposal

DPW is offering curbside tree collection through Thursday, January 31st. Residents should set out trees on their regularly scheduled trash collection day, at the same location where their trash is collected. As a reminder, all tinsel and ornaments must be removed from trees before they are set out for curbside collection, or brought in for mulching.



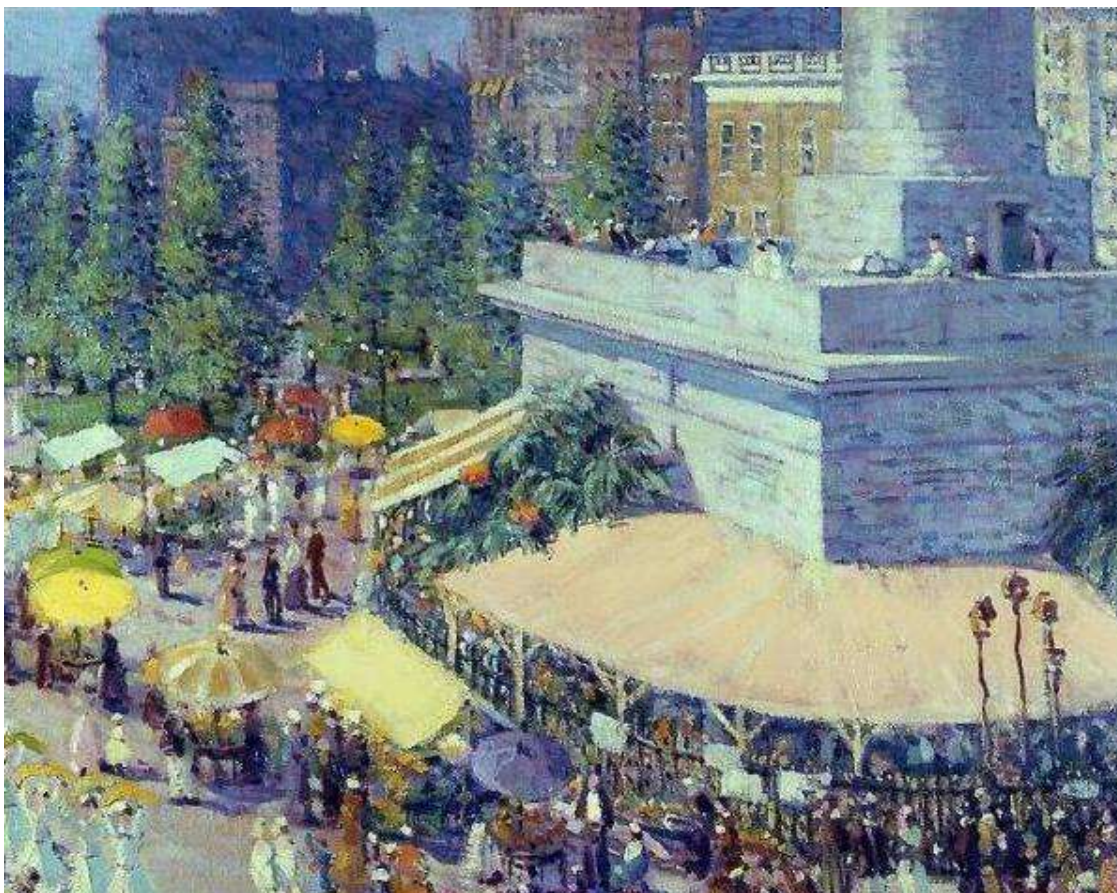


Upcoming Business Round Table: Winter Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, February 20th, 9-11am

Chase Brexton | 1111 North Charles Street

MVBA continues to welcome all local Business Owners to next month's quarterly Business Round Table held on Thursday, February 20th from 9-11am at Chase Brexton at 1111 N. Charles Street (corner of Charles & Chase Streets).





Mount Vernon Place Conservancy

Flower Mart 2020

Thinking about Spring already? The Mount Vernon Place Conservancy (MVPC) is, as it's already gearing up for Flower Mart 2020 being held on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd at Mount Vernon Place. This year will be even better than last!

MVPC is looking 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. The online application deadline is Saturday, February 15th.

For more information on Flower Mart 2020, visit mvpconservancy.org/flowermart2020. For questions about FlowerMart 2020, email the Conservancy at flowermart@mvpconservancy.org.



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

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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.

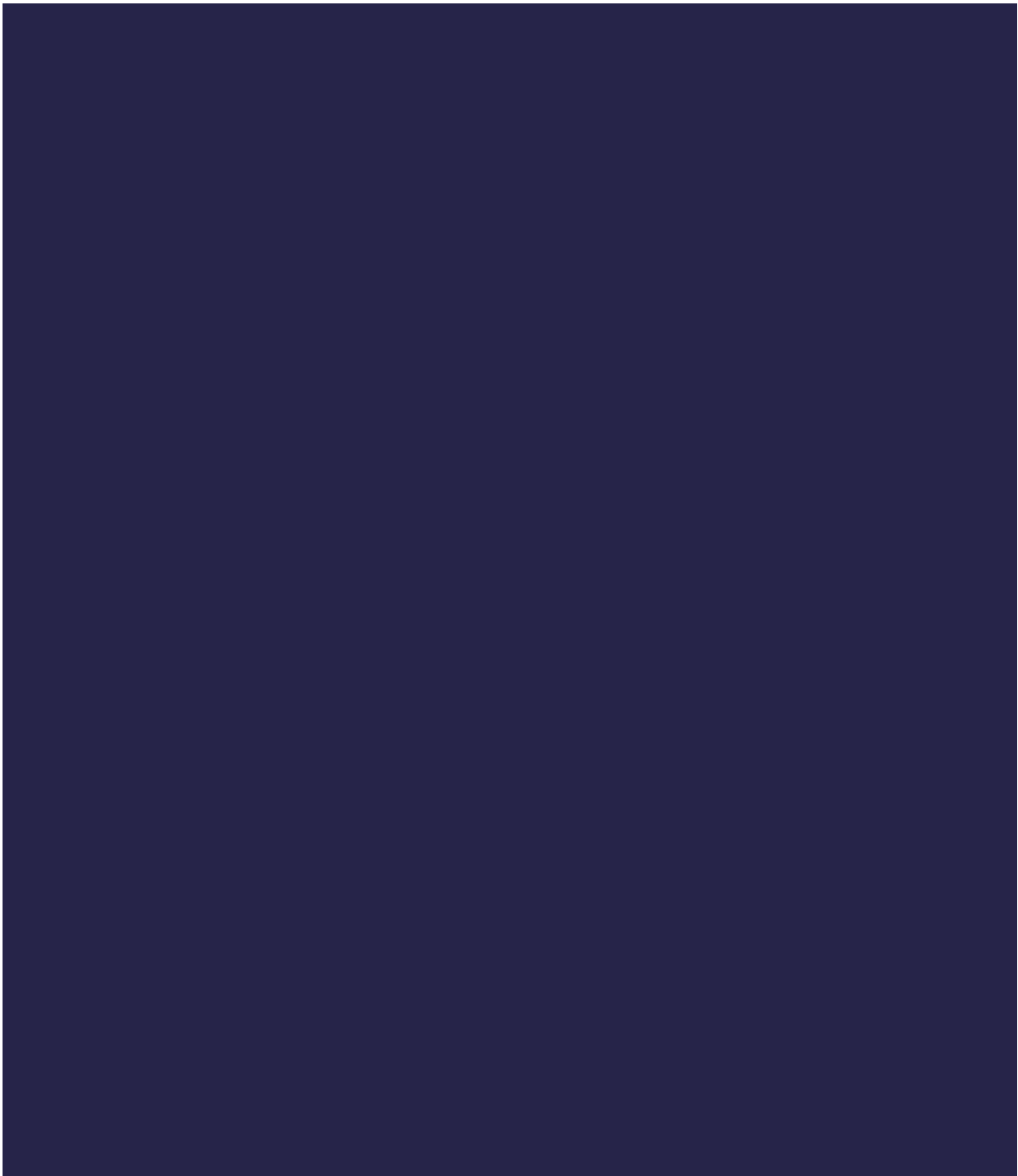


Coming Up in February

- **No MVBA General Meeting in February**
- **MVBA Business Round Table**

Thursday, February 20th | 9-11am





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