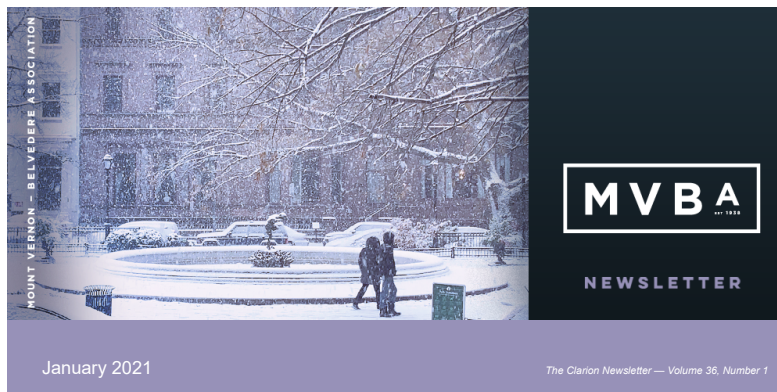


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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### General Meeting

Tuesday, January 19th, 7:30pm

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. Here is the Zoom information for attending:

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81572973890?pwd=dVRWTVF5RjdhS2tvUExrZ3Bmaklxdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 815 7297 3890

**Passcode:** 040241

**Join via dial-in only:** +1 301 715 8592

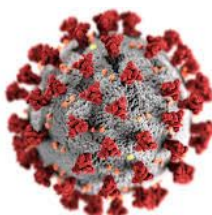
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This month, we welcome **Jon Pannoni**, Partner with Landmark Partners to discuss their project, *City House Charles* located at 1001 N. Charles Street. We also welcome **Amit Dhir**, Nurse Practitioner, with *Chase Brexton Health Care* located at 1111 N. Charles Street to provide helpful information on Covid-19 and Chase Brexton services. Additionally, we will provide some community updates during the meeting.

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

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Baltimore City continues to deal with the impact of COVID-19. As of January 16th, Baltimore City has 35,400 COVID-19 cases and 693 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

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Baltimore City continues to remain under Phase I restrictions per Mayor Scott's executive order effective December 11th. Under the executive order, the following restrictions continue to be 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](#). Information is also available on our [MVBA Facebook page](#).

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## 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](mailto:membership@mvba.org).



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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:rpp@bcparking.com).*





## Baltimore City Council & Service Updates

- New City Council President, Nick J. Mosby was sworn in by new Mayor Brandon Scott along with newly elected City Council members. For the Mount Vernon community, re-elected **Councilman Eric Costello for District 11** and **Councilman Robert Stokes for District 12** continue to be our city representation.
- The next 2021 City Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 25th 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](#).

See information below for a Baltimore City Services update.

- **DPW will resume curbside recycling collection on Tuesday, January 19th.** Until recycling restarts, DPW will continue to operate recycling collection drop-off centers Monday-Saturday in each of the 14 City Council Districts. The five DPW Citizens' Convenience Centers are available to accept recycling as well. [Click here](#) for more information.

Citizens are reminded that you may recycle holiday wrapping paper, cards and recyclable packaging from gifts. Please do not recycle foil-based wrapping material and shiny, glittery bags or papers, bows, ribbons or tissue paper.

***Trash collections are continuing as regularly scheduled.***



## Welcome State Delegate Marlon Amprey

Please join us in welcoming Marlon Amprey as the newly appointed District 40 State Delegate.

On December 29, 2020, the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee nominated Marlon Amprey (D) to the Maryland House of Delegates to represent District 40. Governor Larry Hogan (R) approved the nomination and formally appointed Delegate Amprey to the seat on January 6th to be effective January 13th.

Delegate Amprey succeeds Nick Mosby (D), who resigned in December 2020 when he was sworn in as Baltimore City Council President. Prior to his appointment, Delegate Amprey worked as an associate with the law firm Cole Schotz P.C. He also worked previously as a teacher.



### DPW Christmas Tree Disposal

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**DPW is offering curbside tree collection through Saturday, February 6th .** Residents should set out trees on their regularly scheduled trash collection day, and 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.

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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.



regards given and means taken to ensure safety.



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!



## Bag Ban Implementation Postponed

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On January 6th, Mayor Scott signed an [Executive Order](#) postponing implementation of the [Comprehensive Bag Reduction Ordinance](#) in response to the continuous impact of COVID-19 on residents and businesses.

The Ordinance, commonly known as Baltimore's Plastic Bag Ban, was originally slated for implementation on January 13th. The executive order suspends the date of implementation until July 9th of this year, with the possibility of extension. This will ban single-use plastic bags at the point of sale, pickup, or delivery. Baltimore businesses must charge at least \$0.05 for each alternative bag distributed at check out, of which \$0.01 will be remitted to the city. Businesses and residents are encouraged to visit the Baltimore Office of Sustainability's [website](#) for additional information.

Now is a great time to start stocking up on reusable bags and helping spread the word!



## Coming Up in February

- No General Meeting in February

*Again, Happy New Year Everyone!*  
*We're looking to make 2021 a fabulous year!*



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