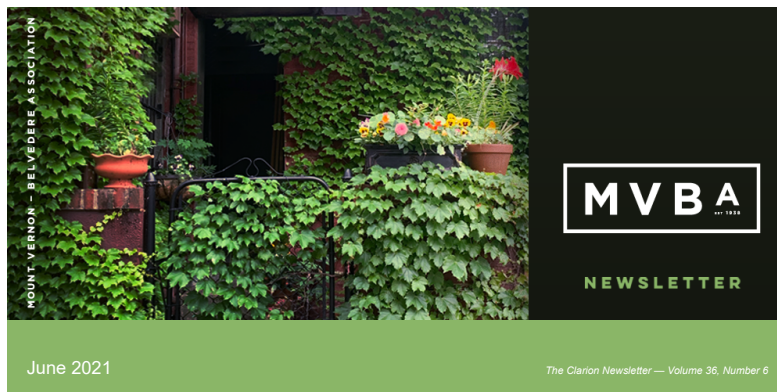


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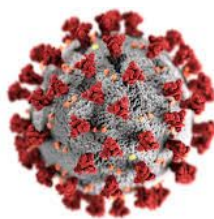


No General Meeting in June

As a reminder, there is no general meeting in June. Please join us on **Tuesday, July 20th at 7:30pm** for our next MVBA General Meeting. The July 20th meeting will be held remotely via Zoom; more details on this meeting will be provided in next month's 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.

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 June 14th, Baltimore City has 53,009 COVID-19 cases and 1,089 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 continues to update their [online COVID-19 Dashboard](#). Be sure to check it out!

To learn more about COVID-19 from the above-listed agencies, check out the websites via the links provided above as well. 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!



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](#).

Also, if you're membership expired, it's not too late to rejoin!

If you have any questions on membership, please reach out to our Membership Committee at membership@mvba.org.



Keeping Midtown Clean, Green & Safe

Midtown Baltimore | Information to Know!

Surcharge Bills Arrive in July

Midtown Baltimore's clean, green and safe services are paid for through an annual special benefits surcharge. The surcharge is in addition to property taxes and based upon a property's assessed value. Surcharge bills are mailed in early July. If you do not receive your paper statement, visit <https://cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/SpecialBenefits/> to determine the amount owed for your property, which can be paid online.

Visit <https://www.midtownbaltimore.org/surcharge> for additional information.

Corner Trash Cans are for Pedestrian Litter Only

As a reminder, corner cans are **not** for household or business trash. These cans are for pedestrian litter only. If you see corner cans being used incorrectly, report it to 311 before notifying Midtown. This holds code enforcement accountable for issuing citations and logs the instance so it can be tracked and metrics are generated. You may submit a 311 request online at <https://balt311.baltimorecity.gov> and then email a copy of the SR number to 311@midtownbaltimore.org.

to service@midtowncommunity.org.

It's Time to Clean Up those Tree Wells and Weeds

Property owners are responsible for keeping tree wells and sidewalks free of weeds per Baltimore City Code. Constituents who have removed weeds can submit a service request at <https://www.midtownbaltimore.org/request-services> for Midtown to collect this green debris and a member of our team can make sure weeds are properly disposed of. By pulling the weeds along the sidewalk and the tree wells, it helps keep the district looking great, and makes it much easier for our crews to get trash when we are cleaning. By working together, we can keep our sidewalks and tree wells looking their very best!

Keep Up on What's Happening in Midtown

Learn more about what's happening in Midtown by signing up for our newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/gzLb7H> or follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/midtownbaltimore/> for the most-up-to-date information.

Reporting Private Property Graffiti | Midtown

Help Midtown Baltimore report graffiti on personal property in Midtown!

In partnership with the Bolton Hill, Charles North, Madison Park, and Mount Vernon community associations, [Midtown Baltimore](#) is creating a comprehensive list of graffiti on PRIVATE PROPERTIES in the district. Your submissions will be shared with the Baltimore City Police Department and the State's Attorney's office.

>>>> To submit an incident visit: <https://buff.ly/3fJxK2N>

✓ This form is intended for reporting incidents of graffiti on PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY. Please report each instance as a separate submission so that we have a thorough list of every occurrence.

✓ Instances of graffiti on public property should be submitted directly to 311 for remediation. You can file a report online or by calling 311.

✓ Please note, Midtown DOES NOT DO graffiti removal.

✓ All exterior work in CHAP Historic Districts and to City Landmarks require an Authorization to Proceed. Please follow these guidelines by CHAP on how to identify and remove instances. The guidelines and additional information can be found in Midtown's Graffiti Resource Guide, available online at: <https://buff.ly/3pbBNbc>.



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Residential Parking Permit Renewal Coming Soon!

Wait for your Regular Month to Renew

The Parking Authority will resume renewing Residential Parking Permits (RPP) soon. Residential parking permits for Mount Vernon (Area 28) will be renewed during **September**, the month our area usually renews. All permits that expired after March 1, 2020, will be honored until the end of your renewal month in 2021/2022 per the Parking Authority.

Area 13 (Tyson Street) permit holders will need to renew their permits during November 2021.

For more information, visit the Parking Authority via their [website](#). *If you have any questions about address eligibility, the online application, or their renewing procedures, please contact them at (443) 573-2800 or email rpp@bcparking.com.*



Baltimore Pride 2021

Beginning as a small rally in 1975, Baltimore Pride (the city and state's largest LGBTQ celebration) has evolved into a festival that brings together thousands of activists each year, and 2021's hybrid version brings a fresh, fun-filled twist. Sadly, the beloved parade and high-heel race will not return this summer—they may take place in the fall.

For details on the schedule for this year, please visit <http://baltimorepride.org/>.



Baltimore City Council Updates

- The next 2021 City Council Meeting is scheduled for today, **Monday, June 14th 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](#).
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DPW Restarts Graffiti Removal Services

(Private Property Now Included)

The Department of Public Works (DPW) announced a restart of graffiti removal services for **private property**, both residential and commercial. Mayor Brandon M. Scott has made this initiative a priority as part of his strategy to clean up the city and DPW is proud to support this effort. There will be a delayed restart as DPW continues to work through the backlog of public assets requiring removal services and develops a plan to sustain the program going forward.

"DPW is energized about another opportunity to not only improve the environment for our residents but also support Mayor Scott's vision of a better Baltimore for all," said Acting Director Jason W. Mitchell.

The service request (SR) number for graffiti has already been reactivated in the 311 system and on **Monday, July 5, 2021**, 311 operators will begin inputting new private property requests into the queue for service.

Please be patient as DPW continues to work through the large backlog of requests, as citywide removal services had previously been suspended since July 2020 and new requests have been submitted since service was restarted for public property last month. DPW is also working with the Law Department to address concerns around liability.

Please note that if you are a property owner and have received a Code Violation Notice and Order indicating you have 30 days to abate the violation, please reach out to your respective Councilmember (*District 11 Councilman Eric Costello at eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov or District 12 Councilman Robert Stokes at robert.stokes@baltimorecity.gov*) to work with DHCD (Department of Housing & Community Development). *More information will be provided as it becomes available.*



Picking Up After Your Dog in the Community

Please pick up after your dog. It's a city requirement in which you can be fined --- and it's common courtesy to your neighbors. Noone wants to step in dog mess. And did you know that rats are attracted to it and actually consume it?

Please be thoughtful to others in the community! MVBA thanks you in advance.



Homelessness, Panhandling & Loitering

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@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.



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.



Baltimore Summer Restaurant Week

Starting July 23rd and running through August 1st

Get ready for **Baltimore Summer Restaurant Week** coming soon! This summer's Baltimore Restaurant Week is running from Friday, July 23rd through Sunday, August 1st. Be sure to visit baltimorerestaurantweek.com for more details.

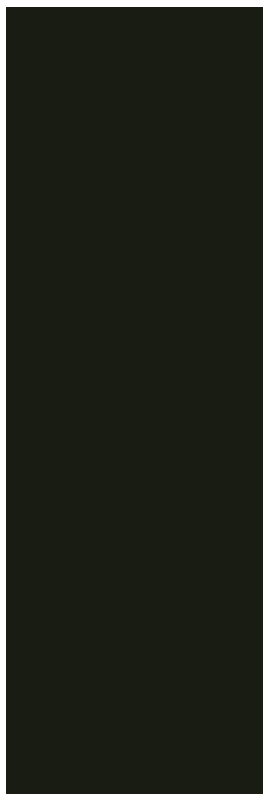


Artscape 2021 Cancelled!

Due to the continuing threat from the COVID health crisis, the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) had announced that Artscape, the Baltimore summer tradition, will not be held in 2021. BOPA looks forward to resuming traditional citywide celebrations, during the summer of 2022. Until then, Artscape fans and the Baltimore community can still experience some of the art, food, and festival atmosphere of Artscape every Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar under the Jones Falls Expressway. Be certain to check it out!

Coming Up in July

- July 2021 MVBA General Meeting | July 20th, 7:30pm
- Baltimore Restaurant Week | July 23rd-August 1st



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