



March 17th General Meeting Cancelled

As mentioned in the MVBA email message sent last Friday, the MVBA March 17th General Meeting has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic given the necessity for social-distancing to help keep everyone virus-free. It's hard to believe how much this virus has impacted our lives in such a short time-frame.

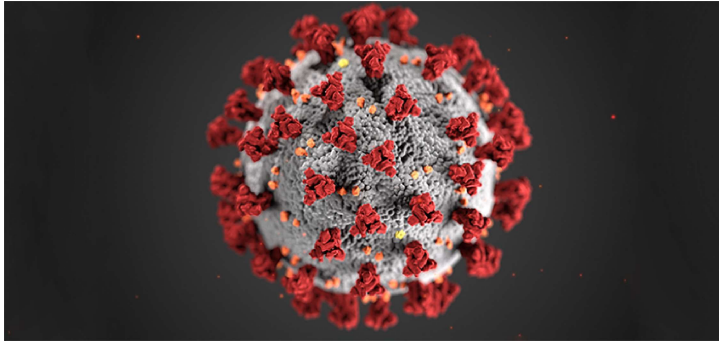
And with that, we are providing some information in the section below on COVID-19. **Please pay special attention to the links in the section below with a wealth of information on the virus and resources available to you.**

We are very appreciative of everyone's efforts in ensuring social distancing at this time. We wish everyone good health and hope you all remain virus-free as we ride this pandemic wave.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19th. We will notify everyone if this schedule changes for any reason. Details regarding this general meeting will be posted in the May 2020 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.



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

By now, we're sure that you have learned that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"). And let's just say that it has shaken things up!

Just this afternoon, Baltimore City announced its second confirmed case of COVID-19, and it's certain to have many more cases in the very near future.

To learn more about COVID-19 from the Baltimore City Health Department as well as to learn of the various resources available to you and the Baltimore City Government Coronavirus Policy Changes, please [click here](#). Be sure to check the Baltimore City Health Department website daily, as information is changing on a rapid basis. Additionally, for information from the CDC directly, please [click here](#).

We also have information on our MVBA Facebook page. **Wishes of good health to everyone!**

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.



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Baltimore City Fire Department: Application Process Open for EMT/Firefighters

Application Process Open Through Monday, March 23rd

The Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD) is currently accepting applications for

EMT/Firefighter positions---the deadline is **Monday, March 23rd**.

Click to [APPLY NOW](#) if you are interested in a rewarding career with BCFD and ready to help save lives and protect the citizens of Baltimore.





Baltimore City Council Legislative & Community Updates

Below are the recent legislative updates by Baltimore City Council:

- As mentioned previously, Council President Scott introduced a [Charter Amendment that would remove the appointed members of the Board of Estimates](#), reducing the size from 5 to 3 members. Per President Brandon Scott: "Reducing the Board of Estimates to the three elected members, all with equal weight to approve or reject City contracts involving taxpayer dollars, is one way we can clean up City government and make it more efficient and more supportive of our local communities."
- 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 three signed into law. You can find an update on the status of these policies in the [Policy Tracker](#).
- All Council Hearings have been cancelled for the next few weeks. [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 recent community updates regarding the COVID-19 outbreak:

- On Saturday, March 14th, the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Baltimore City. See Council President Scott's [statement here](#). Council President Scott and the City Council have also called on the [Governor, Health Commissioner and Public and Private Institutions to Come Together to Support Vulnerable Populations](#). President Scott wants to make sure that all residents are supported during this time.
- This morning, March 16th, Governor Hogan issued an [executive order](#) regarding public gatherings.
 - All bars, restaurants, movie theaters and gyms across the state will be closed, effective at 5pm today.
 - Drive-through, delivery and carry-out services can continue.
 - Gatherings larger than 50 people are prohibited.
 - Utility companies may not shut off service to residential customers.
 - No late fees will be assessed on utilities.
 - No tenants will be evicted during the State of Emergency.

See [President Scott's statement](#) on the Governor's order.

- [Baltimore City Schools](#) are closed from today until Friday, March 27th.
- All [Pratt Library branches](#) are closed until March 30th. The digital library is still available.
- All [BCRP Rec Centers](#) are closed until Friday, March 27th. Forty (40) Rec Centers will serve as locations to get meals. These will be grab-and-go meals, individuals will not be allowed to stay and eat in the Rec Centers.

[Click here for a map](#) of all centers to access food during this period while schools and rec centers are closed.

The [following Schools](#) will offer free breakfast and lunch from 10am-2pm:

- Alexander Hamilton Elementary School
- Arlington Elementary School
- Beechfield Elementary/Middle School
- Dorothy I. Height Elementary School
- The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School
- John B. ... Elementary/Middle School

- John Runyan Elementary/Middle School
- Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
- Sandtown-Winchester Achievement Academy
- Sinclair Lane Elementary School
- Yorkwood Elementary School

The following [Rec Centers](#) will be serving food from 2pm-7pm:

- Bentalou
- Carroll F Cook
- CC Jackson
- Cecil Kirk
- Chick Webb
- Coldstream
- Collington Square
- Crispus Attucks
- Curtis Bay
- DeWees
- Edgewood-Lyndhurst
- Ella Bailey
- Farring-Baybrook
- Fred B Leidig
- Gardenville
- Greenmount
- Harlem Park
- Herring Run
- James D. Gross
- James McHenry
- Joseph Lee
- Lakeland
- Lillian Jones
- Locust Point
- Madison Square
- Mary E Rodman
- Medfield
- Morrell Park
- Mount Royal
- Northwood
- Oliver
- Parkview
- Patapsco/Cherry Hill
- Rita Church Community Center
- Robert C. Marshall
- Roosevelt
- Samuel F.M. Morse
- Solo Gibbs
- Virginia S Baker @ Patterson Park
- Woodhome

- 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.



Midtown Community Benefits District Update Addressing Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In order to protect our staff and communities during this continued public health emergency, Midtown began limiting its service effective today, Monday, March 16th at 7am.

In order to limit staff members' exposure, we will be reducing the daily team size, and therefore, service will be addressed differently. Our team will be focused on emptying the 150+ public trash cans in the district, and will service the streets, gutters, sidewalks, and parks in the neighborhoods on a rotational basis. We will closely monitor the district, and address any high traffic areas or emergency situations as best we can. Bulk trash removal will not be available until further notice, and the community is encouraged to call 311 for that service.

We ask that community members utilize service@midtowncommunity.org to alert us to any areas of high concern, and we will address them as we are able. (Please note our Facebook page is not monitored for service requests.) You may also call 410-528-1512, but please know we may not have continuous access to calls.

We remain in constant communication with our city agency partners, and will continue to provide you with updates as they are available.

We will make the most frequent updates to our Facebook page (@MidtownBaltimore) and send e-newsletters when major changes to service are made. You should feel free to reach out to us at service@midtowncommunity.org if you have questions.

Please know that it is our intention to be back up to full staff and full service as soon as it is safe for us to do so. We are proud of the work we do in our communities, and nothing means more to us than making sure the district receives the attention it deserves. Please be well, check on your neighbors, and be safe.

*On another note, please be certain to follow **Midtown** via their Facebook page [here](#) to get updated information on their **Spring Town Hall 2020 scheduled for Monday, March 23rd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**. Given the COVID-19 outbreak, their original plans will likely change. Stay tuned!*





Eddie's of Mt. Vernon

Since 1988, Eddie's of Mt. Vernon has served the Mt. Vernon Community and continues to do so during this COVID-19 pandemic. Eddie's is continuously stocking its shelves to keep up with the demand during this uncertain time. For more information, please visit their website [here](#).

Thank you Eddie's of Mt. Vernon for your commitment to this community!



Safety Meeting Follow-Up: Safety Tips

To re-emphasize the importance of safety, below are the **Safety Tips** as provided during the February 4th BPD Safety Meeting:

- When walking, please do not get so distracted by your cell phone that you're not paying attention to your surroundings.
- Try not to walk with your cell phone up to your face or in your hands if possible. Keep it in your pocket or out of sight.
- Walk in well-lit areas whenever possible.
- Please do not walk down the street holding your car keys in your hand. If possible, try to keep them in your pocket and try to get into the habit of unlocking your car doors while

your keys are still in your pocket. Familiarize yourself with your vehicle's remote control features.

- Separate your vehicle and house keys.
- If you think you're being followed, go into an open business if possible and let someone know.
- Do not leave items or empty boxes inside of your vehicle in plain sight.
- Do not leave any valuable items in your vehicle overnight.
- Always make sure someone is aware where you are going. When possible, utilize your smartphones feature and share your location with someone you can trust.
- Invest in a doorbell security camera system of your choice (cannot recommend brand).
- If you have a home alarm system, please make sure you set the alarm when you leave home.
- If you see someone or something suspicious, please make sure you notify the police.
- Use your smartphone to take pictures of your electronic devices' serial numbers: computers, televisions, smartphones, tablets, etc. (When purchasing these items, the serial number can be located on the box with the bar code). Once you have photographs of your serial numbers, be sure to email them to yourself and to save the photographs to the cloud---that way they are available if needed.

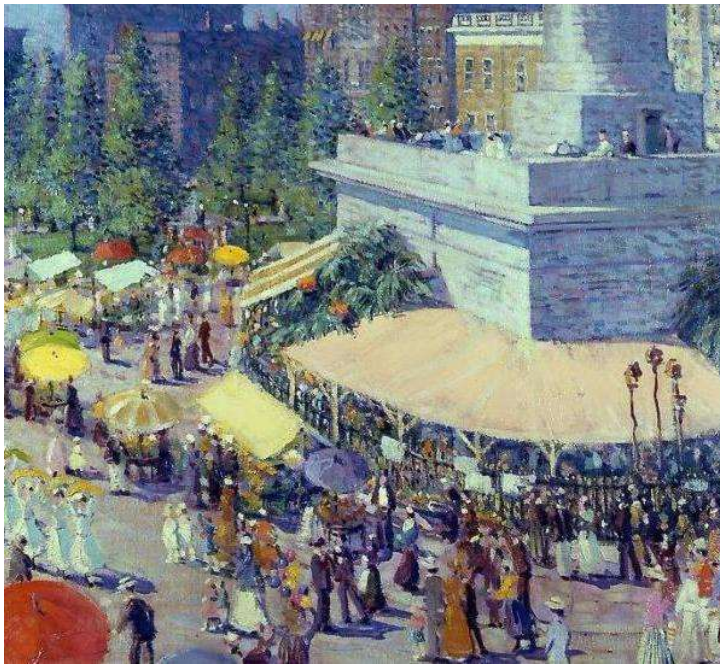
For any questions on the February 4th Safety Meeting, please reach out to us at

safety@mvba.org.



65th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade CANCELLED

What a shame that the 65th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was cancelled yesterday, March 15th, as announced via Baltimore City due to COVID-19. Let's hope for a fantastic parade next year!



Mount Vernon Place Conservancy

Flower Mart 2020 CANCELLED

It is with great disappointment that the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy announces today that Flower Mart at Mount Vernon Place 2020 is cancelled in compliance with the CDC's recommendations to slow and reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Conservancy will post a list of their planned list of vendors on their Facebook page and encourage the public to patronize them in the coming weeks.

The Conservancy thanks everyone in advance for their understanding of the cancellation.

Please email the Conservancy at flowermart@mvpconservancy.org with any questions.



Sunday, May 3rd | Mount Vernon Place

It is with great disappointment to announce that **Flower Mart Criterium at Mount Vernon Place**, scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd will be cancelled as well due to COVID-19. More information will be provided as made available regarding any rescheduling of this fantastic race in the near future.

For more information, please visit www.teambbc.net.



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 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.

Coming Up in April

- **No Events to Ensure You Stay Virus-Free!**



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