

MVBA Newsletter | March 2021



General Meeting

Tuesday, March 16th, 7:30pm

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. Here is the Zoom information for attending:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85175616904?pwd=Q2VZeGZNNjIwbGVJMXUvOGdDbXJ1UT09>

Meeting ID: 851 7561 6904

Passcode: 866331

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

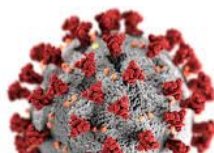
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This month, we welcome **Donovan Hatcher**, Legislative Analyst/Community Liaison for Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office to introduce himself explaining his role and how he can assist us within the community. We also welcome **Major Daryl Gaines**, of the Central District of the Baltimore Police Department to provide us an update on safety and other BPD information within Mount Vernon. Additionally, we welcome **Caitlin Audette**, Historic Preservation Planner within the Baltimore City Department of Planning, to provide information on the process and method(s) to properly remove graffiti from historical buildings. She is also available to ask any CHAP-related questions. Finally, we will provide some committee updates during the meeting.

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 March 14th, Baltimore City has 41,702 COVID-19 cases and 814 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!



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 February 22nd even though Governor Hogan has lessened state restrictions. Under Mayor Scott's executive order, the following restrictions are in place:

Gatherings: Gatherings will need to comply with any relevant capacity based upon the space in which they're located.

Religious Facilities: 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.

Organized Amateur Sports: Allowed with certain guidelines in place.

Fitness Centers: Limited to 25% of maximum occupancy. Fitness classes are allowed -- **10 person limit or 25% capacity, whichever is greater** -- 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. **The 1-hour time limit for foodservice establishments has been removed.**

Bars without food licenses will also be allowed to reopen -- 50% outdoors, 25% indoors. 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. Live entertainment is permitted as long as performers wear masks and adhere to social distancing. Indoor theaters are limited to the lesser of 25% occupancy or 100 persons. Outdoor entertainment venues are limited to the lesser of 25% occupancy or 250 persons.

For more information on this executive order, please [click here](#).



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.



Continue Shopping Locally in 2021

As we soon welcome Spring, 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 that **LOVE** to our Mount Vernon businesses!



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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 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.*

every will be advised.

- 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, March 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](#).



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 as we mentioned last month. 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.



Dealing with Graffiti in Mount Vernon

Graffiti in our neighborhood continues to be out of control. In follow-up to reporting information on graffiti provided in our February newsletter, **please stay tuned as we await updated information from the City on appropriately reporting graffiti.**

Since last month, we have learned that 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. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we will have Caitlin Audette from CHAP explaining the process during our March 16th General Meeting.

Stay tuned for more information soon!



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. No one 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.



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.



MIDTOWN
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Keeping Midtown Clean, Green & Safe

Midtown Resource Guides

As part of an ongoing initiative to keep the District informed, Midtown has developed resource guides to help constituents understand the step-by-step approach to key topics Midtown Baltimore often addresses.

[Click here](#) for accessing the Resource Guides as well as how to contact Midtown for any concerns and/or requests.



Midtown Baltimore | Virtual Spring Town Hall

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

[Zoom Meeting Link](#) | 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. If you wish to view the budget ahead of the meeting, it can be found on [their website](#).

This meeting is being held virtually on Zoom and will be also live streamed to their Facebook page. If you have questions that you'd like addressed during the meeting, they ask that you submit them to admin@midtowncommunity.org or leave a voicemail at (410) 528-1512 x210 no later than 2pm on Friday, March 26th so they may be added to the agenda.

We hope that you can attend it!



Flower Mart at Home | MVP Conservancy

Friday, April 30th & Saturday, May 1st

Save the Date! and join the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy virtually on Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st for their **Flower Mart at Home**. The Conservancy is planning this event celebrating Spring and the greening of the city.

For more information on this event, please visit them via their Facebook page [here](#).

Coming Up in April

- FlowerMart at Home | April 30th & May 1st
- No April 2021 MVBA General Meeting



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