

MVBA Newsletter | May 2021



## General Meeting

Tuesday, May 18th, 7:30pm

Please join us tomorrow on **Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30pm** for our next MVBA General Meeting.

The May 18th meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. Here is the Zoom information for attending:

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83257005627?pwd=RDk3dGIRbDNqKzhYMWF6c0VPanhEUT09>

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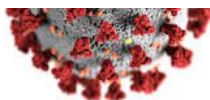
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This month, we welcome back **Donovan Hatcher**, Legislative Analyst/Community Liaison for Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office for Baltimore City to provide information on the recent changes to Baltimore City crime prosecutions as well as to answer any community-related questions. We also welcome **Daniel Ramos**, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to discuss the resumption of graffiti removal service (*public properties only*) within Baltimore City. We have invited our newly promoted **Major Jeff Featherstone (previously Captain Featherstone)** from BPD Central District to provide any police updates as well as Councilmen Costello and Stokes to this meeting. Finally, we welcome **Ashleigh Coaxum**, a new business owner, in Mount Vernon to join us to discuss her new bookstore opening soon.

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 May 17th, Baltimore City has 52,293 COVID-19 cases and 973 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!

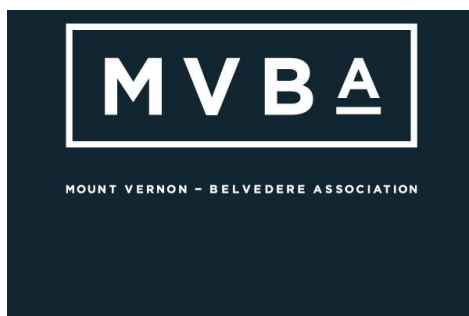
Additionally, please check out our [MVBA Facebook page](#) for information.

**Continued wishes of good health to everyone!**



### Baltimore City Relaxes Capacity Restrictions





### Encourage MVBA Membership

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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](mailto:membership@mvba.org).



### Charles Street Promenade

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Saturday, May 22nd | 9am-9pm

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Enjoy the day shopping and dining along North Charles Street. Portions of North Charles Street from Saratoga Street to North Avenue will close for pedestrians from 9am-9pm. Dine in a parklet at more than 15+ locations. Shop unique and one-of-a-kind gifts and services at local retailers.

*The Charles Street Promenade is a one-day road closure of Baltimore's Charles Street between its northern 300 and 1700 blocks. The closure to automobile traffic will last from 7am until 9pm. The road will be safely closed so that people are free to walk or cycle safely in the roadway from 9am-9pm.*

For more information, visit <https://www.charlesstreetpromenade.com>.



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Keeping Midtown Clean, Green & Safe

### Midtown wants to hear from you!

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Midtown Baltimore is looking for feedback from the community about their current communications. This short survey will take less than 3 minutes to complete and will help to ensure that they are able to provide more relevant, informative, and engaging messaging to the four communities they serve.

To participate, visit <https://forms.gle/i84UjeJ6vBZXzF358>. The survey ends on **May 25th** so please be sure to share your thoughts before then!



### Residential Permit Parking Enforcement

#### Still No Changes at this time!

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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](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](#). 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

- The next 2021 City Council Meeting is scheduled for today, **Monday, May 17th 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](#).



### DPW Restarts Graffiti Removal Services

The Department of Public Works (DPW) announced a modified restart of Graffiti Removal Services. **Going forward, graffiti will only be removed from public property and public assets, such as light poles, statues, etc. DPW will no longer provide removal services for private property and will instead refer inquiries to local service providers.**

"DPW stands ready and willing to again provide Graffiti Removal Services to City buildings and we are excited to support another priority of Mayor Scott's administration," said Acting Director Jason W. Mitchell.

The restart of the Graffiti Removal Program will consist of three crews. DPW expects a large backlog of requests since citywide removal services have been suspended since July 2020 and it may take some time to work through the backlog of requests before addressing new ones. The service request (SR) number for graffiti will be reactivated in the 311 system today and the City will work to develop a preferred vendor list for residents and businesses who call 311 to request graffiti removal services on private property.

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](mailto:eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov) or District 12 Councilman Robert Stokes at [robert.stokes@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:robert.stokes@baltimorecity.gov)*) to work with DHCD (Department of Housing & Community Development). *More information will be provided as it becomes available.*



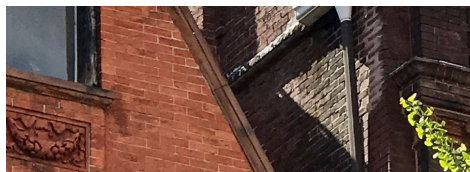
### Picking Up After Your Dog in the Community

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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

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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.



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### Coming Up in June

- No MVBA General Meeting in June



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