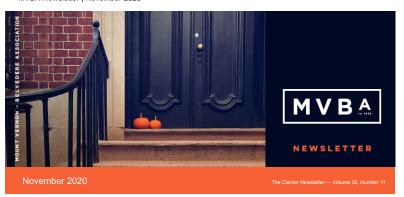
MVBA Newsletter | November 2020



General Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, November 17th, 7:30pm

Please join us on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30pm for our next MVBA General Meeting & Election for the two Director seats; more election information further below. The November 17th meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. Here's the Zoom information for attending:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81691121573?pwd=SnJrQU52YjN3UFFXYi9vZVIiNFhsdz09 Meeting ID: 816 9112 1573 Passcode: 935653

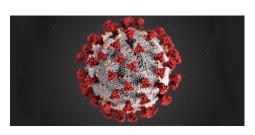
Join via Dial-in Only

Telephone: +1 301 715 8592 US Meeting ID: 816 9112 1573 Passcode: 935653

This month, we welcome **Major Daryl Gaines** from Central District, BPD and **Councilman Robert Stokes**, *12th District*, to provide community updates. We'll complete the General Election for the two Director seats as well as provide MVBA Committee updates during the meeting.

And as always, our general meetings are free and open to the public, members and nonmembers 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 November 12th, Baltimore City has 19,759 COVID-19 cases and 477 deaths. For health resources on COVID-19, 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

Information on the Mayor's Executive Order renewing Phase I restrictions effective

November 12th at 5pm is outlined immediately below this newsletter section.

As mentioned last month, Baltimore City has updated their <u>online COVID-19 Dashboard</u> 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 Young, Health Commissioner Announce Renewing of Phase I Restrictions

Effective November 12th | 5pm

Mayor Jack Young announced renewing of Phase I restrictions beginning November 12th at 5pm

for Baltimore City. Under the executive order, the following restrictions will be put in place:

Gatherings: Both indoor and outdoor gatherings no matter public or private, will be limited to 10 or fewer people unless the location has a fire marshal-rated maximum occupancy. If the location has a fire-marshal rated maximum occupancy, then the gathering is limited to 25% of that occupancy.

Youth sports gatherings are allowed with no spectators, except for parents or legal guardians. Social distancing and face coverings will be required for those in attendance not participating in the sporting activity.

Occupancy Limits: Religious facilities, retail establishments and malls, indoor recreational establishments, casinos, fitness centers, personal services, theaters, indoor dining at food service establishments, outdoor entertainment venues, other recreational establishments, and other businesses are capped at up to 25% of maximum occupancy.

Foodservice Establishments: Indoor dining rooms may remain open at 25% capacity and must close by 11 $\ensuremath{\text{p.m.}}$

Foodservice establishments may not serve customers who are not seated and eating. Foodservice establishments may not serve customers beverages in indoor seating areas if they are not also eating.

Businesses with BD7 or D tavern licenses and with a separate packaged goods section that was in operation prior to March 5, 2020, may operate those areas under Section IV of the Executive Order.

In addition to the new Phase I restrictions, the Mayor and Health Commissioner announced revisions to the City's Health Order <u>requiring residents to wear face-coverings</u>.

For more information on this executive order, please click here. Information is also available on

our <u>MVBA Facebook page</u>.

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 <u>HERE</u>. If you have any questions on membership, please reach out to our Membership Committee Chair, Julie Canard at <u>membership@mvba.org</u>.



Continue Support to Local Businesses

It continues to be important to support our local businesses. 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! And remember, the Holidays are just around the corner--so think locally when shopping for great holiday gifts!



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. Parking enforcement of parking meters resumed on July 13th, prompting many drivers to park in nearby residential areas. This has created problems for residents trying to find available parking close to their home. If you do not have a permit on your vehicle, you will be subject to receiving a citation (ticket).

If you have a blue or yellow decal, visitor permit(s), or any temporary permit with a 2020 expiration date, there is still no action required. These permits will continue to be honored until further notice, even if they are expired.

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

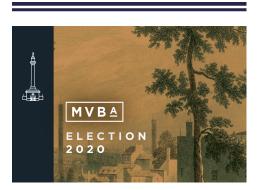
following restrictions:

- 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.
- 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 our website. If you have any questions about address

eligibility, the online application, or our reopening procedures, please contact us at (443) 573-

2800 or email rpp@bcparking.com.



MVBA General Election 2020

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the next MVBA General Election will take place virtually this coming **Tuesday, November 17th** for two Director seats. *To vote in the election, your MVBA membership must be current.*

Following are the slate of candidates for the two (2) Director seats for serving a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2021.

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 - Director 1 | Marjil Casso
 - Director 2 | Angie Jackiewicz

Short bios follow for these two candidates:

Marjil Casso

A resident of Baltimore since 2015, Mr. Marjil Casso, along with his business partner Mr. Thomas Mathison, manages a boutique consulting firm in Mount Vernon, Baltimore. With over 20 years of experience in international trade, sanctions, and export/investment issues, Mr. Casso was a program manager at the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in Washington, DC. He received his B.A. in Political Science and French Literature from the University of California (Berkeley), and his M.A. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia. Among his hobbies and interests are classical music, opera, literature, architecture, and history.

Angie Jackiewicz

Angie Jackiewicz is a lifelong resident of Baltimore as well as a business and property owner in Mount Vernon since 2013. During this time, Angie has volunteered countless hours to the Mount Vernon Belvedere Association and loves the architectural beauty of Mount Vernon. When Angie is not busy with her business and volunteering, she enjoys spending time with her family and her dog, Sammy. Angie really enjoys eating in the neighborhood restaurants and cafes with her colleagues.

Growing up in Baltimore, Angie would love coming to Mount Vernon with her mother to attend FlowerMart. Now, Angie continues that tradition with her family. With her attention to detail and hardworking nature, Angie will be a great asset to the community as a MVBA Director.

Following is a list of responsibilities for the Director position:

The purpose and function of the Board of Directors of the Association shall be to provide advice and consent to the President in the day-to-day management of the Association's affairs.

Additional Responsibilities include:

- Meeting and acting as a board and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct
 of meetings and management of the Association as are deemed proper, not
 inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association.
- Participate in the planning of the meetings of the Association and to prepare recommendations for the membership.
- Approve the expenditures funds by the officers of the Association and to approve and adopt a budget for the Association each year.
- Receive an annual statement of income and expense and provide for its audit.
- Act on behalf of the issue(s) at a general meeting of the full membership.
- Execute such additional duties as may be required by the bylaws, as amended from time to time.

Time Commitment for Position: 10+ hours per week

Elected board members must be members in good standing who are eligible to vote and shall be a property owner, business owner, and/or tenant within the boundaries of the Association who have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the community through an existing track record of service on Committees, by volunteering, and/or by improvement of properties in the community.

All board members are expected to act as a Chair/Co-Chair of a MVBA Committee. Additionally,

all board members must disclose potential and real conflicts of interest to the Board and recuse

themselves, if appropriate.

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Be sure to mark your calendars for this election taking place this Tuesday, November 17th.



Baltimore City Council & Service Updates

- The next City Council Meeting is Monday, November 16th; all council hearings are held virtually at this time. You can tune into the City Council meeting at 5:00PM <u>online</u> or on CharmTV (Channel 25/1085HD). A list of <u>all of the hearings can be viewed here</u>.
- The Board of Estimates continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays--also meeting virtually. It can be viewed on <u>CharmTV</u>.

Additionally, following are some service updates.

- DPW has suspended recycling collection indefinitely at this time. There are <u>14</u>
 <u>collection sites</u> (one in each council district) where you can take your recyclables
 that will be open Mondays|Wednesdays|Fridays from 7am-3pm,
 Tuesdays|Thursdays from 7am-6pm and Saturday from 8am-2pm. <u>Click here</u> for a
 map and list of locations along with hours of the City's Convenience Drop-Off
 Centers where you can also drop off your recycling. <u>Trash collections are
 continuing as regularly scheduled.</u>
- <u>BGE urges customers</u> to take advantage of flexible payment options and energy assistance in advance of end of moratorium on service terminations on Nov. 15. The most important step that residential customers who are not current on their BGE bill can take is to contact BGE at 1.800.685.0123 and <u>BGE.com/assistance</u> as soon as possible.

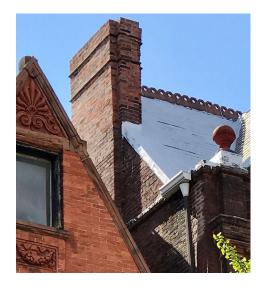


Thank You Hotel Revival!

MVBA extends a huge 'Thank You!' to Hotel Revival for providing goodie bags for the neighborhood children on Halloween. Given these unprecedented times with Covid-19, we really appreciate the folks at Hotel Revival in creating a safe trick-or-treat option for the children in the community!







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.





49th Annual Monument Lighting | Virtual

Thursday, December 3rd | 7:30 pm Virtually Held on WJZ-TV

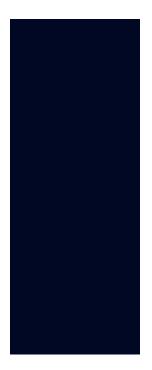
Baltimore's 49th Annual Monument Lighting is going virtual this year -- and will be a part of the WJZ Holiday Spectacular on December 3rd at 7:30 pm. For more information, please <u>click here</u>.

Be sure to watch it!

Coming Up in December

- Virtual Monument Lighting | December 3rd | 7:30pm
- No MVBA General Meeting in December!

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! And stay tuned for upcoming holiday events!



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