

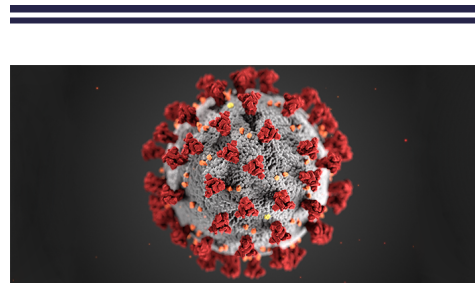


No General Meeting in October

As a reminder, there is no MVBA General Meeting in October. Please join us on **Tuesday, November 17th** at 7:30pm for our next MVBA General Meeting & Election. The November 17th meeting will be held remotely via Zoom, and the details regarding this general meeting will be posted in the November 2020 Newsletter.

And 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 October 19th, Baltimore City has 16,830 COVID-19 cases and 458 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](#)

Baltimore City has recently updated their [online COVID-19 Dashboard](#) 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!



Supporting Local Businesses Now

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!

MVBA Membership Renewals Due

As mentioned last month, annual MVBA membership renewals were due by September 1st. Be certain to ensure that your membership is current along with your contact (and other) information in Wild Apricot.

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](#). If you have any questions on membership, please reach out to our Membership Committee Chair, Julie Canard at membership@mvba.org.



Residential Permit Parking Enforcement

Resumed September 1st

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation resumed parking enforcement of Residential Permit Parking on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Parking enforcement of parking meters resumed on July 13, 2020, 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 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.*

You can reach Parking Authority Team Members during regular office hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm). Please call 443-573-2800 or email RPP@bcparking.com. Information can also be found on their website at parking.baltimorecity.gov.



MVBA General Election 2020

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the next MVBA General Election will take place virtually on

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.

- **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.*

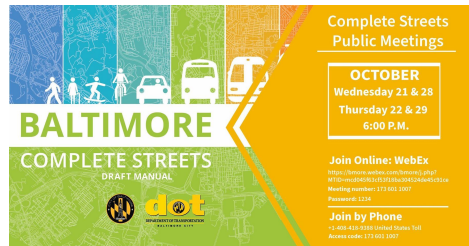
Time Commitment for Position: *10+ hours per week*

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.

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



Baltimore City Council Updates

Please join the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) for their Complete Streets Virtual Public Meetings held this month. DOT needs your input on the Complete Streets Draft Manual. To join one of the above-listed October meetings, please visit their website at <https://transportation.baltimorecity.gov/complete-streets>.



Baltimore City Council & Service Updates

- The next City Council Meeting is **Monday, November 2nd**; all [Council Hearings](#) continue to be held virtually. You can tune into the City Council meeting at 5:00PM [online](#) or on CharmTV (Channel 25/1085HD). A list of [all of the hearings can be viewed here](#).
- The Board of Estimates continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays--also meeting virtually. It can be viewed on [CharmTV](#).

Additionally, following are some service updates.

- As mentioned last month, DPW has suspended recycling collection until November 1st. There will be [14 collection sites](#) (one in each council district) where you can take your recyclables that will be open Monday to Friday from 7am-3pm. [Click here](#) 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.
- Following public comment and feedback from local jurisdictions, the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) announced on September 30th that Core Bus service adjustments proposed September 1st will not be implemented and all public hearings on that plan will be canceled. Core Local Bus and MobilityLink service will continue to operate on

current schedules, while Commuter Bus and MARC service will begin operating at reduced levels on November 2nd. As MDOT MTA works to meet budgetary constraints amid the fiscal impact of COVID-19, the agency will continue to prioritize transit service for core riders, especially transit dependent households. For more information, [click here](#).

- [BGE urges customers](#) 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 [BGE.com/assistance](#) as soon as possible.



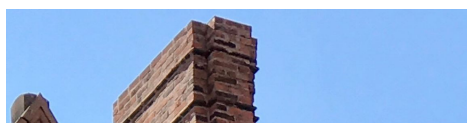
Baltimore City DPW Mask Up! Sweep Up!

Saturday, October 24th

Join DPW in cleaning up our community on Saturday, October 24th. In Mount Vernon, the tree wells and sidewalks throughout the community are still looking wild with highly grown weeds. Please, please clean up the tree wells and sidewalks in front of your properties this Saturday. After all, it is your responsibility.

And, this is a great opportunity to work with your neighbors to get your block looking tidy!

Do your part to get our community looking good----we really need everyone's help on these efforts!





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
BALTIMORE

Keeping Midtown Clean, Green & Safe

Midtown Fall Town Hall (Virtual Meeting)

This Thursday, October 22nd | 6:30pm

Tune in to learn what Midtown has accomplished and what new initiatives they're launching in the coming year to make them more visible and more valuable to their constituents. *Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Town Hall will be held virtually.*

They'll be sharing on-going updates about this event over the next few weeks so please stay tuned to their [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for the most up-to-date information. Check out their new website if you haven't already!



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.



Voting Information | Election 2020

Well, COVID-19 has definitely impacted our voting this year -- that's for certain! Please visit the [Maryland State Board of Elections](#) website to help navigate you through the voting process this year. For mail-in voting, you must be registered by **TODAY, Tuesday, October 20th** to do so. [Click here](#) for more information on mail-in voting. For in-person voting locations (including early in-person voting and locations) as well as other voting information, please [click here](#).

Vote Mount Vernon!

Coming Up in November

- MVBA November General Meeting & Election November 17th (via Zoom) | 7:30pm

Enjoy this beautiful Fall weather!

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