

MVBA Newsletter | December 2021



HAPPY HOLIDAYS, MERRY CHRISTMAS, & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No General Meeting in December

As a reminder, there is no general meeting in December. Please join us on **Tuesday, January 18th at 7:30pm** for our first 2022 MVBA General Meeting. Information on the January 18th meeting will be provided in the January 2022 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.

For some holiday cheer this month, please join us for our **MVBA Holiday Happy Hour** event on **Saturday, December 18th from 5-6:30pm**; more details about the event is provided further below.

Finally, please reach out to us with any questions. The email directory is available at the bottom of the newsletter.



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 Chair, Susan Warren at membership@mvba.org.



MVBA General Election 2021 Results

Following the MVBA General Election held on Tuesday, November 16th, below are the elected candidates:

- **President** | Jason Curtis (*2-year term*)
- **Vice President** | Jack Danna (*2-year term*)
- **Director 1** | Scott Ponemone (*3-year term*)
- **Director 2** | Duke Tremitiere (*3-year term*)

The elected candidates' terms will commence on January 1, 2022.

Congratulations to Jason, Jack, Scott and Duke!

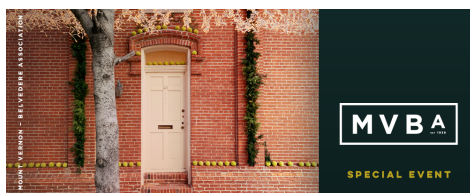
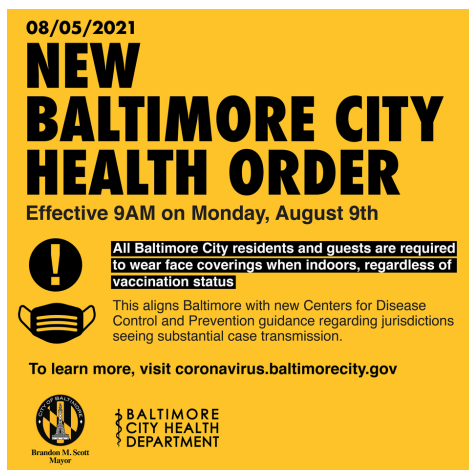


Shop Locally for Holiday Gifts

As the holidays are now here, please continue to support your local businesses---**shop locally for holiday gifts this year!** Whether it's buying groceries, prepared foods, wine/beer/liquor, clothing, books, plants----and even masks, **show your support by purchasing items locally.**

Let's keep supporting our Mount Vernon businesses!

City Indoor Mask Mandate Still In Effect



Join us at the MVBA Holiday Happy Hour!

Please join MVBA and fellow neighbors for a festive holiday gathering. There will be dolce and savory hors d'oeuvres by *Mera Kitchen Collective*, wine supplied by *Spirits of Mt. Vernon*, warm beverages by *Dear Globe Coffee*, a fire pit, and live music to boot!

This little soirée will be held on **Saturday, December 18th from 5-6:30pm** in the outdoor space of **McLain Wiesand**, located at **1013 Cathedral Street**.

Tickets are \$20 via [Eventbrite](#) (MVBA Holiday Happy Hour)

Masks required.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Keeping Midtown Clean, Green & Safe

Midtown Baltimore | Information to Know!

Leaf Collection in Midtown is Underway!

During leaf season, Midtown's Green Team is out diligently cleaning up leaves in our streets, sidewalks, and parks. We regularly monitor the community, focusing on areas that have yet to be serviced, and those that have the greatest needs. In order to cover all 144 blocks in the District, our crew strategically works to collect fallen leaves from over 4,000 trees.

With many still working from home, you may experience short bursts of noise when a team is on your block. Please keep in mind that it's a short-term noise in exchange for streets and sidewalks cleared of leaves. Be assured that Midtown will only deploy within times allowed by municipal codes regarding noise. In order to protect our workers, we may need to temporarily close off sections of streets where we are working. Closures will be short in duration and will be monitored by an employee in case of emergency or if someone needs to move their vehicle. Midtown takes the leaves it collects to partners at urban farms and community gardens to be composted. In more densely populated and high vehicular traffic areas, Midtown teams sweep the leaves by hand and bag those leaves for trash collection, which can be a very slow and tedious process. We ask for your patience as our leaf teams collect these leaves.

Rest assured, Midtown works strategically and will be back several times over the upcoming weeks in each area to collect leaves.

If you'd like to assist in the effort and need to have collected piles of leaves or leaf bags removed, please submit a request on our website at <https://www.midtownbaltimore.org/request-services>.

For further information on Midtown's Leaf Season Strategy, visit our [website](#) and check out the 101 resource guides, with tips and information around leaf collection.

Corner Trash Cans are for Pedestrian Litter Only

As a reminder, corner cans are not for household or business trash. These cans are for **pedestrian litter only**. If you see corner cans being used incorrectly, report it to 311 before notifying Midtown. This holds code enforcement accountable for issuing citations and logs the instance so it can be tracked and metrics are generated. You may submit a 311 request online at <https://balt311.baltimorecity.gov> and then email a copy of the SR number to service@midtowncommunity.org.

It's Time to Clean Up those Tree Wells and Weeds

Property owners are responsible for keeping tree wells and sidewalks free of weeds per Baltimore City Code. Constituents who have removed weeds can submit a service request at <https://www.midtownbaltimore.org/request-services> for Midtown to collect this green debris and a member of our team can make sure weeds are properly disposed of.

By pulling the weeds along the sidewalk and the tree wells, it helps keep the district looking great, and makes it much easier for our crews to get trash when we are cleaning. By working together, we can keep our sidewalks and tree wells looking their very best!

Keep Up on What's Happening in Midtown

Learn more about what's happening in Midtown by signing up for our newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/gzLb7H> or follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/midtownbaltimore/> for the most-up-to-date information.

Reporting Private Property Graffiti | Midtown

Help Midtown Baltimore report graffiti on personal property in Midtown!

In partnership with the Bolton Hill, Charles North, Madison Park, and Mount Vernon community associations, [Midtown Baltimore](#) is creating a comprehensive list of graffiti on PRIVATE PROPERTIES in the district. Your submissions will be shared with the Baltimore City Police Department and the State's Attorney's office.

>>>> To submit an incident visit: <https://buff.ly/3fJxK2N>

☒ This form is intended for reporting incidents of graffiti on PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY. Please report each instance as a separate submission so that we have a thorough list of every occurrence.

☒ Instances of graffiti on public property should be submitted directly to 311 for remediation. You

can file a report online or by calling 311.

✔ Please note, Midtown DOES NOT DO graffiti removal.

✔ 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. The guidelines and additional information can be found in Midtown's Graffiti Resource Guide, available online at: <https://buff.ly/3pbBNbc>.



Baltimore City Council Updates

- The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 10th 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](#).



Mayor & DPW Restart Bulk Trash Pick-Up

As mentioned last month, Mayor Brandon M. Scott and Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Jason W. Mitchell announced that **bulk trash and white goods collection services for residents resumed on October 2nd, with a modified schedule**.

Collections occur on Saturdays from 7am to 3pm, with services focused on a different sector of Baltimore City each week. Residents can call 311 to schedule bulk trash or white goods collection. Each household will be allowed the removal of up to three items per month. As of

September 17th, residents could begin contacting 311 to request a collection.

The collection schedule will be as follows:

- First Saturday of the month: **Southwest**
- Second Saturday of the month: **Northwest & Central**
- Third Saturday of the month: **Northeast**
- Fourth Saturday of the month: **Southeast**
- **DPW will make up all missed bulk and white goods collections during the week.**

For more information, please click [here](#).



New Recycling Carts Arriving!

BALTIMORE, MEET YOUR NEW CART!

No more sorting, bending or lifting – your new recycling carts will have two wheels for easy maneuvering and a lid to keep things tidy. The extra space will make recycling easier and provide more room for storage – a true win-win – for residents.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A RECYCLING CART FROM THE CITY?
Only City residential solid waste customers (those that receive garbage services provided by the City) are eligible to receive a recycling cart.

WHEN IS CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTED IN MY AREA AND AT WHAT TIME SHOULD I PLACE IT OUT FOR COLLECTION?
Your recycling day can be found by calling 311 or checking the City website. Recycling should be placed out the night before collection or no later than 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

WHAT TYPES OF RECYCLABLES ARE COLLECTED AT CURBSIDE? HERE IS WHAT WE COLLECT AT CURBSIDE FROM HOMES:

- Plastic bottles, jars, and jugs (Items should be empty and dry)
- Aluminum cans (Items should be empty and dry)
- Steel/tin cans (Items should be empty and dry)
- Newspaper (Items should be dry)
- Cardboard (Flattened) (Items should be dry)
- Mixed office paper, junk mail, etc. (Items should be dry)
- Glass bottles and jars (Items should be empty and dry)

HOW DO I SET MY CART OUT PROPERLY ON COLLECTION DAY?
Place your cart on the curb after 6:00 p.m. on the night before your collection day. Make sure the cart is accessible to the crew and should not block the sidewalk.

WHAT SHOULD NOT BE RECYCLED IN MY CART?
Trash, yard waste, hoses, wires, chains, stained food receptacles, styrofoam, clothing, rags, towels, and shoes. Scrap metal can be taken to one of the City's Residential Drop-Off Centers or a scrap metal recycler.

CAN I RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP IN MY CART?
No. Plastic bags and wrap causes equipment jams at recycling processing facilities and can harm workers. These items can be taken to your local participating retail or grocery stores for recycling drop-off.

WHERE DO I STORE MY RECYCLING AND TRASH CARTS?
Please store your carts behind or beside your home. If stored in front of the home, ensure it is not blocking the sidewalk.

WILL CARTS BE ASSIGNED TO A SPECIFIC HOUSEHOLD?
Yes. On the front of the recycling carts there will be a tracking code. This code will be associated with a specific household. DPW encourages residents to leave the identifier on the cart so if lost, they can be returned to their original location.

A RECYCLING CART WAS DELIVERED TO MY HOME, BUT I DO NOT WANT IT. WILL YOU TAKE IT BACK?
Yes, you can call 311 and request to opt-out. The City will take it back.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OLD RECYCLING BIN?
Residents can keep bins for other household uses or additional storage. They can also be disposed of as bulky waste at the five Residential Drop-Off Centers. Please visit publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/solid-waste/drop-off to find the Drop-off center locations.

DO I HAVE TO PUT MY RECYCLABLES IN MY CART?
Yes. Recycling should be placed loose in the recycling cart. No plastic bags. Recycling stored in plastic bags is considered contamination, as the bags jam the equipment at the recycling centers.

WHAT IF MY CART IS STOLEN OR DAMAGED?
Each cart will be assigned to an address. If your cart is lost or stolen, please call 311 so that DPW can track the concerns and make arrangements to repair or replace your cart.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THE RECYCLING CART IF I MOVE?
The cart is property of the City of Baltimore. Please leave your city-issued cart in the rear of your residence when you move.

WHEN WILL MY RECYCLING BE COLLECTED?
To see when your recycling will be collected please visit the City's Recycling Day Collection Map. Residents can call 311 for any updates on delayed routes or interruptions caused by weather events.



TO LEARN MORE, visit publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-services or call (410) 396-4511



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. Noone wants to step in dog mess. And did you know that rats are attracted to it and consume it?

Please be thoughtful to others in the community! MVBA thanks you in advance.



Homelessness, Panhandling & Loitering

Officials at the Mayor's Office of Human Services would like our help tracking incidents of homelessness, panhandling and/or loitering. 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.



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.



Winter Weather Reminders
from Baltimore City

With winter soon here, Baltimore City reminds everyone of the following:

- **Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalk in front of your house.**
Per City Code, snow removal is required within 3 hours after the end of a snow or ice

event unless the snowfall stops between 3pm-6am, in which case snow must be removed by 11am. Failure to shovel the snow from the sidewalk in front of your property can result in fines from the City.

- BPD reminds you not start your car and go back inside to let it warm up. It's against the law to leave your car running with no one inside, which can result in a fine, and it increases potential for robbery. BPD also reminds everyone not to leave anything in your car and to make sure that it is locked.
- DPW reminds you that on days/nights where the temperatures are to drop below freezing to have your faucet on the lowest level on a drip to prevent pipes from freezing.

Stay safe and warm this winter season!

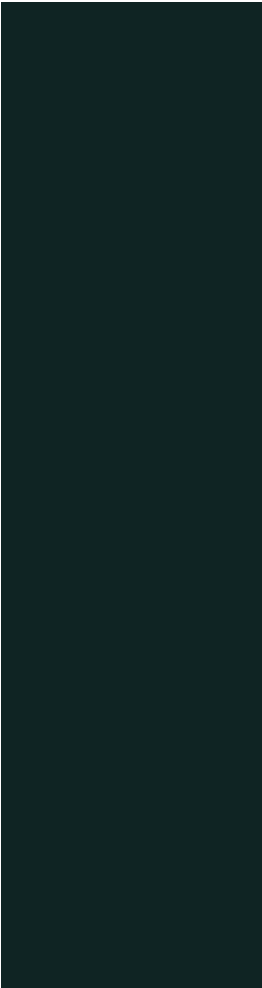


Coming Up in January

- MVBA's First 2022 General Meeting | January 18th

Wishing Everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!

And Happy New Year!



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