

MVBA Newsletter | July 2021



## General Meeting

Tuesday, July 20th, 7:30pm

Please join us on **Tuesday, July 20th at 7:30pm** for our next MVBA General Meeting. The July 20th meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. Here is the Zoom information for attending:

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88580023695?pwd=NjFiTmRUWFdvQmRsN2V2bUQvOUNPd09>

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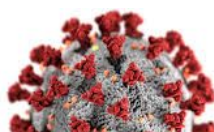
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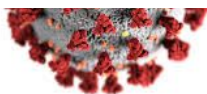
**Join via dial-in only:** +1 301 715 8592

This month, we welcome **Brendon Hudson**, *Owner of Allora*, to discuss his new restaurant space opening soon at 1005 N. Charles Street. We'll also have **Central District BPD Representatives** to discuss all things crime in the neighborhood as well as give us an update on recent crimes in the community. We once again welcome back **Donovan Hatcher**, Legislative Analyst/Community Liaison for Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office for Baltimore City to provide more information on the recent changes to Baltimore City crime prosecutions as well as to answer any community-related questions. We are also welcoming **Councilmen Eric Costello and Robert Stokes** to this meeting as well as other Baltimore City Community Liaisons to provide any updates. Finally, **Wesley Stuckey**, MVBA Vice President and Marketing Committee Chair, will provide an update on our MVBA Marketing efforts in the neighborhood.

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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Effective July 1st, Baltimore City has rescinded its previous health orders related to face masking, and **residents are no longer required to wear face masks in public settings, indoors or outdoors.**

As of July 17th, Baltimore City has 53,257 COVID-19 cases and 1,103 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](#)

Additionally, Baltimore City continues to update their [online COVID-19 Dashboard](#). ***Be sure to make note of these resources on COVID-19, as we will no longer be listing these resources via our monthly newsletters.***

Please check out our [MVBA Facebook page](#) for any updated information.

**As always, continued wishes of good health to everyone!**



## 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).





## Accepting Candidate Nominations for Election

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With the November 16th MVBA Election approaching, we are currently accepting nominations for serving on the MVBA Board. The four (4) board positions including President, Vice President and Directors (2) are up for election:

### **President** *(serving 2-year term)*

*Michele Richter, Current President*

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.

Additional Responsibilities include:

- *The President shall preside at all Board and General Membership meetings of the Association.*
- *The President shall have general management and direction of the activities of the Association and all powers ordinarily exercised by the President of an organization.*
- *The President shall prepare the agenda for all meetings of Directors and the general membership, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and shall call special meetings of the members and directors, consistent with the bylaws.*
- *The President shall sign all contracts and agreements in the name of the Association following a resolution of the Board of Directors.*
- *If the amount or scope exceeds approved budgets, the President shall sign all notices, checks, drafts, warrants, or other orders for the payment of money which are drawn, and also signed by the Treasurer.*
- *The President shall serve as the representative of the Association at meetings and in discussions with public and private agencies, unless the Directors authorize a special committee or individual to represent the Association.*
- *The President shall have such other powers and duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Board of Directors.*

Time Commitment for Position: 30+ hours per week

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### **Vice President** *(serving 2-year term)*

*Wesley Stuckey, Current Vice President*

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all duties and have all the powers of the President.

Additional Responsibilities include:

- *The Vice President shall also have such additional powers and duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.*

Time Commitment for Position: 20+ hours per week

*Note: Officers shall be a property owner, business owner, and/or tenant within the boundaries of the Association who have demonstrated a longstanding commitment of at least two (2) years to the community through an existing track record of service on the Board or on Committees, unless waived by two-thirds (2/3) of the board members eligible to vote. No officer may hold more than*

*one office concurrently.*

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### **Director** *(2 positions serving 3-year term)*

*Jack Danna and Scott Ponemone, Current Directors*

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.

**If you are interested in any of the above positions and are an active MVBA member who qualifies, please complete a short questionnaire [here](#) and upload a resume with your experience demonstrating how you would be a good candidate for that given position.** Be sure to identify what position(s) you are interested in. You'll hear from the Nominations Committee before September regarding your interest as well as any follow-up questions.

*All potential candidates on the Board's slate for the elected positions will be picked by **September 7th**. These candidates will be given a few minutes to speak and present themselves at the September 14th General Membership Meeting as well as at the November 16th General Membership Meeting before the election.*

**Be sure to mark your calendars for the November General Election taking place on Tuesday, November 16th starting at 7:30pm.**

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# MIDTOWN

## BALTIMORE

Keeping Midtown Clean, Green & Safe

### Midtown Baltimore | Information to Know!

#### Surcharge Bills Arriving This Month

Midtown Baltimore's clean, green and safe services are paid for through an annual special benefits surcharge. The surcharge is in addition to property taxes and based upon a property's assessed value. Surcharge bills are mailed in early July. If you do not receive your paper statement, visit <https://cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/SpecialBenefits/> to determine the amount owed for your property, which can be paid online.

Visit <https://www.midtownbaltimore.org/surcharge> for additional information.

#### 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](mailto: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>.

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**PARKING**  
OF BALTIMORE CITY  
**AUTHORITY**

### RPP Renewal Coming Soon!

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#### Wait for your Regular Month to Renew

The Parking Authority will resume renewing Residential Parking Permits (RPP) soon. Residential parking permits for Mount Vernon (Area 28) will be renewed during **September**, the month our area usually renews. All permits that expired after March 1, 2020, will be honored until the end of your renewal month in 2021/2022 per the Parking Authority.

Area 13 (Tyson Street) permit holders will need to renew their permits during November 2021.

For more information, visit the Parking Authority via their [website](#). *If you have any questions about address eligibility, the online application, or their renewing procedures, please contact them at (443) 573-2800 or email [rpp@bcparking.com](mailto:rpp@bcparking.com).*

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### Baltimore City Council Updates

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- The next 2021 City Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 19th 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

### (Private Property Is Now Included)

As mentioned last month, the Department of Public Works (DPW) announced a restart of graffiti removal services for **private property**, both residential and commercial.

The service request (SR) number for graffiti has already been reactivated in the 311 system and as of **Monday, July 5, 2021**, 311 operators have begun inputting new private property requests into the queue for service.

Please be patient as DPW continues to work through the large backlog of requests. Also, please note that 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

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 consume it?

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



### Homelessness, Panhandling & Loitering

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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](mailto: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.

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### 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.



### Baltimore Summer Restaurant Week

Starting July 23rd and running through August 1st

Get ready for **Baltimore Summer Restaurant Week** coming next week! This summer's Baltimore Restaurant Week is running from Friday, July 23rd through Sunday, August 1st. Be sure to visit [baltimorerestaurantweek.com](http://baltimorerestaurantweek.com) for more details.

### Coming Up in August

- No MVBA General Meeting in August
- Baltimore Restaurant Week | Last Day August 1st!

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### Ex-Officio

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