



MIMA

Monthly Update

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Mayor Scott Commemorates the One-Year Anniversary of the Key Bridge Collapse



On March 25, Mayor Brandon M. Scott observed the one-year anniversary of the Key Bridge collapse at a memorial event. Mayor Scott and other city officials met with victims' families and rode a boat out to the collapse site, where they laid six memorial wreaths in honor of the victims.

“Today, we reflect and continue to grieve the unthinkable tragedy of the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge,” said Mayor Scott. “A year ago, we lost six Marylanders working tirelessly to improve our communities. We honor their memory [and will continue to] honor the promise we made to their families and loved ones... to wrap our arms around them and to offer the support they needed.”

“We remember and honor Dorlian, Miguel, Jose, Alejandro, Maynor, and Carlos—fathers, husbands, sons, brothers, and dedicated workers. They lost their lives doing the essential work that keeps our community safe, and we must continue to honor their legacy,” said Catalina Rodriguez Lima, Director of the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA). “We also thank our partner organizations, the Baltimore Civic Fund, and the individual donors for their vital contributions to supporting the victims' and survivors' families.”





UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE



One City, Many Voices: Happy Language Access Month!

April is designated annually as Language Access Month. Our city’s many voices enrich its culture, economy, and community. MIMA is committed to ensuring that everyone has access to and can fully participate in civic life, regardless of language spoken. Since 2023, our language access program has translated 380 documents, provided 5,700 callers with telephonic interpretation in 35 languages, and trained 1,500 city employees on language access best practices!

This month, we celebrate Baltimore’s linguistic diversity and reaffirm the importance of language access in ensuring that every resident has a voice in shaping our city’s future.

Summer Internship Applications Due on April 10

Applications for Summer 2025 internships are due by 11:59 PM on Thursday, **April 10**. We offer opportunities to gain experience in areas such as communications, language access, and other key roles supporting our mission.

If you are passionate about making a positive impact in immigrant communities and eager to build your skills, we encourage you to apply!



[Apply to intern with MIMA by April 10](#)

Volunteer with Our Office

If you are not a student but looking for ways to get involved and support your immigrant neighbors, MIMA is seeking dedicated individuals to join our volunteer team!

As a volunteer, you can assist in various programs and initiatives to provide vital support, remotely or in-person (based on your preferences and our office’s needs). Your involvement will directly contribute to empowering immigrant communities to thrive. Join us in making a difference!

[Apply to volunteer with MIMA](#)

Community Resource Guide

With the change in federal administration at the beginning of this year, there have been many shifts in the immigration policy landscape. Please see the “National Happenings” section below for a summary of federal actions that may impact our communities. Additionally, please continue consulting our office’s [guide to services and resources](#).

Bi-Weekly Community Stakeholders Call

Our Community Stakeholders Calls take place every other Friday from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM and are hosted virtually on Microsoft Teams. The call brings together a diverse group of partners and stakeholders, including non-profits, faith-based organizations, civic groups, educational institutions, and city agencies. The call originally scheduled for **April 18** is cancelled due to the holiday. The next call will take place on **May 2** and will feature Economic Action Maryland and Art of Solidarity as presenters.

[Join MIMA's stakeholder calls](#)

Baltimore New American Access Coalition (BNAAC)



The Baltimore New American Access Coalition (BNAAC) is a six-month program that helps Baltimore City's immigrant and refugee families connect to public benefits and local resources throughout the city. This program is free, and language support is provided. Refer yourself or someone you know. Enrollment ends on **April 30**.

[Refer someone or yourself to BNAAC](#)



CITY SERVICES

Taxpayers' Night

On Wednesday, **April 23**, at 6 PM in City Hall, the Board of Estimates will host the Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Budget Presentation and Annual Taxpayers' Night. Learn about the proposed City budget for the next fiscal year (July 2025 to June 2026) and voice your opinion about where you think your taxpayer dollars should go.

Residents can participate in-person or virtually or by submitting written testimony in advance. Spanish translation will be provided; make sure to note in the form when signing up. Find more information and sign up at the [Bureau of the Budget and Management Research's website](#).

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Got old paint, batteries, or automotive fluids? The Department of Public Works (DPW) will be accepting household hazardous waste on **May 2** and **May 3**, from 9 AM to 5 PM, at the Slisson Street Residential Recycling Center, 2840 Slisson St, Baltimore, MD 21211.

Consult [this graphic from DPW](#) to see what items are and are not accepted.

Baltimore Commission on Sustainability April Meeting

Join the Baltimore Office of Sustainability and their Commission on Sustainability to learn about initiatives, projects, and programs intended to make the city more sustainable, more equitable, and more climate resilient! The meeting on **April 23** will focus on Environmental Education and Climate Communications, and the meeting will be hosted virtually on Webex.

Register and find more information on the [Eventbrite page](#).

Recreation and Parks Taking Registrations for Spring and Summer Camps

Registration is now open for spring and summer programs hosted by the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP). Spring Break Camps will take place **April 14 to 21**, a week full of games, crafts, sports, and outdoor adventures for various age groups. Register for a Spring Camp on the [BCRP website](#).



At Summer Camps, campers enjoy swimming, games, nature exploration, STEM activities, pick-up sports, crafts, and more at the city's recreation centers, parks, and facilities for eight weeks. The programs will run from **June 23 to August 15** and are open to various age groups, from 5 to 15 years. Register for a Summer Camp on the [BCRP website](#).

B'More Fresh Provides Additional Food Assistance for SNAP Recipients

Baltimore City residents enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can earn \$30 per month to purchase fruits and vegetables when they shop online with a participating grocery store. After spending \$5 on SNAP-eligible items, shoppers will receive a \$30 produce voucher in their online account. Visit the [B'More Fresh Voucher Program website](#) for more information.



Discount on Water Bills Available for Certain Households through Water4All

Water4All is a program that offers discounts on water bills for eligible Baltimore City residents. Baltimore City residential households who meet income and certain other requirements are eligible. Visit the [Water4All website](#) for more information on eligibility and to apply.

Buy Back the Block Grants Available for Homebuyers

The Buy Back the Block program provides grants to Baltimore City residents who rent and purchase a home within the grant-eligible Baltimore City area. These grants do not require repayment.

The \$10,000 “Home Purchase” grant reduces upfront costs for purchasing a home, while the \$20,000 “Home Purchase and Renovation” grant reduces upfront costs if you are renovating in addition to purchasing a home. To find out if you are eligible, visit the [Buy Back the Block website](#). Information about this program in [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), and [French](#).



LOCAL EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Lawyer in the Library: Immigration Information

Legal practitioners from Just Neighbors and World Relief will be available to speak with individuals seeking information on immigration-related matters. Practitioners can provide general information on basic immigration-related inquiries, distribute informational materials, provide referrals, and more. Services will be available in Spanish.

These sessions are hosted at the Southeast Anchor Library (3601 Eastern Ave.), every other Wednesday from 11 AM to 2 PM, with upcoming dates on **April 9** and **April 23**.



Defending Your Rights When English is Not Your First Language

The Parents' Place of Maryland (PPMD) and the Baltimore County Public Schools Department of Special Education are holding a series of webinars on defending your rights when English is not your first language. These online workshops are conducted in Spanish.

The second session, covering the topics of Developmental Stages, Reacting Early, and Individualized Education Programs, will take place **April 30** from 6 to 7 PM on Zoom. Register and find more information on [PPMD's website](#).

Community Resource Fair at Harford Heights Elementary School

On Tuesday, **April 8**, from 2 to 5 PM, several city agencies and non-profit organizations will share information about their services at Harford Heights Elementary School's 100% for 100% Community Resource Fair. Come find out about services and resources available to you as a Baltimore resident! See participating organizations on [this flyer](#).

Afghan Support to School Impact Scholarship



Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) is partnering with the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees to administer the Afghan Support to School Impact Scholarship (AS2SI). Offered to the immigrant Afghan population throughout Maryland, this scholarship provides a chance for youth and young adults to advance their education and job training. To find more information and apply, visit [BCCC's website](#).

Family Events for Nature Everywhere Week

From **April 27 to May 3**, Inward Discovery Grows Outdoors (InDiGo) is hosting a week of free events and activities for the entire family for Nature Everywhere Week! Roll up your sleeves to transform your parks with activities like planting trees, removing invasive species, adding native plants, and creating children-centered nature play spaces. Find a schedule of events and more information on [InDiGo's website](#).



Día del Niño

Día del Niño (Kids' Day) returns to Patterson Park for its fifteenth year on **April 26**, from 11 AM to 2 PM! This free day of fun will feature piñatas, arts, crafts, folkloric dance, games, music, and much more and is open to everyone. Most activities are geared towards children, ages 0 to 12 years. Find a schedule and more information on the [Friends of Patterson Park website](#).

Youth Expo

The People's Association of Oliver Community and Youth Ventures, LLC, will host their 2025 Youth Expo on Saturday, **April 26**, at the Madison Square Recreation Center, 1401 E Biddle Street. Youth and young adults, ages 11 to 24 years, are invited to come learn about educational and employment resources and services. See the [event flyer](#) for more information.

Fix-It Fair at the Station North Tool Library

Fix-It Fair is a free, family friendly event hosted by the Station North Tool Library, 417 East Oliver Street. At Fix-It Fair, you can get help from experienced volunteers to make common repairs on clothes, furniture, bikes, and more. Come with your broken items on Saturday, **April 12**, from 10 AM to 2 PM!

Free Vision Check-Up Clinic by CASA Maryland

Join CASA for a free vision screening conducted by professional health specialists on **April 19** at their Welcome Center, 2706 Pulaski Highway. Early detection of vision issues can help prevent bigger problems down the road. Spots are limited, so call 410-732-777 to make an appointment.



Free Books at Book Thing of Baltimore

The Book Thing of Baltimore is hosting its monthly book giveaway event, open to the public, on Saturday, **April 12!** Community members are allowed to take as many books as they can carry, free of charge, and are allowed approximately one hour to browse the available books. You can also donate books. Read the detailed event announcement on the [Book Thing's website](#).



Free Distribution of Fresh Produce by Centro SOL

Centro SOL, in partnership with the City of Baltimore and Common Market, provides free distributions of fresh produce once a month on Wednesday mornings before noon at 5215 Wright Ave, Baltimore, MD 21205. The next distribution date is **April 16**.

Free Health Education by Centro SOL

Weekly on Saturday mornings, Centro SOL hosts Embajadores de Salud, a free health education program to promote healthy lifestyles that are also culturally conscious. Each participant-centered session includes presentations, workshops, and physical activities. Sessions are held in Spanish for the entire family. Find more information on [Centro SOL's website](#), and [register through this form](#) to receive the location and details.

Meet AAPI-Serving Organizations at Baltimore AAPI Night

On Thursday, **April 10**, from 6 to 8 PM, the National Association of Asian American Professionals will host a family-friendly celebration of the region's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community at the 2640 Space, 2640 St. Paul Street. Come meet and learn more about local AAPI-serving organizations! RSVP and find more information on the [NAAAP's website](#).



Asylum Seekers Housing Network Benefit Concert

The Asylum Seeker Housing Network is hosting a benefit concert on Sunday, **April 27**, at the North Baltimore Mennonite Church, 4615 Roland Avenue. The evening will feature music focusing on the experience of "Belonging," with a dessert reception to follow. Childcare is available. Find the event flyer and more information on [Visit Baltimore's website](#).

ABS Moves Fundraiser for Archbishop Borders School

ABS Moves will take place this year on Saturday, **April 12**, from 12 to 3 PM. This fundraiser both brings together Archbishop Borders School's community and encourages connections with the Southeast Baltimore neighborhood while promoting a fun, safe environment, to learn and practice exercise and healthy living. Activities will include Zumba for adults and kids, active games, bounce house, raffles, and more. Find more information and purchase tickets on the [fundraiser page](#).



Virtual ESL and Other Language Courses through the Enoch Pratt Free Library

The Enoch Pratt Free Library offers free, virtual classes for personal and professional development. These instructor-moderated, six-week online classes can be accessed in all Pratt Library locations and on personal computers with a library card.

New sessions start every month, and courses include [Grammar for ESL](#), [Writing for ESL](#), [Spanish for Medical Professionals](#), and [Spanish for Law Enforcement](#). The next session begins on **April 16**.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Judicial Immigration Updates

Lawsuits have been filed against many of President Trump's executive orders related to immigration. Several federal judges have granted preliminary injunctions, which halt the actions in question, against the executive order seeking to revoke birthright citizenship for the children of residents without legal status. Follow the development of these and other lawsuits at the [Just Security Litigation Tracker](#).

Executive Immigration Updates

Termination of Categorical Parole Programs (CHNV): On March 25, 2025, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the termination of the categorical parole programs for nationals of Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela (CHNV). Individuals who were paroled under these programs will lose their parole authorizations and any associated benefits on **April 24, 2025**. See [the official notice published by DHS in the Federal Register](#) and [this explainer from Global Refuge](#) for more information.



Enforcement of Registration Requirement (INA § 262): Beginning **April 11, 2025**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) is enforcing the required registration of certain non-citizens. With limited exceptions, USCIS is mandating that unregistered noncitizens (or previously registered children who turn 14 years old) register through a new form (G-325R) and process. See [the official announcement from](#)

[USCIS](#) and [this explainer from the National Immigration Law Center](#) for more information. Consult an attorney before registering.

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Ruling on DACA: On January 17, 2025, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled certain parts of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to be unlawful in the state of Texas, namely ending work permit access for DACA recipients in Texas while maintaining deportation protections. The ruling went into effect on **March 12, 2025**, but the presidential administration has yet to issue official guidance. Renewals for DACA are still being allowed, and first-time applications may be allowed in all fifty states. See [the court's ruling](#) and [this explainer from United We Dream](#) for more information.

Modification of "CBP One" Mobile Application into "CBP Home": On **March 10, 2025**, DHS announced the replacement of the CBP One mobile app, which previously served as a scheduling tool for asylum-seekers and as a part of the entry process of parolees, with the CBP Home app. All downloads of the CBP One app were automatically updated to the CBP Home app. CBP Home features an option for individuals to "self-deport" by submitting their "intent to depart." Immigrant advocates advise that individuals with this app installed on their mobile devices disable location sharing permissions for the app.

Pending Information Sharing Agreement between the IRS and ICE: As of late March, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are reported to be nearing finalization of a deal to share the personal data of individuals who pay federal taxes with an IRS-issued individual taxpayer identification number, or ITIN. Immigrant advocates are currently advising that individuals hold off on applying for an ITIN for the first time if they do not have one already.



COVID-19 UPDATES

Where To Get Vaccinated in Baltimore City

**GET VAXXED
WALK-UP CLINICS**

An updated COVID vaccine for 2024-2025 is now available. This vaccine targets the most widespread strain of COVID currently circulating. Get this year's vaccine for the greatest protection against COVID-19. Visit the

Baltimore City Health Department's page for a [weekly schedule of COVID vaccination clinics](#).

You do not need an appointment to get vaccinated at these walk-up clinics. Vaccines are also widely available in local pharmacies. Search [the national database of pharmacy locations](#) for vaccine availability.

Place Your Order for Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

As of late September 2024, residential households in the U.S. are eligible for another order of four free at-home tests from USPS.com. Each order includes four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. Find more details about at-home tests, including extended shelf life and updated expiration dates, on [this page from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#).

Orders will ship free. To order free COVID-19 tests, fill out [this form with the USPS](#).



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [NEW] [Consumer Assistance Intake Specialist](#) | Office of People's Counsel, State of Maryland | bilingual candidates encouraged to apply
- [NEW] [Community Health Worker](#) | Coaching Salud Holistica | English and Spanish fluency required
- [NEW] [Customer Support Specialist, Multilingual Learners](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools | Spanish fluency desired
- [NEW] [Foreign Language Teacher, Arabic](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [NEW] [Foreign Language Teacher, Chinese](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [NEW] [Foreign Language Teacher, French](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [NEW] [Foreign Language Teacher, Russian](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [NEW] [Foreign Language Teacher, Spanish](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [Human Services Assistant](#) | Bureau of Community Health Services, Baltimore County Government | English and Spanish fluency required
- [Outreach Worker—Women, Infants, and Children \(WIC\)](#) | Clinical Services, Baltimore County Government | English and Spanish fluency required
- [Temporary Branch Office Representative](#) | Taxpayer Services Division, Comptroller of Maryland | English and Spanish fluency required
- [Medical Office Assistant](#) | Johns Hopkins Health System | English and Spanish fluency required
- [Scheduling Coordinator](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | English and Spanish fluency required
- [Scheduling Coordinator](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | English and Spanish fluency required
- [Child Development Teacher](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | English and Spanish fluency required
- [Various Bilingual Positions](#) | Baltimore Medical System | enter "bilingual" in the search field

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