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Monthly Newsletter

Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA)

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

At MIMA, we are excited to celebrate our Hispanic/Latino communities and residents. In doing so, Mayor Brandon M. Scott, MIMA, and the Baltimore City Hispanic Commission will be recognizing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Latino community. [Follow us on social media to learn more about our outstanding leaders!](#)

Community Events

Join the celebration at these community events during Hispanic Heritage Month! A more detailed description of events are listed below.

- Feria Somos Baltimore Latino 2023 / Somos Baltimore Latino Fair 2023
 - Saturday, September 16th, 11 am - 6:00 pm
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus / Sagrado Corazón de Jesús (600 S Conkling St, Baltimore, MD 21224)
 - Somos Baltimore Latino
 - [Learn more here!](#)
- TIANQUIZTLI | Latin American Market & Festival
 - Saturday, September 16th
 - 2:00 pm Walk with Little Amal in Patterson Park
 - 3:00 - 7:00 pm Festival outside Creative Alliance (3134 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224)
 - Creative Alliance
 - [Free, learn more here!](#)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Event: Latino Trivia Night!
 - Tuesday, September 19th, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
 - Centro SOL and the Latino Racial Justice Circle
 - El Salvador Restaurant (207 South Broadway 2nd Floor Baltimore, MD 21231)
 - [Please RSVP](#)
- Festival de Independencia
 - Sunday, September 17th, 12:00 - 9:00 pm
 - Joseph Lee Park (6300 E. Pratt St. Baltimore, MD 21224)
 - [Learn more here!](#)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration and Community Resource Fair
 - Saturday, September 23, 2:30pm - 5pm
 - Faith Center (351 S. Woodyear St, Baltimore, MD 21223)



- Folkloric Dance Class with Artesanas
 - Tuesday, October 3rd, 5:30-7:30 pm
 - Enoch Pratt Free Library (400 Cathedral Street Baltimore, MD 21201)
 - [Free, please RSVP](#)
- Latino Cultural Festival
 - Saturday, October 7, 11am-7pm
 - Patterson Park-Pulaski Monument (2900 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224)
- Latin Nations of Fiesta Baltimore Parade
 - Sunday, October 8th, 9 am
 - Patterson Park Pulaski Monument (parade starts at 3919 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224)
 - [Learn more here!](#)

UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

MIMA is hiring!

MIMA is hiring a Community Engagement Coordinator! Interested candidates must [apply](#) by **Friday, September 29th**. Please share widely!

The Baltimore New American Access Coalition

The Baltimore New American Access Coalition (BNAAC) is a group of community organizations [CASA, Esperanza Center, Southeast CDC, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services(LIRS)], led by MIMA, who are offering public benefit navigation to New American families. Eligible clients can receive help with applying to public benefits, including, health care coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), WIC, cash assistance (TCA), childcare, home energy assistance, Affordable Connectivity Program/internet resources, and more. The BNAAC program has enrolled 312 clients from 23 different Baltimore City zip codes. The program is currently providing benefit navigation support in over 10 languages.

- **Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS) has begun to take clients!**
 - Interested clients can call, text, or WhatsApp message 443-365-0472
- For more information about the program, eligibility, and to see our translated flyers visit our [website](#).
- To refer a client to the program use the following [form](#).

Esperanza Center is hiring a BNAAC Benefit Navigator

If you are interested or know someone who is interested in working as a benefit navigator, please apply to Esperanza Center's open position! Through this position, you will be able to work directly with community members and assist them in accessing city services. [Apply through this link](#).

Little Amal Visits Baltimore City Hall

The MIMA Office will be welcoming Little Amal, along with Mayor Scott, to City Hall on September 15th at 4:30 pm.





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We are excited to join Mayor Scott in welcoming Little Amal, who has become a symbol of compassion, human rights, and especially immigrant rights. To learn more about Little Amal please visit the [Walk with Amal website](#) and **join us at City Hall from 4:30 - 5:30 pm on September 15th to welcome her to Baltimore.** [If you are planning on attending the event, please RSVP.](#)

COVID-19 UPDATES

Vaccination

CDC provides information on recommendations for staying up to date with COVID-19 in English and Spanish on the [CDC website](#). For more information on how to get vaccinated in Baltimore City, visit the [Baltimore City Health Department website](#).

Treatment

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and are having symptoms, there may be treatment available for you. These treatments are only for patients who are at high risk of severe covid illness. Those who may be eligible can complete the [Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital COVID Task Force Adult Patient Telehealth Self-Referral Form](#).

CITY SERVICES

City Schools Free Immunization Program

City Schools is having FREE Immunization clinics starting Monday, August 28 through September 29 at our district office (200 E. North Avenue). No insurance or appointment is required. Registration will be in the first-floor board room. Click here to [SIGN UP for an appointment](#) - Search 'Baltimore City Public Schools' in the location field. To learn more, visit <https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/immunizations>.

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks After School Programs now Open!

BCRP's After School Programs for Children and Youth are now open for registration! The Fall Program Session will run weekdays from 2:30pm to 5:30pm starting September 5 through November 22. Winter Break Camp registration will open on November 14 and will run December 26-29. [Visit the BCRP Program Registration Platform \(CivicRec\) website for more information!](#)

Take the BCRP Comprehensive Plan Survey

BCRP is working on an Action Plan for equitable investments in public parks, rec facilities, and programs. Don't spectate, participate! Take the [BCRP Playbook Survey](#) so that future enhancements to the Rec & Parks system meet the needs of your community. If you complete the survey, you'll also have a chance to win \$100! Click the Translate button to take the survey in a language other than English.



The Baltimore Community Survey is Back!

The Baltimore Community Survey that will be active from mid-September to mid-October. This was an annual survey that ran from 2009-2015 that Mayor Scott committed to restarting this year. [More information on past surveys can be found here.](#) MIMA will provide continued updates about the survey in the upcoming weeks.

Social Worker in the Library

The Enoch Pratt Free Library, in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Morgan State University School of Social Work - Field Education Program, is pleased to offer an innovative initiative that serves the community by providing access to social services.

Email socialworker@prattlibrary.org or call the social worker in your geographic area Monday through Friday to get help with a variety of issues.

For more information, contact the social worker in your geographic area:

- South, Southeast, or para servicios en Espanol: Mariel Sass, (443) 418-3873
- Central, East, or Northeast: Sam Chan, (443) 983-0824
- West, Northwest, or Southwest: Sheila Miller, (667) 392-9785

Drop-in hours are available at the following branches, no appointment necessary! Email socialworker@prattlibrary.org or call the contact for your branch if you need assistance. [Please visit the Enoch Pratt Free Library page for more information.](#)

Brooklyn Mariel Sass: (443) 418-3873	Thursday, 11 am – 4 pm
Central Library Sam Chan: (443) 983-0824	Tuesday, 11 am – 4 pm Wednesday, 11 am – 4 pm Thursday, 11 am – 4 pm
Edmondson Avenue Sheila Miller: (667) 392-9785	Wednesday, 11 am – 4 pm
Walbrook Sheila Miller: (667) 392-9785	Tuesday, 11 am – 4 pm Thursday, 11 am – 4 pm
Southeast Anchor Library Mariel Sass: (443) 418-3873	Wednesday, 11 am – 4 pm
Waverly Sam Chan: (443) 983-0824	Tuesday, 11 am – 4 pm

Read to Reef Book Club

The Enoch Pratt Free Library and National Aquarium are partnering to encourage reading! Free Aquarium admission is available to young readers and their families each spring and fall through participation in their book club! [The next book club session starts on October 1st, so please follow their updates in the meantime.](#)





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WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH?

Affordable Connectivity Program: Helping Households Connect!

While this is not a new program, we wanted to uplift the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) this month as many families have children returning to school. The ACP can reduce your internet service bill. If you offer support to families who could use this service, [here is a toolkit of outreach materials in English and Spanish.](#)

Coalition of Service Providers for Spanish Speaking Men in Baltimore City

The newly formed Coalition of Service Providers for Spanish Speaking Men in Baltimore City is looking to create a comprehensive list of agencies that have programming for men who speak Spanish. This list will not be publicly published but will be shared among providers to support coordination of support and a warm referral process between agencies. [Please complete the questions on their survey and share with those that may be interested.](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

BCHD COVID-19 Small Grants

The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is committed to supporting projects and initiatives that drive positive change in our communities, especially as it relates to health disparities ignited by the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no limit on how many times you can apply! Whether you're looking to expand on a previous project or embark on a new endeavor, we encourage you to start preparing your proposals. [Please submit all application proposals to this link.](#)

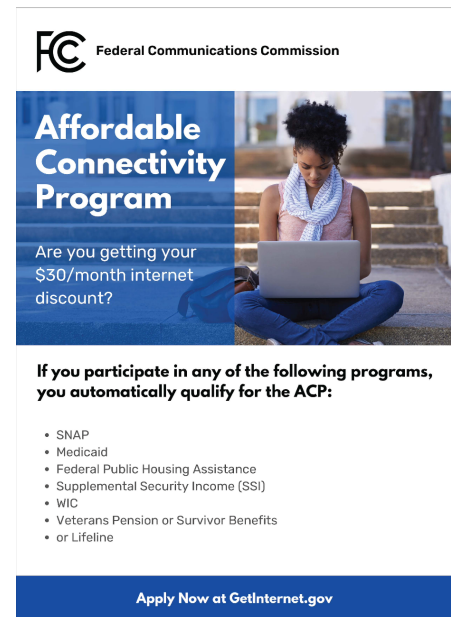
Key dates to keep in mind:

- Applications open: Sept. 5, 2023
- Applications are due: Sept. 15, 2023
- Grant awards notifications: Oct. 9, 2023
- Funds will be dispersed: Oct. 9, 2023
- Grant activity will begin: Oct. 23, 2023
- Grant activity will end: Jan. 21, 2024

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Christian Dambreville via email at Christian.Dambreville@baltimorecity.gov or by phone at (667) 218-0637.

LIRS New American Community Lending (NACL)

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service recently launched its New American Community Lending (NACL) program geared at providing refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, and New Americans with individual, consumer, and microenterprise loans. Read more about their micro-loan program [here](#). To learn more and apply for a loan, email NACL@lirs.org.



FC Federal Communications Commission

Affordable Connectivity Program

Are you getting your \$30/month internet discount?

If you participate in any of the following programs, you automatically qualify for the ACP:

- SNAP
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- WIC
- Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
- or Lifeline

Apply Now at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov)



EVENTS

Therapeutic Rec Fall 2023 Program Catalog

BCRP's Therapeutic Recreation Program welcomes and encourages individuals with and without disabilities to participate in recreation programs. Therapeutic Recreation programs provide skill development, leisure education, recreation participation, fine motor skill development and refinement, as well as a creative outlet for individuals with various disabilities. [Click here to view the Therapeutic Rec Fall 2023 Program Calendar](#). You can also [click here to register for programs](#).



2023 Latin American Film Festival

The Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts & Sciences will be hosting a Latin American Film Festival, co-sponsored by the Center for Advanced Media Studies and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. The film festival will run from **September 5 @ 5:00 pm – December 5 @ 7:30 pm** and is entirely free! All films will be shown at Remsen Hall 101, [see what films they will be showing here!](#)

TreeKeeper and Weed Warrior Fall Programs

BCRP Forestry will host its TreeKeeper and Weed Warrior programs again this fall. The TreeKeeper tree stewardship course will begin **September 9**. Those interested can view the flyer or [register here](#). The Weed Warrior Program, which teaches about non-native invasive plant management will begin **September 20**. Those interested can view the flyer or [register here](#).

Feria Somos Baltimore Latino 2023 / Somos Baltimore Latino Fair 2023

On Saturday, **September 16th from 11 am - 6:00 pm** at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Somos Baltimore Latino is hosting their annual Somos Baltimore Latino Fair! SBL celebrates their 14th anniversary by organizing the SBL FAIR in which they will offer crafts from different countries, food, children's games, free raffles, Folkloric dances, information on immigration, health, work, education and how to start a business, and more. [Learn more here!](#)



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TIANQUIZTLI | Latin American Market & Festival

On Saturday, September 16th, Creative Alliance will be hosting their annual Tianquitzli festival. The Latin American Market & Festival will begin at Patterson Park at 2:00 pm where participants will walk with Little Amal to Creative Alliance's center at 3134 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224. The festival will run from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. The entire event is free, [learn more here!](#)



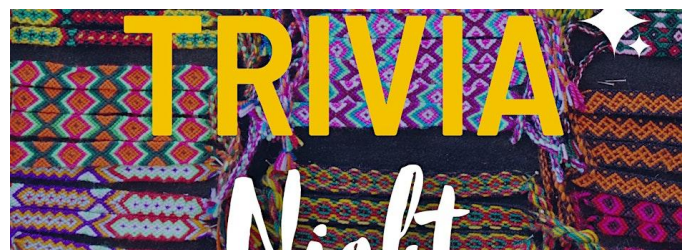

Festival de Independencia

On Sunday, September 17th, 12:00 - 9:00 pm, the Festival de Independencia will be taking place at Joseph Lee Park (6300 E. Pratt St. Baltimore, MD 21224). The festival is open to families and will have music, Folkloric dances, artisans, food, and much more! [Learn more here!](#)

Father Hooper Fields (Herring Run Park) Community Meeting

Please join BCRP for a community meeting on **Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6 pm** to discuss and provide feedback on improvements to Father Hooper Fields including the athletic fields, walkways, and other park amenities. The community's feedback is critical to the design process. The meeting will be

held both in-person at **St. Francis of Assisi** located at 3615 Harford Road Baltimore, MD, 21218, and via [Zoom](#).



Hispanic Heritage Month Event: Latino Trivia Night!

On Tuesday, September 19th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm, join Centro SOL and the Latino Racial Justice Circle for Latino Trivia Night! Test your knowledge of Latino culture, history, music, and more while enjoying a special menu of Salvadoran and Mexican cuisine. This event is in support of the Latino Racial Justice Circle. Doors open at 6:00, trivia begins at 6:30. [Please RSVP](#) before attending the event at El Salvador Restaurant (207 South Broadway 2nd Floor Baltimore, MD 21231).

Rhythms and Reels – Upcoming Movies and Concert

Rhythm & Reels inspires Baltimoreans to celebrate community, culture, and diversity through FREE, family-friendly programming in city parks. Created in 2016, the series is a collaborative community effort showcasing FREE movies and concerts in city parks. [Click the link](#) for more information.

The remaining movies and concert dates/locations are:

- Saturday, September 23, 2023- DC Cuban All-Stars- Leakin Park from 2pm-4pm
- Friday, October 6, 2023- Wakanda Forever- Riverside Park from 5pm-8pm



Folkloric Dance Class with Artesanas

On Tuesday, October 3rd from 5:30-7:30 pm, join the Enoch Pratt Free Library in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by taking a FREE Folkloric Dance class with Artesanas! The dance class will be hosted at Enoch Pratt Free Library (400 Cathedral Street Baltimore, MD 21201). This event is free, [please RSVP!](#)



Latin Nations of Fiesta Baltimore Parade

The Latin Nations of Fiesta Baltimore Parade, organized by Nuestras Raíces Inc. will be held on Sunday, **October 8th**, starting at 9 am. Luis Tepoz and his band La Carcaña will be coming from Mexico to perform for this family event. The parade will begin at 3919 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224. [Learn more here!](#)

AWE Inspiring 5K Run & Walk





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Save the date! Come out for Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE)'s 10th annual 5k Walk and Run on Saturday, **October 21** at Herring Run Park. The \$50 cost of registration covers an AWE 5k t-shirt and goodies. Register [here](#)!

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS

Urban Report finds that Public Charge still impacts Mixed Status Families

The [Urban Institute has posted its new \(2022 survey data\) report on immigrant families' avoidance of safety net programs due to public charge](#). In spite of having a new Biden public charge rule, the report finds that Trump era policies still impact mixed-status families' use of public benefits.

Recent Investigation by National Public Radio (NPR) shows Failures at Immigrant Detention Facilities

A three-year investigation of immigrant detention facilities shows that ["the government's own experts found barbaric treatment, negligent medical and mental health care, racist abuse and what one expert called astonishing failures inside these detention facilities."](#) You can listen to or read the story on NPR's website.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] [Deputy Director, Communications & Marketing](#), Baltimore Corps

[NEW] [Nutrition Educator](#), University of Maryland Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

[NEW] [Home Horticulture Educator and Master Gardener Coordinator](#), University of Maryland

[NEW] [ACP Focused Tech Extension Navigator](#), University of Maryland Extension

[NEW] [Bilingual Part-time Digital Navigators 2023](#), University of Maryland Extension

[Community Engagement Coordinator](#), Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA)

[Field Services Benefit Navigator](#), Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS)

[Community Schools Coordinator](#), SouthEast CDC

[Community Engagement Analyst](#), Baltimore's Budget Office (BBMR)

[Human Resources Consultant](#), Saint Francis Neighborhood Center

[Multiple Positions](#), Johns Hopkins Medicine

[Multiple Positions](#), Healthcare for the Homeless

[Resident Fellow](#), Home is Here and the Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants

[Multiple Positions](#), United Way of Central Maryland

[Multiple positions](#), Infinite Legacy

[Youth Program Marketing Specialist](#), Islamic Leadership Institute of America

[Basketball Coach](#), Islamic Leadership Institute of America

[Bilingual Housing Counselor, Baltimore](#), Latino Economic Development Center

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