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Mayor Scott Issues Executive Order Outlining Administration of Opioid Restitution Funds

On August 29, 2024, Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott announced a new executive order aimed at addressing the city's opioid crisis. The order outlines a comprehensive strategy that includes expanding access to treatment services, enhancing harm reduction efforts, and increasing public education about opioid misuse. This initiative underscores the administration's commitment to tackling the epidemic through a multifaceted approach, integrating healthcare, public safety, and community support to better address the needs of those affected and mitigate the impact of opioid addiction in Baltimore.



In conjunction with the executive order, Mayor Brandon Scott is also inviting applications for the Restitution Advisory Board, which aims to support and advise on strategies for compensating victims of opioid-related harm. The board will play a crucial role in guiding the distribution of resources and ensuring that restitution efforts are effective and equitable. Interested individuals can find more details and apply [here](#).

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

For the past 55 years, September 15-October 15, has been designated the National Hispanic Heritage Month through federal legislation to celebrate our Hispanic communities. This month, we celebrate the contributions and experiences of our city's Hispanic communities. With a rich history in our city, Hispanic communities continue to be a thriving source of what makes Baltimore, Baltimore. To celebrate these contributions, we will be holding our annual Hispanic Heritage Awards. Stay tuned to learn more about the awardees!



Updates from our Office

Welcoming our Morgan State Interns



Leah Johnson- I was born in Spanish Harlem, New York to a Puerto Rican mother and a Jamaican father. I moved to Baltimore, MD with my mother bouncing back and forth between each city growing up. I am currently a senior at Morgan State University majoring in Strategic Communications with a focus in political science. I am involved in Student Government Association, Public Relations Society, American Advertising Federation, and more. My aspirations are to attend law school and become a lawyer in either immigration or criminal law.



Irmani-Maureen Beauvais - Is a Junior from New York who grew up with a Haitian background, is pursuing a Political Science degree with a focus on pre-law. Her heritage has inspired a deep commitment to immigration law. Actively engaged on campus, Irmani-Maureen is involved in SGA, NSLS, NAACP, and the Pre-Law Association.

COVID-19 Updates

Updated CDC guidance for respiratory viruses is as follows:

- Stay home and away from others (including people you live with who are not sick) if you have respiratory virus symptoms that aren't better explained by another cause.
- You can go back to your normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, both are true:
 - Your symptoms are getting better overall, and
 - You have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).
- When you go back to your normal activities, take added precaution over the next 5 days.



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The CDC provides information on the [most recent recommended vaccinations in over 65 languages on their website](#). For more information on how to get vaccinated in Baltimore City, please visit the [Baltimore City Health Department](#). If you need a vaccination at home [please schedule online](#) or call 443-984-8650.

City Services

Computer Classes at the Enoch Pratt Free Library

Learn computer basics and advance your technology skills with Pratt Library computer classes. All classes are free and open to the public. [Click on this calendar](#) to find classes at a library near you.

Maryland Works for Wind Training Opportunities

Maryland Works for Wind is a training opportunity for offshore wind projects that provides thousands of jobs in a variety of roles. By training with seven different companies in the area, participants can gain certifications and have access to supportive services. To apply, complete the following interest form here: [Wind Energy Program | Mayor's Office of Employment Development \(baltimorecity.gov\)](#).



What's New This Month?

Back to School!

School is now back in session! Please utilize MIMA's education services section to review any afterschool programs or assistance guides to various opportunities present. Click [HERE](#) to access the page now and begin looking at all our resources.

EVENTS

Free Medical Equipment

HAPCOA is distributing free medical equipment including wheelchairs, canes, lift chairs, toilet seats, and more to those who are facing financial constraints. This has been achieved with collaboration between GOCI, Faith & Blue, and HAPCOA.

To receive and complete the application, see the attached flier or email alex4prevent@verizon.net.

Basic Computer Skills Workshop for Beginners and Seniors

Denise Brown will be holding an in-person workshop for developing basic computer skills. It will be held from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. on September 10th. It will be held at 7161 Columbia Gateway Drive Suite D, Columbia, MD 21046.



EWI Fall 2024 Entrepreneur Training for Success

ETS is an intensive 3-month, 50-hour, cohort-based training program for women ready to learn what it takes to become entrepreneurs and bring their business ideas to life. Classes of 10-14 women meet twice weekly for three months. During this Spring, we will be offering the program in two locations:

- [Montgomery County, MD \(for English speakers only\)](#)
- [Baltimore City, MD \(for English Speakers only\)](#)
- [Washington, DC \(for Spanish Speakers only\)](#)

More information and the application are available [HERE!](#)



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Friends of Patterson Park Girls Soccer

Friends of Patterson Park will be holding girls soccer games **FREE** to all participants from September 3rd - October 1st. This will be for girls ages 8-13. This will be every Tuesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. For more information, scan the QR code on the flier or email programs@pattersonpark.com.



Baltimore County's Welcoming Week Community Fair

As a part of Baltimore County's 2024 Welcoming Week, a Community Fair will be held! This will be held at Randallstown Community Center on Saturday, September 14th, 2024 from 11AM - 3PM. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Tianquiztli at Creative Alliance

In light of Hispanic Heritage Month, there will be a free Latin American Artisan Market and Festival, known as Tianquiztli. The next festival will be September 14th, 2024. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

50+ Older Workers Career and Resource Fair in Laurel

Employ Prince George's will be holding a 50+ Older Workers Career and Resource Fair in Laurel, MD on Thursday, September 5th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Register through Eventbrite at this link: [50+ Career Fair Registration](#)

Help Contribute to Viva la Cultura!

The Community Engagement and Consultation Group will be holding a Viva la Cultura celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month on September 21st from 11-4 p.m. You can help by donating resources (decorations, materials, supplies), food (cook your best dish!), any type of donations, or just come out and enjoy the event! Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

National Happenings

[Keeping Families Together](#) Program

On August 19th, USCIS started to accept applications for the humanitarian parole program, Keeping Families Together. The program will allow eligible undocumented spouses of U.S. citizens to apply for temporary protections, work permits, and generally allow them to seek legal permanent residence through their U.S. citizen spouses. A [lawsuit](#) currently prevents USCIS from processing new applications received on August 27

or later. However, USCIS is still accepting new applications for the program, which can be found at this link: [Keeping Families Together](#). CASA is offering consultations on the application process, so if you are interested in scheduling a consultation, please complete [this form](#).

Be aware of immigration fraud! Use of legal assistance resources is encouraged. Only an attorney admitted to practice law in the United States or accredited representative working for a [Department of Justice recognized organization](#) can give you legal advice on immigration matters.

Employment Opportunities

- [MAMMOGRAPHY TECH in Baltimore, MD - LifeBridge Health Career Site \(hctsportals.com\)](#)
- [NURSE RESIDENT - MEDSURG ONCOLOGY in Baltimore, MD - LifeBridge Health Career Site \(hctsportals.com\)](#)
- [X RAY TECHNOLOGIST in Baltimore, MD - LifeBridge Health Career Site \(hctsportals.com\)](#)
- [Call Center Rep - Total Health Care](#)
- [Community Outreach Specialist \(Bilingual\)](#)
- [Bilingual \(English/Spanish\) Housing Counselor - Southeast CDC](#)
- [Public Affairs Specialist \(Translator\) - DHS, FEMA, Office of External Affairs, Disaster Operations Division, Language Services Branch](#)

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