



MIMA

Monthly Update

AUGUST 2025

MIMA's (Fiscal) Year Ahead

Last month, Mayor Brandon M. Scott announced a \$2 million increase to the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) to strengthen support for immigrant communities impacted by federal immigration policies.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Scott, members of the City Council, and the many residents and community organizations whose advocacy made this investment possible.

With this funding increase, MIMA will expand access to critical legal services and wraparound support for immigrant families living in Baltimore.

This includes continued support for **Safe City Baltimore**, a program originally launched in 2017 and recently revived in response to increasing immigration enforcement. Safe City Baltimore will: educate immigrant communities about their rights; provide legal representation to individuals with viable immigration claims; and support families impacted by detention or deportation through legal defense and case management services.

The funding will also sustain the **Baltimore New American Access Coalition (BNAAC)**, a MIMA-led initiative that helps families with limited English proficiency navigate city services and resources. Originally launched with federal funding, BNAAC will continue its critical work to ensuring more equitable access to health and human services for immigrant and refugee residents.

Thank you again to everyone who raised their voices during this year's budget process in support of Baltimore's immigrant communities. This investment reflects a collective commitment to the safety, dignity, and well-being of all who call our city home.





UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

New American Leadership Institute (NALI) Applications Close August 8

The New American Leadership Academy (NALI) is a *free* four-session civics academy for emerging leaders from immigrant and refugee communities. Participants leave the program equipped to serve as ambassadors for their communities, having had the opportunity learn about local governance, hone leadership skills, network with peers, and engage in civic participation.

To participate, you must: (1) be an immigrant or refugee; (2) live or work in Baltimore City; and (3) have a conversational understanding of English. Find more information on [this flyer](#) and apply through the form linked below.



[Apply to NALI by August 8](#)

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 Developments" 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.

[Find services and resources for immigrants in Baltimore](#)

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 on **August 8** will feature Zócalo Health and the Refugee Youth Program at Baltimore City Community College as presenters. The call on **August 22** will feature the Maryland Transit Administration as a presenter.

[Join MIMA's stakeholder calls](#)

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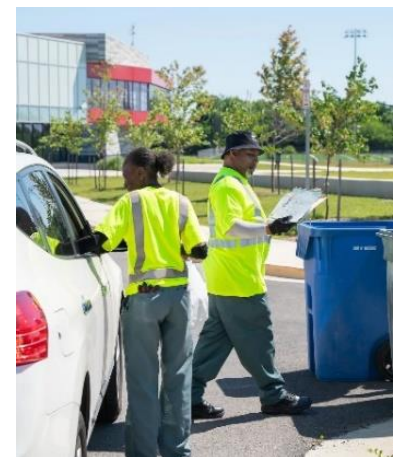
Rock the Block: Belair Edison

The Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Community Affairs is hosting family block parties throughout the city. Come by for free food, music, games, community resources, family-friendly fun, and more!

The next Rock the Block will take place in Belair Edison on **August 18**, from 6 to 9 PM.

Shred Your Documents at the Department of Public Works' Shred Day

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is hosting "Shred Days" to help residents to clear out their clutter. Bring paper documents that you no longer need but that may have sensitive information (up to two 32-gallon bags). A GROW Center Pop-Up will also be giving away free trees, mulch, and more. The next event is taking place **August 23** from 8 AM to 12 PM at North Bend Elementary School, 181 North Bend Rd, Baltimore, MD 21229. Find more information on the [DPW website](#).





Mayor Scott's Back to School Kick-Off

Join us for Mayor Scott's Back to School Kick-Off, a FREE event for the whole family! This annual celebration will be held on **August 23** from 11 AM to 4 PM. Come enjoy live entertainment, delicious local foods, and a variety of community resources. Students receive free school supplies and backpacks, and families can also receive utility, rental, case management assistance, and more.

Department of Transportation: Roll for Less

Dockless vehicles are small vehicles, such as e-scooters and e-bikes, available for rent to get you where you need to go. "Dockless" Vehicles do not need to be parked in a bike rack or any other designated location (the dock). They are equipped with GPS technology and can be parked nearly anywhere. Just remember to please ride and park courteously.

Low-income residents can ride e-scooters and e-bikes for as little as 10 cents per minute with discounted plans. That is 80% off regular prices! All you need to sign up is (1) proof of address (like a bill) and (2) either a SNAP card, utility bill, Medicaid card, or reduced fare card.

More information about [dockless vehicles can be found on the Department of Transportation's website](#).

Department of Housing and Community Development's Summer Food Service Program

The Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development administers the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to provide *free*, nutritious breakfasts and lunches to help children in low-income areas. The 2025 program will run **June 17** through **August 22**, Monday through Friday. These dates are subject to change, reflecting adjustments to the Baltimore City Public Schools calendar.



To locate a meals site, you can call 410-396-0773 or [search your zip code here](#) to find a site.

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.



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 **August 13** and **August 27**.

Latino Economic Development Center: Homebuyers' Resources

The Latino Economic Development center is hosting free, virtual workshops for first-time homebuyers! Are you interested in buying your first home in Baltimore City? Workshops will be conducted in **Spanish** on **August 7** and **September 4** from 4 PM to 6 PM: [fill out this intake form to receive log-in instructions](#). The next workshop conducted in **English** will be on **August 14**, from 4 PM to 6 PM: [fill out this intake form to receive log-in instructions](#).

Komit  Ayiti: Haitian Caribbean Festival

Komit  Ayiti and the Friends of Patterson Park present the 5th Annual Haitian Caribbean Festival, taking place at the Patterson Park Observatory on **August 10** from 2 PM to 8 PM! Entry is free. Come enjoy live entertainment, family-friendly activities, local vendors, and community resources! Find more information on [Komit  Ayiti's website](#).

CHAI Baltimore: Taste of Northwest

Join the Northwest Baltimore Partnership for the family-friendly, outdoor festival Taste of Northwest on **August 10** from 2 PM to 7 PM at the Pikesville Armory. Come enjoy live music from the 8 Ohms Band, an African apparel fashion show, food trucks, craft vendors, children's activities, and community resources.

The event will take place, rain or shine. Bring your lawn chairs. Kosher food and Spanish translation will be available at the event. Find more information and [register in advance on the event page](#) to win a prize!

Baltimore Center Stage: Canton Waterfront



Baltimore Center Stage (BCS) invites you to the Workshop Presentation of *Canton Waterfront* by Karen Li. Developed in Lab410, the BCS local playwright's residency, this piece tells a piece of Chinese history in the city we call home.

Sailing between the coasts of two generations and two parallel time periods, Karen Li's *Canton Waterfront* is a new play that follows two members of the Shek family and two of their descendants. The older generation is among the first immigrants to arrive in Baltimore from China while their descendants are visiting for business. And though a few hundred years apart and under different circumstances, the land, blood, and waters that connect them are all the same.

Canton Waterfront will be shown on **August 16** at 7:30 PM and on **August 17** at 3:00 PM. Find more information and [book tickets on the Center Stage's website](#).

Friends of Patterson Park: Bilingual Yoga

Join [Maritza for morning yoga](#) at the Patterson Park Cedar House! Classes are held bilingually in English and Spanish on Tuesday mornings from 8:15 AM to 9:15 AM. All levels and ages are welcome. Find upcoming dates on the [Patterson Park calendar of events](#).

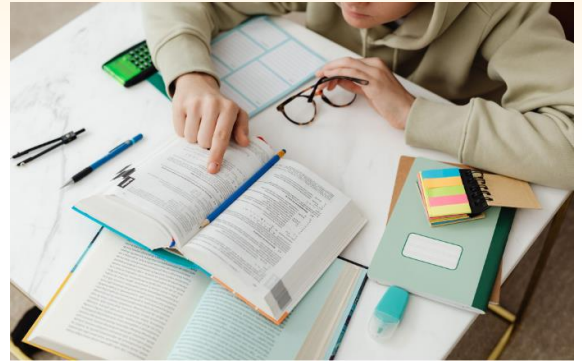


Free Health Education by Centro SOL

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.

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 **August 13**.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Judicial Immigration Updates

Lawsuits have been filed against many of President Donald Trump's executive orders related to immigration. Follow the development of these and other lawsuits at the [Just Security Litigation Tracker](#).

Executive Order Seeking to Restrict Birthright Citizenship: In the month of July, three different federal court rulings found that a nationwide injunction against this executive order remains in force under an exception to the Supreme Court ruling from late June.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the termination of TPS for Haiti, setting an end date of **September 2**, 2025, for protections and work permits. On **July 1**, 2025, a federal judge in New York temporarily blocked this move, ordering the Trump Administration to continue TPS for Haitians until the original expiration date, **February 3**, 2026. The Trump administration is expected to appeal this decision.

Executive Immigration Updates



Lawful Permanent Residents Advised to Carry Documentation on Their Person: In late July, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) issued a notice to lawful permanent residents (green card holders) to "carry with him and have in his personal possession any certificate of alien registration or alien registration receipt card issued to him. Failing to do so can lead to a misdemeanor and fines if you are stopped by federal law enforcement."

Alien registration documents include:

- Permanent Resident Cards (Green Cards; Form I-551)

- Foreign passports indicating that the holder has been “Processed for I-551”
- Arrival/Departure Records (Form I-94) with a “Temporary I-551” stamp

Changes to Immigration Application Fees: On **July 4, 2025**, Congress passed and President Trump signed into law H.R.1, also known as the “Big Beautiful Bill.” This law includes many changes to fees for matters before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and for certain people apprehended by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) between ports of entry. Find a summary from the National Immigration Project of [the various fee changes](#).

Changes to Eligibility for Visa Interview Waivers: On **July 25, 2025**, the U.S. State Department announced that most applicants for non-immigrant visas will be required to appear for an in-person interview. This change will go into effect on **September 2, 2025**, and limits the number of people who can skip visa interviews.

Under the revised policy, all non-immigrant visa applicants, regardless of age, will generally need to attend an in-person interview. This includes children under the age of 14 years and adults above the age of 79 years when applicants of those ages previously had been exempt in many cases.

Immigration Bond Support

If you or someone you know need immigration bond support, reach out to the [National Bail Fund Network through their intake form](#).

The National Bail Fund Network, hosted by Community Justice Exchange, is a network of community-based, independent groups that pay pre-trial bail, protest bail, and immigration bond. They coordinate a referral program that helps individuals and organizations seeking support with immigration bond to locate a fund that may be able to help.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [NEW] [Community School Coordinator](#) | Southeast Community Development Corporation (CDC) | Bilingual Spanish required
- [NEW] [Intake Capacity Coordinator](#) | Global Refuge | Bilingual Spanish required
- [NEW] [Reservation Clerk](#) | Maryland Department of Transportation | Bilingual candidates encouraged to apply
- [NEW] [Police Monitoring Facility Technician](#) | Maryland Department of Transportation | Bilingual candidates encouraged to apply
- [NEW] [Packhouse Production Assistant](#) | Gotham Greens
- [NEW] [Various Positions](#) | Sprouts Farmers Market
- [Health Administrative Assistant](#) | Catholic Charities of Baltimore | Bilingual Spanish required

- [Medical Assistant](#) | Johns Hopkins Community Physicians | Bilingual Spanish required
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- [Patient Services Specialist](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | Bilingual Spanish preferred
- [Recreational Therapy Assistant](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | Bilingual Spanish preferred
- [Scheduling Coordinator](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | Bilingual Spanish required
- [Scheduling Coordinator](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | Bilingual Spanish required
- [Teacher](#) | Y in Central Maryland, Baltimore City Head Start | Bilingual Spanish required
- [Foreign Language Teacher, Arabic](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [Foreign Language Teacher, Chinese](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [Foreign Language Teacher, French](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [Foreign Language Teacher, Russian](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
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