



MIMA

Monthly Update

OCTOBER 2025

Save the Date: 13th Baltimore Immigration Summit

The Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA), in collaboration with Baltimore County and Towson University, is pleased to bring you the 13th Annual Baltimore Immigration Summit. The next summit will take place in Baltimore City on **June 5, 2026**, with the theme of *Harbors and Bridges: Holding Ground and Uniting Communities*.

The Baltimore Immigration Summit is a free, one-day event that brings together academics, policymakers, service providers, activists, community leaders, and others working with and for immigrants and refugees in our region. This year's theme embodies our vision of protecting and connecting to build a stronger future for Baltimore's New Americans.

Applications for presenters will open this fall, and general registration will open next spring. Mark your calendars now, share with your networks, and stay tuned!

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UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

Apply to Serve on the Hispanic Commission

Mayor Brandon M. Scott and the Baltimore City Hispanic Commission are pleased to announce that applications are now open for new commissioners. The Commission works to promote equity, inclusion, and civic participation for Baltimore's Hispanic and Latino communities. We invite passionate community members to apply and help shape the future of our city.



Applications submitted by **October 23, 2025**, at 5 PM will be considered for the upcoming term. In the application form, select **"New Appointment"** on the first page, and scroll down and select **"Hispanic Commission"** in the list of boards and commissions on the third page.

[Apply to serve on the Hispanic Commission by October 23](#)



Baltimore New American Access Coalition (BNAAC) is Enrolling New Families

The Baltimore New American Access Coalition (BNAAC) has reopened enrollment. BNAAC is a six-month program that connects Baltimore City's immigrant and refugee families to public benefits and local resources throughout the city. This program is **free**, and services are available in multiple languages.

[Refer someone or yourself to BNAAC](#)

Introducing Three New Interns



Nicole Ramirez Vasquez is currently a Program Officer with the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. With over six years of experience in the non-profit sector, Nicole is also pursuing a dual master's degree in Business Administration and Social Work. As a social work intern for MIMA, she will provide assist City agencies with providing equitable language access to constituents. In

her free time, she enjoys volunteering at community events, meeting new people, and touring historic cities.

Luwam Weldeberuk is a senior at Towson University, majoring in Information Technology. She is an immigrant from Eritrea. As an intern, Luwam will support MIMA's signature programs, the New American Leadership Institute and the Baltimore Immigration Summit. Through her internship, she hopes to help create a more inclusive and equitable city for other immigrants living in Baltimore. In her free time, she likes to code and watch shows.



Cole Wilkins is a first-year student at the University of Maryland School of Social Work and is from Ellicott City, Maryland. Their background is in the Anthropology of Health and Medicine with a concentration in Psychology. This year, they are joining MIMA to support the Safe City Baltimore project by coordinating Know Your Rights workshops with community partners and participating in community outreach. Outside of school and work, they can be found on the soccer field.

Volunteer with Our Office

If you are 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 **October 17** will feature the Maryland Transit Administration and Baltimore International Academy. The call on **October 31** will feature Zócalo Health and ParentChild+.

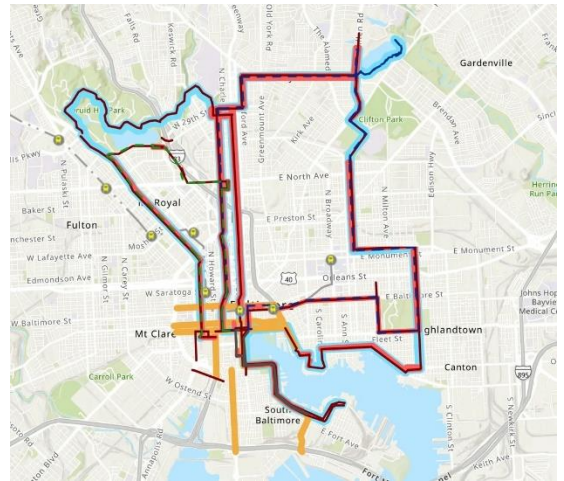


[Join MIMA's stakeholder calls](#)

CITY SERVICES

Department of Transportation (DOT): Traffic Modifications for the Baltimore Running Festival

DOT would like to advise motorists of temporary road closures, lane closures, parking restrictions, and commercial vehicle restrictions due to the annual Baltimore Running Festival, taking place on Saturday, **October 18**. Traveling from *inside* the footprint of the race to destinations to *outside* the race borders (and vice versa) will be very difficult throughout the day. Traffic stops will be implemented for the safety of participants, and motorists will encounter significant delays.



The use of public transportation, including the Light Rail, Metro Subway, e-scooters and e-bikes, is encouraged to access the internal footprint of the race. Visit this [interactive map](#) to see when city neighborhoods will be affected by the races throughout the day.



Department of Public Works (DPW): Sanitation Yards Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day

Indigenous Peoples' Day is Monday, **October 13**. As a City-observed holiday, DPW sanitation yards will be closed. This does not impact weekly trash and recycling collections, as Monday is not a scheduled curbside trash or recycling collection day.

DPW facilities closed on to residents and haulers on this day include:

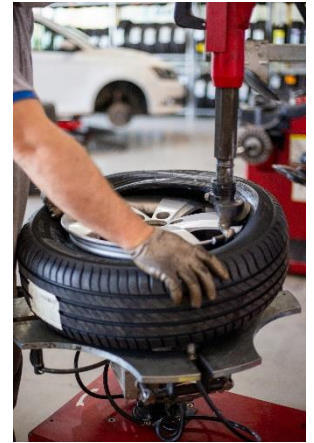
- Northwest Transfer Station, 5030 Reisterstown Road

- Quarantine Road Landfill, 6100 Quarantine Road
- Northwest Residential Recycling Center, 2840 Sisson Street
- Southwestern Residential Recycling Center, 701 Reedbird Avenue
- Eastern Residential Recycling Center, 6101 Bowleys Lane

The City's 311 call center is still open on this day from 6 AM to 10 PM. DPW reminds residents and water customers to report water or sewer emergencies to the City's 311 call center.

Department of General Services (DGS): Fall Hiring Event

Ready to turn your passion into purpose? Join DGS on **October 11**, at the Govans Community Action Center, 5225 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21212, for their Fall Hiring Event. This event will be held from 9 AM to 2 PM with on-site interviews. DGS is currently hiring for tire maintenance worker, automotive mechanic, HVAC technician, and other positions. Find more information on the [DGS website](#).



B'More Fresh: 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.



Water4All: Discount on Water Bills Available for Certain Households

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 Avenue, every other Wednesday from 11 AM to 2 PM, with upcoming dates on **October 8** and **October 22**.

Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE): 12th Annual 5K Run and Walk

AWE is hosting its 12th Annual 5K Run and Walk on **October 11** at Herring Run Park. Proceeds help AWE work toward creating a community in Baltimore where people fleeing for their lives are welcome and safe. Join in this fun, healthy event supporting an important cause! Register and find more information on the [event page](#).



Baltimore Museum of Industry (BMI): Welcome to the Museum!



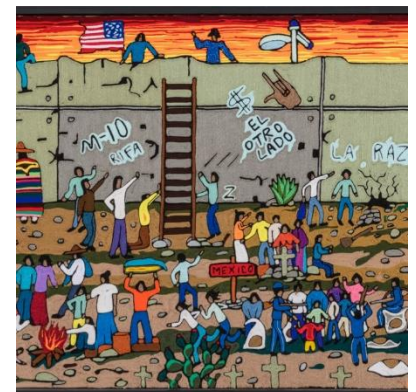
The Baltimore Museum of Industry (BMI) presents its new Community Days program, Welcome to the Museum! The next day of this program is **October 11**. Visitors receive free admission, guided tours with Spanish interpretation, audio guides available in Spanish, and opportunities to connect and participate alongside Latino community organizations and leaders. Find more information and register on [BMI's website](#).

Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC): Entrepreneurial Gathering

Join the LEDC on **October 14** at the CareFirst Engagement Center, 1501 South Clinton Street, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21224, for an event for small business owners. Free and open to the public, this event will provide resources and guidance for aspiring entrepreneurs and those seeking to grow their existing ventures. Resources will be available in Spanish. Register for free on the [event page](#).

American Visionary Art Museum (AVAM): Creating Art, Creating Change: Threads of Belonging and Community

On **October 22**, AVAM presents a timely conversation on immigration and belonging with artists and changemakers. It will explore how each of us can meet this moment of fear and division, build community, and leverage the power of the arts and artists to support the belonging and safety of all our neighbors, including immigrants.



The evening will feature a conversation on immigration and belonging, showcase artwork depicting the immigrant experience, and offer an interactive workshop. Find more information and RSVP on [AVAM's website](#).

Islamic Leadership Institute of America (ILIA): Grads2Career

ILIA Baltimore is hosting Grads2Career, a four-week intensive job readiness program to help young adults transition confidently into the workforce. Through training and hands-on experience, participants can gain the skills and support needed to secure meaningful employment. The next session begins on **November 3**. Find more information and register on [ILIA's website](#).



Centro SOL: Free Distribution of Fresh Produce

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 **October 29**.



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 Immigration Updates

Termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Syria: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced in late September the termination of TPS for Syrian nationals. The designation of Syria expired on September 30, 2025, and this termination is effective **November 21, 2025**.

Changes to Citizenship Test: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will administer an updated (2025)

Naturalization Civics Test to those who file Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, on or after **October 20, 2025**. Those filing Form N-400 before October 20, 2025, will take the previous (2008) Naturalization Civics Test. Key changes are below:

- 25% of the questions are new. 75% of the questions are the same as or similar to questions in the 2008 test.
- The number of potential questions has increased from 100 to 128.

- Applicants are now required to answer 12 questions correctly out of 20 questions. The 2008 test required 6 correct answers out of 10 questions.

View the list of [128 questions](#) and an updated [study guide](#) from USCIS.

USCIS Requiring Electronic Fee Payments: USCIS is now allowing fee payments via electronic debit from U.S. bank accounts using Form G-1650, Authorization for ACH Transactions. After **October 28, 2025**, USCIS will **only** accept ACH debit (Form G-1650) or credit card (Form G-1450) payments. Paper checks and money orders will **no longer be accepted** after that date.

Changes to H1-B Visa: In mid-September, President Trump signed a proclamation requiring a one-time \$100,000 fee for new H1-B visa applications submitted on or after **September 21, 2025**. This change does not affect previously issued H1-B visas and does not prevent current H1-B visa holders from traveling in and out of the U.S. Find answers to frequently asked questions about this change on the [State Department's website](#).



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [NEW] [Community Engagement Program Manager](#) | Live Baltimore | Bilingual Spanish desired
- [NEW] [Bilingual Career Coach, Blueprint](#) | Mayor's Office of Employment Development | Spanish proficiency required
- [NEW] [Bilingual Victim Services Coordinator](#) | Baltimore Police Department | Spanish fluency required
- [NEW] [Life Skills Teacher](#) | Islamic Leadership Institute of America
- [On-Site Intake Capacity Coordinator](#) | Global Refuge | Bilingual Spanish required
- [Reservation Clerk](#) | Maryland Department of Transportation | Bilingual candidates desired
- [Police Monitoring Facility Technician](#) | Maryland Department of Transportation | Bilingual candidates desired
- [Various Bilingual Positions](#) | Baltimore Medical System | *enter "bilingual" in the search field*



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