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Happy Language Access Month, Baltimore!

During the month of April, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) will be highlighting our ongoing work with other City agencies to expand and strengthen language access services throughout Baltimore. According to recent Census data, the number of residents in the city with limited English proficiency has increased to 4.5 percent of the population. Baltimore remains committed to serving all those who live, work, and spend time in the city, regardless of the language they speak. Check out our social media throughout April to learn more about language access!



UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE



Immigration Summit Registration is Now Open!

Registration for the 13th Annual Baltimore Immigration Summit, *Harbors and Bridges: Holding Ground and Uniting Communities*, is now **open**! This year's summit will take place at Morgan State University on **June 5**.



Due to high demand, filling out this form does not guarantee a spot at the Summit at this time. Attendance or waitlist statuses will be sent by email, and you must confirm your attendance to keep your spot. Contact bis@baltimorecity.gov with any questions or for more information.

[Register for the 2026 Immigration Summit](#)

Summer Internship Applications Due This Week



Our office is accepting applications for Summer 2026 internships until 11:59 PM on **April 10**. We offer valuable opportunities for hands-on experience in areas such as communications, community outreach, and other key roles supporting our mission. These internships are designed to offer academic credit for your work and contributions.

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](#)

Seeking Multilingual Immigration Attorneys to Facilitate Workshops

MIMA is seeking immigration attorneys who speak a language other than English to facilitate Immigration Emergency Planning Workshops for our Safe City Baltimore initiative.

Attorneys must complete a brief training on the curriculum, and they will receive stipends for every workshop they conduct. While Spanish-speaking attorneys are most needed to meet current requests, we welcome other languages skills as well. If you are interested, contact Katie Miller at katie.miller@baltimorecity.gov.



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

BNAAC is a three-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](#)

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.

[Join MIMA's stakeholder calls](#)



CITY SERVICES

Board of Estimates: Taxpayers' Night

On Wednesday, **April 22**, at 6 PM in City Hall, the Board of Estimates will host its annual Taxpayers' Night. Learn about the proposed City budget for the next fiscal year (July 2026 to June 2027) and voice your opinion about where you think your taxpayer dollars should go.

Residents can share a two-minute testimony of their feedback on the preliminary budget at the Taxpayers' Night. Find more information [online](#).

Mayor Brandon Scott: 2026 Spring Cleanup

Mayor Brandon Scott, alongside the Baltimore City Department of Public Works, Baltimore City Department of Transportation, and the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs invites residents to join the Mayor's Annual Spring Cleanup and Day of Service on Saturday, **April 25**, from 9 AM to 1 PM.



Residents, volunteer groups, and community associations are encouraged to participate in the citywide effort to beautify neighborhoods. Visit the [event page](#) for more information and to register!

Department of Finance: Real Property Payment Plans

The City of Baltimore plans to offer monthly payment plans for past-due property taxes from 2025 and earlier. The new payment plans will be designed to help residents stay in good standing and avoid the 2026 tax sale.

Eligible homeowners will be able to:

- Enroll online in minutes from any device
- Choose monthly payments that fit their budget

- Address past-due real property taxes from 2025 and earlier
- Receive protection from the 2026 tax sale upon enrollment

For example, a homeowner with a \$3,000 balance could break it into manageable payments of \$250 per month, or another amount that works for their situation. Please note the availability of real property payment plans is subject to pending legislation.

[Sign up for a text alert to know when enrollment opens.](#)



Recreation and Parks: Registration Open for Summer Camps

Camp Baltimore from the Department of Recreation and Parks offers a variety of affordable and enriching summer camp activities. Campers can look forward to a summer filled with enrichment, field trips, nature outings, sports, and swimming. The camp will have 7 total swim days, one theme park trip, and an adventure trip. The cost to participate is \$225 for residents and \$450 for non-residents.

Find more information and register your child on [Recreation and Parks' website](#).

Department of Public Works: Spring GROW Center Events

GROW Center supports Baltimore City residents so that they can make their neighborhoods greener, cleaner, and more beautiful through gardening, tree planting, managing rainwater, and reducing waste.

Find the [Spring 2026 schedule for GROW Center events](#) online.

Pop-ups and workshops are free, but workshops require registration. Please note that workshops are available only to Baltimore City residents and have limited space. Compost workshop attendees will receive a compost bin, courtesy of DPW's Office of Waste Diversion.



Live Baltimore: Buy Back the Block Grants Available

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. To find out if you are eligible, visit the [Buy Back the Block website](#).

Speak in person to Live Baltimore staff about the Buy Back the Block program on Saturday, **May 9**, from 8 AM to 1 PM at the next [Trolley Tour](#). This free event will give you a chance to ask questions, explore Southwest Baltimore neighborhoods, and attend expert-led workshops.



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 **April 15** and **April 29**.

Patterson Park: Día del Niño

Día del Niño (Kids' Day) returns to Patterson Park for its seventeenth year on **April 25**, 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](#).



Station North Tool Library: Fix-It Fair

[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 18**, from 10 AM to 3 PM!



Free Books at Book Thing of Baltimore

The Book Thing of Baltimore is hosting its monthly book giveaway event, open to the public, on Sunday, **April 12**, and Sunday, **April 26**! 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](#).

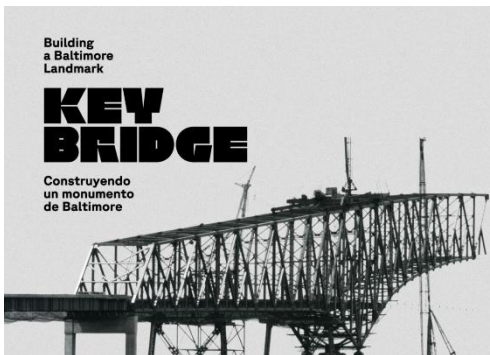
Baltimore City Community College: Afghan Refugee Support Services Scholarship



Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) is partnering with the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees to administer the Afghan Refugee Support Services Scholarship. Offered to the 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](#).

Frostburg University: Research Study for Spanish-Speaking Park Visitors

Frostburg University invites you to take part in a research study that explores how Spanish-speaking residents of Maryland experience their local parks. The findings will help inform communication strategies and outreach methods that can help park agencies promote environmental stewardship, compliance with park regulations, and more inclusive park experiences for Spanish-speaking patrons. Find more information and participate through [this form](#).



Baltimore Museum of Industry: Key Bridge Exhibit

The Baltimore Museum of Industry has opened a new exhibit, *Key Bridge: Building a Baltimore Landmark*. This exhibit traces the Key Bridge from concept to completion. Through historic photographs, first-person accounts, and artifacts, visitors encounter the people whose labor transformed steel and concrete into a defining feature of the harbor.

Find more information on [BMI's website](#), and visit during the BMI's opening hours.

Next Generation Language Access: Bilingual Job Fair

Next Generation Language Access is a non-profit organization whose mission is to produce more professionally trained interpreters and bilingual professionals to reduce language barriers in the workplace, with a focus on high school students.

Organizations that are looking to hire bilingual professionals are invited to NGLA's bilingual job fair on **May 28** from 4 to 8 PM! Bilingual parents, community members, and graduates of Patterson High School will be in attendance to connect with potential employers. [Complete this form](#) if you are an employer interested in attending and tabling at this event.

Contact nextgenerationlanguages.info@gmail.com with any questions.

Baltimore Children and Youth Fund (BCYF): Board of Directors Applications Open

Join an intergenerational board where young people ages 14 and up and adults share leadership to shape opportunity for Baltimore.

If you have questions or want to learn more, bring your curiosity to a pop-up session where you can meet board members, ask questions, and explore the role in an easy, informal setting. [Apply today or register for a pop-up session to get started.](#)



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

Recognition and Accreditation Program downsized: In late March, news outlets reported that the Department of Justice (DOJ) Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) has heavily reduced its Recognition and Accreditation program. This program accredits non-attorneys who work for legal advocacy organizations to represent non-citizens in immigration legal matters.

Sources report that the attorneys who managed the program were abruptly reassigned to entry-level clerk positions in immigration courts, leaving only two support staff who are not authorized to approve or renew accreditation applications. EOIR later reassigned two employees to review pending applications.

The government has not publicly announced any changes to the program. Accredited Representatives and Recognized Organizations can still practice and provide services.

Immigration enforcement at airports: In late March, U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents were deployed to airports around the country, including the Baltimore/Washington International

Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI). The federal administration deployed ICE agents to help address staffing shortages.

People traveling by plane may expect increased law enforcement presence at airports. Consult these resources from the [National Immigration Law Center](#), [American Civil Liberties Union](#), and the [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#), if you are considering air travel.



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