



MIMA

Monthly Update

MAY 2026



Happy Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

Join the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) in celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in May. According to recent Census data, Baltimore City is home to more than 20,000 residents with Asian or Pacific Islander heritage!

Check out the local events and resources section below for some programming happening around town to learn more and recognize Baltimore's diverse AAPI communities!



UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

Baltimore Immigration Summit: Registration is Closed

Registration for the 13th Annual Baltimore Immigration Summit, *Harbors and Bridges: Holding Ground and Uniting Communities*, has now closed, and all available spots have been filled.



If you registered for the Summit, you should have received either an email asking you to confirm your spot or notifying you that you have been added to the waitlist. Contact bis@baltimorecity.gov with any questions or for more information.



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](#)



CITY SERVICES

Department of Public Works: EcoLoop Waste Diversion Event

EcoLoop is Baltimore's community waste diversion event where food, creativity, and sustainability come full circle on Saturday, **May 30**, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Join the Department of Public Works (DPW) for a hands-on, family-friendly day that celebrates how everyday discarded materials can be transformed into shared resources, art, and opportunity. From food scrap cooking demos to clothing swaps and creative reuse workshops, EcoLoop connects residents to practical, joyful ways to reduce waste and build a more sustainable Baltimore. Find more information and register on [Eventbrite](#).



Department of Transportation: Traffic Modifications for Artscape

The Department of Transportation would like to advise motorists of the road closures and parking restrictions that will be in effect for Artscape which will take place on Saturday, **May 23**, through Sunday, **May 24**, in downtown Baltimore. Motorists are encouraged to download [Waze.com](https://www.waze.com) app for live detour navigation.

In preparation for Artscape, parking restrictions will begin at 12 AM on Tuesday, **May 19**, and will continue throughout the week, with road closures starting on Friday, **May 22**. Residents, students, employees and

visitors are encouraged to plan for the road closures by using alternate routes and allowing travel time leading up to and during this event.

Motorists are also urged to pay close attention to posted parking restrictions as vehicles parked in violation will be ticketed and towed. Motorists with questions concerning the location of their vehicles should call 311.



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.

Enrollment has opened and closes on **May 12**. Find more information and enroll on the [Department of Finance website](#).

Baltimore Office of Sustainability: Annual Sustainability Open House

Baltimore's Annual Sustainability Open House, featuring interactive sustainability displays, free giveaways, free food, and much more, is Saturday, **June 6**, from 12 to 4 PM. Join the Office of Sustainability for an exciting afternoon at the Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center as we celebrate the incredible sustainability efforts taking place across Baltimore. Find more information and register on [Eventbrite](#).

Mayor's Office of Employment Development: Reservoir Hill Resource Fair

Join the Mayor's Office of Employment Development for a [Reservoir Hill Resource Fair](#) on Tuesday, **May 12**, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Connect with jobs, training, and city resources in your community! Meet with hiring employers, explore workforce training opportunities, and connect with city agencies offering supportive services at 514 Wilson Street, Baltimore, MD 21217, directly adjacent to Masjid Ul Haqq.



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 **May 20** and **June 3**.

Asian Arts & Culture Center and Central Baltimore Partnership: Asia North 2026

Celebrate Baltimore's Charles North (Station North) neighborhood's constantly evolving identities as a Koreatown, arts district, and creative hub! Co-produced by Asian Arts & Culture Center and Central Baltimore Partnership, this festival has events throughout the entire month of May. Check out [the Asia North 2026 webpage](#) for detailed programming and more information!



National Association of Asian American Professionals: Presenting AAPI Community Excellence (PACE)

The National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP), in partnership with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, will host "Presenting AAPI Community Excellence" or PACE on Friday, **May 15**, from 6 to 8 PM at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall.

This family-friendly celebration that spotlights Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) leaders and organizations serving the Baltimore region. The event brings together a dynamic exhibition and resource fair to highlight the AAPI community's contributions to a more inclusive, supportive, and resilient Baltimore. Find more information on [NAAAP's event page](#).



Baltimore Museum of Industry: Bienvenidos al Museo

The Baltimore Museum of Industry (BMI) is pleased to present Bienvenidos al Museo! On **May 16**, visitors can enrich their BMI experience with free admission, guided tours with Spanish interpretation, audio guides available in Spanish, and opportunities to connect and engage with Latino community organizations and leaders. Find more information and register on [BMI's website](#).

Katipunan: Filipino Festival

Get ready for Katipunan's 2026 Filipino Festival at Power Plant Live on Sunday, **May 17**, from 10 AM to 6 PM! Experience a vibrant day of delicious Filipino food, local vendors, live music, cultural performances, and a parade of organizations that celebrate Filipino pride and heritage. Find more information on the [event page](#).



Pride Center of Maryland: Cafecito y Conversación and Youth Movie Night

Join the Pride Center of Maryland (PCOM) on Monday, **May 18**, from 6 to 8 PM for an open discussion and social hour centered around the Afrolatine experience and issues of racism and colorism within Latine and LGBTQ+ spaces. Coffee and snacks provided! Find more information and reserve your spot on [Eventbrite](#).

And on Thursday, **May 28**, join PCOM for a free youth movie night in a safe and affirming space where LGBTQ+ and allied young people can relax, build community, and access vital resources. Refreshments will be provided.

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.



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

Judge blocks termination of legal status for those who entered through CBP One program: A federal judge in Boston ruled on **March 31** that the Trump administration unlawfully terminated the immigration parole status of individuals who entered the United States through the Biden-era CBP One program. The judge ordered the administration to restore the legal status of those individuals.

The Justice Department is expected to appeal the decision.



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