

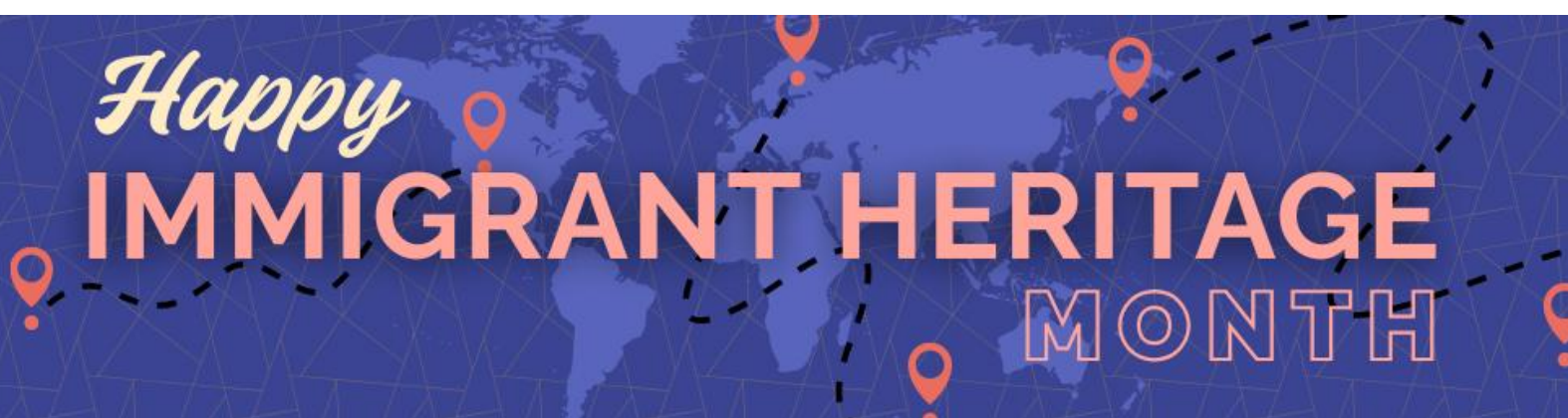


MIMA



Monthly Update

JUNE 2026



Happy Immigrant Heritage Month!

June is Immigrant Heritage Month! Join the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) in celebrating Baltimore's diverse immigrant communities. This month and every month, we celebrate the culture and the contributions of our immigrant communities that have helped to shape our great city.



UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

MIMA's FY27 Budget Hearing

On May 27, MIMA [presented](#) its Fiscal Year 2027 budget to the City Council. The proposed budget sustains the 2 million dollars expansion to MIMA's budget from Fiscal Year 2026. For the second year, this amount represents the largest investment in Baltimore City's history in support of immigrant families. This investment will



fund legal, health, and human services to immigrant residents, providing them with critical resources to navigate these challenging times.



13th Annual Baltimore Immigration Summit

Thank you to the attendees, presenters, speakers, and staff who made the 13th Annual Baltimore Immigration Summit a success! On June 5, more than three hundred academics, policymakers, service providers, advocates, and community leaders gathered at Morgan State University for *Harbors and Bridges: Holding Ground and Uniting Communities*. We saw rousing discussion across eight hours, six sessions, seventeen panels, and twenty-one poster presentations on

how we can build a better Baltimore with and for immigrants.

Save the date for next year's summit, taking place on Friday, **June 4, 2027**, at Towson University. And if you are interested in joining the 2027 Baltimore Immigration Summit committee and helping to plan next year's Summit, please reach out to us at bis@baltimorecity.gov.

Safe City Baltimore is Accepting Proposals from Legal Service Providers

MIMA is now accepting proposals from legal service providers (LSPs) who would like to join Tier 2 of our Safe City Baltimore initiative. This provider would accept referrals from our hotline with a focus on defensive case types.

The deadline for proposals is **June 19** with a projected start date of **July 1**. The award is \$90,000 for a 1-year term, renewable for a second year based on performance. Please see the [Request for Proposals](#) for additional details.



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

Office of Emergency Management: Signup for BMORE Alert in Your Preferred Language

BMORE Alert, managed by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), is Baltimore City's official, citywide mass notification system. Signing up is free, quick, and fully customizable. You can choose how you receive alerts—text message, phone call, email, or multiple methods—and select the types of notifications that matter most to you, from severe weather to public safety updates. You can also specify your preferred language for alerts now. Find more information on the [OEM website](#), or consult this [flyer](#).

Department of Recreation and Parks: City Pools Open for the 2026 Season

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) is excited to welcome you to our pools! Throughout the city, BCRP has 22 indoor and outdoor pools that serve our swimmers annually. Join us for open swimming or for one of our many other aquatic programs that we have to offer.



To use Baltimore City pools, you must have a "Civic Rec" account. Please create [your account online](#) prior to arrival. No registration is needed. For questions and concerns, please call 443-677-2418. Find locations, hours, and pool rules on the [BCRP website](#).



Department of Public Works: No Trash or Recycling Collections on Juneteenth Holiday

Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) reminds residents that Juneteenth, **June 19**, is a city holiday and DPW offices and sanitation yards will be closed in observance of the holiday.

There will be **no trash or recycling collections** on Friday, June 19. The make-up collection day will be Saturday, **June 20**.

The City's 311 Call Center will be open on Juneteenth and all other City-observed holidays. The 311-call center stands ready to take service requests from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, 365 days a year.

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 website](#) for more information.

Water4All: Discount on Water Bills Available

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.



Live Baltimore: Spanish Workshop on Financial Incentives for Buying a House

Learn everything you need to know to apply for free money to help you buy a home in Baltimore! Live Baltimore is hosting a free online workshop in Spanish on Wednesday, **June 24**, at 6 PM. Join to learn:

- Which incentives can be combined
- How the application process works
- Tips to help you before, during, and after the home buying process
- And much more!

Find more information and register on [Eventbrite](#).



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](#).



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 **June 17** and **July 1**.

Maryland SUN Bucks: Help Buying Groceries This Summer

Maryland SUN Bucks helps families with school-aged children who receive free or reduced-price meals buy groceries during the summer break when school meals are unavailable. Families who qualify for the Maryland SUN Bucks program will receive \$40 for June, July, and August (a total of \$120) for each eligible student. Enroll by **August 31** to receive benefits for the summer of 2026.

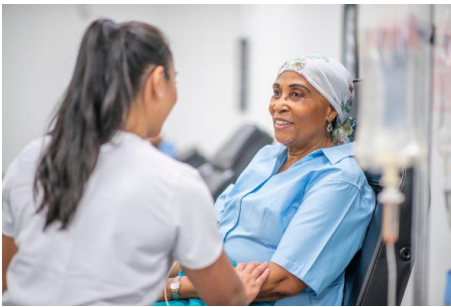


Find information in English and Spanish on the [Maryland Department of Human Services website](#). If you have any questions, call [1-800-332-6347](tel:1-800-332-6347) and select the Maryland SUN Bucks option.

Book Thing of Baltimore: Free Books

The Book Thing of Baltimore is hosting its monthly book giveaway event, open to the public, on Saturday, **July 11!** 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 Cancer Program: No-Cost Cancer Screenings



Early cancer detection saves lives! That's why detecting cancer early through screening increases your chance of beating cancer after diagnosis. Regular cancer screening is the key to early detection.

If you, someone you love, or someone you know needs breast, cervical or colon cancer screening, the Baltimore City Cancer Program (BCCP) offers high quality, no-cost services to those without insurance or anyone in need of additional support in metropolitan Baltimore.

To enroll and set up an appointment, call [410-328-4673](tel:410-328-4673). Services provided in English and Spanish.

Centro SOL: Wellness and Holistic Health Program

Centro SOL is hosting *Radiante*, a wellness and holistic health program. Mental health is just as important as physical health, and Centro SOL wants to learn with you about the journey of improving mental health in the Latine community. *Radiante* aims to reduce stress and risk factors for depression in uninsured or underinsured Latine adults.

Sign up through [this form](#). Space is limited, and you will be placed on a waiting list if the sessions fill up. For questions about the program, please email centrosolmh@jhmi.edu or call 410-550-4115.

2026 AFRAM Festival: African American Festival in Druid Hill Park

Celebrate at AFRAM, one of the largest African American festivals on the East Coast! Hosted from **June 19** to **June 21** at Druid Hill Park, this event elevates cultures and unites communities. For three days, people from all walks of life come together to enjoy national entertainment, local eats, and much more. Find more information on the [festival's event page](#).

Baltimore Washington One Carnival: Caribbean Festival in Druid Hill Park

Baltimore Carnival is an annual event celebrating Caribbean culture and history. The Carnival festivities begin with a Caribbean-style parade that begins at Park Circle and ends at Druid Hill Park on Friday, **July 10**.

The fun continues into the afternoon on Saturday, **July 11**, and all day on Sunday, **July 12**, with a family, fun-filled, Caribbean festival showcasing live music and entertainment. Find more information [the festival's website](#).



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

New Policy Memo Issued by USCIS on Adjustment of Status: On **May 21**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued a policy memorandum emphasizing that adjustment of status (AOS) is a “matter of discretion” and not an automatic right. AOS allows non-citizens to apply for lawful permanent residence while staying in the U.S. rather than applying through the consular process (that is, applying from abroad through a U.S. consulate or embassy). The memorandum also directs officers to consider evidence of positive factors and that the absence of negative factors should be considered insufficient to warrant AOS.

View the full text of the memorandum on the [USCIS website](#). If you are planning on applying for AOS, consult a qualified immigration attorney.

National Resources

El Paso Sector Detained Hotline: National non-profit organization Together and Free is partnering with a coalition of El Paso, Texas-based attorneys, legal services providers, and humanitarian aid workers dedicated to assisting individuals with their loved ones who may be in detention in the El Paso region. This collective is **not** affiliated with the federal government.

If you have a relative or loved one who you believe is being held at a detention center in the El Paso region and seek assistance in locating them, you can contact the El Paso Sector Detained Hotline by sending a message via WhatsApp to **214-817-0405**.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [Hearing Officer](#) | Baltimore City Environmental Control Board
- [Case Manager](#) | Catholic Charities of Baltimore, Dundalk Support Center | Bilingual in Spanish and English
- [Immigration Paralegal](#) | Jaskot Law | Bilingual in Spanish and English
- [Office Administrator](#) | Jaskot Law | Bilingual in Spanish and English
- [Community Engagement and Homeownership Programs Coordinator](#) | Action Baybrook | Bilingual in Spanish and English



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