



MIMA

Monthly Update

JULY 2026

Baltimore is Certified Welcoming!

Recently, the City of Baltimore was recertified as a 2-star [Certified Welcoming](#) community by [Welcoming America](#)! In 2020, the City of Baltimore was one of the first ten cities and counties in the U.S. recognized as Certified Welcoming. After undergoing the certification process for a second time, Baltimore has received the distinction of qualifying as a 2-star Certified Welcoming community.

Mayor Brandon M. Scott said: “In

Baltimore, our immigrant neighbors are seen, loved, and respected as an integral part of our city’s social and economic fabric. They are our business owners, essential workers, homeowners, neighbors, and friends, and a driving force behind the historic progress and growth our city is experiencing right now. We are so proud that—together with community leaders and our residents—we have earned this recognition of our commitment to being a welcoming place for everyone who calls Baltimore home.”

Certified Welcoming evaluates local governments across seven areas of civic, economic, and community life through the [Welcoming Standard](#), a roadmap for communities building toward greater inclusion. Baltimore met every criterion required for the 2-star designation and joins 44 Certified Welcoming communities nationwide.





UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

MIMA's Fiscal Year Ahead

In late June, Baltimore City's Fiscal Year 2027 budget was passed and signed into law. Thank you to Mayor Scott, members of the City Council, and the many residents and community organizations whose advocacy made this investment possible. A total of 3.6 million dollars—a 2 million dollar investment sustained from Fiscal Year 2026 and an additional 1.6 million dollars supplemented in Fiscal Year 2027—will fund legal services, mental health support, and additional resources for immigrant families facing an increasingly hostile federal administration.



This continued investment in Baltimore's immigrant residents was made possible by you, our community. Thank you again to everyone who voiced their support for our immigrant residents during this year's budget process. This investment represents our shared commitment to ensuring Baltimore remains a welcoming city for all.

Introducing Our Summer Interns



Brissia Lopez Castro is a rising sophomore at Pitzer College, double majoring in Political Studies and Chicano/Latino Studies. Born and raised in Baltimore to Guatemalan parents, Brissia is deeply passionate about supporting immigrant communities through public service and advocacy. As an intern with MIMA, she will work with the Baltimore New American Access Coalition, helping provide resources to Baltimore's immigrant communities. In her free time, Brissia enjoys exploring new restaurants, spending time with family and friends, and practicing her Portuguese on Duolingo.

Michelle Eu is joining MIMA as a communications intern for the 2026 Summer session. A rising junior at Johns Hopkins University, she is majoring in Public Health Studies with a focus in maternal and child health. Michelle will support MIMA with its communications strategy, assisting in filming, editing, and creating content for MIMA's social media as well as building a media archive to document immigrant history in Baltimore. She enjoys hiking, digital illustrating, and exploring cafés in her free time.



New American Leadership Institute Accepting Applications

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 to learn about local governance, hone leadership skills, network with peers, and engage in civic participation. Participants must live or work within Baltimore City.



[Apply to NALI by September 4](#)



Fall Intern Applications Now Open

Our office is now accepting applications for Fall 2026 internships. We offer valuable opportunities for hands-on experience in areas such as community outreach, communications, and other key roles supporting MIMA's 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 July 22](#)

Safe City Baltimore Seeking Asylee, Refugee, and Green Card Holder Clients

Tier 2 of Safe City Baltimore, a MIMA initiative, provides free legal screenings, and immigrants who live in Baltimore City can qualify for free legal help with their immigration case. If you are an asylee or refugee who wants to apply for lawful permanent residency **or** if you are a green card holder who wants to apply for U.S. citizenship, call 202-662-8635 for your free legal screening. We may be able to connect you with a trustworthy immigration lawyer to help with your application for *free*.



Baltimore New American Access Coalition (BNAAC) 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 General Services: Summer Hiring Event

Ready to ignite your career in public service? The Department of General Services (DGS) is seeking talented, passionate, and skilled tradespeople to join their team! Join DGS for their Summer Hiring Event on Saturday, **July 18**, from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Brooklyn Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library (300 E Patapsco Ave).

DGS is conducting on-site interviews for several positions, including heavy truck and equipment automotive mechanic, automotive maintenance worker, and building repairer. For more information, visit the [event page](#).



Mayor's Office of Employment Development: Gift Transport, Inc. CDL-A Hiring Event

Looking for a career in the trucking industry? Join the Mayor's Office of Employment Development for a CDL-A Hiring Event on Tuesday, **July 28**, from 10 AM to 2:30 PM featuring regional and over-the-road driving opportunities with competitive pay of up to \$1,900 per week. Entry-level CDL-A drivers are encouraged to apply.

Complete the required pre-screening steps by July 28 to receive the event location and secure your opportunity to interview. Find more information and links to the registration steps on the [event page](#).

Mayor's Office of Small and Minority Business Advocacy and Development: Online Workshops

The Mayor's Office of Small and Minority Business Advocacy and Development is hosting online workshops (webinars) for residents to learn more about personal and business finance.

Banking and Budgeting (Build and Repair Personal Credit): This webinar is scheduled for **July 22** at 10 AM. You will learn key elements of banking and budgeting to help you manage your money more effectively, establish and maintain credit, and prepare for long-term financial freedom. Register on [Eventbrite](#).

Business Finance Basics: This webinar is scheduled for **August 5** at 10 AM. You will learn key elements of business finance basics to manage your cash flow, explore ways to expand your business, and understand insurance for your business. Register on [Eventbrite](#).

Baltimore City Health Department: "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" Training Class

This six-week, evidence-based program is designed to help caregivers build the skills and confidence to care for themselves while caring for others. By strengthening your own health and well-being, you are better equipped to provide quality care.

These sessions, are led by trained facilitators, will be held weekly on Fridays, 10 AM to 12 PM, from **August 7** to **September 11** at the Zeta Center (4501 Reisterstown Road). You will also receive a copy of the Powerful Tools for Caregivers Workbook, which offers exercises and additional caregiver resources. Lunch is provided. Find more information and register by **July 31** on the [event page](#).



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](#).



LOCAL EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Lawyer in the Library: Immigration Information Now Available at the Brooklyn Branch Enoch Pratt

Lawyer in the Library, previously only available at the Southeast Anchor Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, has expanded to the Brooklyn Branch this summer!

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 are available in Spanish.



[Southeast Anchor Branch](#) (3601 Eastern Avenue)

- Every other **Wednesday** from 11 AM to 2 PM
- Upcoming sessions on **July 15** and **August 5**

[Brooklyn Branch](#) (300 E Patapsco Ave)

- Every other **Thursday** from 11 AM to 2 PM
- Upcoming session on **July 23**



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](#) and select the Maryland SUN Bucks option.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Judicial Immigration Updates

Supreme Court Allows Trump Administration to End Temporary Protected Status for Haiti and Syria: On June 25, 2026, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled *in the favor* of the Trump administration in *Mullin v. Doe*. This decision overturned lower courts' decisions to block the Trump administration's move to end Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for approximately 350,000 Haitian and 4,000 Syrian nationals.



This decision will also permit the Trump administration to return to federal court in cases relating to the termination of TPS for other countries such as Venezuela, Somalia, and Ethiopia. If you are a TPS recipient, consult a qualified immigration legal services provider as soon as possible.

Supreme Court Preserves Birthright Citizenship: On June 30, 2026, the Supreme Court ruled *against* the Trump administration in *Trump v. Barbara*. This decision affirmed that children born within the territory of the U.S. are U.S. citizens.

In January 2025, the Trump administration, through an executive order, sought to exclude certain children born in the U.S. from obtaining U.S. citizenship. The Supreme Court affirmed that the Fourteenth Amendment guarantees birthright citizenship for those born in this country.

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

- [Preparedness and Response Coordinator](#) | Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs | Fluency in a language other than English preferred but not required

- [Community School Coordinator](#) | Southeast Community Development Corporation | Bilingual in Spanish and English



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