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City commits $26 million to mitigate food insecurity caused by COVID-19

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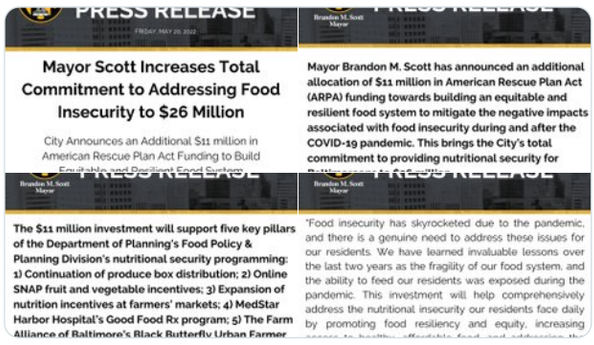
Baltimore City has committed an additional $11 million toward providing nutritional security for those in need, bringing the total funding to $26 million.

The additional funding will go toward continuing the distribution of free produce boxes, SNAP fruit and vegetable incentives, more nutrition incentives at farmers markets, MedStar Harbor Hospital's Good Food Rx program and Baltimore's Black Butterfly Urban Farmer Academy.

Brandon M. Scott
@MayorBMScott

I'm bringing our total commitment to feeding our communities to $26M. Food and nutritional insecurity have skyrocketed due to the pandemic and I am proud to put money towards addressing this issue for our most in-need residents!



PRESS RELEASE

Mayor Scott Increases Total Commitment to Addressing Food Insecurity to $26 Million

City Announces an Additional $11 million in American Rescue Plan Act Funding to Build

Mayor Brandon M. Scott has announced an additional allocation of $11 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding towards building an equitable and resilient food system to mitigate the negative impacts associated with food insecurity during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. This brings the City's total commitment to providing nutritional security for

The $11 million investment will support five key pillars of the Department of Planning's Food Policy & Planning Division's nutritional security programming: 1) Continuation of produce box distribution; 2) Online SNAP fruit and vegetable incentives; 3) Expansion of nutrition incentives at farmers' markets; 4) MedStar Harbor Hospital's Good Food Rx program; 5) The Farm Alliance of Baltimore's Black Butterfly Urban Farmer

"Food insecurity has skyrocketed due to the pandemic, and there is a genuine need to address these issues for our residents. We have learned invaluable lessons over the last two years as the fragility of our food system, and the ability to feed our residents was exposed during the pandemic. This investment will help comprehensively address the nutritional insecurity our residents face daily by promoting food resiliency and equity, increasing

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Due to the pandemic food insecurity rates increased from 18% to 21.7% in

Baltimore City with 33% of children being food insecure, according to the mayor's office news release.

Funding for this initiative comes from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which provided $641 million to the City of Baltimore in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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New natural skin care store opens in Downtown Baltimore

NKVSKIN held its grand opening on Wednesday, June 1, at 113 N. Charles St. It offers a full line of skin care products and services for women and men. The business is owned and operated by Nikia Vaughan, one of the recipients of the inaugural BOOST (Black Owned and Operated Storefront Tenancy).

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Limited tickets available for Maryland's second Trans Resilience Conference

(Erik McGregor/Getty Images) Trans Maryland and Montgomery County HIV/STI, in partnership with local trans leaders, is hosting two days of free workshops to build community and solidarity among the trans community.

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Proposed water rate increases to potentially go into effect July 1

Army Corps conducts stormwater surveys in Hagerstown, Maryland.(Flickr) The Board of Estimates approved a request from the Department of Public Works to hear public comment and request a vote of approval or disapproval for increases to water, sewage and stormwater rates.

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Fire department summer camp for girls now accepting applications

(Mark Makela/Getty Images) Camp Spark is a two-day camp where girls who are 12-16 years old learn what it takes to become a firefighter, paramedic or EMT. Boys are also welcomed to apply.

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Multiple road closures this Memorial Day weekend

(Kamil Krzaczynski/Getty Images) Multiple events are taking place this weekend causing road closures and changes to street parking, according to the Department of Transportation.

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#BmorePopUp series returns with free Stop the Violence concert

(Office of the State Attorney for Baltimore City) State Attorney Marilyn Mosby announced that the 2022 Pop Up series will return to an in-person format, start earlier and be expanded to 10 weeks of pop-up events.

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Baltimore city schools' CEO pledges support for students and staff following tragic school shooting in Texas

Law enforcement on scene after a mass shooting yesterday at Robb Elementary School.(Jordan Vonderhaar/Getty Images) City schools will have counselors available to meet individually or in small groups to help students and staff process the shootings that happened recently in Uvalde, Buffalo and Baltimore.

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Vote for your favorites in Best of Baltimore's 2022 Readers' Poll

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Gov. Hogan calls on city Comptroller to minimize gas tax increase scheduled to be announced soon

Gas prices in Washington D.C. as of May 17.(Flickr) On June 1 of every year the Comptroller's office announces the gas tax increase that will go into effect on July 1. The tax increase is calculated by the Comptroller office.

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Baltimore ranked as one of the best places to live in the U.S.

Baltimore and Salisbury made the latest U.S. News and World Report list of the Best Places to Live in the U.S. The rankings were revealed on Tuesday, May 17, and out of 150 metro areas in the U.S. Baltimore ranked at No. 84 and Salisbury ranked at No. 115.

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Preakness to affect road closures, street parking in Park Heights

Preakness Live is this coming Saturday, May 21, and in preparation for the thousands of people it will attract, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) will implement traffic modifications around Pimlico Race Course.

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How is Baltimore celebrating Bike to Work Week?

(Tim de Waele/Getty Images) After two years of virtual celebrations, Bike to Work Week is back in person for its 25th celebration starting Tuesday, May 17. Various activities will be held during the week to promote biking as a sustainable commuting alternative. The week will kick off with a safety information session followed by a 13-mile group bike on Tuesday, May 17, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., leaving from the Druid Hill Park Basketball Courts.

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Free live performances coming to the Baltimore Farmers' Market

Baltimore Farmers Market.(Baltimore Green Map/Flickr) Starting this June there will be food and drink vendors and free live performances in the same space as the Baltimore Farmers' Market underneath the Jones Falls Expressway.

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Inner Harbor's annual paddling event, Floatilla, is back

4th annual Baltimore Floatilla.(Flickr) Baltimore's theme for its fifth annual Floatilla is Treasure Hunt and will take place on June 4, starting at 9 a.m. at the Canton Waterfront Park.

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Old Bay seasoned Goldfish crackers available for a limited time

The popular snack brand Goldfish in partnership with the iconic seasoning brand, Old Bay, has launched limited-edition Old Bay seasoned Goldfish crackers. The limited time flavor is available now where Goldfish are sold for a suggested retail price of $2.79 for a 6.6oz bag, according to McCormick.

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Summer SNAP program receives record $2.8M in funding

(Justin Sullivan/Getty Images) The program, which helps low-income families feed school-aged children in the Summer, has received a record $2.8 million in funding to increase benefits for 28,000 students.

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Wine tasting in Harbor East tickets on sale

Tasting tables will be lined along Aliceanna Street in Harbor East with sommeliers and wine experts from neighborhood restaurants this Saturday, May 14, from noon to 4 p.m. for wine tasting.

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Holliday Street building gets new life as $5.5M community museum

The Peale on Holliday Street.(Ed Gunts/Bmore Art) After a five-year renovation, the Holliday Street building, the United States' first museum, is now The Peale, a community museum, set to open on August 13.

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Core bus route changes to go into effect in August

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MTA) released its Fall 2022 Service Plan which includes service enhancements, adjustments and discontinuing routes.

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