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A Weekly Newsletter from Baltimore City Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

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Good Day Baltimore!

With major development on the horizon, getting Baltimore back to work is our City's greatest opportunity to think big about developing homegrown talent and mobilizing residents who are unemployed. Next Wednesday, September 27th, the Department of Human Resources (DHR) will take major steps towards creating a career pipeline that accelerates local talent through the launch of the WorkBaltimore Empowerment to Employment Career Convention - Baltimore's first-ever city-wide career and opportunities fair.

This convention is more than a job fair – it's a platform for local employers who are actively hiring to connect with and discover the great talent that exists within our city. If you or someone you know is in need of a job or seeking to transition careers, register today. Facing obstacles like a criminal record or homelessness, a lack of professional attire or limited access to transportation? Don't let that be a barrier. The WorkBaltimore helpline is just a phone call away and available to connect those in need with essential support services at 410-396-9897.

When it comes to moving Baltimore forward, residents are the ones we're seeking to invigorate our city, and my goal is to ensure that every resident who has a desire to work knows how to access great career and training opportunities.

This month alone, DHR has led more than 200 daily pre-convention workshops to help jobseekers refresh their skills, resumes, and readiness - and there's still time to register for remaining seminars. On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of coaching the Essentials to Interviewing workshop, where I met and mentored many great residents who are now ready for hire. Check out my special CharmTV segment to meet some of them, and watch highlights of our mock interviews. If you were not able to attend but would like to participate in a session, simply follow this link to register!

And, don't forget to add a visit to the New Beginnings Boutique, located at the Department of Human Resources headquarters.

The final element of job readiness is entering the door with confidence, which starts with knowing that you are dressed for success. Thanks to the generous support of volunteers and contributors, a great selection of gently-used business clothing from blazers, to blouses to suits – for men and women - are available exclusively to convention registrants at the New Beginnings Boutique, open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 201 East Baltimore Street.

Haircut and style vouchers are also available, but please be mindful, Tuesday, September 26th is its final day of operation.

All weekend-long you can join our WorkBaltimore team for the final push at the [Baltimore Book Festival](#). Stop by our booth near the Maryland Science Center to share your support or to register for the [WorkBaltimore Empowerment to Employment Career Convention!](#)

Together, I know that we will put Baltimore back to work!

Looking Forward,



Mayor of Baltimore

Key News



Baltimore 'Innovation Team' to target police recruitment in first assignment

Mayor Catherine Pugh has given Baltimore's new Bloomberg-



Port Covington Development Team Announces Goldman Sachs as Private Equity Partner

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What not to miss at the 2017 Baltimore Book Festival

The Baltimore Book Festival, the city's annual celebration of the literary arts, returns to the Inner

tunded "Innovation Team" its first assignment: Figure out how to recruit more police officers and retain them.

"We work on a single big city challenge identified by the mayor for a period of many months," Hymowitz said in an interview. "Given public safety as an overarching issue in the city, the mayor has asked us to work on supporting police recruitment and hiring."

(Baltimore Sun)

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Company announced today that Goldman Sachs has joined the Port Covington redevelopment effort as an equity investor, committing \$233 million to the project, the largest single private equity investment made by the firm's Urban Investment Group to date. In addition to securing outside investment from Goldman Sachs UIG, the Port Covington development team has also negotiated robust, comprehensive community benefits agreements with the City and the surrounding communities, providing a model for similar developments.

(Port Covington News)

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Harbor this weekend. This year's festival will feature more than 500 authors, presentations on 11 stages, over 90 literary exhibitors as well as more than 3,000 books available for purchase. Some of the distinguished authors presenting at this year's festival include Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, author of, "Tears We Cannot Stop," and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, author of, "Purple Hibiscus."

(The AFRO)

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A byte to eat: Students grow food using tabletop greenhouses controlled by computers

Half an hour into a cooking competition at Green Street Academy, Tyana Givens, 15, dipped a plastic spoon into a pot simmering with ground turkey, tomatoes, bell peppers, onions, garlic and mushrooms over a burner in a science classroom.

She and the two other students, Kalimah Ball and Maya Smith, both 17, were making meat sauce from scratch to toss with rotini.

The girls had spent the past five weeks learning how to grow their own produce using food computers — tabletop greenhouses controlled by computer programs — at Green Street Academy, a charter

school in Baltimore. The course, which weaved together lessons on programming, food systems and agriculture, culminated with an "Iron Chef"-style cooking contest. (Baltimore Sun)

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Maryland Education Department, Baltimore Public Schools Sign Agreement to Improve Failing Schools

The Maryland State Department of Education will target principals in



Baltimore for leadership training in a bid to turn around some of the city's struggling schools, state and city officials said.

A memorandum of understanding signed by city schools CEO Sonja Santelises this month outlines the state's plan to help improve schools in the bottom 5 percent in the state. Of the 27 priority schools, 24 are in Baltimore. (Baltimore Sun)

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Baltimore Program Providing Low-Income Older Adults with Vital Home Repairs Grows to \$12 Million

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the Stulman Foundation, and the City of Baltimore announced the expansion of 'Housing Upgrades to Benefit Seniors (HUBS).

The program involves 16 partners that provides home modifications and repairs as well as wraparound services that older adults need to remain independent. Organizers say the goal of the program is to eliminate the current backlog of more than 600 low-income, older adult households

waiting for repairs. Some seniors have reported waiting for as long as three years to receive repairs to their roofs, furnaces, and hot water heaters. (WBFF)

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Mayor Pugh's Weekly Press Availability

At Mayor Pugh's latest press conference she presented a proclamation in recognition of Prostate Cancer and Sickle-Cell Anemia Awareness Month, introduced Teen Biz Challenge Winner Lacha' Guy, and introduced the Innovation Team, a new department within City government working in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies.

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There is Still Time to Register for the WorkBaltimore Empowerment to Employment



Convention

On Wednesday, September 27th, the City of Baltimore and the Department of Human Resources will host the WorkBaltimore Empowerment to Employment Convention at the Baltimore Convention Center. This event is designed to connect Baltimore City residents to employers in the area. Over the month leading up to this event, the City will offer job-readiness workshops and related activities.

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The 17th Annual Baltimore Running Festival Returns with New Inner Harbor Location

The Baltimore Running Festival is as exciting for Baltimore as it is for the thousands of participants who will ascend on our city in a few short weeks. As founder of the festival and an avid runner, Mayor Pugh is inspired by this important tradition, which also has a very positive economic impact on the City. The Baltimore Running Festival generates an annual economic impact of more than \$40 million. This year's festival is estimated to attract upwards of 24,000 runners. Among recent announcements are a new finish line location and many exciting attractions!

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Apply for a MECU Neighborhood Event Grant

Your community can earn up to \$1,000 for an event such as block party, park clean up, or festival. Each year, the MECU Neighborhood Event Grants program awards cash grants to Baltimore neighborhood associations and community-based non-profit organizations for fun community events. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2017.

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Download Your Ticket to Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day Live! in Baltimore

Mayor Catherine Pugh has proclaimed Saturday, September 23, 2017, Museum Day Live! in Baltimore. Museum-goers can head to the [Museum Day Live!](#) website to download one free ticket, good for two people, for Smithsonian magazine's 13th annual celebration. Each ticket grants the ticket holder, and one guest, free access to any participating museum on September 23. One ticket is permitted per email address.

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Now Accepting Applications for the Green, Healthy, Smart Challenge Grant

All City Schools are invited to apply for grant funds for student-led environmental projects! Grants range from \$1,000-\$2,500 and can be used for activities such as planting a schoolyard garden, holding a recycled art show, distributing recycling bins, and much more. Applications are due November 13, 2017.

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A Sneak Peek of What to Expect at the Baltimore Book Festival

The Baltimore Book Festival, Baltimore's annual celebration of the literary arts returns to the Inner Harbor Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24, 2017. This year's festival features more than 500 presenting authors, programming on 11 stages, more than 90 literary exhibitors, 3,000-plus books available for purchase, local Maryland food and craft beverage vendors, live music, children's activities and more. Some of the renowned authors appearing at this year's festival include radio host, professor and New York Times contributing writer Michael Eric Dyson, Tears We Cannot Stop; Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, among many others!



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Join Mayor Pugh for the City of Baltimore Small Business Procurement Fair

Join the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Partner America Program, Mayor Catherine E. Pugh, and Mayor's Office of Small, Minority and Women Business to learn about contracting opportunities with the City of Baltimore's procuring agencies. Enjoy speakers and presentation of the 2017 Partner America Small Business Advocate Award. For more information, call 410-396-3818.

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Nominate a Corporate Leader for the 43rd Annual Mayor's Business Recognition Awards

Each year the Mayor of the City of Baltimore joins with the Greater Baltimore Committee and the Baltimore Development Corporation to recognize businesses that have demonstrated significant corporate leadership and service in improving the quality of life in Baltimore. We invite you to nominate a deserving company for the 2017 Mayor's Business Recognition Award. Nominations must be received by September 29, 2017.



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Sign-up Today to Join #TeamPugh in Taking on Breast Cancer

Mayor Catherine. E. Pugh invites you to join #TEAMPUGH in support of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, benefiting survivors of breast cancer and cancer research. The Susan G. Komen race for the Cure returns to Baltimore City for its 25th anniversary on October 15th, 2017, featuring a 5K course through South Baltimore, beginning and ending at McHenry Row.



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