



## UMB Community Engagement Center

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### *Week of December 18, 2023*

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The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Community Engagement Center (CEC) offers a wide variety of weekly programming! To view and register for all our opportunities, including our weekly art and fitness classes, please click [here](#).

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### *Announcements*

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In addition to UMB's winter break, our department will be engaging in strategic planning offsite. We look forward to returning on January 16th, ready for 2024 and beyond!

## Program Reminder



## *This Week at the CEC*

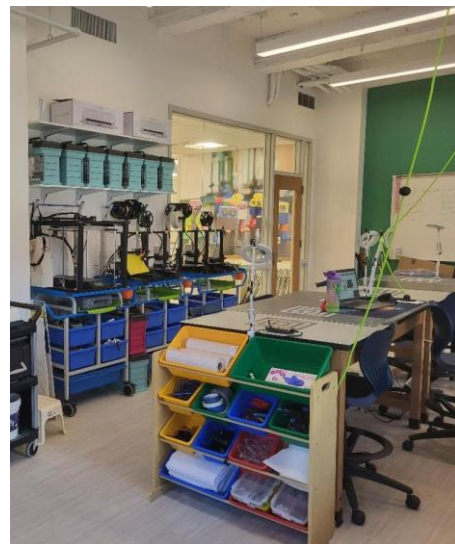
## Makerspace Open Build

**Thursday, December 21**  
**3-6:30 p.m.**

Did you successfully complete a Makerspace training with us? If so, stop by to use our maker equipment for free to work on your own projects with support from our specialist. Available equipment: sewing machines, bead looms, vinyl cutter, heat press, and more.

Adults only.\*

For questions, please email [Jermaine Glover](mailto:Jermaine.Glover@umb.edu) or call 410-706-5522.



Drop-in only, no registration required.

*\*Participants must have successfully completed at least 1 CEC Makerspace training to attend.*

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## Now Registering

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### UMB Police Athletic/Activities League

The **UMB Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL) Program** provides free mentoring and enrichment through activities, games and field trips for youth in grades 3 through 8.

PAL field trips and activities will be held monthly on select school holidays, early release days, or weekend days. Get lost in a corn maze, fly through the sky in a ropes course, meet rescued horses, let your creativity flow through art, build teamwork through sports, and much more!



Complete the interest form [here](#) to start registration!

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## Now Hiring

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### Registered Nurse

The Office of Community Engagement (OCE) is seeking a **Registered Nurse (RN)** at the Community Engagement Center (CEC) to engage neighbors in wellness activities and health promotion. This position is up to 40 hours per week and the schedule can be flexible; occasional evening and weekend events may occur.

Learn more and apply [here](#).



## Program Coordinator or Specialist

The Office of Community Engagement (OCE) is seeking a **Program Coordinator or Specialist** at the Community Engagement Center. The Program Coordinator or Specialist markets, educates, and engages UMB employees and neighbors about CEC programs and services; engages Southwest and West Baltimore organizations to identify community needs and connect them to resources; and manages multiple programs.



Learn more and apply [here](#).

*Every Week*

## Free Blood Pressure Checks at the CEC

**Every Wednesday**  
**10:30-11:30 a.m.**

In partnership with the West Baltimore RICH Collaborative, the CEC Health Suite will now be offering **FREE drop in blood pressure checks**. Each week the first five people that arrive can get a free blood pressure machine and follow-up phone calls to check your blood pressure. The team can show you how to take your blood pressure at home and answer your blood pressure questions.



No appointment necessary.

For questions, please contact [Kelly Doran](#) or call 410-706-5628.

## Community Composting Pilot

**Every Wednesday**  
**2:30-5:30 p.m.**

The University of Maryland Baltimore is starting a **community compost drop-off pilot** this month!

What to collect:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps (cores, rinds, pits)
- Tea leaves and coffee grinds
- Egg shells
- Grass clippings, weeds, flowers/herbs



When and where:

• **UMB Community Engagement Center** (16 S. Poppleton St.)  
Wednesdays from 2:30-5:30p.m.

• **SMC Campus Center** (621 W. Lombard St.)  
Thursdays from 11a.m.-2p.m.

Learn more about the composting pilot and other UMB Office of Sustainability initiatives [here](#).

## Free Fitness Classes



**Yoga: Mondays 6-7 p.m.**  
Join us for a soothing session. Have your mat, towel, and water ready.

**Senior Dance: Thursdays 10-11 a.m.**

**Community Walk: Tuesdays 12:15-1 p.m.**

Join our friends from St. Peter's Adult Learning Center for a 45-minute loop around the neighborhood. Wear comfortable shoes; rain or shine.

**Line Dancing: Tuesdays 6-7 p.m.**

Learn high energy dance like the Wobble and the Cupid Shuffle while breaking a sweat in this exciting class.

Get your groove on in this low-impact session for many levels of mobility. Crafted for seniors, but all adults are welcome.

**Zumba: Thursdays 6-7 p.m.**

Join this supportive dance class that cheers one another on while moving at your own pace.

A select number of drop-ins will be admitted, but registration is preferred. Register [here](#).

For questions, please email [community@umaryland.edu](mailto:community@umaryland.edu) or call 410-706-5522.

## Free Weekly Art Classes



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UMB's CEC is partnering with **Art With a Heart** to provide free weekly art classes. Each week, participants will be guided through a new visual art project while exploring a variety of artists and techniques.

**Class Times:**

Adults (18+) Chat 'n Paint: First Mondays **6-7:30 p.m.**

Adults (18+): Wednesdays **5:30-7 p.m.**  
Seniors (55+): Fridays **Noon-1:30 p.m.**  
Families: 2nd Mondays **6-7 p.m.**

All levels welcome!

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## Financial Empowerment at the Community Engagement Center

The CASH Campaign is offering the following free services at UMB's CEC:

- **Free Benefits Screening**
  - Fast, accurate, and confidential screening for 22 benefit programs
  - Benefits include help with food, phones, medication, energy assistance, and more
- **Free Financial Coaching**
  - Ongoing support by phone or video
  - Achieve short-term goals – budgeting, building credit, and paying off debt
- **Free Financial Planning**
  - One private session with a Certified Financial Planner®
  - Achieve long-term goals – retirement, college savings, and homeownership



### Appointments only:

- Make an appointment [here](#) or call 410-541-5086

Community Computer Lab Open Daily



## Free Community Computer Lab

16 S. Poppleton St. Baltimore, MD 21201

- **Lab Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call ahead to ensure availability
- **Printing:** Maximum of 25 black and white copies can be made during each visit
- **Open to All:** Youth (17 and younger) must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Contact:** Call 410-706-8260 or email [community@umaryland.edu](mailto:community@umaryland.edu) for more information

Workforce Wednesdays:  
Employment Help, Walk-Ins Welcome!



# Looking for a job?

"Incredible! I've been trying to find a job for a year, but working with UMB's Workforce Wednesdays I got connected to the right people. I had a mock interview within 3 weeks and now I've scored a great offer."

— SATISFIED "CUSTOMER"



## WORKFORCE INITIATIVES

**In-Person Sessions: Wednesdays 2-5 p.m.**

**Virtual Office Hours: Tuesday Noon-1 p.m. Register [here](#).**

UMB Community Engagement Center  
16 S. Poppleton St.

- Create a resume or update your old one
- Learn about jobs at UMB, University of Maryland Medical Center, and more
- Sign up for FREE GED classes and career training in the neighborhood

211 Maryland United Way Helpline



If you live in one of these neighborhoods and would like to be contacted by a **211 Community Resource Specialist** located in UMB's CEC, follow the directions below:

- Barre Circle
- Franklin Square
- Hollins Roundhouse
- Mount Clare
- Pigtown
- Poppleton
- Union Square

**DIAL 211**

Please listen for the prompt "If you live in Southwest Baltimore ..."

**OR VISIT** [uwcm.org/CEC211](http://uwcm.org/CEC211)

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## ***For Your Health***

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Visit the CEC Health Suite on Wednesdays for Health Care Support



## Community Engagement Center Health Suite

The CEC Health Suite supports neighbors with health and social needs.

### INTERVENTIONS INCLUDE:

- Conducting health assessments and screenings to link neighbors to providers.
- Assisting neighbors with health care navigation and coordination.
- Increasing neighbors' knowledge of health conditions.
- Working with neighbors to create plans to manage their health.
- Providing health education and coaching.
- Connecting neighbors to resources that can assist with health and social needs.
- Reducing barriers to healthy living.
- Free blood pressure checks (Wednesday from 10:30-11:30a.m. ONLY)

### WE ARE OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS

There are three ways to connect with us:

1. Click [here](#) to schedule your appointment with the CEC Health Suite. Appointments can be made between **10 a.m.-2 p.m.**
  2. You can stop in during walk-in hours on Wednesdays from **2-3 p.m.**
  3. Call us at 410-706-1971.
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## Community Asthma Program

**Mondays through Fridays**  
**8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

The **Community Asthma Program** provides education, supplies to decrease asthma triggers, and case management. Home visits (virtual and in-person) are available for children with asthma.



For questions or referrals, please call 410-396-3848 or email [asthma@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:asthma@baltimorecity.gov).

## Interested in Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine?



**END COVID-19**

*Everyone's Health Depends On It.*

**[GetTheVaccineBaltimore.org](https://getthevaccinebaltimore.org)**

For Baltimore City residents who qualify and who still need their second COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please visit: [getthevaccinebaltimore.org](https://getthevaccinebaltimore.org).

A list of other vaccination sites and resources are available as well.

