



MD Two Fifty Commission Agenda: Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 10:00am

North Point State Park, 8400 North Point Road, Edgemere MD

10:00 am to 10:30 am: Call to order and Administrative Matters (Chair Glendening)

- Call to order
- Land acknowledgement (Commissioner Leshner) (**attached-page 3**)
- Welcome: Baltimore County Executive Kathy Klausmeier
- Host welcome, Ranger Tom Doran and Ranger Andrea Bucher
- **Vote:** Approval of minutes, June 26, 2026 virtual meeting (**attached-page 5-6**)
- Director's update (Director Johnson)

10:30 am to 11:00 am: Working group and committee updates and votes (Vice Chair O'Malley)

Executive Committee Report (Chair Glendening)

- Email vote on Maryland Commission on African Affairs proposal
- Email vote on Pride of Baltimore II grant amendment

Communications, Fundraising, and Events Committee (Co-chairs Sproul and Kearney)

- Update: Financial assistance for Indigenous community programming and powwows
- Update: MD Two Fifty Freedom of the Press project
- Update: MD Two Fifty Statewide Multicultural and Service Celebration

African American Heritage working group (Co-chairs C. Johnson and Freeman)

- Plans for Emancipation Day virtual meeting of stakeholders

Civics Working Group (Commissioner Cenatus)

- Update: MD Two Fifty Civics Moonshot

History working group (Chair Caljean)

- Update: America's Tapestry
- Update: Maryland 400 Remembrance Ceremony and Maryland Monument Rededication (Commissioner Maclay)
- Update: Black Revolutionary War Patriot monument and events (Commissioner Bachmann)
- Update: Liberty Tree project (Commissioner Redding)

11:00 am to 11:45 am: Local 250 Commission/grantee updates (Vice Chair O'Malley)

- Baltimore County 250, Jonathan Schwartz (Special Assistant for Projects, Office of the Baltimore County Executive) (Once in a Generation grant)
 - Fire Museum of Maryland, Jeff Buchheit (Executive Director) (Inclusive History grant)
- America 250 Harford Committee, Christine Potts (Executive Director, The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.) and Jacob Bensen (Historic Preservation Planner, Harford County Government) (Once in a Generation grant)

- Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center, Denise Sconion (Museum Operations Manager) and Jeremy Ballard (Museum Projects Manager) (MD Two Fifty Fellows grant)
- Historic Hosanna School Museum, Dr. Iris Leigh Barnes (Executive Director) (MD Two Fifty Fellows grant)
- The Town of Bel Air, Cat Butrim (Economic Development Coordinator) (Citizen Academy grant)
- Severn Improvement Association, Auriel Mayberry-Gaballa, RN, BSN (Secretary) (Inclusive History)
- International Universities Studying Slavery conference, University of Maryland, College Park MD, Britney Pollard (Project Manager, The 1856 Project's Reparative Histories and Social Justice Research Incubator, Special Collections and University Archives) (Inclusive History)

11:45 am to 11:50 am: **Commissioner updates and announcements** (Governor Glendening)

11:50 am to 12:00 am: **Public Comment** (Governor Glendening)

12:00 pm: **Adjourn** (Governor Glendening) and **Lunch**

1:15 pm to 2:15 pm: **Tour Todd's Inheritance Historic Site**

Commission and event calendar on page 4

Next Commission Meeting (in person only)

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

National Museum of Railroad History and Innovation, Baltimore MD

(formerly the B&O Railroad Museum)

Meeting from 10:00am to 12:00pm, lunch and tour ending by 3:00pm

Virtual meetings (only if needed) on September 29 and October 27 at 3:00pm



Land Acknowledgement Statement

The MD Two Fifty Commission Executive Order directs the Commission to *“Acknowledge that the confiscation of Indigenous land and displacement of Indigenous people is central to the United States’ origin story and recognize the persistence and contributions of these communities today.”*

In recognition of this call to action, each meeting of the MD Two Fifty Commission will open with a “land acknowledgement” recognizing the historical and contemporary presence of all tribes who maintain relationships with lands claimed by the State of Maryland.

The statement that I will read aloud today is based on a statewide land acknowledgement drafted by an elder of the Choptico Band of Indians, Piscataway Conoy Tribe, for the Maryland State Arts Council Land Acknowledgement Project:

We acknowledge the lands and waters now known as Maryland are the home of its first peoples: the Accohannock Indian Tribe, Assateague People’s Tribe, Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians, Choptico Band of Indians, Lenape Tribe, Nanticoke Tribe, Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, Piscataway Conoy Tribe, Piscataway Indian Nation, Pocomoke Indian Nation, Susquehannock Indians, Youghiogheny River Band of Shawnee, and tribes in the Chesapeake watershed who have seemingly vanished since the coming of colonialism. We acknowledge that this land is now home to other tribal peoples living here in diaspora. We acknowledge the forced removal of many from the lands and waterways that nurtured them as kin. We acknowledge the degradation that continues to be wrought on the land and waters in pursuit of resources. We acknowledge the right of the land and waterways to heal so that they can continue to provide food and medicine for all. We acknowledge that it is our collective obligation to pursue policies and practices that respect the land and waters so that our reciprocal relationship with them can be fully restored.

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2026 Calendar

Commission meetings

- Tuesday, September 29, 3pm (virtual if needed)
- Tuesday, October 27, 3pm (virtual if needed)
- Tuesday November 17, National Museum of Railroad History and Innovation (formerly B&O Museum), Baltimore, meeting from 10am to 12pm followed by lunch and tour ending by 3pm (**in person only**)
- No December meeting

Major dates and events (updated regularly; details on [events](#) page and [All American Summer](#) page)

AUGUST

- Saturday August 22, Brooklyn NY, Maryland 400 Remembrance Ceremony, [Battle of Brooklyn](#) Living History, and rededication of Maryland Monument
- Saturday, August 29, Nanticoke River Jamboree / Battle of Vienna Living History Event, Vienna (Dorchester)

SEPTEMBER

- September 5-7, Labor Day events (Statewide)
- Saturday, September 10, Lambert-Wickes Day, Rock Hall (Kent)
- Sunday, September 11, Lumbee Pipelines: Book reading and panel discussion
- September 12-13, Cumberland Heritage Days Festival (Allegany)
- Thursday, September 17, Constitution Day events (Statewide)
- Saturday, September 19, 34th annual Native American Festival, Vienna (Dorchester)
- Saturday, September 26, Liberty Tree planting, Perryville (Cecil)

OCTOBER

- Thursday, October 1, Hispanic Heritage Month event, Carroll Community College (Carroll)
- Saturday, October 10, Liberty Tree planting, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum (Calvert)
- Saturday, October 10, MD Two Fifty Revolutionary Baseball: Vintage Baseball game (Queen Anne's)
- Saturday, October 17, MD Two Fifty Statewide Multicultural Celebration and Celebration of Service
- Saturday, October 17, Liberty Tree planting, Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum (Baltimore Co.)
- October 30-November 1, Sultana Downrigging Festival (Kent)

NOVEMBER

- Sunday, November 1, Maryland Emancipation Day (Statewide)
- Tuesday November 3, General Election Day (Statewide)
- Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day events (Statewide)
- Wednesday, November 18, MD Two Fifty Freedom of the Press Community Conversation (Anne Arundel)
- Friday November 27, American Indian Heritage Day