

History of Baltimore Marathi Mandal

Baltimore Marathi Mandal (BMM) was formed on February 1, 2009 by a small Orkut community group with the initiative from four families - Mr. Mangesh and Mrs. Kiran Khedkar, Mr. Sakar and Mrs. Anuja Kawle, Mr. Vinnie and Mrs. Shubhangi Rege, Mr. Sachin and Mrs. Anuprita Khedkar.

Our first Mandal event was on March 7th, 2009 which was Holi and a get-together. Initially, the goal of the organization was to promote Marathi Language, Celebrate Marathi festivals, encourage children to learn about the Maharashtrian tradition and culture and to give the community a chance to perform and express their talent. Aim was to make new friends and to bring Marathi families in the area together to support and help each other.

2009:

- Started new Orkut community group - <http://orkut.google.com/c81798537.html>
- Started new web site - www.baltimoremarathimandal.org
- Created database for all local talent and community leaders/ supporters
- Sending community emails through web site was introduced

Some of the events performed by the newly formed community:

- Holi and Gudi Padwa on March 7th 2009 at IndiClub, Woodlawn, MD
- Spring Picnic on May 16th at Patapsco Valley State Park, Ellicott City
- Cultural and Movie Night on July 11, 2009 at HCC
- India Independence day celebration on August 15th, 2009 in Towson
- Ganesh Chaturthi celebration on September, 23rd 2009 at GBT
- Diwali celebration on October 17th, 2009 at HCC
- Marathi Sanskar Classes for kids at Greater Baltimore Temple

2010:

- Started membership model
- Started Facebook group and community - https://www.facebook.com/baltimoremarathi/events?ref=page_internal
- Payment mode was simplified and channeled through BMM website using credit card and PayPal
- Official committees and executive team with positions were created
- BMM constitution and By-laws were drafted
- On August 19th, 2010 'Baltimore Marathi Mandal' received 'The Certificate of Incorporation' from the Secretary of State (State of Maryland)
- Started new BMM Bank Account

2011-2012:



- BMM Logo was established
- Initiatives were taken to collaborate with other surrounding Mandals
- Event and Ad Sponsorship model was introduced
- Marathi newsletters were published
- Marathi Library and books circulation initiative was researched

2013-2014:

- On January 2013, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit status to 'Baltimore Marathi Mandal'
- Setup election officers and election process for the BMM committee

2015:

- In September 2015, we purchased General Liability Insurance for BMM, with which we can book any hall or auditorium at a discounted rate.

Executive Board

	2011	2012	2013
President	Sakar Kawle	Mangesh Khedikar	Sanjeev Gholap
Vice President	Mangesh Khedikar	Sanjeev Gholap	Rahul Mandsaurwale
Secretary	Sanjeev Gholap	Rahul Mandsaurwale	Sakar Kawle
Treasurer	Sachin Khedkar	Ashwini Nagarkar	Ashwini Nagarkar
Co-Treasurer	Vinnie Rege	Sachin Khedkar	Shilpa Gandhe

	2014	2015	
President	Rahul Mandsaurwale	Sameer Ahirrao	
Vice President	Sakar Kawle	Mangesh Khedikar	
Secretary	Renu Gholap	Vivek Patil	
Treasurer	Shilpa Gandhe	Sumeet Desai	
Co-Treasurer	Prerna Mohod-Kadu	Madhavi Sabnis	