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**DGS HOSTS MONTHLY CODING MEETUP ON CIVIC TECH WITH LOCAL TECH COMMUNITY**

The Department of General Services’ Business Process Improvement Office hosts a monthly Python Meet Up (Python for City Government Process Improvement). The meet up members include staff from various City agencies as well as from the local civic tech community, non-profits, and data science organizations.

This month’s speaker lineup includes Ben Brosch, from the DGS Fiscal Office, Billy Daly a Baltimore Corps Systems Design Manager, and Matthew Stubenberg, the IT Director of Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service. They will discuss how they’ve used Python to build and diagnose items in the DGS Fleet Budget, clean and congregate datasets, as well as create a robust web scraper that has collected over 20 million cases off of Maryland Judiciary Case Search. These uses help inform Python programming best practices relevant to its use in predicting or answering public policy questions or to improve operations.

**WHAT:** Python for City Government Process Improvement Meet Up

**WHEN**: Friday, April 6, 2018 at 3 PM

**WHERE**: Abel Wolman Municipal Building

200 N Holliday St, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Baltimore, MD 21202

**WHO**: Open to the public, including community members interested in civic tech, non-profits, and tech-related organizations

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