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OAPIA Update

News Updates from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Dear Community Members,

In 1862 the DC Compensated Emancipation Act ended slavery in Washington, DC, freed 3,100 individuals, reimbursed those who had legally owned them and offered the newly freed women and men money to emigrate.

Mayor Gray will be commemorating the courage and struggle of those who fought to make this a reality on April 16, Emancipation Day. It is these efforts of those before that gave way to creating a welcoming city for Asian American and Pacific Islander immigrants.



Let us all continue to work together to ensure that District government services are available to all and we protect the District's most vulnerable residents as we move towards creating the Mayor's vision of One City.

For more information about the various activities around the city, please visit <http://emancipation.dc.gov/>.

Warm Regards,

Soohyun "Julie" Koo
 Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

OAPIA FY2013 Budget Hearing

The Committee on Aging and Community Affairs is hosting a hearing on OAPIA's proposed FY2013 Budget. The hearing will take place on at 10:00 am on April 26, 2012 at the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20004, Room 412.

If individuals wish to testify, they may contact Garrett King directly, Committee on Aging and Community Affairs, at 724-8045 or e-mail gking@dccouncil.us.

OAPIA's FY2013 proposed budget can be found here - <http://goo.gl/svLX6>

Call for 2012 Mayor's Community Service Award Nominations



The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs of the District of Columbia seeks your help. As May is Asian American and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, the Commission would like to recognize those unsung heroes who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to serving Washington DC's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

The Commission is currently seeking nominations for 1) individuals or organizations, and 2) employees from DC government agencies that make significant contributions to the AAPI community.

This contribution can be expressed through a variety of ways: serving AAPI residents, volunteering in the

community, promoting awareness of AAPI issues, or organizing projects that strive for the advancement of District AAPIs. While the organizations or individuals need not live in DC, their work must focus on the District's AAPI community.

The Community Service Awards will be presented by Mayor Vincent C. Gray at the Asian American and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Celebration in May.

The nomination deadline has been extended. Please submit all nominations by 5pm Tuesday, April 17, 2012, to the following address:

D.C. Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
Attn: May 2012 Award Nominations
441 4th St. NW, Suite 721 North
Washington, DC 20001
Fax: (202) 727-9655
Email: andrew.chang@dc.gov

For the application and more information, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andrew Chang at (202) 727-3120 or andrew.chang@dc.gov.

Mayor Vincent C. Gray Responds to Councilmember Marion Barry's Comments

On Thursday, April 5, 2012, Mayor Vincent C. Gray responded to a recent comment by Councilmember Marion Barry regarding the Asian American community and Ward 8.

"I am deeply disappointed by Councilmember Barry's comment," Mayor Gray said. ***"There is no room in this wonderfully diverse city for comments that disparage anyone on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability or sexual orientation. Our energies are better spent focused on building everyone up rather than tearing anyone down. That is how we achieve the vision of One City."***

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Mayor's Budget Town Hall Schedule

Mayor Vincent C. Gray will be hosting multiple budget town halls in all the wards across the District. Please attend these town halls to learn more about the Mayor's upcoming plans for the District's budget.

Deanwood Rec Center - Ward 7

1350 49th St, NE
Contact: John Stokes, 202-673-7647
Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Charles Sumner School - Ward 2

1201 17th St, NW
Contact: Kimberly Springle, 202-730-1420
Thursday, April 19, 2012

Brightwood Elementary - Ward 4

1300 Nicholson St, NW
Contact: Wanda Fox, 202-722-5670
Monday, April 23, 2012

Eastern High School - Ward 6

1700 East Capitol St, NE
Contact: Mrs. Wilson-Ross, 202-698-4800
Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Bell Multi-Cultural - Ward 1

3101 16th St, NW
Contact: 202-939-7700
Monday, April 30, 2012

OAPIA Participates in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Career Exploration Fair



OAPIA was in attendance at Mayor Vincent C. Gray's 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Career Exploration Fair on Friday, April 6, 2012 at the National Building Museum.

SYEP is a locally funded initiative sponsored by the Department of Employment Services (DOES) that provides District youth ages 14 to 21 with enriching and constructive summer work experiences through subsidized placements in the private and government sectors. The Career Exploration Fair is an opportunity for Host Employers to meet with prospective youth for summer placements. OAPIA is serving as a Host Employer and providing structured job opportunities for local youth during the summer.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.summerjobs.dc.gov>

OAPIA Welcomes New Interns: Joseph Ji and Sharon Jung

Joseph Ji recently graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park in Spring 2011, earning a bachelor's degree in criminology and criminal justice. Joseph is a 1.5 generation Korean-American; he came to the United States in 1997, around the age of 9.

Joseph enjoys spending time with friends at church. He enjoys activities such as bowling, fishing, or hanging with friends. He hopes to gain rewarding and insightful work experience by providing language access for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community while interning at OAPIA. He is interested in careers in the government sector, and hopes to work for the FBI as a field interpreter in the future.



Sharon Jung is currently a third-year student at the University of California, Irvine pursuing a bachelor's degree in international studies, with a focus on global security and criminology. She has been working at the UC Irvine Police Department as a Community Service Officer, and wishes to pursue a career in the law enforcement field, but ultimately wants to become a US diplomat.



She has a passion for learning different languages; she speaks English and Korean fluently, and is proficient in Spanish. Before Sharon completes her undergraduate career, she will be

studying abroad in China and Spain to expand her knowledge as it pertains to different languages and cultures.

Spotlight: The Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC (HBI-DC)



The mission of the Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC (HBI-DC) is to mobilize communities to prevent liver disease caused by hepatitis B among Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, African newcomers, and other high-risk groups in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Through collaborative partnerships, HBI-DC provides culturally and linguistically appropriate hepatitis B outreach, education, screening, vaccination, linkages to care, and patient navigation services for impacted communities.

For information about free Hepatitis B screenings and vaccinations that will be offered on Saturday, April 14, 2012, please contact [Jane Pan](#). For more information about HBI-DC, please visit: <http://hbi-dc.org/>

DC Mayor's Commission on APIA Community Development

The DC Commission on APIA Community Development usually convenes monthly meetings to discuss current issues affecting the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA office located at 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 721N, Washington, DC 20001.

All commission meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions about the commission or its meetings, please contact oapia@dc.gov.

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