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OAPIA Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

These past few weeks have marked the end of winter and the arrival of spring. Spring symbolizes rejuvenation, rebirth, and change anew.

One main change you may have noticed recently concerns the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) agency website. The website has undergone an extensive overhaul, and is more user friendly for navigational purposes and information is now easier to access than ever before. I invite everyone to take a look by visiting www.apia.dc.gov.



In addition, the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is seeking nominations for the [2013 Mayor's Community Service Awards](#) to recognize unsung heroes; individuals from the community, District agency employees, or local organizations who have shown passion and have made lasting contributions in serving the AAPI community. We encourage you to submit your [nominations](#) today!

Please stay tuned for announcements from OAPIA on activities and events in recognition and celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May. As always, OAPIA is working hard to keep you informed and updated on all of our partnerships and projects.

Warm Regards,

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

OAPIA News

OAPIA Bimonthly Community Meeting

OAPIA will hold the next bimonthly community meeting on **Tuesday, April 2, 2013 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** at the Old Council Chamber at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. The Old Council Chamber is located on the first floor, on the south side of the building. Please have available one form of identification for security purposes. The Health Benefit Exchange Authority will be in attendance to give updates on their involvement and activities within the District of Columbia.

The purpose of the bimonthly community meetings is to learn more about the issues affecting the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the District. The group brings together community leaders, residents, and agency representatives. Bimonthly meetings are open to the public. OAPIA encourages everyone to participate.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Andrew Chang at andrew.chang@dc.gov.

OAPIA Healthy DC Fair

Saturday, May 18, 2013
 10am to 2pm
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library
 901 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
 Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown (Red, Yellow, Green lines)

Free screenings for diabetes, blood pressure, vision, dental, HIV, Hepatitis B, and C, medication consultations, and more. Bring questions on Medicaid. Apply for low income insurance and other benefits on the spot.

Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese Interpretation will be available. For more information or to

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National Hepatitis Awareness Day

In Partnership With
 DC Mayor's Office on Community Affairs
 DC Department of Health
 DC Department of Human Services
 DC Public Library
 US Department of Health and Human Services
 Ascend Greater Washington Chapter
 Chinatown Service Center
 CVS
 Family Matters of Washington DC – Asian Service Center
 Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington DC
 Howard University Hospital
 Vietnamese American Community Service Center

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Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Unveils Newly Designed Website

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) is pleased to announce the unveiling of a newly designed OAPIA website. The new website utilizes Drupal, a website management platform, which offers enhanced website features such as improved navigation, a contemporary visual layout, and user support for individuals with visual and auditory disabilities.

The new OAPIA website can be navigated through the use of tabs at the top of every webpage, which are accompanied by subcategory tabs that allow quick access to specific resources and agency services. In addition, the new website offers language support, allowing OAPIA to better engage and connect with the online limited English proficient (LEP) Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

The redesign of the OAPIA website is part of a long term effort by the District of Columbia government to create a web portal for District residents, businesses, and online visitors that is more user accessible and user friendly. The new OAPIA website joins more than 70 existing District agency websites on the new Drupal open source web platform. Visitors can view the newly redesigned OAPIA website by visiting www.apia.dc.gov.

Read the press release [here](#).

OAPIA Assists in Public Safety Efforts by Promoting the Smart911 Program



The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA), in partnership with the Office of Unified Communications (OUC), the Family Matters Asian Senior Center (ASC), and the Vietnamese American Community Service Center (VACSC), continued efforts to improve public safety by promoting the Smart911 program to the District's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

OAPIA and OUC designed and distributed multilingual informational material promoting Smart911 to AAPI residents at community events and meetings and through online outreach efforts. OAPIA and OUC registered 80 District AAPI residents for Smart911 during two registration sessions held at the ASC and VACSC. Arrangements were also made for newly registered AAPI residents to receive in-language confirmation calls of their Smart 911 program registration.

For the entire press release, please visit [here](#).

OAPIA Hosts 1st Brown Bag Cultural Lunch Dialogue on the Chinese American community.



On March 26, 2013, the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) hosted its first of four Brown Bag Cultural Lunch Dialogues. The first session covered the Chinese American community. There were 38 District government employees who attended the dialogue which was held at Old Council Chambers in the Judiciary Square building. The purpose of these dialogues is to increase the awareness of District employees of various ethnic communities within the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

The speakers for the Chinese American dialogue were Stan Lou, Vice President for Education & Culture, OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates, and Ted Gong, President of DC Chapter of Chinese American Citizens Alliance and Executive Director of 1882 Foundation. Ted started the session presenting the immigration history of Chinese Americans. This was followed by Stan giving a presentation using his own personal history on the Chinese American experience. The session also covered information on Chinatown, interacting with Chinese Americans from a service perspective, and the common experience Chinese Americans face with other minority groups.

OAPIA prepared a one page fact sheet and short narrative packet on the Chinese American community for District employees to take back to their Agency to distribute with their colleagues. The next session is May 30 and will cover the Korean American population, followed by two more sessions on the Vietnamese American and Indian American populations. These dialogues are part of OAPIA's technical assistance efforts under it's language access program to help Agencies gain and understanding of the AAPI community. Employees were eligible for obtaining 1 hour administrative leave in addition to their lunch hour to attend this and the remaining three sessions.

District News and Announcements

Mayor Vincent C. Gray's Budget Town Hall Schedule

Mayor Vincent C. Gray will be hosting multiple budget town halls in all wards across the District. Please attend these budget town halls to learn more about the Mayor's upcoming plans for the District's budget for fiscal year 2014, any current spending pressures, and how the budget will address any challenges facing the city. The list of upcoming budget town halls can be found below.

Luke C. Moore High School - Ward 5

1001 Monroe St NE, Washington, DC 20017
Wednesday, April 10, 2013
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Columbia Heights Recreation Center - Ward 1

1480 Girard St NW, Washington, DC 20009
Thursday, April 11, 2013
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Turner Elementary School - Ward 8

3264 Stanton Rd SE, Washington, DC 20032
Wednesday, April 17, 2013
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Brightwood Elementary School - Ward 4

1300 Nicholson St NW, Washington, DC 20011
Thursday, April 18, 2013
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Charles Sumner School - Youth

1201 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20036
Saturday, April 20, 2013
11am - 1pm

Charles Sumner School - Ward 2

1201 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20036
Saturday, April 20, 2013
2pm - 4pm

Logan School - Ward 6

215 G St NE, Washington, DC 20002
Thursday, April 25, 2013
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Alice Deal Middle School - Ward 3

3815 Fort Drive NW, Washington, DC 20016
Tuesday, April 30, 2013
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Department of Employment Services Community Room - Ward 7

4058 Minnesota Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20019
Thursday, May 2, 2013
6:30pm - 8:30pm

MAYOR VINCENT C. GRAY
Invites You To The
FY2014 BUDGET
TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Town Hall Schedule

WARD 5 Wednesday, April 10 th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Luke C. Moore Academy 1001 Monroe Street, NE	WARD 4 Thursday, April 18 th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Brightwood Education Campus 1300 Nicholson Street, NW	WARD 6 Thursday, April 25 th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Capital Hill Montessori @ Logan 215 G Street, NE
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WARD 8 Wednesday, April 17 th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Turner Elementary School 3264 Stanton Road, SE	WARD 2 Saturday, April 20 th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Charles Sumner School 1201 17th Street, NW	WARD 7 Thursday, May 2 nd 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Dept. of Employment Services 4058 Minnesota Ave, NE

Come Listen, Come Learn, Come Voice Your Concerns.

Government of the District of Columbia
 Vincent C. Gray, Mayor

For More Information or If You Require Translation or Interpretation Services: 202.442.6150

Spotlight: National Association of Korean Americans (NAKA) - DC Chapter



The [National Association of Korean Americans \(NAKA\)](#) National Headquarters/DC Chapter is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a stronger national Korean American community.

NAKA has several chapters across the United States, including its National Headquarters in Washington DC. Efforts have focused on advocating for the civil rights of Korean Americans, promoting and developing Korean American culture, fostering understanding between the Korean American community and other ethnic groups in the US, and aiding in the peaceful reconciliation of Korea. Previously, NAKA DC has organized voter registration drivers in conjunction with the Korean American Services Corp (KoAmCo) at the Korean American Festival, organized town meetings around issues relevant to the Korean American community, and held various events on the Peace Process in the Korean Peninsula.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



In 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month." This proclamation called upon Americans to provide the "encouragement and opportunities" necessary for people with developmental disabilities to reach their potential. The term "developmental disability" is used in the United States and Canada to describe lifelong disabilities attributable to mental or physical impairments, manifested prior to age 22. It is not synonymous with "developmental delay" which is often a consequence of a temporary illness or trauma during childhood. There are many social, environmental and physical causes of developmental disabilities, although for some a definitive cause may never be determined.

Developmental disabilities affect between 1% and 2% of the population in most western countries, although many government sources acknowledge that statistics are flawed in this area. In the United States, ADHD is currently one of the most common childhood neurobehavioral disorders, according to the CDC. White and African-American children were more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD than were Hispanics or Asian-Pacific Islanders. The worldwide proportion of people with developmental disabilities is believed to be approximately 1.4%. It is twice as common in males as in females, and some researchers have found that the prevalence of mild developmental disabilities is likely to be higher in areas of poverty and deprivation also.

For a list of developmental disabilities, please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#). For information about developmental disabilities and resources within the District, please visit the [DC Developmental Disabilities Administration](#).

DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

The DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs usually convenes monthly meetings to discuss current issues affecting the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 6:30 pm in Conference Room 1107 at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street NW, 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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