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MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Employment Opportunities, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members:

When I became the director of the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs in January, I wanted to develop creative solutions that would benefit all AAPI community members who reside and work in the District and to ensure that previously underserved groups such as young professionals and LGBTQ individuals have greater access to government programs and services. This year, I'm glad to say we have connected with various AAPI LGBT organizations, held two rounds of office hours in all eight wards, and much more. But our work remains unfinished.



This September, I'm excited to announce that we will be hosting our first forum titled "AAPI Action Forum: Getting a 'Fresh Start' on the Priority Needs of the AAPI and Multicultural Communities." We want to hear directly from you on what the most pressing issues AAPI and other multicultural communities face in the District today. We will be using feedback from the forum to develop implementable action items for the next few years to ensure that we are serving the AAPI community to the best of our abilities. To promote multicultural engagement and build a stronger voice for advocacy among all of the District's vibrant minority communities, we are partnering up with the Mayor's Office on African Affairs, the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs, and Serve DC to make this forum a great success.

Our newsletter this week contains more information about our forum and how you can register. I cannot wait to see everyone at our forum in September at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center!

Warm regards,

David Do
Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hopes to create a more cohesive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia.

To submit events or announcements for the website, please contact opia@dc.gov.

All listings will be on the website until the end date of the program/event/posting deadline or up to one month.

A listing will only be added to the website if it is no

Chinatown Park Start FRESH! - Free Summer Fitness Classes

MOAPIA is hosting a series of free summer fitness classes as part of its **Chinatown Park Start FRESH!** project, a series of fun and healthy outdoor activities in Chinatown Park to encourage District residents to adopt healthy lifestyle choices.

Location: Chinatown Park (Mass Ave and I St NW between 5th and 6th St NW)

Schedule of Remaining Events:

- 8/4, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 8/11, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 8/18, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 8/25, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class

RSVPs are encouraged but walk-ins are welcomed! To pre-register for Tai Chi classes, please visit morningtaichi.eventbrite.com.

For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202) 727-3120.

Chinatown Park Start FRESH! - Outdoor Film Screenings

MOAPIA is hosting "Under the Stars: Outdoor Movie Screening" as part of its *Chinatown Park Start FRESH!* series. Free popcorn will be provided.

Movies will begin at 8 pm. To RSVP, please register [here](#).

For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202)-727-3120.

more than one month out in advance; certain exceptions apply at MOAPIA's discretion.



DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

CHINATOWN PARK
START FRESH!

UNDER THE STARS

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES
@ CHINATOWN PARK
6TH AND I STREET NW

MOVIE STARTS AT 8PM
Bring your own blanket or chair!

AUGUST 20 **SEPTEMBER 10**
House of Flying Daggers Raise the Red Lantern

RSVP - <http://moapia-underthestars.eventbrite.com>

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Follow us @DCMOAPIA #ChinatownParkStartFresh
 For more information, email us at oopia@dc.gov or call (202) 727-3120

9/12 - SAVE THE DATE for the AAPI Action Forum

Save the Date

DC MAYOR'S OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

AAPI ACTION FORUM

GETTING A "FRESH START" ON THE PRIORITY NEEDS OF ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS (AAPI) AND MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

REGISTER TODAY!
dctakesaction.eventbrite.com

@DCMOAPIA #DCTakesAction

FREE MEALS AND PRIZES

APiA MPTD DPR WE ARE WASHINGTON DC GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Walter E. Convention Center
 801 Mt Vernon Pl NW
 West Salon G&H
 Washington, DC 20001
 Metro: Mt Vernon Sq 7th St Convention Center
 Yellow & Green Line

To request reasonable accommodations, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance of the event.

September 12, 2015

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Walter E. Washington Convention Center

West Salon G/H

801 Mt. Vernon Place NW

Washington, DC 20001

The purpose of this forum is to examine how we can work more collaboratively across different cultures and ethnic backgrounds and to create implementable strategies for MOAPIA to work on over the next few years.

Participants from all over the city will come together to identify action items for the District government. This interactive public engagement event will include small group discussions and keypad polling to prioritize important issues facing the Asian-American communities in Washington and other multi-cultural communities. This is an opportunity to have your thoughts heard by District leaders.

This event is hosted in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs, and the Mayor's Office on African Affairs, and ServeDC, the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism.

To register, please visit dctakesaction.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact MOAPIA at opia@dc.gov or (202) 727 - 3120.

MOAPIA is Recruiting Fall Interns



The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) is seeking motivated individuals interested in public service and the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Interns will have the opportunity to work on a variety of assignments pertaining to outreach, language access, and intergovernmental affairs.

For more information, please visit our website [here](#). To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Christina Truong at christina.truong@dc.gov.

MOAPIA Hosts Chinatown Park Start FRESH! Events



7/17: DC Kids Move! Participants



7/20: Tae Kwon Do Self-Defense Class Participants

Director Do Speaks at 8th Annual Armistice Day Peace Concert & Vigil



Director Do Speaking to Attendees

On July 25, MOAPIA Director Do gave welcoming remarks at the 8th Annual Armistice Day Peace Concert and Vigil hosted by Remember 727. The event commemorated the the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (July 27) and the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Events and Announcements

Community Calendar

The MOAPIA [Community Calendar](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community events. Please check the Community Calendar page regularly for updates.

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CALL TO HOMEOWNERS: Participate in DDOE's RiverSmart Homes Program



Every year in the District, 25 million gallons of water flows into our local waterways. This means that every time it rains, rainwater becomes storm water pollution because it picks up toxic wastes such as oil and grease from our driveways and bacteria from lawns and pet secretions. The RiverSmart Homes program offers various services for homeowners to reduce storm water pollution entering D.C.'s local streams and waterways.

Not only will these RiverSmart Home installations help homeowners beautify their properties but they will also reduce levels of storm water pollution from local waterways. As a homeowner, installing any of the services such as rain barrels, shade trees, rain gardens, pervious pavers, and BayScaping will add beauty to your landscape, reduce water related maintenance, and save money on heating and cooling bills. As a DC resident, take advantage of these available incentive programs and help make the District a more environmentally friendly city!

For more information on how to apply, please visit DDOE's website [here](#).

7/30 - DHCD Ward by Ward Check-in for Ward 2

The DC Department of Housing and Community Development invites all residents, business owners and community members to attend the "Ward 2: DHCD Ward by Ward Check-In Meeting" on Thursday, July 30, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The meeting will be held at MLK Memorial Library, 901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

You're Invited



DHCD Ward by Ward Check-In We Want To Hear From You!

Ward 2

July 30/6:30 pm
MLK Memorial Library
901 G Street, NW

DHCD is conducting a three month community meeting series in all eight wards. These meetings are designed to seek feedback and suggestions from community members to help shape the future of affordable housing throughout the District. Additionally, the agency will inform residents, business owners, and other community members of the agency's programs and services, current and future projects, and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 affordable housing budget.

Ward Meeting Dates. All Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

Past Meetings

Ward 8/(Kick-Off) April 8
THE ARC

Ward 5/May 14
Dunbar High School

Ward 1/July 22
Greater Wash. Urban League

Ward 7/April 14
Marshall Hts. Comm. Dev. Org.

Ward 4/May 28
Coolidge Sr. High School

Ward 6/April 30
SE Neighborhood Library

Ward 3/July 16
Woodrow Wilson Sr. High School



RSVP for meetings to dhcd.events@dc.gov. For additional information or questions visit www.dhcd.dc.gov or call (202) 442-7200.

Department of Housing and Community Development Polly Donaldson, Director
1800 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20020 (202) 442-7200/www.dhcd.dc.gov



MPD Beat the Streets DC



This community outreach event serves as a traveling Community Festival and is a partnership between the Metropolitan Police Department, local social service agencies and community vendors.

In a 3 to 5-hour block of time, community members (of all ages) enjoy musical performances from local marching bands and the MPD Police Band "Cops Come Knockin," as well as a street festival-like environment with local vendors and literature distributed by local social service agencies. This is an opportunity for members of the community to experience the lighter side of the police department while enjoying dancing, free food and fun.

Upcoming Events:

- Sixth District (6D) - **7/29**, 3 - 7:30 pm, 3700 Hayes St NE (Mayfair Mansions)
- School Supplies Give-A-Way - **8/20**, 5 - 7 pm, 1230 Sumner Rd SE (Picnic Area)

For more information, visit MPD's website [here](#).

Employment Opportunities

Career Connections

The MOAPIA [Career Connections](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community employment opportunities, internships, scholarships, grants, and more. Please check the Career Connections page regularly for updates.

To submit announcements for the website, please contact oapia@dc.gov. All listings will be on the website until the end date of the posting deadline or up to one month.

8/4 & 8/12 - Walmart Pre-Screening/Application Events

The new Wal-Mart facility is set to open at Riggs and South Dakota (close to Ft. Totten metro station) and will be hiring approximately 300 associates for a variety of jobs that include professional services, sales floor associates and supervisors, front end cashiers, customer service, cart pushers, greeters, stockers and others. The pre-screening/job application sessions will take place in Ward 5 at the American Job Center - Northeast (5171 South Dakota Ave. NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20017).

August 4th

1:30 p.m. (Participants are asked to arrive on time)

RSVP using this link: <http://goo.gl/U6Enac>

(202) 576-3092 (phone)

August 12th

1:30 p.m. (Participants are asked to arrive on time)

*Participants must RSVP for both of these events

The Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Recruiting Bilingual Police Officers



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is looking for individuals who are problem-solvers, who enjoy working with others in all types of settings and circumstances, and ultimately, people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. MPD offers a very competitive starting salary, with police officers who are certified as fluent in any language other than English receiving additional pay, as well as a plethora of benefits. So if you think you have what it takes to be a part of one of the top police departments in the country, apply today!

According to the Census Bureau figures, the Washington, D.C. population is growing at its fastest pace in decades. As our Asian American and Pacific Islander community also continues to grow, the need for new police officers who are bilingual increases. MPD is therefore reaching out to all of our ethnic communities as we expand to meet the changing needs of our city. In Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, MPD will be hiring approximately 300 new police officers annually.

To find out more about MPD police officer careers, call the Recruiting Division toll free at 1-800-994-MPDC (6732), or if you are in the Washington area at (202) 645-0445. The office is located at 101 M Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024. MPD invites you to please visit the website for more detailed information on this exciting career opportunity.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:

- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/join-metropolitan-police-department>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/salary-and-benefits>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-officer-selection-process>

**DC Department of Employment Services (DOES)
Resources**



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

DOES also offers [Project Empowerment](#), a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training and subsidized employment to District residents. Participants attend an intensive three-week training course and are then placed in a subsidized employment opportunity for up to six months, all while working towards securing permanent, unsubsidized employment.

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