



David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

MOAPIA Newsletter

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

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

As a first generation college graduate, I place great importance in receiving quality education. I am a strong advocate for education and personally invested in the public education system. Before joining this office, I partnered with parents to enhance public education through establishing the Ward 1 Education Collaborative. The Mayor and I are striving to ensure that our District is thriving with innovative leaders, dedicated teachers, and supported parents and community members.



The Mayor announced initiatives that would open doors for students enrolled in DC public schools to become better prepared for the future. This newly introduced extended-year calendar will allow students to thrive in classrooms by providing additional help for them to excel in areas such as math, language arts, and reading. Additionally, the DC Public School (DCPS) Study Abroad Initiative enables hundreds of students to travel abroad and polish their foreign language skills, acquire leadership abilities, and develop cultural competency during the summer. I believe such initiatives lay firm foundations in reducing learning gaps between different socioeconomic and minority groups.

Finally, I am honored to be a part of a District that truly cares for the education of our children and strives to develop them into strong leaders, through various approaches. The Mayor, my team, and I will continue to work to deliver promising results to the community.

Warm Regards,

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

P.S: We are actively in the process of selecting a new Chancellor for DC Public Schools. I urge you to contribute in this search and selection process through actively providing valuable feedback: [here](#).

MOAPIA News

MOAPIA Welcomes New Interns!

Connie Lee



Connie Lee is currently a rising senior majoring in International Relations and minoring in Economics at American University. She is interested in both Foreign Policy/National Security and the Global Economy in the East Asia region. Connie will graduate this December from the School of International Service at American University and plans to start a full-time position and then pursue a Master's degree in the future.

Originally from Dallas, Texas, Connie was born and raised by two immigrant parents from South Korea. She is the first in her family pursuing a Bachelor's degree.

Connie enjoys engaging in the fine arts such as music, dance, and art. She grew up learning piano, flute, art, jazz dance, and Korean traditional dance from a young age. She was actively involved in the arts even before college. She participated in the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra and also performed Korean traditional dances at cultural events. Connie also loves spending quality time with people and being adventurous during her spare time.

Terence Wang

Terence Wang joined MOAPIA as a fall intern. Originally from Beijing, China, he recently graduated from Carey Business School at Johns Hopkins University, with Master of Science degree in Finance. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in finance from Sichuan University, China.

Before joining MOAPIA, Terence interned at Equinox Investment LLC as a Financial Assistant to the Executive Investment Analyst. During his spare time, he volunteered as a Mandarin translator at a local farmer's market in DC. He enjoys helping out the AAPI community, especially in assisting to bridge the gap between community members with limited English proficiency and English speakers who wish to reach out to them.



Terence believes the experience at MOAPIA will be a great opportunity for him to connect his skill sets with his passion for the community. He hopes to hone his communication and business analysis skills, bond with the community, and build connections. He is ready for and looking forward to this journey.

MOAPIA and DOES Hosting a Wage Theft Prevention Info Session



MOAPIA hosted a **Wage Theft Prevention** informational session with DOES on August 2. MOAPIA and DOES provided AAPI small business owners with information on Wage Theft laws in place and discussed ways business owners may stay compliant with requirements.

Director Do Engaging with SYEP Youth



MOAPIA Director David Do hosted a **brown bag lunch** for **AAPI SYEP (Summer Youth Employment Program)** participants on August 4. Director Do shared his personal story as an AAPI leader and provided tips on career development. He also encouraged them engage in community activities and to consider pursuing a career in public service.

MOAPIA at KORUS Tae Kwon Do Championship



MOAPIA conducted outreach at **The 2nd Korean Ambassador's Cup KORUS (Korea-US) Tae Kwon Do Championship** on August 6. Director Do delivered opening remarks to kick start the event, on behalf of Mayor Bowser.

MOAPIA Assisting AAPI Seniors



MOAPIA conducted outreach to assist seniors at the **Mount Vernon Triangle FRESHFARM Market** on August 6. MOAPIA outreach staff provided language assistance between DC Greens staff and residents and explained the policy changes to the Produce Plus program to participants.

"Chinatown Park Start FRESH!" - Asian Movie Night III

Japanese Movie Night with Japanese - America Society of Washington D.C.

DC Mayor's Office on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs
& The Japan-America Society of Washington DC
present

ASIAN MOVIE NIGHT III

Japanese Movie Night

(Light refreshments will be provided)

"ONLY YESTERDAY"
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Chinatown Park
(6th and I Street NW)

7 PM - Japanese cultural activities
8 PM - Movie screening

RSVP: JapaneseMovieNightDC.eventbrite.com

Only Yesterday

DC APA Film, 1882 Foundation, AARP, ANC 2C, ANC 6E, Chinese Community Church, CCBA, Chinatown Community Cultural Center, Chinese Youth Club, DowntownDC BID, Mt Vernon Triangle CID, National Park Service, Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association

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For more information, email us at oapia@dc.gov or call (202) 727-3120

Wednesday, August 17

7 pm: Japanese cultural activities
8 pm: Movie screening

Chinatown Park
(6th and I Street NW)

RSVP: JapaneseMovieNightDC.eventbrite.com

"Chinatown Park Start FRESH!" - Weekly Tai chi



DC MAYOR'S OFFICE ON ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS WELCOMES YOU TO DC CHINATOWN PARK

Free Tai Chi Class
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Every Thursday, 8 AM

Chinatown Park
6th and I (eye) St NW

In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted on MOAPIA's social media: [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) @dcmoapia

For more information, contact MOAPIA via email (oapia@dc.gov) or call (202) 727-3120.

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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Every Thursday, 8 am
(May - September 2016)

Chinatown Park
(6th and I Street NW)

No RSVP is required.

Free Tai Chi Classes at the Kennedy Recreation Center

TAI CHI CLASS

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 11 AM
(8/17/2016 - 9/28/2016)

Location: **Kennedy Recreation Center**
(1401 7th St NW)

All classes are FREE and open to the public.
No registration is required.

For more information, call (202)-727-3120.



Every Wednesday, 11 am
(August - September 2016)

Kennedy Recreation Center
(1401 7th St. NW)

No RSVP is required.

Employment Opportunities

Want to join MOAPIA's team?

A graphic with a grey background on the left and a red background on the right. On the grey background is a blue magnifying glass icon over a black silhouette of a person in a suit. On the red background, the text "MOAPIA IS HIRING!" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

MOAPIA has three job openings: **Community Outreach Assistant, Program Coordinator and Community Outreach Specialist**. If you love meeting community members and want a career in public service, join our team! Must be bilingual in Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, or Cantonese.

To apply for the Community Outreach Assistant position, click [here](#).
To apply for the Program Coordinator position, click [here](#).
To apply for the Community Outreach Specialist position, click [here](#).

Events and Announcements

Call for Volunteers: Weekly Farmers Market in Chinatown



Help Your Neighbors
and
Support Great Food!

Be an **Arcadia Mobile Market** volunteer
at the new **Chinatown** Stop!

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Provide interpretation for Mobile Market staff
- Help neighbors understand the nutrition benefits available to them to make high quality food affordable
- Help neighbors understand the food selections and their choices

Volunteer Requirements

- Con conversationally fluent in English and Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese)
- Available at least one Wednesday per month from June to October between 10am to 12pm
- Ability to work outside in a farmers market atmosphere

Time/Location

- When: June 1st to October. Every Wednesday from 10am-12pm
- Where: 800 6th St NW, outside the Wah Luck house

If interested, please email Pamela
at Pam@arcadiafood.org



MOAPIA is looking for reliable volunteers who are willing to:

- Provide Interpretation for Mobile Market staff (conversational English-Cantonese-

Mandarin)

- Help communicate nutritional benefits of the fresh, high quality produce
- Help neighbors understand the food selections and make selections

Requirements:

- Conversational fluency in English, Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese)
- Available AT LEAST one Wednesday per month, from June - October, between 10 AM - 12 PM
- Able to work outside in farmer's market set up

If you are interested in helping in this effort, please contact Pam@arcadiafood.org

Free Trainings Hosted by DCRA



DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER & REGULATORY AFFAIRS

1. Smart Start Integrated Licensing and Money Smart for Small Business Program

DCRA's Small Business Resource Center (SBRC) is providing a new, FREE service to provide small business owners with business licensing and Money Smart for Small Business education to grow businesses.

Basic Business License (BBL) Steps - During these sessions, DCRA's SBRC staff will provide the step-by-step process, fees, renewal timeline when applying and obtaining a BBL.

Money Smart for Small Business - During these sessions, DCRA's SBRC staff will provide basic business development tools which can be used to either deepen and/or develop your skills in Financial Management, Credit Reporting, Banking Services, Organizational Types, Tax Planning and Reporting, Time Management and Record Keeping.

Date: Monday, August 15, 2015

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Location: DCRA - 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor (Room E-268), Washington, D.C. 20024

To Register: <http://dcbiz.ecenterdirect.com/events/42675>

2. How to Open a Small Business by Navigating through DCRA's Regulatory Process

If you are interested in learning How to Open a Small Business by Navigating through DCRA's Regulatory Process then this session is for you. During this event the SBRC will be featuring DCRA's subject experts from:

- Business Licensing Division
- Corporations Division
- Occupational and Professional Licensing Division
- Permits and Inspections Division
- Weights and Measures Division
- Zoning Division

Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Time: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Location: DCRA - 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor (Room E-200), Washington, D.C. 20024

To Register: <http://dcbiz.ecenterdirect.com/events/41241>

3. All Things Non-Profit

During this workshop you will learn how to start a non-profit business (corporate registration, licensing, and tax registration) and also learn how to apply for grants available for non-profit organizations.

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2016

Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Location: Judiciary Square - 441 4th Street NW, 8th Floor (Room 805 South), Washington, D.C. 20011

To Register: <http://dcbiz.ecenterdirect.com/events/42576>

4. Navigating Government Contracting with DCPTAC: Access To Capital: Contract Financing

The District of Columbia Procurement Technical Assistance Center (DC PTAC) is a program within the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). DC PTAC offers confidential, personalized, one on one business counseling and competitive insights for navigating the government contracting process successfully.

Whether you already have experience working on government contracts, or are looking for help to win your first one, we are available to help. At the DC PTAC, businesses can get assistance with developing strategies to pursue state, local and federal government contracts.

We help you navigate the procurement process more confidently and efficiently. Our assistance is tailored to meet your specific goals in areas such as:

- Contract research
- Bid matching
- Marketing plans
- Subcontracting and Teaming
- Proposal preparation
- GSA schedules
- Certifications (HubZone, 8(a), VA CVE, WOSB)
- Post contract award counseling

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Location: DCRA - 1100 4th Street SW, 4th Floor (Room E-4302), Washington, D.C. 20024

To Register: <http://dcbiz.ecenterdirect.com/events/42136>

5. Understanding Your Rights Seminars for Landlords

The D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center is partnering with the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) Small Business Resource Center to offer monthly informational sessions to small landlords renting residential property in the District of Columbia. The sessions will provide general information on the eviction process, landlord tenant court procedures, and regulatory requirements.

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: DCRA - 1100 4th Street SW, 4th Floor (Room E-4302), Washington, D.C. 20024

To Register: <http://dcbiz.ecenterdirect.com/events/42544>

6. The Regulatory Process of a Business

During these FREE monthly sessions, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

(DCRA) will partner with District government agencies to educate customers on how to start a new business in the District of Columbia. The following topics will be discussed:

- Business Licensing
- Corporate registration
- Certificates of Occupancy (C of O)
- Home Occupancy Permits (HOP)
- Grant Opportunities
- Vending
- Farmer markets
- Certified Business Enterprises (CBE)

Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Deanwood Neighborhood Library - 1350 49th Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20019

To Register: <http://dcbiz.ecenterdirect.com/events/41350>

Private Security Camera Incentive Program



The advertisement features a white security camera mounted on a wall. To the left of the camera is a dark blue box with white text. Above the box is the logo for the Government of the District of Columbia, featuring the text "WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER" and "DC GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR".

**Help make
DC safer
and
stronger**

Install a private security camera system and apply for a rebate

For more info visit ovsjg.dc.gov

The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) wants residents to improve public safety by participating in the **Private Security Camera Incentive Program**. This program encourages residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security cameras.

The program provides a rebate of up to \$200 per camera, with a maximum rebate of up to \$500 per residential address and \$750 for all other addresses.

Information about the program and the application can be found at www.ovsjg.dc.gov. For additional information, contact the Program at security.cameras@dc.gov (202) 727-5124.

Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act in Effect



The District of Columbia's **Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act (WTPAA) of 2014** became effective February 26, 2015. The Act makes broad changes to DC's wage and hour laws, which include the Minimum Wage Act Revision Act, the Living Wage Act, the Wage Payment and Wage Collection Law, and the Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act.

Beginning of **July 1, 2016, the minimum wage in the D.C. will increase from \$10.50 to \$11.50 regardless of size of employer.** The Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act also requires business owners to post Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act and the Minimum Wage Revision Act, and the notice of WTPAA posters where employees can easily read. Also, according to the Act, all employees must receive a written copy of Employer Notice upon employment.

MOAPIA has been conducting door-to-door outreach to over 100 API business owners in the District to inform them about the changes and help them comply the law requirements.

For more information, contact DOES (202-671-1880) or Soojin Ku at MOAPIA (soojin.ku@dc.gov).

Weekly Mobile Farmers Market in Chinatown

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MOAPIA, in partnership with Arcadia Food, brings healthy, fresh, and affordable Asian produce to Chinatown, in an effort to address the community's need for Asian produce within the District through Arcadia Mobile Market!

Starting **June 1, 2016**, community members may now be able to purchase fresh produce at affordable prices **every Wednesday** from **10 AM to 12 PM** at **800 6th Street NW** (in front of the Wah Luck House building).

Kids Ride Free Program



KIDS RIDE FREE ON METROBUS AND METRORAIL



IMPORTANT CHANGES 2016-2017

EASIER REGISTRATION PROCESS. Students ages 5-21 can use their DC One Card to ride free. You no longer need to register for the program online, but you must be enrolled in a DC public or public charter school.

EXTENDED HOURS ON THE BUS. You are now able to ride to get to school or school-related activities all day, every day (including weekends).

NEW WEBSITE. Starting on August 15 you can log-in to your account at dconecard.dc.gov to check the status of your Kids Ride Free pass.

Private school students are still required to register online at www.dconecard.dc.gov to participate in the Kids Ride Free on Bus program and purchase subsidized transit passes. Private school students are not eligible for the free rail benefit.

DC ONE CARD

Use your DC One Card to take a FREE bus or rail trip without having to register online!

Simply tap your DC One Card to activate your Kids Ride Free pass starting the first day of school.



KIDS RIDE FREE CHECKLIST: 2 weeks before school starts

1

Make sure you are enrolled in a DC public school or public charter school. Your parent or guardian must enroll you, in-person, at your school.

2

Find your current DC One Card. If you don't have one already, find out how to get one by visiting dconecard.dc.gov or asking your school.

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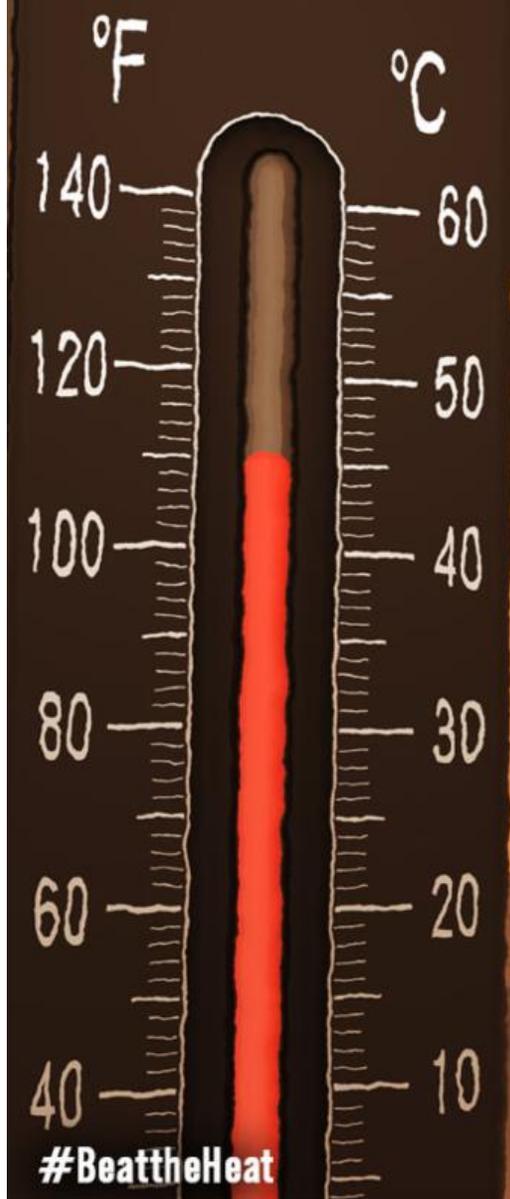
Pay off any negative fare balances on your DC One Card. You can check your balance by tapping your Card on a fare vending machine at a rail station.



For more information, including FAQs, go to kidsridefree.dc.gov or call DDOT customer service at (202) 673-1740.

Check the status of your Kids Ride Free pass at dconecard.dc.gov.

District Heat Emergency Plan



Heat Emergency Plan

On days when the temperature reaches 95 degrees, the DC Government will activate Cooling Centers.

The Cooling Centers will be activated in publically accessible government facilities, homeless shelters, and senior citizen wellness centers, and will be open until 6:00 p.m., or until a time specified by the facilities.

If you see someone struggling with the heat please call the shelter hotline at

1-800-535-7252.

dhs.dc.gov



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The District of Columbia has activated the Heat Emergency Plan and issued a hyperthermia alert. The Plan is activated whenever the temperature or heat index reaches 95 degrees and allows for the opening of cooling centers throughout the city. To view the 2016 Heat Emergency Plan and find information on cooling center locations visit: <http://dc.gov/page/heat-emergency-information>.

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