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David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

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,

As we move through October, I am excited to celebrate several events happening in the District. On October 26th, my office will be hosting DC government's first Filipino American History Month Celebration. Filipino Americans have made compelling contributions to American society since their first documented arrival and I am so ecstatic to join efforts with the Office of Veteran Affairs to celebrate this occasion at the Embassy of the Philippines.



Shortly afterward on Halloween, my staff and I will be helping out at Ward 8 Trunk-or-Treat. There's going to be lots of games, music, face painting, and of course candy! I encourage you and your kids to attend to this fun-filled event.

Then on November 5th, I am partnering with the Mayor's Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives to host another first celebration of its kind organized by DC government - Diwali! Diwali is also known as the Festival of the Lights and it's a commonly celebrated Hindu festival which spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness. The Diwali reception will include a traditional lamp lighting ceremony and festive food.

Also, be sure to check out our grant announcement for the FY16 AAPI Community Grant! I look forward to reviewing all of the wonderful applications.

Warm Regards,

David Do

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

MOAPIA News

MOAPIA Spotlight: Ngoc Trinh

Ngoc Trinh serves as the Director of Community Engagement. On October 17th, it marked Ngoc's 10 year anniversary of working at MOAPIA.



MOAPIA would like to recognize and honor Ngoc's commitment and outstanding work in serving the District's AAPI community.

Thanks Ngoc for all that you do! We are extremely lucky to have you.

Notice of Funding Availability for FY16 AAPI Community Grant



MOAPIA is soliciting grant applications from qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) serving the District of Columbia's Asian American and Pacific Islander constituents [residents and/or business owners] - for its FY 2016 Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Grant. The Community Grants are intended to fund programs that provide direct services to the District's AAPI residents and/or merchants.

To read the full Notice of Funding Availability announcement, click [here](#).

10/26 - Filipino American History Month Celebration

Please join the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs and the Mayor's Office of Veteran Affairs in commemorating the contributions of Filipino Americans and honoring the brave veterans who have served in our military.

Monday, **October 26**
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Embassy of the Philippines
Romulo Hall
1600 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036



*Filipino American History
Month Celebration*

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EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES
ROMULO HALL
1600 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW,
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Filipino Americans have helped build and shape our great nation in a multitude of ways.

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This event was made possible with the support of the Embassy of the Philippines.

RSVP: <http://filamhistorymonthcelebration.eventbrite.com>

If you would like to request accommodations for a disability, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance.



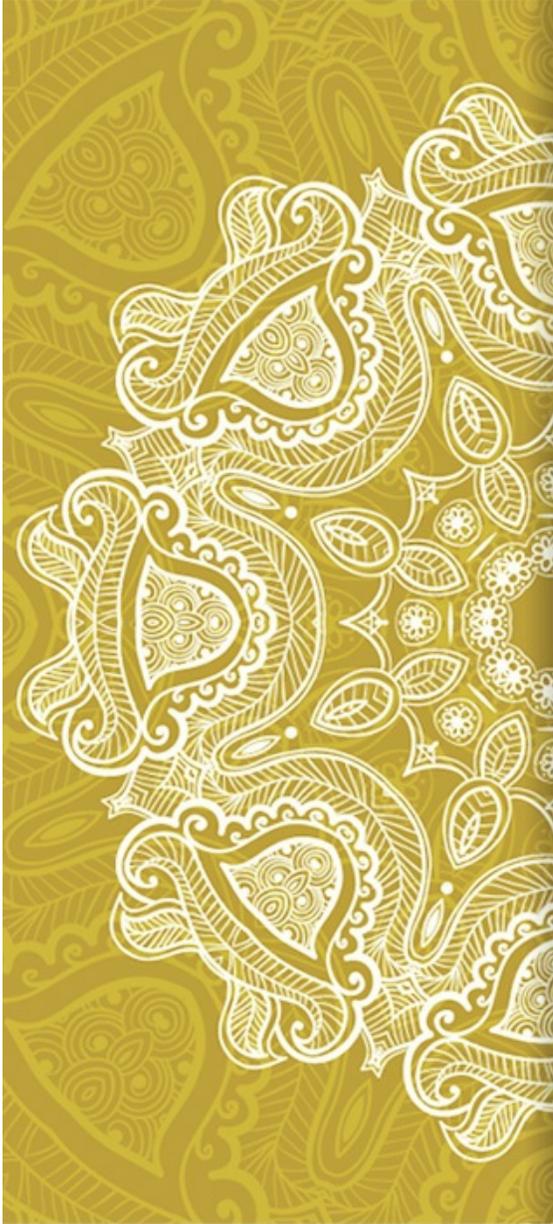
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11/05 - Diwali Reception

Come mingle with community leaders, members and District officials as we celebrate Diwali - the Festival of Lights - with a lamp lighting ceremony and festive food.

Thursday, **November 5**
6:30 - 8:30 pm
John A. Wilson Building
Atrium
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

To RSVP, please visit <https://diwalireception.eventbrite.com>



The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
The Mayor's Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives
present

diwali

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11/07 - Shaw Community Day

Attention all Shaw neighborhood residents! Come meet your neighbors while enjoying food, music, cultural performances, games, and much more at Shaw Community Day.

Saturday, **November 7**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

1401 7th St NW

Washington, DC 20001



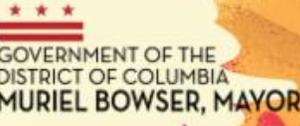
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Out of Many Cultures, One Community

   @DCMOAPIA
#OutofManyWeRiseAsOne

SHAW COMMUNITY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 11AM - 2PM DAY

KENNEDY RECREATION CENTER
(1401 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001)
The parksite is located on P St. between 6th and 7th St. NW

Come meet your neighbors and enjoy food, music,
cultural performances, games, and much more!



With the support of
Bread for the City & Friends of Kennedy Playground

For more information, email us at oapia@dc.gov or call (202)-727-3120.
If you would like to request reasonable accommodations for a disability, call us 7 days in advance.

MOAPIA Created a Google Group

Join MOAPIA's

Google Group

Share news and events in your community with fellow DC residents. Get direct updates from MOAPIA.

 <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

The MOAPIA Google Group was created so that community members can have a space to connect with fellow like-minded individuals interested in all things AAPI. Members are encouraged to share their own news or events that are happening in DC (whether it be an upcoming happy hour, film screening, workshop, etc). MOAPIA will occasionally post updates on current and upcoming events/initiatives.

The space is also a way for members to get their questions answered regarding government programs and services. Have a question about sidewalk repairs, small business support, safety, language access, or any other topic? Post your questions on the forum! Or if you just want to voice a concern you have or concerns about your neighborhood, post it there and we will be sure to follow-up.

We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways to better serve you.

Feel free to share this great space with others!

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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.

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

All listings will be on the website until the end date of the program/event or up to one month. A listing will only be added if it is no more than one month out in advance; certain exceptions apply at MOAPIA's discretion.

Pledge to End Homelessness

Making Homelessness Rare, Brief, and Non-recurring in DC

TAKE THE PLEDGE TO
END HOMELESSNESS



Mayor Bowser has a plan, Homeward DC, to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in the District. In her first budget, Mayor Bowser made historic investments in Homeward DC plan and in the solutions that we know will work to end homelessness. Now, Mayor Bowser is announcing a set of legislative and administrative measures to ensure these investments make the biggest impact on the lives of DC residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Learn more about the Homeward DC by visiting mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC that will end homelessness in DC. Sign the pledge to help community members who experience homelessness find a place to call home.

10/22 - Lights On Afterschool

Lights On Afterschool is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities.

This event will draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn new things. Raymond Recreation Center is seeking to showcase our wide gamut of programs as well as create an environment of fun through engaging craft, culinary and STEAM focused activities.

Thursday, October 22, 2015 | 4 pm - 7 pm
Raymond Recreation Center (3725 10 St. NW, Washington, DC 20010)

For more information, email cecily.mendie@dc.gov or call (202) 671-2181.

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

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4 pm - 7 pm
All are welcome
Raymond Recreation Center - 3725 10th St., NW



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10/29 - Dance Day: A
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Dance Day

A celebration of Indian Dance and culture

The Atlas Performing Arts Center
1333 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002

October 29, 2015
panel discussion begins at 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided by the Embassy of India

Performances throughout the day by Dakshina / Daniel Phoenix Singh Dance Company,
FREE community performances featuring DC region Indian dance school • Professional Indian dance artist panel discussion
Co-Sponsored by the Embassy of India and The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, featuring:
Dr. Mallika Sarabhai • Prof. CV Chandrasekhar • Rama Vaidyanathan • Alif Laila



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For more information, visit www.dakshina.org or call (202) 656-5679.



10/31 - Ward 8 Trunk-or-Treat

A funfest for the entire family with cotton candy, face painting, touch truck, mobile skate park, free food, popcorn, music, games, prizes, & lots of candy!

Saturday, **October 31**, 2015
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
2241 Martin Luther King Jr Ave

SE, Washington, DC 20020
(Parking lot behind the BIG CHAIR)

DHCD Seeks Your Feedback

DHCD is charged with developing a Consolidated Plan, a document that lays out a vision for how the Agency intends to spend its federal resources.

This plan will be a map for DHCD's work ahead, promoting the administration's comprehensive vision of an affordable, livable, growing D.C.

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

HELP US BUILD AN EQUITABLE DC

Let your voices be heard in our community plan!

What is the Plan?

The Consolidated Plan is a map for the DC Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) work ahead, promoting the administration's comprehensive vision of an affordable, livable, growing D.C. The plan highlights **affordable housing, community economic development, and public infrastructure and facilities** needs and goals.

Opportunities for Public Input

Informal Forum

Connect with DHCD leadership, learn about existing programs, and share your ideas

When: October 28th at 6:30 pm

Where: Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library -
1630 7th St, NW

Public Hearing

Formally testify about concerns and new ideas for programming of affordable housing and community development

When: November 4th at 6:30 pm

Where: Greater Washington Urban League -
2901 14th St, NW

Online Survey

Take a short, 5-minute online survey. In Mid-October, the survey will be available in multiple languages at dhcd.dc.gov.

For more information call 202-442-7275



Department of Housing and Community Development
1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, DC 20020
Dolly Donaldson, Director



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DC Circulator Annual Customer Survey

The DC Circulator program is conducting its annual customer survey until November 12, 2015. Public participation is important for DC Circulator's planning purposes and to ensure a positive rider's experience. All feedback will remain anonymous and the survey takes about 5 minutes to complete. Completed surveys will be entered for a chance to win a 10th Anniversary DC Circulator commemorative SmarTrip® card with \$8 preloaded fare.

To take the survey, click [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.

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The University of the District of Columbia Community College Offers Free Training for DC Residents

UDC-CC's Division of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning offers programs at no cost to DC residents. Their programs offer students the ability to earn industry recognized certifications recognized in 5 career pathways.

For more information, visit UDC's website at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact them at workforce@udc.edu.

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.

FEATURED PROGRAM: **Senior Community Service Employment Program**

The District's Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) offers subsidized skills training and job placement assistance to disadvantaged District residents ages 55 years and older. View more information [here](#).

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

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MAYOR



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DIRECTOR

What is SCSEP?

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) offers disadvantaged individuals age 55 and older subsidized part-time training positions at local non-profit or public agencies. The training positions enable host agencies to increase service to the community and give seniors new or updated skills that will enable them to enter the competitive job market. Additionally, individuals may be dually eligible for SCSEP and WIA funded training programs; eligibility for both programs is explored for all SCSEP participants.

Who Qualifies?

Eligibility requirements for SCSEP:

- DC residents 55 years old or older
- Income less than 125% of the federal poverty level
- Available to train 20 hours a week
- Unemployed, NOT job-ready, and have low employment prospects*

Special Consideration is given to people who fit any of the following most-in-need criteria:

- 65 years old or older
- Disabled
- Limited English proficiency or low literacy
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Veteran

***Note:** Employed or recently laid off applicants are presumed to be job-ready and therefore ineligible for SCSEP. The program is solely for applicants who are not job-ready due to extended history of unemployment; have not been trained or certified in a trade or skill and have not participated in job-related trainings or programs. *Job-ready* applicants are referred to the American Job Centers for "one-stop" access to information and direct referrals to career-related resources.

SCSEP Is Not A Job, It Is On-The-Job Training.

The purpose of SCSEP is to provide part-time training to participants while they actively seek permanent unsubsidized employment. The program tailors recruitment, training and employment strategies to help place seniors with host agencies to obtain work experience. Host agencies partner with SCSEP to provide participants with sufficient skills training and professional development that will lead to gainful employment. Participants are required to actively employment.

Who Provides The Training?

SCSEP participants train part-time at local non-profit or public agencies serving their communities.

How Do Participants Get Paid?

SCSEP participants earn minimum wage for training hours funded by the US Department of Labor.

SCSEP Offers Additional Services and Benefits.

- Development of Individual Employment Plans
- Support services to enable participants to overcome barriers to employment
- Job search and job retention skills development
- Basic and targeted occupational skills training (e.g., GED, computers, food service, home health aide)

Contact Information: Corinne Jones (202) 698-4081 or Steven Frazier (202) 698-5616

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