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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,

We're halfway through Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and it's already been quite a whirlwind. Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month in the nation's capital allows us to recognize our community with national leaders and renowned advocates as well as District residents from all eight wards. We're grateful for everyone who was able to come to our AAPI Heritage Month Celebration event at the Lincoln Theatre and we're looking forward to you joining us at our always popular [Foodelicious Night](#) on Tuesday, May 21 at Catholic University. In June, we hope to see you at the [Chinatown Community Festival](#) on Saturday, June 15. We're also supporting events put on by our partners such as the [DC APA Film Festival](#) and [Capital Pride's API Pride Event](#), as well as a special [book reading](#) co-authored posthumously by my dear friend Dawn Mabalon that I'm honored to join on Monday, May 20.



I would be remiss if I did not recognize the other ways that May is celebrated. May is observed as Older Americans Month and Mental Health Awareness Month, and we pay particular attention to our seniors and how we work on addressing mental health in our communities. This month we are pleased to be working with a new organization, [Act to Change](#), led by actor and former commissioner of President Obama's White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Maulik Pancholy. On May 18, they are spearheading a campaign to observe May 18 as [A Day of No Bullying](#). May 19 has also been observed as National API HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and we like to highlight the resources made available by the [Banyan Tree Project](#).

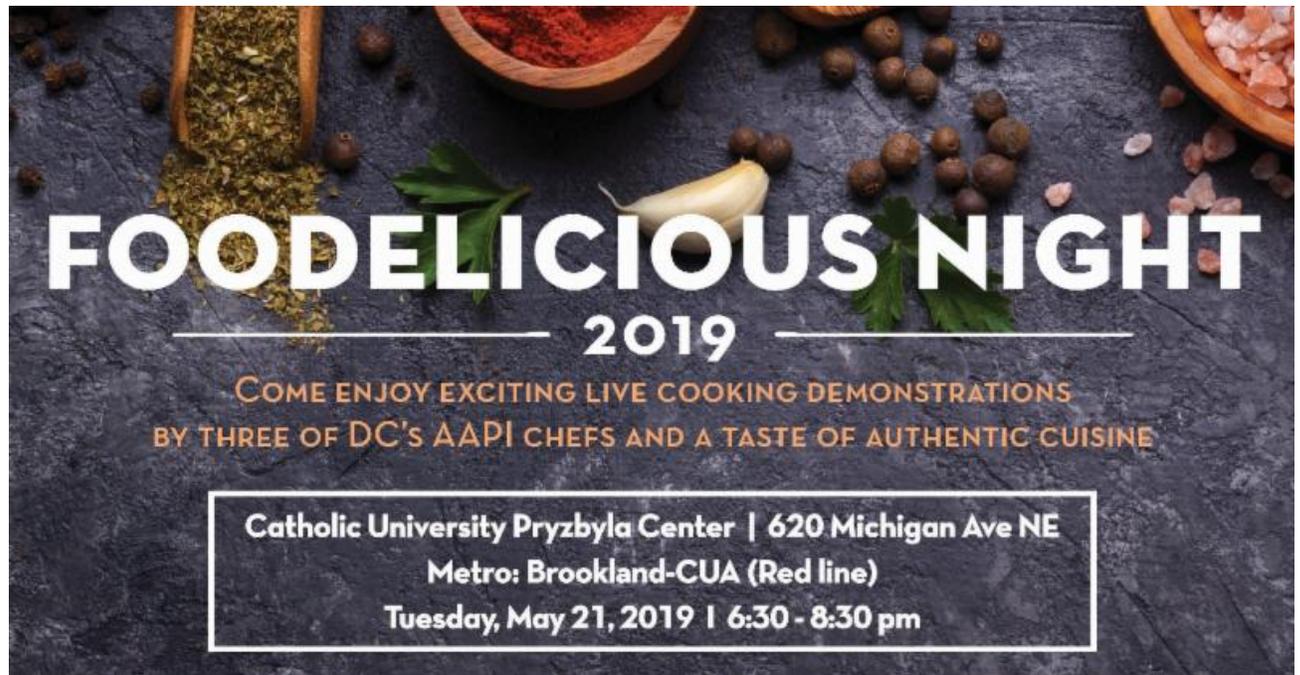
No matter how you are spending this month, we are grateful that you're spending it with us. Enjoy!

Best regards,

Ben de Guzman,
Acting Director of the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

MOAPIA News

2019 Foodelicious Night



MOAPIA is hosting our annual "Foodelicious Night" as part of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month celebrations. Come enjoy exciting live cooking demonstrations by three of DC's AAPI chefs and get a chance to sample authentic Asian and Pacific Islander cuisines!

Free Admission, RSVP REQUIRED.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Catholic University Pryzbyla Center (620 Michigan Ave, NE)

Featured Chefs:

Conrad Hise from Aunty Gingah's, the first native Hawaiian chef to be featured in Foodelicious

Noobtsaa Vang from Foodhini, founder and CEO of Foodhini and the first Hmong chef to be featured in Foodelicious

Pichet Ong from Brothers and Sisters, 2019 James Beard Awards nominee for outstanding pastry chef

To request special accommodations for a disability or interpretation, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance.

RSVP NOW

2019 Chinatown Community Festival



Come experience the sights and sounds of Asian & Pacific Islander cultures at the 2019 Chinatown Community Festival!

Free and Open to the Public

Saturday, June 15, 2019, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Chinatown Park (located on 5th and I Street NW)

Performances and Activities:

- * Lively Performances: Wushu, Japanese Drumming show, Dog Tricks show
- * Indonesian Dance, Hawaiian Halau Hula, Turkmen Folk Dance, and other cultural demonstrations
- * Food Samples
- * Fitness Demonstrations
- * Face Painting, Henna Design, 3D Paper Cutting, K Make-up, and other Asian Arts and Crafts
- * Free Bike Repair and much more!

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MOAPIA Outreach



MOAPIA's outreach team frequently visits businesses across the District to offer information about government programs and resources. Resources are provided in the business owner's native language and staff follow-up to help address any issues or complaints.

Check out more photos from our recent community outings and events by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) (@dcmoapia).

Upcoming Events

Morning Tai Chi in Chinatown Park



Mayor Muriel Bowser's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)
Invites You to:

Morning Tai Chi

Saturdays in June 2019 (Except June 15)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Chinatown Park
5th Street & Massachusetts Avenue NW

Free and Open to Public

RSVP | [2019taichi.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



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



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

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Fitness Sessions in Chinatown Park

Mayor Muriel Bowser's
Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)
Invites You to:

FITNESS SESSIONS IN THE PARK



Every Monday in June | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Chinatown Park

5th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW

6/3 | Orange Theory Fitness | HIIT Workout

6/10 | Jordin's Paradise | Doonya

6/17 | Orange Theory Fitness | HIIT Workout

6/24 | Jordin's Paradise | Doonya

RSVP Today!

2019fitness.eventbrite.com



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Community Announcements

DC Community Heritage Project Grant



The DC Community Heritage Project (DCCHP) puts the power of the past in the hands of the local historians who preserve, protect, and live it every day! Since 2007, these small grants have afforded communities, neighborhood organizations, churches, and others the chance to tell their stories through public humanities projects such as: written publications, documentary films, websites, lesson plans, tours, and many more. This year, we are seeking partners aiming to document the history and heritage of Washington, DC's Asian and Pacific Islander communities including their major institutions, organizations, their culture, and their people.

Award Amount:

Applicants may request \$5,000.

Project Period:

This opportunity is for projects conducted between June 30, 2019 and October 30, 2019.

Deadline:

All proposals must be received by **Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 11:59pm.**

[Click here to learn more about this grant opportunity.](#)

2019 Asian Pacific American Film Festival



Join the 19th Annual DC Asian Pacific American Film Festival starting from May 31 to June 2,

DC Asian Pacific American Film was established to be the beacon of creative output of Asian and Asian American media arts through community outreach, social media platforms, collaborative efforts with other Asian Pacific American organizations, and a film festival.

[See the Schedule](#)

[Get You Tickets Today](#)

Volunteer with Produce Plus This Summer!

WANT TO HELP INCREASE FOOD ACCESS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Volunteer with Produce Plus at your
local farmers' market!



1. SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON OUR WEBSITE OR CALL
(202) 601-9200 EXT. 211.
2. ATTEND A TRAINING LED BY DC GREENS.
3. DISTRIBUTE PRODUCE PLUS AT PARTICIPATING
FARMERS' MARKETS!



DC PRODUCE PLUS

For more info on Produce Plus and how to volunteer, please visit
dcgreens.org/brigade



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Help increase food access at your neighborhood farmers' market! Become a volunteer with the 2019 [Farmers' Market Brigade](#) and [sign up for a training today!](#)

At participating DC farmers' markets, Farmers' Market Brigade volunteers will be responsible for distributing checks to members of the Produce Plus program. [Produce Plus](#) is a first-come, first-serve program that allows eligible DC residents to receive \$10 worth of checks when they visit a participating DC farmers' market, up to two times per week (while supplies last). Produce Plus checks can be spent on fresh fruit, vegetables, and cut herbs at over 50 farmers' markets across the city.

Are you bilingual in English and Mandarin or Cantonese? Serve as a Volunteer Interpreter to help Mandarin & Cantonese speaking DC residents participate in the Produce Plus program! To get started, fill out our interest form [here](#).

For more information, [visit our website](#) or contact Jahni Threatt at jahni@dcgreens.org or call 202-601-9200 ext. 214.

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Multilingual Helpline run by the Asian Pacific
American Legal Resource Center

CHINESE | HINDI | KOREAN | VIETNAMESE | ENGLISH

The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) hosts regular walk-in clinics in the DMV area. The APALRC currently provides a range of legal services on various legal matters, including abuse prevention and family law, immigration, housing, employment, public assistant, crime victim assistance, and consumer advocacy to low-income Asian American with limited English proficiency.

Visit [here](#) for more information regarding APALRC upcoming walk-in clinics and workshops. APALRC provides legal assistance in various languages including Chinese, Hindi/Urdu, Vietnamese, and Korean.

May is National Foster Care Month
Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent



DC Families

for

DC Kids



If you have anyone who would be interested in learning more about becoming a DC foster parent or know someone who would be you can visit www.fosterdckids.org or call 202.671.5683. Also, you can follow the DC Child and Family Services Agency on social media where they continuously post information and news on their Twitter account ([@DCCFSA](https://twitter.com/DCCFSA)) and on their [Facebook Page](#).



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