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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,

It's hard to believe that May and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is winding down! We're grateful for the tremendous turnout at all of our AAPI Heritage Month events this year and thanks to those of you who joined us at the events we took part in this month around the District.

Our events for June are gearing up as planned, and we are excited to roll out another summer of robust programming. On June 15, join MOAPIA at our [Chinatown Community Festival](#) in Chinatown Park to meet the community and experience the tastes, sights, and sounds of Asian & Pacific Islander cultures. Be sure not to miss our free weekly [Tai Chi](#) and [Fitness](#) sessions throughout June.

As you may know, June is Immigrant Heritage Month and we will be celebrating the diverse immigrant stories of our communities all month long. We're excited to join Mayor Bowser and our colleagues from the Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs, the Mayor's Office of African Affairs, and for the first time, the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Caribbean Community Affairs for a [kick off celebration](#) at the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza on June 4th. We hope to see you there.

June is also LGBTQ Pride Month and we will be proud to join Mayor Bowser at her contingent for the annual [Capital Pride Parade](#) on Saturday, June 8th. I know I'll be there. For more information about all of our events, read on below!

Best regards,



MOAPIA News

2019 Chinatown Community Festival



Come experience the tastes, 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!

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

[RSVP TODAY](#)

Resources for Small Businesses



Opening a new business in DC? Or is it time to renew your business license? Check out our [All in One Business License Guide](#), a visual guide with step by step instructions on obtaining a business license and permits. This brochure covers key information on business registration, certificate of occupancy, basic business license, clean hands certificate, business trade name, building permits, public space permits and more. [Available in Chinese, English, Korean and Vietnamese.](#)

Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)

What is a CBE?

A Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) is a business that is headquartered in the District of Columbia and has been certified by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). By becoming a CBE, you will receive preference in procurement opportunities offered by the District of Columbia. The CBE program helps position your business to better compete in DC government contracting opportunities. CBE can apply for additional certifications to receive added preference in procurement, including Small, Disadvantaged, Resident-Owned, Longtime Resident, Enterprise Zone, Veteran-Owned, and Local Manufacturing.

What is a SBE?

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) is a CBE subcategory. District agencies monitored by DSLBD are subject to an annual SBE spending goal requirement, and SBEs receive preference over all other CBEs for procurement. SBE designation requires a business to demonstrate that they are local and are independently owned, operated, and controlled. District government agencies monitored by DSLBD are subject to an annual SBE spending goal requirement, and SBEs receive preference within set-aside procurements.

Upcoming CBE and government contracts-related training sessions:

- [Leveraging Business Certifications for Contracting Success: June 12th \(Wed\).](#)

[10:00 AM - 12:30 PM \(EDT\). Free.](#)

- [Introduction to DC PTAC Orientation & Introduction to Government Contracting: June 18th \(Tues\), 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM \(EDT\). Free.](#)

- [I'm Certified, Now What?!: Next Steps for DC Government Contracting Success: July 23rd \(Tues\), 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(EDT\). Free.](#)

District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA)



MOAPIA is committed to providing up-to-date housing information for the AAPI community living in the District. We have compiled a [list of public housing](#) provided by the DC Housing Authority. For questions on how to apply, please visit [DCHA's website](#).

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).

Meet Our New Team Member



Shan Jiang, Community Outreach and Language Access Intern

Shan Jiang is originally from Qingdao, China. She got her undergraduate degree from Beijing Normal University. Now she is pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration at American University. Before joining the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, Shan worked as the program coordinator in DC Chinese Film Festival. Shan loves movies and music; she also enjoys travelling when she has free time.

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



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 **TODAY 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!



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



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.

Legal and Immigration Support Services



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Call 202-393-3572

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.



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