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David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

MOAPIA Update 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,

Happy Lunar New Year! In 2016, we are welcoming the year of the Monkey; an animal known for being ambitious, fearless, and optimistic. The beginning of a new year holds great significance in our community because it symbolizes family, good luck, and fortune. Every year, up to 200 million people crowd themselves onto planes, trains, and buses to begin their trip home to spend this holiday with their families. With almost one-sixth of the world participating in Chinese New Year festivities, this day rivals Christmas as the world's biggest holiday!



There are a lot of events coming up and all of us at MOAPIA are very excited to be a part of the Lunar New Year celebrations. I am hosting a Lunar New Year Social on February 10th at Pho 14th (1436 Park Road NW). I invite everyone to come and join us as it will be a great opportunity to network and socialize with the AAPI community.

MOAPIA will conclude the Lunar New Year by celebrating at the Chinese New Year Parade on February 14th. The day will be filled with a variety of entertainment including lion dances, musical performances, and firecrackers! Please come out, it will be the most exciting parade yet!

I wish everyone this Lunar New Year longevity, happiness, and prosperity.

Warm Regards,

MOAPIA News

2/10 - MOAPIA Lunar New Year Social

Bring out your inner monkey and celebrate the 2016 Lunar New Year with MOAPIA. Hang out with old friends and meet new ones at this fun networking event. Special menu will be available for purchase.

Wednesday, **February 10** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Pho 14 Restaurant (1436 Park Rd NW)

Metro: Columbia Heights (Green/Yellow Line)

MOAPIA LUNAR NEW YEAR SOCIAL

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Pho 14 Restaurant
1436 Park Rd NW,
Washington, DC 20010
Metro: Columbia Heights (Green/Yellow Line)



To RSVP, visit MOAPIA2016LNY.eventbrite.com or call (202) 727-3120.

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

2/29 - Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQ Task Force Meeting



Monday, **February 29** | 6:30 pm
Reeves Municipal Center (2000 14th St NW, Community Room)
Metro: U Street (Green/Yellow Line)

Please join MOAPIA and the Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs at the next Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQ Task Force Meeting. At this meeting we'll discuss planning for the LGBT month as issues affecting AAPI LGBT community.

3/15 & 3/17 - AAF Implementation Meetings



Last September, MOAPIA hosted a successful Asian American and Pacific Islander Action Forum (AAF) to solicit feedback from the AAPI community on issues we can address and solve. Now, we need your help again to finalize our AAF Implementation Plan. Come learn how you can continue to be involved and contribute to make the AAPI community better at one of our two meetings!

Light fare and beverages will be provided.

Dates:

Tuesday, **March 15** | 7 - 9 pm (To RSVP for this meeting, click [here](#))

Thursday, **March 17** | 7 - 9 pm (To RSVP for this meeting, click [here](#))

Location:

One Judiciary Square

441 4th St NW, Room 1117

Metro: Judiciary Square (Red Line)

For questions or to request reasonable accommodations, please call (202) 727-3120.

March - Weekly Tai Chi Classes

MOAPIA is offering weekly Tai Chi classes at the Kennedy Recreation Center starting in March. Join us for this fun exercise to loosen up your body and mind!

Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm
Kennedy Recreation Center
1407 7th St NW, Washington DC 20001

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

DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
Out of Many Cultures, One Community

TAI CHI CLASS

FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC

Kennedy Recreation Center
1401 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Meeting location: Outside open area next to the playground
(*Will be held in the multipurpose room when there is inclement weather)



**MARCH 2016
Class Schedule**

- Wed, 3/2, 11 AM - 12 PM
- Wed, 3/9, 11 AM - 12 PM
- Wed, 3/16, 11 AM - 12 PM
- Wed, 3/30, 11 AM - 12 PM

Note: No class on 3/23

Community members doing Tai Chi at Shaw Community Day event in November 2015.

What is Tai Chi?
Tai Chi is a Chinese martial arts form that offers fun and gentle exercise for the body and mind. It's an enjoyable way to improve mobility, balance and overall well-being.

   
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Events and Announcements

2/14 - Chinese New Year Parade

This year, 4714 in the Chinese Lunar Calendar, is the Year of the Monkey, symbolizing wisdom, intelligence, confidence, creativity and leadership.

This year's parade will be the biggest, most colorful, and diverse one yet! Don't miss out on one of DC's largest cultural celebrations. Parade performances include the traditional lions, dragons and kung fu entries as well as the Batala DC (Afro-Brazilian all-women drummers), US Army Fife & Drum Corp, Whitman High School Drumline, The NatMobile & President Mascots, Maplewood Youth Football, Irish Dancers and more!

Friday, **February 14** | 2 pm
H Street in Chinatown, Washington DC
Route Start: 6th & Eye Street NW | Route End: 6th & H St NW



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**CHINESE NEW YEAR
CELEBRATION**
Year of the Monkey

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H STREET IN CHINATOWN, WASHINGTON DC

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To ring in the Year of the Monkey, DC's Chinatown will feature numerous events including: a pre-parade VIP Luncheon; a dynamic community-based parade, Lion Dance stage performances, welcoming remarks from Mayor Muriel Bowser, the Taipei Economic & Cultural Representative Office and other VIPs; firecrackers and capstone Chinese New Years banquets. Alongside the traditional lions, dragons and kung fu entries will be a diverse array of new groups including: Batala DC (Afro-Brazilian all-women drummers), US Army Fife & Drum Corp, Whitman High School Drumline, The NatMobile & President Mascots, Maplewood Youth Football, Irish Dancers and more.

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For more information, please contact CCBA Vice Chair Tom Fong by emailing tdfong@gmail.com or calling (202) 438-4412.

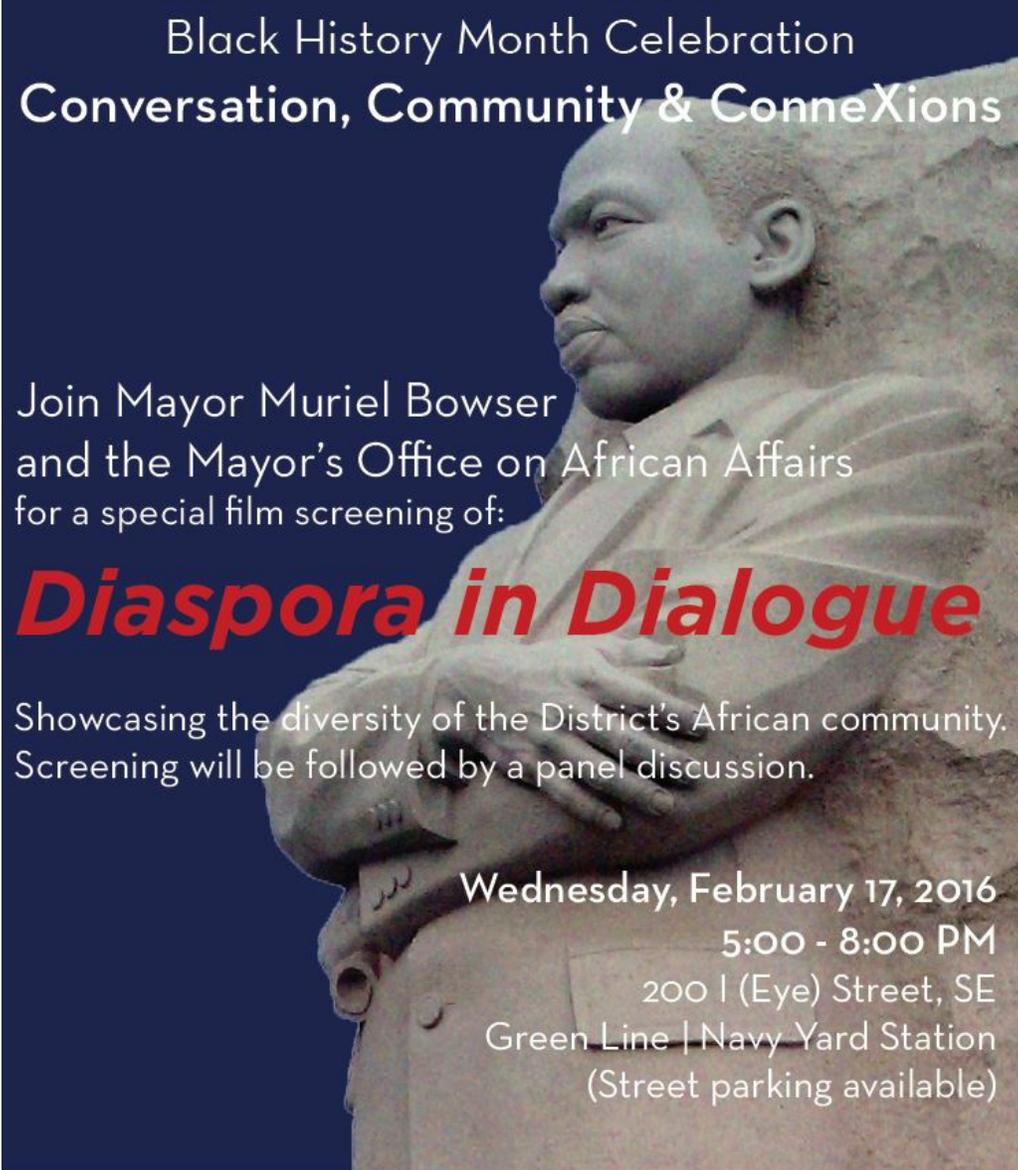
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2/17 - Black History Month Celebration

Join Mayor Muriel Bowser and the Mayor's Office on African Affairs for a special screening of *Diaspora in Dialogue*. Showcasing the diversity of the District's African community, the screening will be followed by a panel discussion.

To RSVP, click [here](#).

Wednesday, **February 17** | 5 pm
200 I (Eye) Street SE, Washington, DC 20003
Metro: Navy Yard Station (Green Line)



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Conversation, Community & ConneXions

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Green Line | Navy Yard Station
(Street parking available)

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2/18 - 2nd Annual DPR Multicultural Summer Opportunity

The 2nd Annual DPR Multicultural Summer Opportunity Fair 2016

Thursday
February 18th
4 pm - 7 pm
Reeves Municipal Center
2000 14th St., NW, 2nd Floor



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For more information, contact Leo Albornoz 202-714-4712 [more information on the back • dpr.dc.gov](http://dpr.dc.gov)

MOAPIA is partnering with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), along with the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs and Mayor's Office on African Affairs, for their 2nd Annual Multicultural Summer Opportunity Fair. At the job fair, attendees will have a chance to learn more about DPR's summer camps as well as apply for summer employment opportunities on the spot. DPR will collect resumes and invite those qualified back for further screening and possible hiring.

Thursday, **February 18** | 4 - 7 pm
Reeves Municipal Center (2000 14th St NW)
Metro: U Street (Green/Yellow Line)

For more information, contact Leo Albornoz at (202) 714-4712.

2/28 - Made in the USA: Chinese Food in America

There are over 41,000 Chinese restaurants in the U.S. Join Cedric Yeh and Noriko Sanefuji, curators of Smithsonian's *Sweet Sour* exhibition, for a discussion on the history of Chinese restaurants and food in America, from immigrant-only destinations and exotic cuisine to everyday fixtures in American life. Maybe you'll also find out who is General Tso is...

Sunday, **February 28** | 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Chinese Community Church (500 I Street NW)

Talk Story Events



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When: Sunday, February 28, 2016, 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Where: Chinese Community Church, 500 I (Eye) Street NW
Chinatown, Washington DC

free, casual, welcome to all



Calling All AAPI Vietnam War Veterans!



In honor of their service to their country, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Commission is seeking photos of AAPI Vietnam War veterans to include in their photo collage.

If you or anyone you know is an Asian American or Pacific Islander Vietnam War Veteran with photos of their tours of duty in Vietnam, please pass along this information. You may send your jpeg photos to: brenda.hall@dc.gov or to the Mayor's Office on Veteran Affairs at mova@dc.gov.

Learn to Grow Your Own Vegetables!



Here's How: Apply for admission to the Neighborhood Farm Initiative's Kitchen Garden Education Program. This is a comprehensive, year-long, hands-on, in-the-garden program for new and aspiring urban gardeners. Anyone can apply. If accepted, you will receive:

- Your own 12 ft x 12 ft community garden plot
- Hands-on, in-the-garden instruction, on Saturdays, from April through September
- All necessary garden infrastructure, like drip irrigation, stakes & trellises, mulch ...
- All the tools, supplies and materials you'll need to grow your garden
- All the seeds and transplants you'll need for a bountiful harvest in 2016
- Weekly, staffed garden hours to help you address question and problems along the way

Where: The Mamie D Lee Community Garden, in Rock Creek's Fort Circle Park at Fort Totten, one block from the Fort Totten Metro Station, in NW Washington DC

When: Classes are in the garden on Saturdays, 10 am to noon, April to October. Students must be willing to commit to attend all classes, and to spend an additional 3-4 hours each week, in the garden, tending and harvesting their plot. In return, committed students can expect to a bountiful harvest of their own fresh, local produce throughout the year!

For more information and to apply, contact Ann Beman by calling (202) 215-2522 or email Ann@NeighborhoodFarmInitiative.org

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English

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Career Opportunities

JOB SPOTLIGHT: DOEE Public Health Analyst (Bilingual)

This position is located in the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) Environmental Services Administration, Lead and Healthy Housing Division, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) and Healthy Housing Branch. The incumbent serves as the full performance staff member with responsibility for oversight and formal reporting of cases involving children who reside in the District of Columbia who are under the age of six, and who have been identified through reported laboratory analysis of medical testing by several sources as elevated blood level (EBL) clients.

For more information and to apply, visit DCHR's website [here](#).



DC Resident Snow Team Recruitment

Mayor Muriel Bowser hopes you can join the DC Resident Snow Team to help our neighbors who need help clearing snow this winter. Our seniors and neighbors with disabilities need help shoveling snow from their front walkways and sidewalks to get to medical appointments and to receive meals in their homes. Volunteer to shovel for a neighbor by signing up at snowteam.dc.gov.

Hands on Hearts CPR Training Program

"Hands on Hearts" is an initiative to provide free CPR and AED awareness training to District residents. When hands-only CPR is performed immediately during cardiac arrest, it may increase the chance of a person's survival. The District is committed to providing residents with the skills needed to help save a life. For more information or to sign up for "Hands on Hearts" CPR

training, visit handsonhearts.dc.gov or call 311.



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