



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,

The upcoming month of May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. In 1977, a resolution was introduced to designate the first ten days of May as AAPI Heritage Week. The month of May was chosen because of many significant historical events, including the completion of the transcontinental railroad which was mostly constructed by Asian immigrants. Years later in 1990, George H.W. Bush extended the week-long celebration to the whole month of May.



My office has been working hard to plan AAPI Heritage Month events for all District residents to enjoy. This year's events will include a comedy show and cooking demonstrations! We'll be kicking off the month with Mayor Bowser's Annual AAPI Heritage Month Celebration on Monday, May 2nd at the GALA Hispanic Theatre on 14th Street NW. For more details on the event, see the flyer below.

I look forward to celebrating the rich history and culture of our community with you this upcoming heritage month!

Warm Regards,

David Do

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

Want to join MOAPIA's team?



MOAPIA is looking for a **Community Outreach Assistant** and a **Program Coordinator**. 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](#).



MOAPIA Welcomes SCSEP Participant, Stephanie Anderson

Stephanie Anderson joined MOAPIA in April as an Intern to take on an Administrative Assistant Aide role. She is a native Washingtonian, who is currently working with the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), to gain re-entry into the workforce.

She has B.S. degree in Business Administration from Cheyney University, outside of Philadelphia, PA. She recently completed classes with the University of District of Columbia, in Retail and Customer Service-Hospitality, with plans to own a business after she retires.

During her spare time, she enjoys working with the young children at her church and works with the Missionary Society to assist others less fortunate with personal and financial needs by a case by case referral.

Through her internship at MOAPIA, Stephanie hopes that she will be able to build experience to eventually transition into a full time administrative position, either in the private sector or at a government agency.

Free Tai Chi Classes Continue through April and May!

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

TAI CHI CLASS

FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC
(NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED)

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



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

**April & May 2016
Class Schedule**

**Every Wednesday
11 AM - 12 PM**

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

5/2 - Mayor Bowser's Annual AAPI Heritage Month Celebration

Mayor Muriel Bowser's Annual Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration



Miguelito & Pam de Ocampo

Danny Nguyen & Isaiah Yoon
(from Lionz of Zion)

Garret Taira

**MONDAY
MAY
2016** **2**

7:00 PM



Davina Etwaroo
(from Dakshina)

Jennifer Lee & Jasmin Lee

GALA Hispanic Theatre
3333 14th Street NW

Metro: Columbia Heights (Yellow/Green line)

RSVP AT:
2016AAPIHM.EVENTBRITE.COM

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs and the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities invite you to celebrate Mayor Muriel Bowser's Annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration. Please join us for a pre-show reception, awards ceremony, and a variety of exciting, cultural performances!

In Partnership with the Washington Performing Arts' Mars Urban Arts Initiative



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For more information or to request accommodations for a disability, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance.

Monday, May 2, 7 pm

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5/17 - Outrageously Funny

COMEDY

OUTRAGEOUSLY FUNNY: A NIGHT WITH VIJAI NATHAN & REGIE CABICO

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, in partnership with the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy, and the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, invites you to enjoy a night filled with laughs and robust conversations on how AAPIs are transforming the stand-up industry. Join us for a performance and a panel discussion with two outrageously funny and entertaining comedians, Vijai Nathan and Regie Cabico!

Light refreshments will be provided.

Admission is free. RSVP required:
<https://goo.gl/MDTEhX>



TUESDAY
MAY 17 6:30 PM

The LOFT 600 F Street NW Washington, DC 20004
Nearest Metro: Gallery Place/Chinatown (Yellow/Green/Red line)

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

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Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 pm

The Loft

600 F Street NW

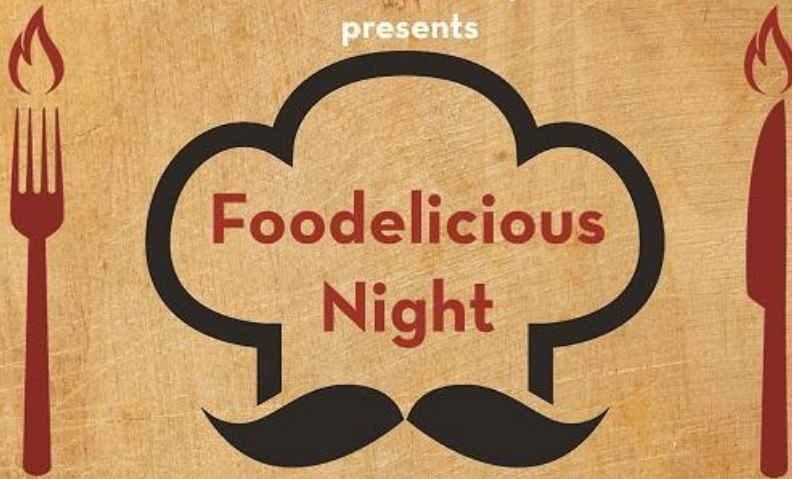
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5/24 - Foodelicious Night

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA),
in partnership with the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities,
the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, and
American Chinese Culinary Federation

presents



Come out and enjoy a night filled with exciting cooking demonstrations and
a panel discussion from three of DC's own famous chefs:

Peter Chang from **Peter Chang's China Cafe**

Sengaroun Luangrath from **Thip Khao**

Patrice Cleary from **Purple Patch**

Chang is **a semifinalist for the 2016 James Beard Award** for the Best
Chef in the Mid-Atlantic Region and Thip Khao was nominated in 2015 as
one of **Bon Appetit's 50 Best New Restaurants in America**.

Purple Patch is one of the **first American Filipino restaurants in D.C.**

Tuesday ♦ May 24 ♦ 6:30- 8 PM ♦ The Loft

600 F Street NW, Washington DC 20004 (Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown)

Admission is free. RSVP required: <https://goo.gl/oCdJw0>



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Events and Announcements

DMV - Driver's Ed Update

Effective May 1, 2016, District residents who have never been issued a driver license must successfully complete mandatory driver education. Detailed information is available on DC DMV's website [here](#).



Drivin' DC

Driver's Ed ... It's the law

As of May 1, 2016, all first-time drivers will be required to successfully complete Mandatory Driver Education.

- Driving schools in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia who have been certified by DC DMV will be offering the course.
- Course schedule and cost is determined by the schools.
- The course will be offered in multiple languages.
- District residents who obtain a learner permit on or before April 30th will not be required to take the course.
- District residents who can show they have held a driver license will not be required to take the course.
- The approved course consists of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 8 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.
- District residents are only eligible to be issued a driver license within 6 months of successfully completing driver education.
- Driver Education certificate of completion "or" proof of previous driver license from any state/jurisdiction or country (valid or expired) must be presented when you arrive for your Road Skills Test appointment. We will also accept a certified driving record from the previous licensing US jurisdiction as proof of being a prior driver.

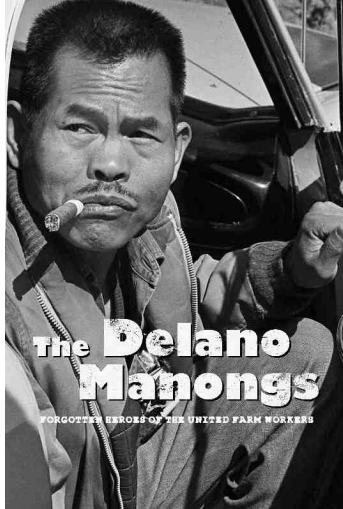
Details are available on DC DMV's website at

dmv.dc.gov
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4/22 - The Delano Manongs Film Screening

The Delano Manongs tells the story of farm labor organizer Larry Itliong and a group of Filipino farm workers who instigated one of the American farm labor movement's finest hours - The Delano Grape Strike of 1965 that brought about the creation of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW). While the movement is known for



Cesar Chavez's leadership and considered a Chicano movement, Filipinos played a pivotal role. Filipino labor organizer, Larry Itliong, a cigar-chomping union veteran, organized a group of 1500 Filipinos to strike against the grape growers of Delano, California, beginning a collaboration between Filipinos, Chicanos and other ethnic workers that would go on for years.

Friday, April 22, 12 pm - 2 pm

Embassy of the Philippines

1600 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/delano-manongs-tickets-22687535028?aff=ebrowse>

Hosted by the DC Asian Pacific America Film Festival. For more info on APA Film, visit their website [here](#).

4/23 - API Women Filmmaker Panel

We have all read about lack of representation of women in the film & television industry. With Vimeo and other programs designed to give women opportunities to succeed in the film, there is still a lack of representation. How do we create a sustainable industry where women have a space to thrive and succeed. Join industry experts as we discuss this very current topic!



Saturday, April 23, 1:30 pm - 3 pm

Landmark Theatres Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20001

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/api-women-filmmaker-panel-tickets-22687749670?aff=ebrowse>

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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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