



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,

I hope you all had a great summer. My office had another very exciting and successful summer this year with community members. Throughout this past summer, we have hosted many fun, exhilarating and culturally engaging events through our 2nd Chinatown Park Start FRESH! Summer Series.

We hosted weekly Tai Chi and Yoga classes, four outdoor Asian movie nights and a very well-received Chinatown Community Picnic that included exciting hands-on cultural demonstrations and performances. Recently, my office wrapped up this series with a bang through the Parking Day and the Chinese Movie Night/Mid-Autumn Festival events attended by over 300 people at Chinatown Park!



These events were designed to encourage outdoor-friendly fitness activities, community engagement, and activate the Chinatown Park through effective cultural programming.

I am pleased to see that we are making strides and will not stop taking on new challenges towards making our community vibrant and stronger.

Warm Regards,

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

"Chinatown Park Start FRESH! Summer Series" - Finale





MOAPIA hosted the last event of its Chinatown Park Start FRESH! Summer Series on September 16. MOAPIA held its movie screening of the Chinese animation *Monkey King* and also celebrated Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival.

MOAPIA Hosting a Booth on PARK(ing) Day





MOAPIA partnered with DDOT and hosted a booth during PARK(ing) Day on September 16. MOAPIA provided an area for community members to stop by and work out, as well as enjoy snacks.



Every Thursday, 8 am (Last Class: September 29)

Chinatown Park (6th and I Street NW)

No RSVP is required.

Free Tai Chi Classes at the Kennedy Recreation Center

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Out of Many Cultures, One Community

TAI CHI CLASS

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 11 AM

(8/17/2016 - 9/28/2016)

Location: Kennedy Recreation Center (1401 7th St NW)

All classes are FREE and open to the public.

No registration is required.

For more information, call (202)-727-3120.







Every Wednesday, 11 am (Last Class: September 28)

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No RSVP is required.

Employment Opportunities

Want to join MOAPIA's team?



MOAPIA has a job opening: **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 Program Coordinator position, click here.

Events and Announcements

Call for Volunteers: Weekly Farmers Market in Chinatown



Volunteer Responsibilities

- -Provide interpretation for Mobile Market staff
- -Help neighbors understand the nutrition benefits available to them to make high quality food affordable
- -Help neighbors understand the food selections and their choices

Volunteer Requirements

- -Conversationally fluent in English and Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese)
- -Available at least one Wednesday per month from June to October beween 10am to 12pm
- -Ability to work outside in a farmers market atmosphere

Time/Location

- -When: June 1st to October. Every Wednesday from 10am-12pm
- -Where: 800 6th St NW, outside the Wah Luck house

If interested, please email Pamela at Pam@arcadiafood.org



MOAPIA is looking for reliable volunteers who are willing to:

- Provide Interpretation for Mobile Market staff (conversational English-Cantonese-Mandarin)
- Help communicate nutritional benefits of the fresh, high quality produce
- Help neighbors understand the food selections and make selections

Requirements:

- Conversational fluency in English, Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese)
- Available AT LEAST one Wednesday per month, from June October, between 10 AM 12 PM
- Able to work outside in farmer's market set up

If you are interested in helping in this effort, please contact Pam@arcadiafood.org



Private Security Camera Incentive Program



The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) wants residents to improve public safety by participating in the **Private Security Camera Incentive Program.** This program encourages residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security cameras.

The program provides a rebate of up to \$200 per camera, with a maximum rebate of up to \$500 per residential address and \$750 for all other addresses.

Information about the program and the application can be found at www.ovsjg.dc.gov. For additional information, contact the Program at security.cameras@dc.gov (202) 727-5124.

Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act in Effect



The District of Columbia's **Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act (WTPAA) of 2014** became effective February 26, 2015. The Act makes broad changes to DC's wage and hour laws, which include the Minimum Wage Act Revision Act, the Living Wage Act, the Wage Payment and Wage Collection Law, and the Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act.

Beginning of **July 1, 2016, the minimum wage in the D.C. will increase from \$10.50 to \$11.50 regardless of size of employer**. The Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act also requires business owners to post Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act and the Minimum Wage Revision Act, and the notice of WTPAA posters where employees can easily read. Also, according to the Act, all employees must receive a written copy of Employer Notice upon employment.

MOAPIA has been conducting door-to-door outreach to over 100 API business owners in the District to inform them about the changes and help them comply the law requirements.

For more information, contact DOES (202-671-1880) or Soojin Ku at MOAPIA (soojin.ku@dc.gov).

Weekly Mobile Farmers Market in Chinatown



MOAPIA, in partnership with Arcadia Food, brings healthy, fresh, and affordable Asian produce to Chinatown, in an effort to address the community's need for Asian produce within the District through Arcadia Mobile Market!

Starting **June 1, 2016**, community members may now be able to purchase fresh produce at affordable prices **every Wednesday** from **10 AM to 12 PM** at **800 6th Street NW** (in front of the Wah Luck House building).

District Heat Emergency Plan



The District of Columbia has activated the Heat Emergency Plan and issued a hyperthermia alert. The Plan is activated whenever the temperature or heat index reaches 95 degrees and allows for the opening of cooling centers throughout the city. To view the 2016 Heat Emergency Plan and find information on cooling center locations visit: http://dc.gov/page/heat-emergency-information.

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