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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,

"E pluribus unum," is the seal of the United States. This phrase, meaning "out of many, one," has come to illustrate America's melting pot of multicultural identities. This idea of bridging cultural gaps continues to be on the forefront of my mission as director of MOAPIA. That is why my agency is starting a new initiative, "Out of Many Cultures, One Community," to continue our efforts towards building a safe, healthy, and comfortable living environment for the residents of DC.



I invite all of you to join me on November 7th, 2015 at 11:00AM for our first event, "Shaw Community Day." On this day, our agency, joined by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Metropolitan Police Department, will feature a myriad of fun activities for people of all ages, from children to seniors. I encourage all of you to come out on that Saturday to enjoy an afternoon of cultural performances, music, games, and refreshments.

Shaw Community Day

When: **Saturday, November 7th 11 AM - 2 PM**

Where: **Kennedy Recreation Center**

(1401 7th St. NW, Washington, DC 20001)

No RSVP Needed

Aside from these events, I stress the importance of maintaining a balanced and healthy lifestyle. The agency continues to host free weekly Tai Chi classes on Thursdays at 8 AM in

the Chinatown Park. It's a great way to get a natural energy boost in the morning and an opportunity to learn about the traditional Chinese exercise.

Warm Regards,

David Do

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

## MOAPIA News

### Apply for the FY16 AAPI Community Grant today!



MOAPIA is soliciting grant applications from qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) serving the District of Columbia's Asian American and Pacific Islander constituents [residents and/or business owners] - for its FY 2016 Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Grant. The Community Grants are intended to fund programs that provide direct services to the District's AAPI residents and/or merchants.

To read the full Notice of Funding Availability announcement, click [here](#).

Additionally, if you have any questions about the grant or application process please call us at (202) 727-3120 and we can schedule an individualized Q&A session for you (in-person or over the phone)!

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### 11/05 - Diwali Reception

Come mingle with community leaders, members and District officials as we celebrate Diwali - the Festival of Lights - with a lamp lighting ceremony and festive food.

Thursday, **November 5**

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Old Council Chambers

441 4th Street NW

Washington, DC 20001

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs  
The Mayor's Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives  
present

# diwali

reception

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To RSVP, please visit:

<http://diwalireception.eventbrite.com>

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



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11/06 - Sala Thai Restaurant Ribbon Cutting



# Sala Thai Restaurant **RIBBON CUTTING**

4020 Minnesota Avenue, NE at Park 7

Friday, November 6, 2015 • 4:30 PM

Join Mayor Bowser for the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of Sala Thai Restaurant, featuring a local workforce with a specialty in customer service in Ward 7.

**#ScissorsShovelsDC**



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**Free food and refreshments will be available**

Friday, **November 6**

4:30 - 5:30 pm

4020 Minnesota Ave, NE

Washington, DC 20019

Metro: Minnesota Ave (Orange Line)

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## 11/07 - Shaw Community Day

Attention all Shaw neighborhood residents! Come meet your neighbors while enjoying food, music, cultural performances, games, and much more at Shaw Community Day.

Saturday, **November 7**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

1401 7th St NW

Washington, DC 20001

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   @DCMOAPIA  
#OutofManyWeRiseAsOne

# SHAW COMMUNITY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 11AM - 2PM DAY

**KENNEDY RECREATION CENTER**

(1401 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001)

The parksite is located on P St. between 6th and 7th St. NW

Come meet your neighbors and enjoy food, music,  
cultural performances, games, and much more!



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With the support of  
Bread for the City & Friends of Kennedy Playground

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

If you would like to request reasonable accommodations for a disability, call us 7 days in advance.

## MOAPIA's Annual "Share a Smile, Give a Toy" Toy Drive

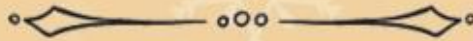
The holiday season is almost upon us! MOAPIA is collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 3 - 15 years old. To drop off toys, please visit MOAPIA's office at 441 4th Street NW, Suite 721 North.

Additionally, to register your children to receive toys contact us at (202) 727-3120 or sign up at <https://goo.gl/4rYuN9>.

DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

# "Share a Smile, Give a Toy"

Toy Drive & Holiday Celebration



## to donate toys:

Donate new, unwrapped toys for children 3-15 years old at:  
441 4th St NW, Suite 721N  
from November 1 - December 1

## to register children:

To register children to receive a toy, contact us at (202) 727-3120 or go to <https://goo.gl/4rYuN9>

Toys will be limited to registered children and will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

Tuesday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Old Council Chambers

441 4th St NW

Washington, DC 20001

Metro: Judiciary Square (Red Line)

To pick up toys for your youth, join us for our holiday celebration!



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




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MOAPIA Created a Google Group

# Join MOAPIA's Google Group

Share news and events in your community with fellow DC residents. Get direct updates from MOAPIA.

 <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

The MOAPIA Google Group was created so that community members can have a space to connect with fellow like-minded individuals interested in all things AAPI. Members are encouraged to share their own news or events that are happening in DC (whether it be an upcoming happy hour, film screening, workshop, etc). MOAPIA will occasionally post updates on current and upcoming events/initiatives.

The space is also a way for members to get their questions answered regarding government programs and services. Have a question about sidewalk repairs, small business support, safety, language access, or any other topic? Post your questions on the forum! Or if you just want to voice a concern you have or concerns about your neighborhood, post it there and we will be sure to follow-up.

We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways to better serve you.

Feel free to share this great space with others!

Link: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

## MOAPIA in the Community

### MOAPIA Celebrated Filipino American History Month



On October 26th, in partnership with the Office of Veteran Affairs, MOAPIA celebrated Filipino

American History Month at the Embassy of the Philippines and honored Filipino American WWII veterans. The event was emceed by Ben de Guzman (National Managing Coordinator, Diverse Elders Coalition) and included remarks from Ravi Chaudhary (Commissioner, President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders) and Major General Antonio Taguba.

## Events and Announcements

### Pledge to End Homelessness



Mayor Bowser has a plan, Homeward DC, to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in the District. In her first budget, Mayor Bowser made historic investments in Homeward DC plan and in the solutions that we know will work to end homelessness. Now, Mayor Bowser is announcing a set of legislative and administrative measures to ensure these investments make the biggest impact on the lives of DC residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Learn more about the Homeward DC by visiting [mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC](http://mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC) that will end homelessness in DC. Sign the pledge to help community members who experience homelessness find a place to call home.

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### 11/06 - Scissors and Shovels Day

November 6th is Scissors and Shovels Day in the District. Join Mayor Bowser as she welcomes new businesses, breaks ground on housing complexes, and prepares for the opening of a recreation center - all in one day! Visit the Eventbrite page <http://bit.ly/MMBEOMevents> to sign up for an event near you.

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### 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](https://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](https://handsonhearts.dc.gov) or call 311.



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## DCRA Free Seminars

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) is offering six free seminars throughout the month of November for existing and aspiring District businesses.

For more information, visit DCRA's website [here](#).

# DCRA FREE SEMINARS

FOR EXISTING AND ASPIRING DISTRICT BUSINESSES

## Senior Entrepreneurship Program

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015

Time: 10:15 am – 11:45 am

Location: Hattie Holmes  
324 Kennedy Street NW  
Washington DC 20011

To Register: <http://bizdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41353>

## Money Smart for Small Business - Insurance and Banking Services

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015

Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: 1100 4th Street SW  
4th Floor (E-4302)  
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41243>

## SmartStart Integrated Licensing and Money Smart for Small Business Program

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: 1100 4th Street SW  
2nd Floor (E-268)  
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41340>

## The Regulatory Process of Starting a Business

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Southwest Neighborhood Library  
900 Wesley Place SW  
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41340>

## How to Open a Small Business by Navigating through DCRA's Regulatory Process

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Location: 1100 4th Street SW  
2nd Floor (E-200)  
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41232>

## Navigating Government Contracting with DC Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: 1100 4th Street SW  
4th Floor (E-4302)  
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41230>



For further information :

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## DHCD Seeks Your Feedback

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is charged with developing a Consolidated Plan, a document that lays out a vision for how the Agency intends to spend its federal resources.

This plan will be a map for DHCD's work ahead, promoting the administration's comprehensive vision of an affordable, livable, growing D.C.

For more information, please visit DHCD's website [here](#).

# HELP US BUILD AN EQUITABLE DC

## Let your voices be heard in our community plan!

### What is the Plan?

The Consolidated Plan is a map for the DC Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) work ahead, promoting the administration's comprehensive vision of an affordable, livable, growing D.C. The plan highlights **affordable housing**, **community economic development**, and **public infrastructure and facilities** needs and goals.

### Opportunities for Public Input

#### Informal Forum

Connect with DHCD leadership, learn about existing programs, and share your ideas

**When:** October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**Where:** Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library -  
1630 7<sup>th</sup> St, NW

#### Public Hearing

Formally testify about concerns and new ideas for programming of affordable housing and community development

**When:** November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**Where:** Greater Washington Urban League -  
2901 14<sup>th</sup> St, NW

#### Online Survey

Take a short, 5-minute online survey. In Mid-October, the survey will be available in multiple languages at [dhcd.dc.gov](http://dhcd.dc.gov).

For more information call 202-442-7275



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1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
Polly Donaldson, Director



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## DC Circulator Public Comment Opportunities

### Annual Customer Survey

The DC Circulator program is conducting its annual customer survey until November 12, 2015. Public participation is important for DC Circulator's planning purposes and to ensure a positive rider's experience. All feedback will remain anonymous and the survey takes about 5 minutes to complete. Completed surveys will be entered for a chance to win a 10th Anniversary DC Circulator commemorative SmarTrip® card with \$8 preloaded fare.

To take the survey, click [here](#).

### Draft Title VI Policies

The DC Circulator program is currently updating its Title VI program and is seeking public comment on its proposed Title VI definitions, service standards and policies.

Federal Transit Administration regulations, as part of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, requires that DDOT create policies to ensure that major service changes or fare changes do not have impacts on minority and low-income riders that are disparate or disproportionate to other populations.

To provide comment on these policies, please email [Circe.Torruellas@dc.gov](mailto:Circe.Torruellas@dc.gov), or provide comments in-person at the DDOT Circulator Anacostia Neighborhood Meeting on November 4, 2015, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at the Anacostia Neighborhood Library, 1800 Good Hope Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020. We will be in ANA Meeting 3 - Ora Glover Community Room.

More info [here](#).

## Career Connections

### The University of the District of Columbia Community College Offers Free Training for DC Residents

UDC-CC's Division of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning offers programs at no cost to DC residents. Their programs offer students the ability to earn industry recognized certifications recognized in 5 career pathways.

For more information, visit UDC's website at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact them at [workforce@udc.edu](mailto:workforce@udc.edu).

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### DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Resources



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

[L.E.A.P. \(Learn, Earn, Advance, Prosper\)](#) is a network of interconnected partners utilizing the "earn-and-learn" approach that will link the city's unemployed residents with employment, education and training opportunities. The earn-and-learn approach applies the apprenticeship model to skill development, allowing individuals to earn a wage while participating in an on-the-job training experience and concurrently participating in related technical instruction. This framework allows individuals to earn wages and accumulate work experience thus bolstering their ability to advance along a career pathway and into the middle class.

The application process for the fall 2015 class of L.E.A.P. closed on Friday, October 23, 2015 however information about the next the cohort of L.E.A.P. will be released in early 2016. If you have any questions about L.E.A.P. or the application process, please call (202) 442-4646 or email [leap.does@dc.gov](mailto:leap.does@dc.gov)

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