



BAPAC continues to organize and lead various civil, charitable, and entrepreneurial programs in Banglatown in 2017.

1. Enrollment for Medicaid Extension under the Affordable Care Act is being held at BAPAC office every Saturday through its certified navigator. As of June 2017, over 670 applicants have been enrolled.



Women ONLY ESL Classes - FREE

This will help you become comfortable with English as your second language (ESL) and feel confident conversing in English during everyday situations

English as a Second Language (ESL) course is designed for non-native speakers with basic, intermediate or advanced level language skills. Classes are not only for those who need to learn to read, write and speak the English language, but also for those who need to improve their accents so as to be better understood in the Metro Detroit community. This class will be taught by a woman instructor.

Who is eligible?

- Ages 19 and above Women ONLY

What you need to bring?

- ID/Driving license (Any picture ID)

Every Saturday, starting April 1st, 2017
11:30 am- 1:30 pm
BAPAC Office (Kabob House)
11405 Bangladesh (Conant) Ave, Hamtramck, MI 48212

For more information on the event, please contact:
Nazia Chowdhury (313) 610-4587 (Instructor)

BAPAC
Bangladeshi American Public Affairs Committee

BAPAC, a bipartisan organization, is committed to improving the U.S.-Bangladesh relationship on political, economic, commercial planes and working to engage Bangladeshis into the mainstream politics by creating a voice in the U.S. Political Process

2. Since April 1, 2017, the ESL (English as Second Language) class is being held at BAPAC office every Saturday exclusively for the women of Banglatown.
3. On April 19, 2017 BAPAC partnered with Detroit Mercy, School of Architecture department to conduct an urban design project called Detroit Design City: Banglatown. Three groups of students presented their final projects to City officials and Community Leaders.

Group 1: THE PEOPLE OF BANGLATOWN NETWORK

Group2: C3B: CONNECTING AND COMPLETING THE COMMUNITY OF BANGLATOWN

Group 3: CONNECTING THE DISCONNECTED

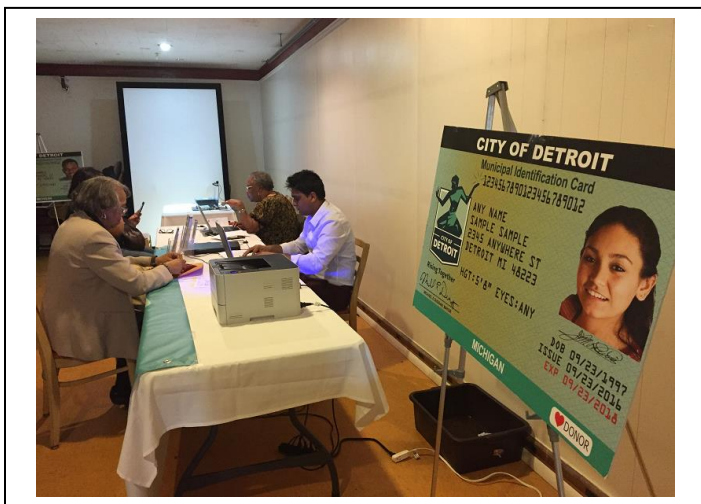


- On the Legislative date, May 11, 2017 BAPAC board members joined APIAVote-MI, Asian-American Engagement Coalition, and the MI Asia-Pacific Affairs Commission to meet with MI State Legislators.



- On April 29, 2017 some BAPAC board members participated in Storytelling & Leadership Development Workshop organized by APIAVote-MI and Asian-American Engagement Coalition at the Korean American Cultural Center.

- On May 2, 2017 a twelve-member group of German Delegation Leaders from various social, political, private and government organizations visited Banglatown as part of the Welcoming America program



- On on May 13, 2017, BAPAC partnered with City of Detroit to host a Pop UP enrollment site for Detroit Municipal ID program for all Detroiters regardless of their immigration status

8. On June 20, 2017, BAPAC participated in the “Detroit Neighborhood Retail Opportunity Study workshops” that identified Conant Avenue (from Davison to Holbrook) in Banglatown as one of most promising retail business locations in City of Detroit.

BANGLATOWN

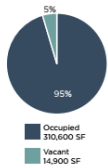
CORRIDOR HISTORY

The Banglatown study area lies along the border of Hamtramck and Detroit. The job opportunities in this area grew substantially with the opening of the Dodge and General Motors plants in the early 1900s. A haven for Polish immigrants, this neighborhood is growing into a hub for immigrants from South Asia, particularly Bangladesh. Many of the businesses along this corridor are owned and run by these new families. In an effort to capitalize on the influx of new residents, the area is following the lead of Mexicantown in the 1990s and embarking on a branding effort.

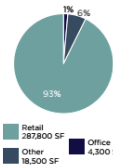
EXISTING RETAIL SUPPLY

Banglatown, as its name suggests, is home to many Bangladeshi retailers, primarily in the Neighborhood Goods & Services (NG&S) category. There is 325,500 square feet of retail-appropriate space, and 166,600 square feet of that space is occupied by butchers or specialty grocery stores. The large amount of specialty retail is creating a shopping destination that serves both the nearby population and customers beyond the neighborhood.

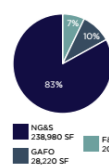
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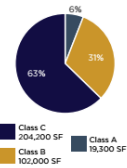
Tenant Type Distribution



Retail Type Distribution



Class of Space Distribution



9. On June 28, 2017, BAPAC partnered with GM Future Engine Execution team and Hamtramck School Board to conduct a clean up and beautification event at Pulaski park



What a Transformation



Before



After