



## **U.S. Embassy Prague American Citizen Services Newsletter**

**May 2009**

**Dear American Citizens:**

**Embassy Garden Open House for American Citizens!** Please join us once again for an Open House in the Embassy garden on **Monday June 22, 2009 from 5-7 p.m.** to find out more about the services available to you at the Embassy! We will have representatives to answer your questions about everything from passports and immigrant visas to taxes and Social Security. An official from the Ministry of Interior's Schengen Office will be on hand to field questions about Czech visas. Democrats Abroad, Republicans Abroad, and others will host informational tables where you can find out more about the services they provide to Americans overseas. You will also be able to meet the Chargé d'Affaires, enjoy light refreshments, and see the view of Prague from our Glorietta.

American citizens and their immediate family members are invited to attend the event. Please bring your U.S. passport to show proof of citizenship. Please do not bring cellphones or cameras, or at least be prepared to check them at the front door. We will have an Embassy photographer who will take pictures for the Embassy Facebook website. **Please also see the [Open House invitation](#).**

**Plzen American Citizen Services Day.** On June 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will have our second American Citizen Services day, this time in Plzen. Similar to our prior ACS day in Brno in March, we will provide services such as passport renewals, notarial services, and reports of birth abroad. If you plan to request citizen services in Plzen, please email us at [ACSPrg@state.gov](mailto:ACSPrg@state.gov).

**Consular Reports of Birth Abroad – An Overview.** Many of you have had children born abroad. One of the most common services the Embassy provides is registering children born abroad to record a claim to U.S. citizenship. After registering, we issue a certificate called the Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or CRBA. The CRBA is equivalent to a birth certificate and therefore is an important document to have for your child.

This is the only American Citizen Service that currently requires an appointment. Both parents need to come to the Consular Section, along with the child. Our website has a list of the documents you will need to bring to the interview, including an application that we will mail to you after you make your appointment, at [http://prague.usembassy.gov/con\\_am\\_birth.html](http://prague.usembassy.gov/con_am_birth.html). Most parents apply for their child's first passport on the same day, since a passport application requires many of the same documents. You will be able to pick up the CRBA shortly after the interview, and the passport about a week later.

To make an appointment, please contact the ACS office at [ACSPrg@state.gov](mailto:ACSPrg@state.gov) or at +420.257.022.452. Please include the following information: Your name, local mailing address, local phone number, and a tentative appointment date. The ACS staff will contact you to confirm an appointment date.

As always, you can reach us at [ACSPrg@state.gov](mailto:ACSPrg@state.gov) if you have specific questions.

Best Regards,  
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