



PCDC was formed in 1966 to preserve, protect and promote Chinatown as a viable ethnic, business and residential community.

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June 2009 News

PCDC Expo



PCDC Quality of Life Fair 2008



The Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC) is pleased to introduce the "PCDC Expo", which will be

held on July 11th. Formerly, presented as the Quality of Life Fair, this event will showcase PCDC's services and other **safety, health, social service and financial providers**. Attendees will learn about programs and services which help seniors, families, and young children. PCDC and the providers will have bi-lingual speaking staff and volunteers to explain the array of services available to the community. The PCDC Expo will present three round table discussions with experts on safety and security, finance, and social service.



Date: Saturday, July 11, 2009
Time: 1PM – 4PM
Place: Teresa Hu Center
Holy Redeemer Church
915 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Admission: Free

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Jackie Wong at: (215) 922-2156.

Casino Update



PCDC and our allies continue efforts to oppose the relocation of Foxwoods Casino to 801 Market Street. This location at the southern boundaries of Chinatown is only 500 feet from our community's largest childcare and pre-school provider. PCDC maintains that Foxwoods would negatively impact Chinatown and its most vulnerable population, who are the children, youth and seniors.

It has now been 10 months since it was announced that Foxwoods would consider relocating to Market Street. Foxwoods still does not have approval from the Philadelphia City Planning Commission or the PA Gaming Control Board to move to Market Street. Foxwoods has not provided any studies to show how the casino would impact the surrounding communities. Foxwoods does not have a lease agreement with the landlord. PCDC will continue to fight to keep Foxwoods away from Chinatown.

PCDC History

This Month in History, June 1999

In June, 1999, PCDC was recognized for its vision for Chinatown North. Fannie Mae Foundation honored PCDC's housing project Hing Wah Yuen, an affordable housing development of 51 units located at 9th to 8th Streets and Vine to Callowhill Streets. PCDC was one of six national winners selected by the Fannie Mae Foundation for the prestigious Maxwell Awards of Excellence. The Foundation hosted the 11th Annual Maxwell Awards of Excellence Program for the Production of Low-Income Housing reception and awards ceremony at Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

2010 Census



What is the census?

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census. Census data are used to distribute

Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

How will the census affect me?

The census decides the federal funding to your state for the next 10 years. The increase or decrease of the public benefits depends on the amount of the federal funding your state receives. These are some of the areas will be affected by of the federal funding: schools, social security, financial aid, health centers/clinics, Medicaid, and Medicare. In another words, if you receive any of the benefits or go to any of the institution mentioned above, you will be affected.

How does it work?

The Census Bureau will mail or deliver questionnaires to your house in March 2010. The Census Bureau will mail a second form to households that do not respond to the initial questionnaire.

Households that still do not respond will be called or visited by a Census worker. (Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.)

For more information, please contact the local 2010 Census Office: (215) 767-7715 or visit: <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

Accessing Service

The Independence Blue Cross & Highmark Blue Shield Caring Foundation's bi-lingual specialist Jennifer Lam will be available on **Monday, July 13th, from 10:00am to 1:00pm** to provide application assistance for health insurance to low-income families who do not qualify for Medicaid at PCDC's office (901 Wood Street). You must call Jennifer Lam at (215) 779-8954 in advance to schedule an appointment.

Housing News

CreditSmart®

On May 6th & 13th, PCDC's housing counselor, Wendy Lee held a Freddie Mac - Credit Smart® workshop. Also, State Farm Insurance Company Specialist explained the homeowner's insurance policy and reviewed their homeowner's policy for free. There were 20 people present at the workshop.

The **Credit Smart®** workshops cover the importance of establishing credit, save money for down payment, loan information and the process of homeownership, tools for how to make the best financial choices for you and your family, and the responsibilities of being a homeowner.



After the workshop, the workshop attendees understood the importance of having good credit, especially when they try to get the best financing option. Their credit history is one of the primary sources lenders use to determine your likelihood to pay back a loan.

If you are planning to purchase a home, PCDC recommends that you attend our **FREE** upcoming Credit Smart® workshop in August. For further information, please contact Wendy Lee at 215-922-6156.

Community Event



Summer Concert Series Tickets Available

The **Mann Center for the Performing Arts**, through their Access the Arts program, has donated tickets to the Chinatown community to see performances during their 79th Anniversary Summer Concert Series. Performances dates are: July 21, July 24, July 29 & and July 30. Shows start at 8:00 pm. Tickets are available to community members on a first come, first serve basis. Contact PCDC for more information on receiving your free ticket!