



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

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September 2009 News

Annual United Way Giving Campaign

Since 1966, Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC) has been working to preserve, protect, and protect Chinatown as a viable ethnic residential and business community.

Please support our work by making a donation to the Annual United Way Giving Campaign.

Our United Way (UWSEPA) Donor Option number is 00173.

For more information: www.chinatown-pcdc.org

Upcoming Board Elections

The Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC) is a non-profit organization with a mission to preserve, protect, and promote Chinatown as a viable ethnic, residential and business community. PCDC's Board of Directors is elected by the community. We encourage all individuals who live or work in Chinatown, and are at least 18 years of age, to vote during PCDC's 2009 Election.

**Our Annual Board Election will be on:
Sunday, October 18th, 12:30pm – 2:00 P.M.
Monday, October 19th, 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.**

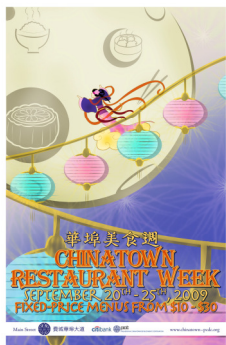
If you live or work in Chinatown, or are on a **Board of Directors** of a Chinatown association, organization, or business, you are considered a general member of PCDC, and may vote on either day of the election without registering first. Please bring the following documents with you to serve as proof of residency, employment, or Board of Directors position:

- Residents** - Driver's license, lease, utility bill, or other official documents;
- Workers** - Personal business card, W-2 form, paycheck stub, substantiation of employment from a Chinatown employer or other official documents;
- Board of Directors** - Listing of all Board of Directors of your organization.

If you have a vested interest in the Chinatown community and would like to vote, but do not fall into any of the above categories, you may register as an active member of PCDC. Please come to PCDC to complete a membership form and to vote.

Community Events

Chinatown Restaurant Week



The 3rd week of September was a very busy week for Chinatown. Sunday, September 19th the community held a parade for National Day for the People's Republic of China and ended with the Mid-autumn Festival on Saturday September 26. Between these two major events was Chinatown's first ever Restaurant Week, sponsored by CitiBank. Seventeen restaurants participated, with Fixed Price Menus from \$10-30 serving 4 course meals. The public's reception of our first ever restaurant week has been positive. PCDC's website received over 500 visits during restaurant week.

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10th Street Plaza



The restoration of 10th Street Plaza, located at the intersection between 10th and Vine Street, has been put back on schedule. In the past, this public space has been long underutilized by Chinatown residents. The new design scheme proposed by KSK architects emphasizes the visibility of the plaza, expands open space for users, and adds pergola, benches, plantings and statues. PCDC hopes that this new project will provide Chinatown residents a fresh place for leisure and various activities, and through the restoration, to improve the pedestrian connection between Chinatown North and South. The project is expected to start before the end of 2009.

Community News

Pot Holes and Puddles

Pot holes have been a problem in Chinatown. As the rainy season comes and goes, gathering puddles are a problem in Chinatown. With no real way to dissipate, the puddles become a hazard as they start to smell, and every time a car drives by it has the potential to spray an innocent pedestrian with dirty water. Therefore to improve this situation and get these pot holes fixed, there are two methods, a) **is please call 3-1-1** and tell them the exact address of the pot hole, they provide Chinese Speaking operators, and remember to ask for a tracking number, so we could follow up on the situation. b) please feel free to call PCDC or email us with the exact location of the pothole, and we could also follow up on this issue.~ Melody Wong 215-922-2156

Teen Club



PCDC launched the Teen Club program in spring of 2008 to assist the under-served teenagers in the community. The program serves high school age teens and provide them with a safe space for positive development. Here are some words from the participants:

“My name is Liming Chen and I am a student from G.W. Carver High School. I am in 11th grade. I joined the Teen Club because it provides us with a space to play basketball and make a lot of new friends. I can also serve the community through the Teen Club. Teen Club is fun. In my free time, I used to play video games at home. Now I can come out to play sports and have a space to hang out with friends. We help each other at Teen Club.”

“My name is Heliang Chen and I am a sophomore at Furness High School. One of my friends brought me to the Teen Club and I started coming to the program regularly. I am an immigrant student. I feel comfortable at Teen Club. I can speak my primary language while learning English by having new friends who speak English. I feel like I have more space in the community and there is more fun.”

“My name is Tatman Chio. I am a 9th grader at Ben Franklin High School. I like the activities we do at the Teen Club. For example, we did this ‘three words to describe’ exercise. I was surprised how others perceived me. From that on, I am more aware of how I act and what I say. I also get advice from the Teen Club when I encounter problems at school.”

Accessing Service

The **Independence Blue Cross & Highmark Blue Shield Caring Foundation's** will be available on **Monday, October 5th, 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). Please call Jennifer Lam at (215) 779-8954 in advance to schedule an appointment.