



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

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Water Department and Back Flow Preventers

On Wednesday January 27th, PCDC's Main Street program invited representatives of the Philadelphia Water Department Mr. Jung Choi and Mr. Phillip Bobb- Semple to speak to the community about a recent notice regarding the Backflow preventer valve that is required to be installed in all commercial units. PCDC hosted the meeting in response to business and property owners' questions about the notice.

The backflow preventer is a device that prevents contaminated water that has entered individual housing units to be released into the main water source due to a change in the pressure of main water pipes. In order to ensure safe drinking water for all the State has issued the Safe Drinking Water Act to make safe drinking water of utmost importance. Therefore the installation of the backflow preventer valve is essential. According to Mr. Phillip Bobb-Semple of the Water Department, the installation for commercial units is only the first step to cleaner drinking water.

Here are the following steps that you should take to install preventers that fit regulation: Find a certified plumber to install your backflow preventer valve. The plumber must test it, and send a report to the Water Department. Afterwards the water department may come out to inspect the valve.

If you need more time to install the valve, you could request an extension by faxing a letter to Mr. Phillip Bobb-Semple at 215 743 2294.

The Water Department has a list of certified plumbers who are qualified to install the backflow preventer on their website. www.Phila.gov/water

If you have any more questions or need assistance regarding this matter feel free to contact our Main Street Manager, Melody Wong at 215 922 2156.

2010 Census

Every single household will receive the U.S. Census questionnaire in the middle of March. The questionnaire asks 10 questions and should take less than 10 minutes. It requires you to fill in the form to account for everyone living at your address as of April, 1st, 2010. By doing so, you will help our community receive the appropriate amount of federal funding for schools, senior centers, and many other services.

Language Access Card

City of Philadelphia Language Access Card

The City of Philadelphia protects the rights of the people who do not speak, read, write, or understand English. You can get free interpreter services when you ask for assistance or information from a City agency. For interpreter services on the telephone: dial 3-1-1 for information about City government services. For interpreter services at a City office: show the Language Access Card issued by the City of Philadelphia to request an interpreter at NO COST to you. The Access cards are available to pick up at PCDC. You can make a complaint if you do not receive assistance in your language: dial 3-1-1 to make a complaint with the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, or you can visit their office at 601 Walnut Street, Suite 300 South.

New Face At PCDC

PCDC welcomes Wendy Tseng to our staff. Here are some words from Wendy:



Hello everyone, I am Wendy Tseng, coming from Taipei, Taiwan. I got my Master degree in Business Administration at Saint Joseph's University in May 2009, and after that I came to PCDC as

a volunteer. I had no idea about Philly Chinatown before I came to PCDC. To me, Chinatown was a place for grocery shopping in the weekends. Right now, it's not just a place for shopping to me anymore, I got a chance to know the history, culture and much more!