



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

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June 2010 News

Business and Employee Opportunities

Federal funding has become available to help employers and job seekers. Through the City of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation is managing the **Way to Work Philadelphia!** program, which helps businesses and organizations grow. The program will reimburse the employer for 100% of wages up to \$13/hour for 25-40 hours/week per employee. The employer is responsible for payroll taxes. The program is funded until September 30, 2010.

This program also helps match job seekers with employers. More information can be found by visiting the website www.waytoworkphilly.org, calling the CareerLink information hotline at 888-557-2535 (employer) and 215-557-2625 (job seeker), or calling Rachel Mak, PCDC, at 215-922-2156.

Job Seekers

To be eligible, you must meet these 4 requirements:

1. Have a minor, dependent child living in your home or with another parent/relative
2. Be a resident of Philadelphia
3. Be a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant allowed to work in the U.S.
4. You receive TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) OR you are at 235% of the poverty guideline and have a dependent who lives with your (custodial parent) or with another parent or guardian (non custodial parent) OR you are between the ages of 18 and 24, live in a household with dependent children and that household income is 235% of the poverty guideline

Income guideline chart:

Persons in family	235% poverty guideline
1	\$25,451
2	\$34,240
3	\$43,029
4	\$51,818

Chinatown Block Party



Mark your calendar for the Chinatown Block Party on Saturday, July 3rd, 12-5pm. The neighborhood will be celebrating America's Independence Day with a day of festivities and programs. The celebration will feature outdoor food vendors, cultural shows, outdoor sports, and musical performances on an outdoor stage. Start with a refreshing cup of iced coffee from a local bakery, stop by the ping pong tournament and mah jong tournament, and browse a street stall while you listen to FLUNE the featured band. Meet Ms. America between 2-3pm. There will be attractions for all ages, so bring the family to the Wawa Welcome America Chinatown Block Party!

Both 10th and Race Streets in Chinatown will only be accessible to pedestrian traffic that day. The Chinatown Block party is sponsored by Wawa Welcome America and organized by PCDC in partnership with the Chinese Benevolent Association. For more information, and if you are interested in being a vendor or performer, contact Melody Wong at (215) 922-2156.

PCDC Surveys Chinatown

PCDC is undertaking a community survey in the coming month. The goal is to better understand resident attitudes and concerns and to inform PCDC programs and services. PCDC volunteers will conduct this door-to-door survey from June 24th to mid-July. The survey will take about 10-15 minutes, and will cover issues such as resident satisfaction, changes in community characteristics, and future direction of the community. Residents who complete the survey will be entered in a drawing for 5 gift certificates to a Chinatown supermarket and receive a coupon for a Chinatown bakery. Look forward to this important community outreach event! Contact Sarah Yeung at 215.922.2156 or syeung@chinatown-pcdc.org for information or volunteer opportunities.

Teen Club Youth Attend OCA Convention

I chaperoned PCDC's teen club members, who were part of a contingent of twelve youth from South Philadelphia High School (SPHS). They traveled to Houston, Texas to attend the June 2010 Organization of Chinese Americans National Convention (OCA). OCA invited these youth to share their stories as victims and witnesses of the December 3, 2010 anti-Asian violent incident at SPHS. This incident drew national attention and motivated local OCA chapter President Jason Yu to successfully persuade 49 other OCA chapters to support the Department of Justice complaint about on-going anti-immigrant/Asian harassment at SPHS. Founded in 1973, OCA is a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and the economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.



OCA Youth Day workshop participants and facilitators.



SPHS youth facilitate "School Violence & Organizing" workshop

The SPHS youth conducted a workshop on school violence as well as attend workshops conducted by other youth. It was a great opportunity for the SPHS students to exchange with students from other Asian communities across the nation.

The youth enjoyed their experience at the OCA National Convention. Not only they had a chance to meet other brilliant young leaders from different places, they were also fortunate to meet some great Asian Americans of our time: Wat Misaka, the first person of color to play in NBA; Asian American astronaut Leroy Chiao; Giles Li, Boston spoken word artist. OCA subsidized the traveling cost for our youth. - *Xu Lin, Community Organizer*

Accessing Service

Child Care Information Services-Monday, July 12th, 10-11:30am. Call Lauren Wen for information 215-271-0433.

Independence Blue Cross & Highmark Blue Shield Caring Foundation's—Monday, July 12th, 10-1:00pm. Call Jennifer Lam at (215) 779-8954 for information .

PCDC Expo

The Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC) is pleased to announce the annual "PCDC Expo", which will be held on Saturday, July 24th. As always, this event will showcase PCDC's financial counseling services and other **health, social service, money management and financial providers**. This year, the theme will be "Seniors and Youth." Attendees will learn about programs and services which help seniors and families, including panels on subjects such as social security and credit card and identification theft. PCDC and the providers will have bi-lingual speaking staff and volunteers to explain the array of services available to the community.

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2010

Time: 1PM – 4PM

Place: Teresa Hu Center
Holy Redeemer Church
915 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Admission: Free

Chances to Win Raffle Prizes! Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Wendy Lee or Rachel Mak at: (215) 922-2156.

- *Wendy Lee, Housing Counselor*

Chinatown Project

PCDC has been working with City of Philadelphia's Mayor's office of Transportation to improve the pedestrian environment for residents in Chinatown North. Aiming to slow down the speed of automobiles and trucks travelling through this area, a traffic calming project has been proposed covering the area between the intersections of 9th and Vine Streets and 9th and Callowhill Streets. In addition to easing crossing of the street, securing the pedestrian safety and creating more space for pedestrians and bicyclists, this project also plans to include more landscaping design components. Consistent with 10th Street commercial corridor project coming this summer, the 9th Street streetscaping proposal also features pedestrian lighting, new sidewalks, and duratherm crosswalks of Chinese traditional character as well as zodiac medallions. Currently, the project is under submission and approval process. If you are interested in seeing the design of the proposal, please drop by at PCDC's office at 310 N. 9th St. Please contact Xin Ge for more information at 215 922 2156.