Chinatown Raises the Alarm that Outside Developer Proposes BID

Did you know? On Tuesday night, November 12th, 2018, members of the Chinatown and Chinatown North community gathered at 990 Spring Garden Avenue for a presentation by Arts and Crafts Holdings, hosted by the Callowhill Neighbors Association. The presentation revealed updated plans for a municipal Business Improvement District. As mentioned previously in a PlanPhilly article published in June of 2018, Arts & Crafts Holdings has been spearheading the Callowhill Improvement District. Ms. Kelly Edwards presented proposed boundaries of the new district covering Chinatown North, from North Vine to Spring Garden streets, and from 9th to 13th streets.

What is a Business Improvement District (BID)?

The Callowhill Improvement District is a Business Improvement District (BID). A BID is a geographically defined area and is a legally recognized authority by the government. A BID collects a fee from property owners, which pays for services to improve the area. All property owners share the costs of the district. The district services are decided by the BID.

What is the concern behind the Callowhill Improvement District?

PCDC and other community partners are concerned by the lack of transparency by the Callowhill Improvement District. The Callowhill Improvement District process started in January 2018; and by June 2018, the City Council Bill to start the Callowhill Improvement District was passed. Since the beginning of this process, how many times have they engaged with you? Did they invite all of the stakeholders of the neighborhood to their community meetings? Were they clear in their intent on starting a BID? Did they follow through with property owners’ request for bilingual materials and engagement? Did they ask for your opinion? Do you know how much they plan to charge you in fees? Do you know if you are included in the boundaries? Today, how much do you know about the Callowhill Improvement District Proposal? We have learned from property owners in the neighborhood that they were not contacted by the Callowhill Improvement District. Chinatown must insist that the needs of those in Chinatown and Chinatown North are well accounted for in this process.
Graffiti is Top Complaint

PCDC has heard you loud and clear – you are tired of the graffiti. In response to your complaints, PCDC has made graffiti cleaning a priority in Chinatown. The results have been very good, but we must stay vigilant and continue to report graffiti once it is sprayed.

You too can help report graffiti. Add the Philly 311 app to your phone and report graffiti and other issues to the government. You can also dial 311 to report graffiti. The Philadelphia CLIP (Community Life Improvement Program) will send its graffiti cleaning team to Chinatown.

If you see graffiti in your community, you can request its removal for free by going online at www.phila.gov/311/form or calling 311. The Graffiti Abatement Team can usually remove or cover up graffiti in 4-5 days, except in cases of adverse weather.

When you report graffiti, you may be asked:

- The address and ZIP code where the graffiti appears.
- What kind of structure the graffiti is on.
- The type of surface the graffiti is on. If you own the surface, and you want it repainted, you will pick a color for repainting. Surfaces like natural brick, stone, or metal can be power-washed.
- Where the graffiti is on the structure.
- Your name, address, and phone number. This information is confidential.

The Graffiti Abatement Team will not remove graffiti above the first floor of a building.

Another concern is with the lack of diversity on the Callowhill Improvement District’s board. Does the Board of the Callowhill Improvement District represent all voices in the neighborhood? Based on the ordinance that was passed in June, a majority of the board is made up of large property owners and investors who own multiple properties in Philadelphia. It does not represent the diversity of the neighborhood. For example, their board does not have small business representatives.

Lastly, PCDC wished that Callowhill Improvement District made an earnest effort to engage all the property owners. Did Callowhill Improvement District invite you to take the survey? Did you get their survey in the mail? Was the survey in your native language? Did they notify you of the BID? Did they invite you to attend their survey results presentation? If your answers are no, you should be alarmed.

Why is Starting Our Own BID the Best Option for Chinatown?

BID is one of the most effective ways to claim Chinatown, to clearly define Chinatown’s boundaries, and to protect it from being taken by outside developers. In 2012, there were 14 BIDs throughout Philadelphia with many more having been added since then. Currently, many Chinatown property owners along Arch Street are paying fees to the Center City District. The Callowhill Improvement District, if approved, leaves very little area for Chinatown to preserve its identity, business, and culture. Having a Chinatown BID will retain the resources, power, and representation in the neighborhood that we have worked hard to build.

A BID for Chinatown would work for the sole benefit of Chinatown and would provide services that are important to us. Establishing a Chinatown BID is a goal of the 2017 Chinatown Neighborhood Plan. Chinatown is home to over 300 businesses that range from restaurants to art spaces to light manufacturing. Currently, tax dollars that Chinatown pays are collected and redistributed throughout the entire city of Philadelphia. All monies collected in a Chinatown BID would be reinvested into Chinatown’s priorities, which you will decide. It will sustain Chinatown’s cultural identity, keep the district competitive relative to other districts, and to advocate on behalf of Chinatown’s commercial interests.
PCDC Programs and Services

January Teen Events and Opportunities:

Important Announcements:

The January practice SAT will be on January 26th, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at 901 Wood Street. Please contact Rosaline at ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org to reserve a seat.

New Season of Badminton Starts Jan 9th!
Held at Holy Redeemer Gym on Wednesdays, from 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM.

PennDOT Innovations Challenge
Students in grades 9 – 12 are invited to explore innovative technologies and methods – aside from laws and educational campaigns – to get drivers to slow down in work zones. Students must work together in teams (minimum of two up to a maximum of four individuals) to develop their innovative solution that addresses the identified challenge. The Innovations Challenge aims to educate students on challenges the department faces and encourage them to consider PennDOT as a future employer. The department will choose regional winners who will then compete in Harrisburg at the statewide level in April 2019.

Deadline: January 25th by 5 PM
Award Amount: $1,500 (divided among your team members)
For complete details, visit https://www.penndot.gov/about-us/PennDOT2020/Pages/Innovations-Challenge.aspx

Franklin Institute Community Nights – January 28th
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun at these FREE educational and fun-filled science extravaganzas that include The Franklin Institute's famous permanent exhibits, special programs, and hands-on activities. Admission is free and there is no need to pre-register. Doors open at 5:00 PM. For more information, visit https://www.fi.edu

The Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship
Graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities. Vegetarians do not eat meat, fish, or fowl. Entries may only be sent by students graduating from high school in SPRING 2019. Requires an essay, and your transcript or report cards for the past two years. For more details and for the application, please visit their website.

Deadline: February 20, 2019
Award amount: $5,000 (2 awards), $10,000 (1 award)
To apply: https://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm

Weekly Teen Club Schedule:
All classes and materials are free of charge. Walk-ins welcome! Space is limited.

SAT Math
Monday 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM,
901 Wood Street, Chinatown
Teacher: Clara Zheng

SAT Reading & Writing
Tuesday 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM,
901 Wood Street, Chinatown
Teacher: Phoebe Ho

Free Fun Fridays
Fridays, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM,
901 Wood Street, Chinatown
Teacher: Rosaline Yang

Badminton Night
Wednesday 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM,
Holy Redeemer Gym,
915 Vine Street, Chinatown
Teacher: Lamei Zhang, Rosaline Yang

Free Practice SAT
Last Saturday each month, 9:00 AM – 1:10 PM
901 Wood Street, Chinatown
Space is limited. Please email Rosaline Yang at ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org to reserve a spot.

Teen Support Group
The Teen Support Group is a safe space for teens to talk about stress in their lives and learn good mental health habits.
Wednesdays from 5:30 PM—7:30 PM
901 Wood Street, Chinatown
Teachers: UPenn Psychiatrist Jenny Yu, MD, Ph.D. and Philadelphia Asian mental health pioneer, Helen Luu, LCSW
PCDC is leading the Chinatown Neighborhood Plan in the coming years. With 1,300 community members and stakeholders engaged in the planning process, the Plan sets out specific goals and actions in improving the built environment, expanding economic opportunity, and enhancing community life. Broad engagement and involvement throughout the community in the implementation process of the Plan will strengthen Chinatown as a vital residential neighborhood, a destination commercial district, and a home away from home for immigrants across the city and region.

Thank you Interface Studio, Steering Committee, and Community Partners for supporting this plan.

Goal No. 5 — Community Wellness

How We Came Up with the Goal
Chinatown, a Federal Medically Underserved Area, has vulnerable populations with limited healthcare access and at the risk for being socially isolated. Low-income residents, immigrants, seniors, and the homeless are in desperate need of healthcare services and community support. We aim to connect people to the programs that support their health and wellness, as well as ensure the organizations that provide these services are able to do their work effectively.

What We Are Going to Do to Achieve the Goal
Promote community wellness and health
A community health assessment will be conducted to identify priority health issues. PCDC will develop health and wellness messaging and outreach strategy through roundtable meeting with stakeholders. Furthermore, PCDC will conduct an education campaign around wellness and health directly engaging local residents.

Strengthen critical service institutions
Biannual meetings will be held with local service providers and institutions to discuss service changes, needs, and collaboration opportunities. PCDC will conduct a space and facilities inventory survey in order to explore the opportunities for expansion and re-purpose underutilized space. A community needs and assessments report will also be completed.

How you can be involved
- Respond to surveys for community health assessment.
- Join the education campaign around wellness and health.
- Join the health and wellness roundtable meeting.

North 12th Street Family Homes

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<td>8</td>
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Available units will be offered to eligible applicants in the order applications received. First come first serve!

Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC) is constructing affordable units at 624 and 632 North 12th Street, located near 12th and Wallace Streets. It will provide 13 one to three-bedroom affordable units. Application form available at PCDC office or online at [https://bit.ly/2FrHcaC](https://bit.ly/2FrHcaC).

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact PCDC’s project associate Yue Wu.
Phone: 215-922-2156 Email: ywu@chinatown-pcdc.

Important Dates:
- December 10, 2018 – Accepting Application
- December 18, 2018 – The first rental workshop (9:30 – 11:00 AM)
- January 8, 2019 – The second rental workshop (9:30 – 11:00 AM)
- Late January, 2019 – Notification to successful applicants
- March/April, 2019 – Move in for 632 N. 12th St.
- Aug./Sept., 2019 – Move in for 624 N. 12th St.
Zoning and Planning

Zoning Matters

Below are the current and upcoming zoning matters within the Chinatown district. Zoning matters are presented to the community first, through public RCO meetings, before they are heard by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Please feel free to attend an RCO meeting or ZBA hearing regarding any matter of interest. All ZBA hearings are held at One Parkway Building, 1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor.

PCDC’s Planning Committee meets at 6pm on the second Tuesday of each month as the Registered Community Organization (RCO) for the boundaries of 7th to 13th Street, Filbert to Spring Garden Street.

The next meeting is on January 8th. The next three meetings are:
February 12th
March 12th
April 9th

Previous Cases:
Address: 911 Race Street
Appeal #: 35575
Permit #: 900684
Scheduled Hearing Time: Jan 30, 2019
Proposal: Complete demolition of an existing attached structure, and the erection of an attached structure, size and location as shown on plan/application. Use as sit-down restaurant at first and second floors, with multi-family household living (thirty-two dwelling units) above, with eleven accessory class 1a bicycle parking spaces (located on an accessible route); no signs on this permit.

RCO Opinion: no decision was made

Upcoming Cases:
Address: 911-13 Race Street
Appeal #: 35575
Permit #: 900684
Scheduled Hearing Time: Jan 30, 2019
Proposal: Complete demolition of an existing attached structure, and the erection of an attached structure, size and location as shown on plan/application. Use as sit-down restaurant at first and second floors, with multi-family household living (thirty-two dwelling units) above, with eleven (11) accessory class 1a bicycle parking spaces (located on an accessible route); no signs on this permit.

RCO Opinion: no decision was made in the previous meeting

Crane Chinatown Update

WE’RE HIRING!

Join our team. PCDC is looking for a Manager, Project and Business Development

Crane is a new development by PCDC along the northern region of Chinatown. Visible from the neighborhoods that surround it, it is a symbol of the trajectory of this hard-working and proud community. Crane is a multi-use development with residences, retail and office space, and a community center.

Please visit https://bit.ly/2C0x2er to learn more and to apply.

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To see if you qualify or to enroll in Health Partners, call PA enrollment services at 1-800-440-3989 (TTY 1-800-618-4225) or visit enrollnow.net.

*According to NCQA’s Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2016-2017
Filing your 2018 Income taxes – What you need to know!

Deadline to file: **Monday April 15, 2019**

With the tax filing season right around the corner, PCDC suggest you gather all required documents before you file your tax returns to avoid complications. Some of these documents will be mailed to your mailing addresses while some of these documents you might have to get them from your current or previous employers.

Here is a list of what you need to gather before filing your taxes:

- **Photo Identifications and valid Social Security numbers for everyone in your household**
- **Income from 2018**
  - W-2s, showing your annual wages from all of your employers
  - Form 1099-INT, showing interest paid to you throughout the year
  - Form 1099-G, showing any refund, credit or offset of state and local taxes
  - Forms 1099-DIV and Forms 1099-R, showing dividends and distributions from retirement and other plans paid to you during the year
- **Receipts from 2018**
  - Childcare receipts with provider information (including SSN / EIN) if paid childcare
  - Form 1098-T (tuition payment statement) if paid tuition for post-secondary schools
  - Form 1098 (Mortgage Interest Statement) if paid mortgage interest
  - Medical expenses receipt if paid out of pocket
- **Form 1095A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement if purchased 2018 Marketplace health insurance (Obamacare)**
- **Identity theft pin, if applicable**
- **Copy of 2017 tax return**
- **A voided check that contain bank account number and bank’s routing number for direct deposit/debit**

Important Tips:

- You are responsible for anything in your return once you signed. Make sure your return is correct before you sign. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete.

Call for IRS VITA Volunteers!

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who make $54,000 or less, people with disabilities, the elderly, and limited-English speaking taxpayers who need assistance preparing their own tax returns.

Roles:

- **GREETERS**: Greet customers and assist intake specialists with intake process and administrative tasks.
- **INTAKE SPECIALISTS**: Screen customers' eligibility, assist customers to complete required intake forms and compile all documents.
- **TAX PREPARERS**: Interview customers and prepare federal and state income tax returns for individuals and families.

To contact PCDC VITA Program, volunteers must:

- **Have a desire to serve the community**
- **Have a willingness to learn Basic tax matters and follow VITA procedures**
- **Attend required training**
- **Pass IRS mandated online test**
- **Respect Taxpayers and their privacy**
- **Be able to communicate in English and Cantonese/Mandarin**
- **Commit to a minimum of 4 service days**

No previous experience is required. If you are interested in being a VITA volunteer, you can sign up online at http://bit.ly/PCDC2019VITAVolunteers, and we will contact you with further instructions. For more information and/or sign up by phone/email, please contact PCDC Ping Ho Lee at 215-922-2156 or plee@chinatown-pcdc.org.

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<td>Visit our page at Identity Protection: Prevention, Detection and Victim Assistance: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams">https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams</a></td>
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PCDC’s HUD certified Housing Counseling Program offers Homebuyer Education classes monthly to assist and support homeownership now or in the future. PCDC is the only agency to offer Chinese Homebuyer education within Philadelphia. You will get a head start to homeownership, which can lead you to more favorable options when you decide to become homeowner. The morning class is from 9am to 1pm; the afternoon class is from 3pm to 7pm!

The upcoming class is Thursday, January 17th.

Registration is required. Please call or email Ping Lee to reserve your seat: 215-922-6156 or plee@chinatown-pcdc.org. **A Homeownership Certificate will be issued upon completion of a class and a 2 hour one-on-one counseling. This is required for down payment/closing cost assistance.**

**Home Buyer Down Payment / Closing Cost Assistance Available:**

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<td>Up To $3000</td>
<td>No but for primary residence only</td>
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<td>Up to $6000 no-interest 10 year loan</td>
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<td>Up to $1000</td>
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Banks might offer different assistance programs. Please consult with your bank loan officers for details. You can also call PCDC Ping Lee 215-922-6156 for more information.

**PCDC Homebuying Education Workshop**

PCDC hosted its December Homebuyer Education workshops on 12/20/2018. There were total of 21 attendees at our workshop.

During the workshop, attendees learned: “Members of your home-buying team, Qualifying for a Mortgage, The importance of credit and more.” We also talked about home inspection, mortgage insurance, and borrowers rights. The down payment / closing assistance programs were shared on the workshop.

During the workshop, attendees stay engaged in the workshop and asked a lot of questions, participants also left valuable comments and on evaluation forms, such as “I’ve learned the steps to homeownership”, “I think the introduction of mortgage loan is useful” and so on. Overall, with the amount of engagement, participation brought by the attendees, the guest speakers and instructors made a successful workshop! A big thank you to our guest speakers:

- Laura Corley from Trident Mortgage Company
- Frank Sitner and Tau Wang from Bank of America
- Jinny Yang and Mike Qi from Remax Affiliates Northeast

for providing their professional knowledge in mortgage lending and real estate fields.

You May Be Eligible for PACE/PACENET

You can visit PCDC on Mondays for free help to review your eligibility for prescription drug coverage. First you must contact Ms. Yu at 215-572-1234 ext. 101. She works for PASSi and comes to PCDC every Monday to offer this free service.

Governor Tom Wolf signed a bill in October to increase prescription drug coverage for 17,000 seniors.
Programmatic Highlights:

PCDC’s CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM educates and empowers our community to dictate policy and development that may affect them. We provide bipartisan, bilingual voter education and registration.

- 20 voter registration events held
  - Asian American Power Table – Get Out the Vote: PCDC partnered with Asian Americans United, PICC, SEAMAAC, and VietLead to make sure that the voices of Asian American/Pacific Islanders were heard during the 2018 Primary and General Elections.
  - 129 voters registered
  - 222 pledge cards signed
  - 2,909 phone banking attempts
  - 742 door knocking attempts

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

1. PCDC received a 5-year WFRF Neighborhood Implementation Grant of $750,000 in total.
2. Promotion: Around 100 night market visitors participated in the interactive activities that promoted Chinatown Neighborhood plan.
3. Parking Survey: 60 business owners/employees and 53 visitors/residents responded to the survey.
4. Affordable Housing: Active construction at N. 12th Family Homes, which includes 13 affordable rental units. One building out of three will be ready for move-in in March 2019.

CRANE CHINATOWN COMMUNITY CENTER is rising at 1001 Vine Street. What once was a vacant lot now sits a 20-story building with a community center podium under construction and a symbol of Chinatown’s self-determination. For many decades Chinatown was wanting of a recreation center and Chinese cultural center for its residents and many non-residents who consider Chinatown their home and come for cultural, social, and religious gatherings.

PCDC and its development partner JNA Capital are managing the construction of Crane Chinatown. When the doors open in fall 2019, the building will offer after-school, early childhood learning, health, recreation, fitness, arts & cultural programs for adults, families, and seniors, and a Chinatown museum.

Office and retail space are still available. If you are interested, please contact John Chin at 215-922-2156.

The Importance of Good Credit Series - #5

DO I REALLY NEED THIS?

Today, there are many consumers in serious debt because of over-use of credit cards for nonessential purchases. To ensure you do not become one of them, it is important to evaluate each purchase carefully before you buy it with credit. Ask yourself these questions:
- Do I really need this item?
- Do I need to buy it today, or can I wait to purchase it later with cash?
- What will this item really cost me after I pay it back over time?
- How long will it last?

Decide what you can live without for now—especially knowing that being responsible with your credit will help you realize your greater dream of homeownership.

FORMS OF CREDIT TO AVOID

As a responsible consumer, you must be aware of tactics used by some creditors that promote easy loans regardless of your ability to reply. While they may seem attractive, these loans typically involve high interest rates, some form of collateral or even costly hidden fees. For example, avoid pawnshop loans and agreements with local rent-to-own stores, which charge you exorbitant interest rates via long-term rental agreements for furniture or other household items. Also avoid payday and tax refund advances, which may have high upfront fees.

Be sure you know all the terms of your loan before you sign any agreement. With a little research or a few phone calls, you may discover that you can do much better by borrowing money from a local bank or a traditional lender.
HOUSING COUNSELING

The Housing program runs according to the fiscal year, from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. In fiscal year 2018:

- 575 households served
  - One-on-one counseling:
    - 158 Rental
    - 69 Pre-purchase
    - 204 Post-purchase
    - 239 Credit Review
  - Workshops
    - Rental: 56 attendees
    - Homebuyer Education: 79 attendees
    - Post-purchase: 81 attendees
    - Other: 36
- 90% Limited English proficient households
- 75% live in poverty (AMI <30%)
- 97% are low-to-moderate income (AMI < 80%)
- 25 new homeowners
- PCDC Housing Counseling Program joined the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency network.

FAMILY SERVICE

4th year of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is an important part of our Family Service offerings:

- 39 volunteers
- 414 clients (lower than last year due to late start), saved them total of ~$17,000
- 340 returns filed
- $436,807 in refunds; $ 245,807 in EITC

COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR PROGRAM

- 5 teachers
- 119 youth served
- 136 classes
- 4 college trips to 5 colleges
- Youths were accepted into: University of Penn, Villanova, Drexel University, Temple University and many more.
- WorkReady Youths designed and published the first edition of the Chinatown Community Press. This project gives youth the opportunity to learn skills for digital and print publishing, and help preserve Chinatown history.
- A partnership was established with Bryn Mawr College; Bryn Mawr students intern at PCDC to get involved in the Chinatown community.

COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR PROGRAM

- 105 Chinatown Spring Cleanup Volunteers
- 15,000 YèShí Chinatown Night Market attendees
- 66 total YèShí vendors, sponsors, and partners
- 4,000 Chinese New Year Events Attendees
- 22 $1-a-Day Supporters
- 3 $1-a-Day street cleaners
- 2970 hours of cleaning
- 3768 bags of trash collected
- 4 cigarette receptacles were installed throughout Chinatown

Events

- Chinese New Year: For the third year in a row, PCDC partnered with Reading Terminal Market to host the Chinese Year Celebration at the market
- Comcast Cares Day: PCDC and Comcast partnered together to host Comcast Cares Day in Chinatown. Over 100 volunteers attended and helped with cleaning and beautification projects in Chinatown.
- Chinese Lantern Festival: PCDC collaborated with Historic Philadelphia for a second year to bring the Chinese Lantern Festival to the community and introduce Chinatown restaurants to attendees.

TEEN CLUB

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PCDC's Calligraphy Students Celebrate Their Art

This year comes to a close as the Calligraphy Class concludes. On December 18th, participants showcased their artwork and final projects. Teacher, Josephine Tsai was proud to say a few words about the class, her students’ growth, and her overall experience.

The biggest takeaways were: even if you don't know Chinese, you can still do Calligraphy; Calligraphy is a great way to learn Chinese and the meaning behind the characters; and every brush stroke is meaningful. Josephine did not have the students follow any specific style. She let the students find their own way. Practice makes perfect. Students shared stories of how they practice in their free time and not just in class. One said she practices after dinner every night.

Participants shared their personal journey and the history behind their pieces. This was also a chance for some Q&A between Josephine and her students. For example, some students further asked Josephine about the techniques on brush strokes. To which she answers, “Each person uses a different way to write Chinese Calligraphy, which one can fully imitate.”

One participant told us that she wishes PCDC can provide more art and culture classes like such in the future, maybe even inside Crane Chinatown when it’s completed in 2019. Stayed tuned!

Community Meeting
NAC Service Area Briefing
01/16/2019 | 6:00—7:30 PM
Location: Community Room Francis House of Peace
810 Arch Street, Chinatown

Come meet Revenue Department and learn how to save money!

We will talk about:
- Property Tax Rebates
  Presenter: Representative from Revenue Department
  It’s a great opportunity to learn about the City’s Property Tax/Rent Rebates program
- Upcoming Business Improvement District
  Presenter: PCDC
- What do you think about SEPTA?
  Presenter: Ben She (5th Square)

Supported by:

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Office at PCDC
PCDC has become a new member of Neighborhood Advisory Committee program starting October 2018. The program is supported by Division of Housing and Community Development. We have created a brand new NAC office, working to promote neighborhood sustainability through programs addressing homelessness prevention, energy conservation education, housing preservation, neighborhood safety, and health and wellness. The services include referring to services, disposition of vacant land for positive use, coordinating and connecting with city initiatives, Philadelphia Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Program, etc.

Your Opportunity to Speak with the Office of Immigrant Affairs

The Office of Immigrant Affairs is a city office that promotes the well-being of Philadelphia’s immigrant communities. It provides:
- Help accessing city resources in your native language
- Workforce development programs like the Immigrant Workers Academy
- Referrals to nonprofit services that can best help you with citizenship and other assistance.

Representative from the Office of Immigrant Affairs will be at the PCDC Community Meeting on January 16th at Ping An House, 810 Arch Street, from 7:30pm to 8pm. This will be an opportunity to speak directly with representatives from city government about challenges faced, changes you want to see or policies that could be improved.
这一年要结束了，書法課程也迎來了他們最後一堂課。在12月18日，參與者展示了他們的藝術作品和學習成果。老師約瑟芬發自內心地訴說了她在書法班的經歷，以及對學生們成長的感慨。

她最大的收穫是，即使你不懂中文，你仍然可以學書法。書法在學習漢語與理解漢字上起到了很大的幫助，每個筆劃筆順都是有意義的。約瑟芬沒有讓學生去模仿任何書法家的字體。她讓學生尋找自己的創作方式。反复的練習能夠使一件事變得完美。學生們經常互相分享他們學習的心得與故事，比方說有人表示她每天晚飯後都會練習書法。

參與者分享了他們的學習旅程和他們作品背後的歷史。這也是約瑟芬和她的學生們之間一個問答的機會。學生們向約瑟芬詢問了書法筆觸上的技巧。約瑟芬回答說：“每個人都用不同的方式寫中文，哪一種方式能完全複製？”

一位參與者告訴我們，她希望PCDC能夠開辦更多如同此類的活動。這也是您與移民事務辦公室交流的機會。它是您與移民事務辦公室交流的機會。移民事務辦公室是一個促進費城移民社區福祉的市政府辦公室。它提供的服務有：

- 幫助你以母語獲得城市資源
- 勞動力發展計劃，如移民工人學院
- 推薦最能幫助您獲得公民身份和其他幫助的非營利機構。

移民事務辦公室代表將於1月16日晚上7點30分至晚上8點在亞皆街810號平安樓參加PCDC社區會議。這將是一個直接與市政府代表討論您所面臨的挑戰，您希望看到的變化或可以改進的機會。
項目和服務

信用卡積分的重要性系列- #5

我一定要買這件東西嗎？

今天，有很多消費者因為過度使用信用卡購買一些並非必要的東西而債務纏身，為了確保不會步其後塵，在您使用信用卡購買每一件物品之前都要仔細考慮。請向自己提出以下問題：

• 我是否確實需要這件物品？
• 我是否會用到它，還是可以等到晚些時候再用現金購買？
• 在我最終付清信用卡欠款後，這件物品累計花掉了多少錢？
• 這件物品可以用多長時間？
• 想一想您現在是不是需要買，尤其是要想到慎用您的信用將有助於實現您的購屋夢想。

應當避免的某些信貸類型

作為一位負責任的消費者，您必須要提防那些不顧您的償還能力，花言巧語推銷所謂的快捷貸款的貸款機構。儘管這些貸款看起來很吸引人，但通常會收取很高的利率，要求某種形式的抵押，甚至含有高額的隱藏費用。比如說，當鋪就不合適的借貸來源；以租代貨的做法則是以及高的利率與您簽訂長期貧協議租，結果是您高價購買家具或其他家居用具，這也是您應該盡量避免的。另外預支薪資及預支退稅款這兩種借貸形式，需要預付很高的費用，十分有必要三思而後行。

PCDC的社區計劃

教育並鼓勵社區成員在政策和發展上做出投票決定。我們提供兩黨和雙語的投票教育和登記協助。

○ 一共舉行了20場選民登記活動
  • Asian American Power Table – Get Out the Vote: PCDC 亞裔聯合會，PICC，SEAMAAC，和 VietLead合作，以確保在2018年的投票初選和大選期間可以聽到亞裔美國人/太平洋島民的聲音。
  ◇ 129名選民登記投票
  ◇ 222 張簽署承諾卡
  ◇ 2,909 次電話服務
  ◇ 742 人次門服務

鄰裡規劃與發展:

1. PCDC共獲得了為期5年的WFRF社區實施補助金，總額為75萬美元。
2. 促進關係：大約100名社區居民參與了促進唐人街社區計劃的互動活動
3. 停車調查：60名企業主/員工和53名訪客/居民回應了調查
4. 經濟適用房：N. 12th Family Homes正在積極建設中，其中包括13個經濟實惠的出租單位。三個中的其中一個房子在2019年3月便可以搬入。

鼎華居與華埠社區中心正在1001 Vine Street拔地而起。這裡曾經是一片空地，現在坐落著在樓層高的建築物。其中正在建設一個社區中心裙樓，象徵著華埠的自決能力。幾十年來，華埠一直希望為居民和許多非居民提供娛樂中心和中國文化中心，他們認為華埠是他們的家，前來參加文化，社交和宗教活動。

PCDC及其開發合作夥伴JNA Capital正在管理鼎華居的建設。當某大門在2019年秋季開放時，該建築將提供課後輔導，幼兒學習，健康，娛樂，健身，為成人，家庭和老年人準備的藝術和文化課程，以及一個華埠博物館。

*信息來源於Freddie Mac CreditSmart
住房諮詢

住房計劃按照2017年10月1日至2018年9月30日的財政年度計算。在2018財政年度:

- 575 households served
  - One-on-one counseling:
    - 158次出租服務
    - 69次預購服務
    - 204次購後服務
    - 239次信用評估
  - 講座:
    - 租賃：56名參與者
    - 購屋教育：79名參與者
    - 購後教育：81名參與者
    - 其他講座：36名參與者
- 90%的家庭英語能力十分有限
- 75%生活在貧困中 (AMI <30%)
- 97%是中低收入 (AMI <80%)
- 25位新房主
- PCDC住房諮詢計劃加入了賓州住房金融的政府機構

家庭服務

這是PCDC第四年做Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)服務，這也是我們主要的家庭服務內容:

- 39名志願者
- 414名客戶（由於今年較晚開始此服務，客戶人數比去年的數量低），為他們總共節省了約17,000美
PCDC的HUD认证房屋咨询计划每月提供双语的购房者教育课程，以协助和支持潜在的房主，无论你是在本月或在几年内才进行购买。你将会得到一个好的开始，当你是时候，这可以给你带来更多的选择并节省更多资金。课程安排在每个月的第四个星期四。上午班是上午9点至下午1点或下午班是下午3点至下午7点！

即将来临的课程是1月17日。

需要注册，请致电或发送电子邮件至李萍好以预定您的座位：215-922-2156或plee@chinatown-pcdc.org。

***完成本课程后，再加上两小时的PCDC一对一辅导，你将获得一个购房教育证书，将有资格申请首付和/或成交费用援助计划。

### 购房者首期过户费补助计划正在进行中：

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银行提供不同的协助项目，请与您银行的贷款部门人员协商以获得准确信息，你也可以拨打PCDC热线电话Ping Lee 215-922-2156获取更多详情。

### 购房教育讲座

华埠发展会在2018年12月20日举办了12月份的购房教育讲座。这次的讲座有21人参加。

从这次讲座中，与会者学到了：购房团队的成员，贷款资格，信用的重要性以及更多。

我们还谈到了房屋检查，贷款保险和借款权利。在研讨会上我们还分享了这首付/成交费用援助计划。

在讲座期间，参与者和演讲嘉宾积极参与讲座，询问并回答了许多问题，参与者还在评估表上留下了宝贵的意见，例如“我已经学会了拥有房屋所有权的步骤”，“我认识到购房贷款的介绍非常有用”等等。总结而言，参与者和演讲嘉宾们共同努力促成了这个成功的讲座！PCDC非常感谢我们的演讲嘉宾：感谢他们提供在贷款和房地产领域的专业知识：Laura Corley从Trident Mortgage Company

Frank Sitner and Tau Wang from Bank of America

Jinny Yang and Mike Qi from Remax Affiliates Northeast

### 你可能有资格申请PACE/PACENT

如果你需要帮助申请PACE/PACENT，你可以在週一访问PCDC获得免费帮助，检查你是否符合方案的保险范围。要获取帮助，你必须拨打215-572-1234与余女士联系预约。她为PASSI工作，每逢週一PCDC提供这项免费服务。

Tom Wolp州长签署了一项立法法案，将PACE/PACENET的收入限制提高了$4,000。这福利变化可供全州17,000跟多的长者居民使用。
2018年報稅須知

報稅的最後期限:2019年4月15日，星期一

隨著稅務申報季節即將來臨, PCDC建議您在提交納稅申報表之前收集所有必需的文件, 以避免出現任何問題導致錯過報稅時間。其中一些文件是以郵寄的方式郵寄到您的郵寄地址, 而其中一些文件可能需要從您當前或以前的雇主那裡獲得。

以下是您報稅所需要的文件:
1. 帶照片的身份證明和家庭成員的工卡號碼
2. 2018年的收入證明
   a. W-2, 顯示你從雇主那裡得到的所有收入證明
   b. 1099-INT, 顯示你在這一年裡得到的利息的證明
   c. 1099-G, 顯示州和地方稅的任何退款，信貸或抵消
   d. 1099-DIV和1099-R，顯示退休時的股息和分配以及一年內其他計劃支付給您佣金
3. 2018年的收據:
   a. 托兒所，提供者信息（包括SSN / EIN）的托兒服務收據
   b. 1098-T (學費支付報表) 為高等院校支付學費
   c. 1098 (按揭利息證明) 支付按揭利息
   d. 醫療費用的收據（保險沒有承包的部分）
4. 1095A，健康保險市場聲明 (2018年市場健康保險-奧巴馬醫改)
5. 防止身份盜用密碼 (如果有)
6. 2017年的退稅證明副本
7. 無效支票，包含銀行賬號和銀行直接存款/借記的路由號碼

重要提示:
- 簽署後，您對退稅中的任何事情負責。在簽名之前確保您的退稅信息正確無誤。 (在偽證處罰的情況下, 我聲明我已經審查了這一回復以及隨附的時間表和陳述, 而且據我所知和所信, 它們是真實, 正確和完整的。)
- 如何舉報涉嫌稅務欺詐行為:

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PCDC 報稅服務日
2/9, 2/10, 2/16, 2/17, 3/2, 3/3, 3/9, 3/10

徵集 IRS VITA 報稅志願者！

美國國稅局志願者所得稅援助（VITA）計劃為54,000美元或以下的人，殘疾人，老年人和有限英語的納稅人提供稅務援助，他們需要協助準備自己的納稅申報表。

任務:
- 接待客戶，協助詢問員完成初步諮詢和管理任務。
- 簽名客戶資料，幫助客戶填寫所需表格並整理所有文件。
- 應答和討論，為個人和家庭準備聯邦州所得稅申報表。

成爲 PCDC VITA 計劃的志願者，志願者必須:
- 願意服務的熱心
- 願意學習基本的稅務事項，並按照VITA程序
- 參加要求培訓
- 通過美國國稅局規定的在線測試 (至少是基本級)
- 尊重納稅人的隱私
- 能夠用英語和廣東話/普通話溝通
- 承諾最少4個服務日

以下是華埠街區目前和即將開展的區劃事宜。在分區調整委員會（ZBA）聽取之前，區域事務首先通過公共RCO會議向社區提出。如果你對於區劃有寶貴意見，歡迎參加RCO會議或ZBA聽證會。所有ZBA聽證會都在拱門街1515號的One Parkway Building第18樓舉行。PCDC的規劃委員會作為註冊社區組織（RCO）在每個月的第二個星期二下午6點就第7至第13街，Filbert至Spring Garden Street的區劃舉行會議。

下次會議將於1月8日舉行。接下來的三次會議將於以下日期舉行：
2月12日
3月12日
4月9日

上次會議案件：
地址：禮士街911號
上訴＃：35575
許可證號碼：900684
預定聽證時間：2019年1月30日

計劃：拆除現有附屬建築物，並加建房屋，大小和位置如平面圖/申請中所示。一樓和二樓用作餐廳，上層建築用作多戶家庭居住（三十二個單位），並且有十一個自行車停車処（位於一條可通達的通道）；此申請不包括標牌。

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鼎華居最新消息

PCDC正在尋找項目經理。

鼎華居是PCDC在華埠北邊區域新開發的一個項目。從周圍的社區可以看出，它是這個勤奮和自豪的社區的象徵。Crane是一個多用途開發項目，它包括住宅，辦公區域和社區中心。

了解更多信息或申請，請訪問網站：https://bit.ly/2C0x2ct
華埠是一个联邦医疗服务不足的地区，其弱势群体能够获得的医疗保健服务非常有限并且存在被社会孤立的风险。低收入居民、移民、老年人和无家可归者迫切需要医疗服务和社区支持。我们的目标是将人们与支持其健康和保健的计划相连，并确保提供这些服务的组织能够有效地开展工作。

我們的目標

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我們將如何實現目標

促進社區健康和保健

首先，一個社区健康评估将会展开以确定优先的健康问题。PCDC将通过与利益相关者的圆桌会议制定健康和保健信息及外联战略。此外，PCDC将围绕健康主题开展教育活动，吸引本地居民。

加强关键服务机构的服务能力

PCDC将与当地服务提供商和机构举行半年会议，讨论服务变更，需求和合作机会。PCDC将进行空间和设施库存调查，以探索扩大和重新利用未充分利用空间的机会。还将完成社区需求和评估报告。

你如何參與

- 回應社區健康評估調查
- 參加健康主題的教育活動
- 參加健康和保健圓桌會議

北12街家庭住房項目

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費城華埠發展會正在北12街624和632號興建經濟適用房，臨近北12街和Wallace街的交界處。此項目將提供13戶為低收入家庭提供的可負擔的出租公寓。申請表可到費城華埠發展會領取，或由網站上下載：https://bit.ly/2FtHcaC。

如果您對此項目有其他問題，請聯繫費城華埠發展會的項目助理吳玥。 電話：215-922-2156 郵箱：ywu@chinatown-pcdc.org
PCDC 项目和服务

一月青少年活动与机会

重要公告:

1月SAT练习会在1月26日上午9:00至下午1:30在901 Wood Street举办。请通过ryan@chinatewn-pcdc.org与Rosaline联系预订座位。

青少年俱乐部获得额外项目

宾州运输部创新挑战

宾州运输部邀请9-12年级的学生团队（至少两人，最多四人）合作开发和探索创新技术和方法，让司机在工作区放慢车速。学生必须在团队中共同努力，开发他们的创新解决方案，来解决已确定的挑战。该创新挑战旨在教育学生应对宾州运输部面临的问题，并鼓励他们考虑将宾州运输部视为未来的雇主。该部门将选择区域获胜者，他们会在2019年4月在Harrisburg参加全州级别的比赛。

截止日期：1月25日下午5点 奖励金额：1,500美元（由团队成员平分）

详情请访问https://www.penndot.gov/about-us/PennDOT2020/Pages/Innovations-Challenge.aspx

羽毛球于星期三下午3点至5点在Holy Redeemer体育馆举行。1/9开始

Franklin Institute社区夜晚—1月28日

欢迎所有人来参加好玩的教育型科学项目，其中包括：Franklin Institute有名的展览，特殊节目，以及动手活动。入场费是免费的，也不需要提前登记报名。1月28号下午五点准时开场。若想知道更多详情：请登入http://www.fi.edu

The Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship

在自己的社区或学校里提倡素食主义的美国高中生（必须是即将毕业的高四学生）可申请此奖学金。素食主义者不吃肉，鱼，与禽类食物。仅限在2019年春季要毕业的高中生申请。要求学生提供一篇作文以及近两年的成绩单。更多信息，请登入他们的网站。

截止日期：2019年2月20日

奖励金额：5,000美元（2个名额），1,000美元（一个名额）

申请：https://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm

青少年俱乐部每週行程。

所有课程与素材一概不收费，位置有限，先到先得！

SAT 数学

星期一 下午四点-六点

901 Wood Street,
老师：Clara Zheng

SAT 阅读和写作

每星期二下午四点至六点

901 Wood Street,
老师：Phoebe Ho

体育之夜-羽毛球

每週三

下午 3:30 - 5:30 Holy Redeemer Gym, 915 Vine St

大学讲座

每第2和第4星期五下午四点至六点

901 Wood Street

免费SAT模拟考试

每月的最后一个周六，早上九点到下午一点三十分

901 Wood Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 名额有限，请电邮Rosaline Yang至ryan@chinatewn-pcdc.org进行预约。

青少年支持小组

青少年支持小组是青少年谈论生活压力并学习良好心理健康习惯的安全场所。

每一位星期三下午5:30 - 7:30, 901 Wood Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

老师：UPenn精神病学家Jenny Yu，医学博士，博士和费城亚洲心理健康先驱，Helen Lau，LCSW
費城311報告塗鴉

為了可以在華埠看到更整潔的牆壁和企業。PCDC向費城的緊急聯絡中心Philly 311報告塗鴉和標籤問題。Philly 311是一個維繫居民跟城市政府信息和服務的部門，他們反應迅速而有效。

如果你在你的社區看到任何塗鴉，你可以在www.phila.gov/311/form或者打電話去311免費申請清除。塗鴉消除團隊在非天氣惡劣的情況下可以在4-5天內移除或掩蓋塗鴉。

你報告塗鴉情況的時候，工作人員可能會問你以下的問題:

• 塗鴉所在的地址及郵編
• 塗鴉在什麼樣的架構上。
• 塗鴉所在的表麵類型。如果塗鴉所在的位置是你所擁有的，而且你想要重新繪製，您可以選擇一種顏色進行重新繪製。天然磚，石頭或金屬等表面可以進行電力清洗。
• 塗鴉在建築物的哪裡
• 你的姓名，家庭住址，以及聯繫號碼。你的資料我們會保密。

華埠敲響警鐘！外來發展商計劃成立商業改進區 (續)

華埠必須堅持在這個過程中充分考慮華埠和華埠北人們的需求。

另一個問題是Callowhill改進區的董事會缺乏多樣性。Callowhill改進區的董事會是否能代表華埠社區的所有聲音? 根據6月份通過的條例，該區董事會大多由在費城擁有多處房產的大型業主和投資者組成。它並不代表華埠社區的多樣性。例如，他們的董事會沒有小商戶業主代表。


為什麼成立我們自己的BID是華埠的最佳應對方案?
BID是宣稱華埠街區所屬權最有效的方式之一，它可以清楚地定義華埠的邊界，並保護它免受外來投資者的侵犯。

華埠必须在2012年一直持續到2017年華埠社區計劃的一個目標。華埠擁有300多家商戶，從餐館到零售商，從藝術空間到輕工製造。目前，華埠支付的稅款被收集到整個費城並重新分配，並非所有都會回到華埠。然而，華埠BID收集的所有款項都將重新投入華埠的發展。發展的重點也將由您決定。這個BID將維護華埠的文化認同，保持該地區相對於其他地區的競爭力，並在各個方面努力爭取華埠的利益。
你聽說了嗎？2018年11月12日星期二晚上，華埠和華埠北社區成員集中在990 Spring Garden Avenue參加了Arts and Crafts Holdings的報告會。此會議由Callowhill Neighborhood Association組織。報告展示了一個市政商業改進區的計劃的最新進展。

PlanPhilly於2018年6月撰寫的文章所述，此計劃將由Arts and Crafts Holdings帶頭，名為Callowhill改進區。Kelly Edwards女士在此次報告上展示了這個位於華埠北的新區的邊界，它從萬安街北邊延伸到Spring Garden street，從9街到13街。

什麼是商業改進區（BID）？

Callowhill改進區是一個商業改進區。商業改進區是一個特定的地理區劃，並被政府在法律上承認的行政機關。它對業主收費，並用收得款項投資於當地的設施服務以改善該商業區。區內所有業主共同分擔該區的花銷。區內如何提供服務由商業改進區來決定。

關於Callowhill改進區我們有什麼需要擔憂？

Callowhill改進區的成立過程缺乏透明度，這使得費城華埠發展會和其他社區成員非常擔憂。Callowhill改善區進程始於2018年1月到2018年6月，費城市議會通過了啟動Callowhill改善區的法案。從這個過程開始到現在，他們與你交流過幾次？他們是否邀請了社區的所有利益相關者參加他們的社區會議？他們是否明確了成立BID的意圖？他們是否按照業主的要求提供雙語材料和互動？他們問過你的意見嗎？你知道他們計劃向你收取多少費用嗎？你知道你是否被劃入該區邊界嗎？今天，你對Callowhill改善區提案了解多少？我們從附近的業主那裡了解到，Callowhill改善區根本沒有聯繫他們。