PCDC News

Crane Center Grand Opening

PCDC celebrated the Grand Opening of the Crane Center last month. Thanks to the help of dedicated volunteers, staff, and board members, PCDC hosted the very first event in our new community center for Chinatown.

Over 300 guests enjoyed performances by the Philadelphia Suns, Chinatown Learning Center students, gourmet tea and art reflecting the talent of artists from On Lok House and PCDC Teen Club members. Artist Cai Chenlin installed a special solo exhibit of his recent work throughout the Crane Center inspired by traditional Chinese artistic themes and Western artistic methods; he created a combination artistic styles and cultural influences on transparent surfaces. His work is also shaping the entrance to the building as he completes the Koi Pond mural that extends from 10th Street Plaza to the entrance to the Crane Center.

The Crane Center is now open for special events, meetings and athletics. The Grand Opening featured six extraordinary caterers offering innovative selections from their menus. Special thanks to Eatible Delights, Feastivities, Feast Your Eyes, Herb Scott Catering, Sang Kee and Vietnam Restaurant. For more information on hosting your event or booking the courts for at Crane, contact PCDC ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org.

Community News

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Philadelphia Proposes Plastic Bag Ban and Fee

Earlier this summer, City Council introduced a bill that would ban thin plastic bags and non-recyclable paper bags, while also putting a 15-cent fee on recyclable paper bags and thicker plastic bags. For customers and clients that are buying groceries, goods, or takeouts, they would need to either pay extra for a plastic bag or bring their own reusable bag.

Cities such as Boston, Chicago, and Seattle have incorporated the ban of plastic bags within recent years. In Philadelphia, the concern is that thin, single-use plastic bags contribute to the littering (https://www.phillyvoice.com/philadelphia-plastic-bag-ban-15-cent-fee-city-council-environment/) that exists throughout the city, and subsequent costs to clean up the litter.

What does this mean for retailers and businesses? For businesses that provide recyclable paper bags or thicker plastic bags, their customers would need to pay a 15-cent fee if they ask for a bag, and the business would be able to keep the 15-cents.

Are you a Chinatown business owner? We would like to hear your thoughts about this plastic bag ban. Complete this quick and anonymous survey: http://bit.ly/PlasticBagPCDC2019

UPDATE: As of 10/22/19, City Council’s License and Inspections Committee has approved the plastic bag ban. The fee on paper and reusable bags has been removed. Dog poop bags or any other bag that can be bought in a store, bags used inside retail stores to package items such as fruits or meats, and dry cleaning bags, are exempt. If City Council passes this bill, the bill would be enacted in July 2020.

Affordable Rental Units Available with PCDC

The waiting list is open. PCDC is taking applications for 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom units for our North 12th Street Family Homes located near the intersection of Wallace and N. 12th Streets.

How to apply:

To see if you qualify, please review the North 12th Family Homes application, which can be found here: http://chinatown-pcdc.org/north-12th-homes/. If you have additional questions or would like to submit your application, please contact Lamei Zhang at 215-922-2156 or by email at Lzhang@chinatown-pcdc.org.

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PCDC Programs and Services

Teen Events and Opportunities:

Important Announcements:

The December practice SAT will be on December 28, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at 1001 Vine Street. Please contact Rosaline at ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org to reserve a seat.

Volunteer Opportunity: Join Philly Reading Coaches!
Help Philadelphia children in grades K-3 become more motivated and confident readers. No experience required. Meet new friends. Contribute to a child's ability to read for academic and lifelong success.
Requirements: Must be at least 14 years old and will commit to at least one hour a week for the entire academic year.
Sign up online at http://ost.phila.gov/philly-reading-coaches/ or contact at PRC 215-686-0317

Christmas Village
Come check out over 80 vendors, selling authentic European food and various different arts & crafts from all over the world.
Location: LOVE Park
When: Thursday, November 29 – Tuesday, December 24, 2019

City of Philadelphia Holiday Tree Lighting
Save the date and celebrate the Joy of the Holidays in Philadelphia! Kick off the winter holiday season with a FREE festive evening featuring exciting entertainment, family-friendly activities, and a grand finale – the lighting of the spectacular Philly Holiday Tree by Mayor Jim Kenney and City Representative Sheila Hess.
Location: Philadelphia City Hall – North Broad
When: Wednesday, December 4th, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Be a Tourist in Philly: The Book Corner (Art Museum Parkway)
Unless marked with a price sticker, all bookstore prices listed below.
$3 Hardcover Books
$2 Paperback Books
$1 Mass Paperback Books
Hours: Monday-Saturday (10 AM-6 PM)
Location: 311 N 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

USPAACC Scholarship
US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce (USPAACC) strongly believes in investing in our future leaders. Since 1989, over two million dollars in scholarships have been awarded through USPAACC. Between ten and twenty scholarships ranging from $3,000 to $5,000 each are being awarded every year to high school seniors nationwide for their post-secondary education.
Apply now! Visit https://celebrasiannualconference.com/scholarships to start your application today.
Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2020

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

SAT Reading & Writing
Monday, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM,
1001 Vine St, Crane Chinatown
Teacher: Phoebe Ho

SAT Math
Wednesday, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM,
1001 Vine St, Crane Chinatown
Teacher: Clara Zheng

Sports Night
Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM,
1001 Vine St, Crane Chinatown
Teacher: Rosaline Yang

“Free Activity Fridays”
Friday, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM,
1001 Vine St, Crane Chinatown
Teacher: Rosaline Yang

Free Practice SAT
Last Saturday each month, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
1001 Vine St, Crane Chinatown
Space is limited. Please email Rosaline Yang at ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org to reserve a spot.
Zoning Matters

Below are the current and upcoming zoning matters within the Chinatown district. Zoning matters are presented to the community first, through public Registered Community Organization (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 RCO for the boundaries of 7th to 13th Street, Filbert to Spring Garden Street.

The next meeting is on Dec 10th. The next three meetings are:
Jan. 14th
Feb. 11th,
March 10th

Previous Cases:
Address: 920 Winter Street
Appeal #: 38933
Permit #: 1002933
Scheduled Hearing Time: Feb. 5, 2020, 03:30 PM
Proposal: permit for the erection of a semi-detached structure for use as a multi-family household living (four (4) units) on the same lot with an existing four (4) story structure for use as an existing multi-family household living (three (3) units) as previously approved. For a total seven (7) dwelling units on lot. Size and location as shown on plans and application.

RCO Opinion:
Support with provisos, which include the following:
1. The applicant will set up a construction schedule so that the delivery of construction material and trash removal will not disturb the neighbors. The construction schedule should be shared with the neighbors and RCO Committee;
2. The applicant will make sure that no trash container will be placed on public right of way;
3. The applicant will install protective construction mesh covering the perimeters of the construction area.

Upcoming Cases:
There are currently no upcoming cases scheduled for a public meeting at PCDC. If there are cases added to the meeting agenda, PCDC will post them on the official Facebook page.

Know Your Rights as a Utility Customer in PA
Series: Paying Your Utility Bill

When to Pay
After your bill is mailed, you have 20 days to pay it. If you do not pay the bill by its due date, you may be charged a late fee on the unpaid overdue balance. Late fees cannot be more than 1.5% per month or greater than 18% simple interest per year. If you do not pay your bill on time, the utility may pursue collection activity or termination of service.

Where to Pay
You may either mail the payment; pay your bill at “authorized” locations chosen by your utility, including some utility customer service offices; or pay online. By calling the utility, you also may receive other payment options. Check your utility company’s website for “authorized” payment locations and information about acceptable ways to pay. The utility is not responsible for any lost payments made to an unauthorized agent.

Non-Basic Service Charges
A utility company may put a charge for a non-basic service on your bill. However, the utility must present this charge clearly and separately on your bill. Some examples of these non-basic charges are: merchandise, appliances, installation fees, sales, rental or repair costs, meter testing fees, line extension costs, special construction charges, and warranty programs.

Budget Billing – Plan Your Utility Expenses
Your electric or gas utility must offer budget billing on a year-round enrollment basis. You have the right to request budget billing from the utility company. Budget billing is an agreement you make with the company to have your bills averaged throughout the year. The budget billing program may make it easier for you to plan your utility expenses. The utility will provide you with more information about its programs.

Zoning and Planning

Credit: PECO
PCDC Programs and Services

PCDC VITA Service Days


Volunteers Needed – Contact PCDC Ping Lee 215-922-6156 or plee@chinatown-pcdc.org

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Volunteers (Language: English and Chinese - Mandarin or Cantonese)

Recruiting volunteers to join the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) in February and March 2019. The VITA program offers free tax help to people who make $56,000 or less, people with disabilities, the elderly, and limited-English speaking taxpayers who need assistance preparing their own tax returns. The roles are as follow:

- 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.

VITA 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
- Commit to a minimum of 4 service days out of 8 service days (2/15, 2/16, 2/22, 2/23, 3/7, 3/8, 3/14, 3/15)

No previous experience is required and training is provided. If you are interested in being a VITA volunteer, you can sign up online at http://bit.ly/PCDC2020VITAVolunteers.
Census 2020 Facts and Updates

What Is the 2020 Census?
The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The Census is conducted every 10 years.

Why the census matters - Counting Everyone
Every 10 years, the United States Constitution requires a count (or "census") of all residents. The census collects details on the entire country’s population. This information is used to:
- Determine representation in Congress.
- Distribute more than $675 billion in federal funding to states and communities.
- Allocate resources for job creation, housing, infrastructure, and more.
- Support filling census jobs.

In this way, the census significantly impacts Philadelphia and its communities. A complete and accurate count is vital.

Important Dates - Census Day is April 1, 2020.
The second week of March, each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail. This will mark the first time that you will be able to respond to the census online. When completing the census, you will include everyone living in your home on April 1. Census Day will be celebrated with events across the country.

Philly Counts 2020
Philly Counts 2020 is the City’s effort to support the next United States Census. By working closely with community members and partners, this program aims to:
- Increase understanding about the importance of the census.
- Educate the public on how to participate.
- Ensure responses from the public for a fair and accurate count.
- Support filling census jobs.

The program is guided by the Complete Count Committee. Led by Mayor Kenney, this group provides recommendations and focuses on historically hard-to-count areas of the City.

Census 2020 Jobs - $17 - $23 per hour in Philadelphia
The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. This is your chance to play a part in history! Temporary census positions offer the perfect opportunity to earn extra income, while at the same time, helping your community. Did you know: The results of the 2020 Census help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are spent locally for schools, hospitals, roads, and more. So it's important that everyone is counted! For details about the job, please visit Census 2020 website: https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html


Get Yourself Educated, Prepared and Ready

At the beginning of every Homebuyer Education Workshop, we always ask “Are you prepared and ready to buy a house”. So, what does “prepared” mean?
In September, we had a client who came back for 1-on-1 counseling after September’s workshop. Like most Chinese Americans, she is the first time homebuyer and she speak limited English. During the Q&A session of the meeting, she took out two to three-page of paper that was filled with her notes she took at the workshop, places she did not understand, and questions that she need answers. While I was answering her questions, she was taking notes. She said she cannot remember everything, so she wrote them down.

I am very happy and gratified. This is the first time I have seen such a serious client. She was really working hard to absorb knowledge and prepare. The client said, “I have been in the U.S. for nearly ten years, and it is always a dream for me to have my own house! Especially now that I have a child, I hope my child can live and study in a stable and safe environment. I am not familiar with the process of buying a house, so I am very grateful to PCDC for your workshop, which taught me a lot.”

We would like to tell all the homebuyers that this is what means “prepared”. To learn and ask questions that you don’t know or you don’t understand. When you have a purpose to do something, your always has a big chance to success, isn’t it? In particular, buying a house is a big invest for many people. Maybe most of people will only buy one house in their lifetime, which will become your asset and a harbor.

PCDC holds Homebuyer Education Workshop on the third Thursday of each month from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We look forward to your participation and share knowledge and experience.
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, that can lead you to more favorable options when you decide to become homeowner. The afternoon class is from 3pm to 7pm!

The upcoming class is Thursday, December 19th.

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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Banks 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. Grant amounts may change without notice.

Neighborhood Energy Center (NEC) Service Coming to Chinatown!

A Neighborhood Energy Center (NEC), offered by Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA), is your "one-stop shop" for all energy assistance programs. Trained counselors at the NEC’s prevent utility emergencies by helping customers obtain energy assistance grants and utility payment agreements.

PCDC is partnering with ECA to bring NEC services to the Chinatown community. Starting Wednesday October 30th, every Wednesday from 10 AM to 3 PM, Counselor from the Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Services (GPASS), one of the ECA’s NEC, will be at PCDC office providing energy assistance services. Service includes but not limited to:

- Fuel Assistance
  - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) Customer Responsibility Program (CRP)
  - PECO Customer Assistance Program (CAP)
  - Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) Tiered Assistance Program (TAP)
  - Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) Senior Discount Program
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Home repair or conservation programs
- Heating System Repairs

Documents required for service:
1) Social security card for all household members
2) Name and date of birth for all household members
3) Photo Identification card
4) Permanent Resident Cards (Green Card) for not U.S. Citizens household members
5) Utility bills (Electricity, Natural Gas, Water, Oil)
6) Proof of household income

Service are by appointments only at the moment. Please call PCDC 215-922-6156 to schedule an appointment.
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Koi Pond Coming To Chinatown

If you visited Chinatown during the last few weeks, you might have noticed that an artist, Chenlin Cai, is painting koi fishes and lily pads on 10th Street Plaza, the public space at the intersection of 10th and Vine Streets. This is a mural project commissioned by PCDC and Asian Arts Initiative. During the painting process people stopped and asked, “Why are we painting the sidewalk?”

When people cross the Vine Street Expressway, they see the stone lions, the pergola, the benches on 10th Street Plaza, but they don’t stop. People tend to forget that 10th Street Plaza is not only a passage and a bridge, but also a public space. A lot of Chinatown residents don’t even know its name. The mural project is designed to highlight the Plaza’s role as a public space, and make the experience of crossing the Vine Street Expressway more enjoyable. The name of the Plaza will be featured in the completed mural.

Koi fish represent good fortune in Chinese culture. With the Koi Pond mural, we hope to connect the community divided by an expressway, and to bring good fortune to Chinatown. Chenlin Cai is an accomplished artist with degrees from Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA) and Tsinghua University.
如果您在過去的幾週內到訪華埠，您可能已經注意到，藝術家蔡晨林正在10街廣場（10街與藤街的交叉處）的公共所繪製錦鯉和睡蓮。這是PCDC和亞洲藝術倡議委託的壁畫項目。人們停下來問，為什麼我們要在人行道上作畫？

當人們越過藤街高速公路時，他們會看到石獅，涼亭和十街廣場的長椅，但他們並沒有停下來。人們往往會忘記十街廣場不僅是通道和橋樑，還是一處公共場所。很多華埠居民甚至都不知道它的名字。這次的壁畫項目旨在突出廣場作為公共空間的作用，並使穿越藤蔓大街高速公路的駕駛體驗更加愉悅。壁畫完成後廣場的名字將會被標出。

錦鯉在中國文化中代表著好運。我們希望藉助錦鯉池塘壁畫，連接本被高速公路分隔開的社區，並為華埠帶來好運。蔡晨林是擁有賓夕法尼亞州美術學院和清華大學學位的資深藝術家。
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。你将得到一个好的开始，当你决定成为房主的时候，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三个星期四。下午班是下午3点至下午7点！

即将到来的课程是12月19日。

需要注册，请致电或发送电子邮件给李萍好以预留您的座位：215-922-6156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；这将可以用来申请首付和/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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银行提供不同的的援助项目，请与您的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 215-922-6156获取更多详情。拨款金额可能会发生变化。

邻里能源中心（NEC）服务即将来到华埠！

能源协调机构（ECA）提供的邻里能源中心（NEC）。NEC训练有素的顾问帮助客户获得能源补助和水电福利来预防出现水煤紧急情况。

从10月30日星期三开始，每个星期三上午10点到下午3点，来自ECA的NEC服务之一，费城亚洲社会服务（GPASS）的顾问将在PCDC办公室提供能源援助服务。服务包括但不限于：

- 燃料援助
  - 低收入家庭能源援助计划（LIHEAP）
  - 费城天然气（PGW）客户责任计划（CRP）
  - PECO电援助计划（CAP）
  - 费城水务部（PWD）分级援助计划（TAP）
  - 费城水务部（PWD）长者折扣计划
- 防寒保暖援助计划
- 家庭维修或保护计划
- 加热系统维修

服务所需的文件：
1) 所有家庭成员的社会安全卡
2) 所有家庭成员的姓名和出生日期
3) 照片身份证
4) 非美国公民家庭成员的永久居民卡（绿卡）
5) 水、电、煤气费帐单（电费，煤气费，水费，石油费）
6) 家庭收入证明

目前仅通过预约提供服务。请致电PCDC 215-922-6156安排预约。
2020 年人口普查事實與更新

什麼是 2020 年人口普查？
2020 年人口普查統計了居住在美國 50 個州，哥倫比亞特區和五個美國領土的所有人。此計數由憲法規定，由無黨派政府機構美國人口普查局進行。人口普查每 10 年進行一次。

人口普查為何重要 - 每個人都計數
每隔十年，美國憲法要求對所有居民進行一次計數（或“普查”）。人口普查收集有關整個國家人口的詳細信息。該信息用於：
- 確定您所在州在國會中獲得的席位數。
- 指導如何每年向州和社區分配超過 6750 億美元的聯邦資金。
- 創造就業機會，提供住房，為緊急情況做好準備，以及建立學校，道路和醫院。
- 在聯邦，州和地方一級進行重新分區，這樣，普查會對費城及其社區產生重大影響。完整而準確的計數至關重要。

重要日期 — 人口普查日是 2020 年 4 月 1 日開始
三月的第二週，每個家庭將收到邀請以網上，電話或邮寄方式回覆一份簡短的問卷。這將是您第一次能夠網頁回應人口普查。完成人口普查時，您將包括所有在 4 月 1 日居住在您家裡的每個人。人口普查日將在全國範圍內舉行活動。

費城計數 Philly Counts 2020
費城計數 Philly Counts 2020 是市政府為支持美國人口普查所做的努力。通過與社區成員和合作夥伴緊密合作，該計劃旨在：
- 增加對普查重要性的了解。
- 向公衆宣傳如何參與。
- 確保公衆的回應，以公平和準確地計算。
- 支持填充人口普查工作。

該計劃由完整計數委員會指導。在肯尼市長的帶領下，該小組提供了建議，並著重於費城市歷來難以計數的地區。

2020 年人口普查工作 - 費城每小時$ 17-$ 23

資料來源：美國 2020 年人口普查 - https://2020census.gov/
ATTENTION PLEASE

PCDC VITA
報稅日

招募志願者 - 聯繫 PCDC 李萍好 215-922-6156 或 plee@chinatown-pcdc.org

1) 免費報稅服務中心 (VITA) 志願者 (語言：英語 和 普通話/廣東話)
招募志願者參加 2020 年 2 月和 3 月的免費報稅服務中心 (VITA) 計劃。VITA 計劃為一般收入少於 56000 美元的家庭，殘疾人仕，長者以及英語口語能力有限的納稅人士提供免費報稅的幫助。職位如下：
   - 接待員: 接待客戶，協助詢問員完成初步諮詢和管理任務。
   - 諮詢員: 篩選客戶資格，幫助客戶填寫所需表格並整理所有文件。
   - 報稅員: 與客戶面談，為個人和家庭準備聯邦和州所得稅申報表。

成為 VITA 志願者的要求：
   - 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
   - 尊重納稅人的隱私

以下是华埠街区目前和即将开展的区划事宜。在区划调整委员会（ZBA）听取之前，区域事务首先通过公共RCO会议向社区提出。如果你对于区划有宝贵意见，欢迎参加RCO会议或ZBA听证会。所有ZBA听证会都在拱门街1515号的一Parkway Building第18楼举行。PCDC的规划委员会作为注册社区组织（RCO）在每个月的第二个星期二下午6点就第7至第13街，Filbert至Spring Garden Street的区划举行会议。

下次会议将于12月10日举行。接下的三次会议将于以下日期举行：
1月14日
2月11日
3月10日

上次会议案件：
地址：冬天街920号
上訴 #: 38933
許可證號碼：1002933
预定聽證時間：2020年2月5日，下午3：30
提案：申请修建一个半独立结构，用于多户住宅（4个单位）。此楼房的地基上已建有一栋已获批准的4层楼房，内含3个单位。新楼房建成后，此地基将有共7个单位。
RCO意见：
有條件支持。条件有：
1. 申请人将制定一个施工时间表，保证建筑材料的运送和建筑垃圾的回收不会影响邻里。施工时间表制定后要发给邻里和RCO。
2. 申请人将确保不会将垃圾放在公共通道上。
3. 申请人将在施工地點四周安裝施工保護密網。

下次案件：
目前沒有新的案件會在PCDC的公開會議上被討論。未來若

非基本服务的费用

服务公司可能会对您的账单收取非基本服务的费用。但是服务公司必须清楚地单独这些账单列出。一些非基本服务的例子有：商品，电器，安装费，销售费，出租或维修费用，表计测试费，线路加长费，特殊修屋费，和保修计划。

费用预算 - 计划你的服务费用

你的电力或燃氣公用服务必須在全年註冊的基礎上提供預算。你有权向服务公司索取预算结果。费用预算是你与服务公司的一项协议，他们将平均开你的账单。费用预算计划可以让你更輕鬆地規畫服务費用。您的事業公司將會為你提供更多的關於“費用預算”的信息。
PCDC Project and Services

Teen Activities and Opportunities:

Important Announcement:

The SAT practice session on December 28th will be held from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at 1001 Vine Street. Contact ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org to reserve a seat.

Volunteering Opportunity: Join the Philadelphia Reading Coaches!

Help K-3 students become more motivated and confident. No experience necessary. Meet new friends. Promote students' reading skills for life success.

Requirements: Must be at least 14 years old and commit to volunteering for at least one hour per week in the entire school year. Register online at http://ost.phila.gov/philly-reading-coaches/ or call PRC 215-686-0317.

Christmas Village

Come to the Christmas Village and see 80 different vendors selling authentic European food and crafts from around the world.

Location: Love Park, Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Time: November 29th (Thursday) to December 24th (Monday)

Cheesecakes

Join in the fun of Christmas during the holiday season! A free event with exciting entertainment, family-friendly activities, and the lighting of the Philadelphia holiday tree by Mayor and City Representative Sheila Hess.

Location: Philadelphia City Hall, 12th and Broad Streets

Time: December 4th, Wednesday, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Become a Visitor of Chinatown: Book Corner (Arts Museum Avenue)

Books inside the store will be sold at the following prices, excluding books with a price tag.

• $3 hardcover book
• $2 paperback
• $1 for large sets of paperbacks

Time: Monday to Saturday (10:00 AM to 6:00 PM)

Location: 311 S 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

USPAACC Scholarship

The USPAACC (United States Pan-American Chamber of Commerce) believes in investing in our future leaders. Since 1989, through the USPAACC, over $200,000 in scholarships has been awarded to high school students across the country. Each scholarship ranges from $3,000 to $5,000, for them to use for their college education.

Apply now! Visit https://celebrasianconference.com/scholarships to start your application.

Deadline: March 27th, 2020

All courses and materials are free. Limited availability, first come, first served!

SAT Math

Weekly, 4-6 PM
1001 Vine Street
Teacher: Clara Zheng

SAT Reading and Writing

Weekly, 4-6 PM
1001 Vine Street
Teacher: Phoebe Ho

Sports Night

Weekly, 4-6 PM
1001 Vine Street
Teacher: Rosaline Yang, Kevin Yoo

Free SAT Practice Test

Every last Saturday, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, 1001 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Limited seats available, contact Rosaline Yang at ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org to reserve a seat.
費城提出塑料袋禁令和收費

今年夏天初，市議會提出了一項法案，禁止使用薄塑料袋和不可回收的紙袋，同時對可回收紙袋和較厚的塑料袋收取15美分的費用。對於購買雜貨，商品或外賣的顧客和客戶，他們將需要為塑料袋支付額外費用或攜帶自己的可重複使用的袋。

近年來，波士頓，芝加哥和西雅圖等城市已經實施了塑料袋禁令。費城的問題在於一次性使用的薄塑料袋會助長整個城市的亂拋垃圾，以及隨之而來的清理亂拋垃圾的費用。

但這對零售商和顧客意味著什麼？對於提供可回收紙袋或較厚塑料袋的企業，如果客戶需要袋子，他們將需要支付15美分的費用給商家。


更新：從2019年10月22日起，市議會的許可證檢查委員會已經批准了該塑料袋禁令。紙質和可重複利用袋子的費用已從法案中移除。狗糞袋，任何可在商店購買的袋子，零售商內用於包裝水果或肉等物品的袋以及乾洗袋均被豁免。如果市議會通過該法案，該法案將於2020年7月頒布。

PCDC 提供的低收入房出租

PCDC 位於 Wallace 街和 N. 12th Streets 街交叉口附近的十二街家庭住宅項目的一居室和兩居室單元正在接受申請。

如何申請：
查看您是否符合條件，請查看 North 12th Family Homes 的申請表，該申請表可在以下網址找到：http://chinatown-pcdc.org/north-12th-homes/。如果您還有其他疑問或想提交申請，請通過215-922-2156與Lamei Zhang聯絡，或通過電子郵件與Lzhang@chinatown-pcdc.org聯繫。

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PCDC 新聞

這期主要内容:

PCDC 新聞

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華埠大道

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區劃和規劃

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- 招募志願者

社區新聞

- “錦鯉池”來到了唐人街

PCDC 上個月慶祝鼎華居活動中心的開業典禮。多虧了敬業的志願者，員工和董事會成員的幫助，PCDC得以在我們的華埠新社區中心舉辦了第一場活動。

超過300位嘉賓欣賞了費城太陽隊，華埠幼稚園的學生，美食，茶書法和藝術展覽，這些展覽反映了On Lok House和PCDC青少年俱樂部成員的才華。藝術家Cai Chenlin在鼎華居中心開設了他的近期作品特別展覽，他的靈感來自中國傳統藝術主題和西方藝術方法。他在透明的表面上創造了藝術風格和文化影響的結合。還有剛完成的10街廣場的錦鯉池塘壁畫演示了Chenlin的才華。

鼎華居中心現已開放，可以舉辦特別活動，會議和體育比賽。開幕典禮上有六個非凡的餐飲供應商，從菜單中提供創新的選擇。特別感謝“Eatible Delights”，“Feastivities”，“Feast Your Eyes”，Herb Scott餐飲, Sang Kee Restaurant和越南餐廳。想要獲得更多有關在鼎華居上舉辦活動或預訂場地的信息，請聯繫PCDC ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org。