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

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Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation is a grassroots, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization who aims to preserve, protect, and promote Chinatown as a viable ethnic, residential, and business community. We need your support. DONATE



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February 2020

PCDC News

Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation Hosts Mayor Luncheon in Chinatown to Support Businesses

Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC) Board Chairwoman Margaret Chin hosted Mayor James Kenney for dim sum in Chinatown during this Coronavirus scare. The event took place on Feb 6th at the Ocean Harbor Restaurant. The Mayor was accompanied by the Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley, Managing Director Brian Abernathy, and Business Manager of Commerce Department Ting Wang.

The novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak in China has affected Asian communities globally. Philadelphia Chinatown is experiencing a decline in business due to the fear of the coronavirus. From restaurants to acupuncture clinics, owners have complained to PCDC about the negative impact on their businesses.

“We have sincere compassion and deep sympathy to the people in Wuhan and other cities in China who are greatly affected by the coronavirus”, said Margaret Chin. “Both U.S. and China governments are taking serious measures to prevent the spread of the virus and we don’t have any cases in Philadelphia. It is safe to come to Chinatown, and Chinatown businesses need your support.”

The Luncheon was organized by John Chin, Executive Director of PCDC. “PCDC’s mission is to preserve, protect and promote Philadelphia’s Chinatown as a viable ethnic, residential and business community. During this difficult period of time, we are doing what we can to help Chinatown businesses to survive.”

In support of Chinatown and to allay fears about Coronavirus, Mayor Kenney came to dine with community members and supporters in Chinatown. Chinatown is the only minority community in Center City, and its commercial corridor serves residents and visitors in the Greater Philadelphia Region. Now it’s the time for Philadelphians to provide support to these small and family-owned businesses.

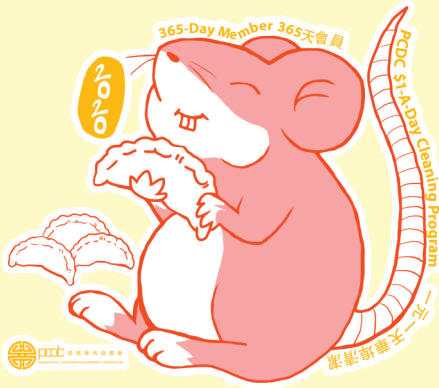


\$1-a-Day Cleaning Program: Become a Supporter!

Did you know that our cleaning crew provides daily sweeps of Chinatown's streets to tackle hundreds of pounds of trash every week? Our crew services areas north and south of Vine Street and regularly reports illegal dumping and graffiti in addition to litter pick up.

PCDC's \$1-a-Day program was started in 2011 and is named after the concept of local businesses voluntarily donating one dollar per day in support of the cleaning program. The \$1-a-Day program hires locally from Chinatown, keeps Chinatown's sidewalks clean and reports issues such as potholes and graffiti.

Donations can be made by businesses or individuals. Donation levels are: 90-day supporter (\$95), 180-day supporter (\$185), and 365-day supporter (\$365). All donors will receive a 2020 Year of the Rat window decal matching the donation amount.



Plastic Bag Ban Survey of Chinatown: What Are Businesses Saying?

In December 2019, PCDC volunteers conducted a small survey of 15 businesses in Chinatown regarding the new legislation that would prohibit the use of single-use plastic and non-recyclable paper bags (Bill No. 190610-A02). Businesses that were surveyed included restaurants, markets, laundries, pharmacies and gift shops.



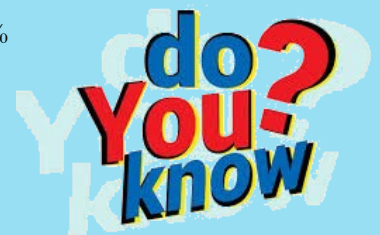
Of the 15 businesses surveyed, only 6 businesses had heard of the Plastic Bag ban (40%). Nearly all businesses provided plastic bags for free to their customers, with some also providing free paper and cloth bags. Restaurants and markets revealed that they used anywhere between 50 to 1000 plastic bags on a daily basis.

When asked about the effect plastic bags had on the environment, most businesses agreed that plastic bags are harmful to the environment. However, many respondents also found it inconvenient, costly, or difficult to find or use alternatives to plastic bags. A few respondents cited that government officials should consider the cost to merchants and provide alternative options to plastic bags.

Philadelphia's City Council Approves Changes to 10 Year Real Estate Tax Abatement

As of December 12th, 2019, Philadelphia's City Council has passed amendments that would affect the city's 10-year Real Estate Tax Abatement, referred to as the Bill No. 190944-A01. After getting approval from Council, the bill will be delivered to the Mayor for approval.

- If the bill passes, the amendments would go into effect on December 31st, 2020
- Rehabilitation of existing buildings will not be affected by the bill
- Construction costs are eligible for 100% tax abatement if the application is submitted on or before December 31st, 2020
- New residential construction tax abatement applications received after December 31st, 2020, will receive tax abatements that are reduced by 10 percentage points in each of the 10 years the real estate tax abatement is in effect (i.e. Year 1: 100% tax abated, Year 2: 90% tax abated, Year 3: 80% tax abated...). After the 10th year, the tax abatement will be terminated.



PCDC Programs and Services

Teen Events and Opportunities

Important Announcements

The February practice SAT will be on February 29, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at 1001 Vine Street. Please contact Rosaline at ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org to reserve a seat.

Learn2Code with Philly CoderDojo

Join Philly CoderDojo on the first Saturday of every month when they will be offering a free coding club for kids ages 7 to 17 in their PC lab! They will offer you the coding tools to help you develop websites, mobile apps, games and more! The workshop is free, but space is limited. Be sure to register by emailing PHLCoderDojo@gmail.com.

Location: South Philadelphia Library, 1700 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145

Date and Time: Saturdays at 11:30 AM, 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, and 6/6

Black History Month Matinee Series

Engage in black history with films every weekend. Films include: Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse (2/1), Moonlight (2/8), Black Panther (2/15), Let the Fire Burn (2/22), Malcolm X (2/29).

Location: South Philadelphia Library, 1700 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145

Date and Time: Saturdays in February at 2:00 P.M. (please check date for respective movie)

Free Play with Wii and Switch!

Come out to the library after school to play with the Nintendo Wii and Switches for free! Starting at 4:00 PM, kids can play games like Mario Kart, Labo, Dance Dance Revolution and more.

Location: South Philadelphia Library, 1700 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145-2392

Date and Time: Tuesdays at 4 PM – 2/18, and 2/25

NAAAP Philadelphia Future Leaders Scholarship Program 2020

The National Association for Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) is proud to announce the 2020 scholarship program recognizing Asian American students in the Philadelphia region who have demonstrated strong leadership potential. The \$1000 scholarship for graduating high school seniors and current college students can be used for education or living expenses.

To Apply: Visit <http://phl.naaap.org/scholarship-program/> for eligibility and the application details.

Deadline: Sunday, March 15, 2020

UPenn 2020 Provost's Summer Mentorship Program (SMP)

The Summer Mentorship Program provides students an invaluable opportunity to gain hands-on experience through specially designed curricula in one of the five UPenn's professional schools that participate in the program (Dental, Medicine, Engineering, Law, and Nursing). In addition, the students are offered test prep, financial literacy, life skills, college application process assistance/information and other services that help them to hone their skills and strengthen their self-confidence. NOTE: All applicants must be enrolled in the 10th grade at a Philadelphia public or charter high school in order to be considered for admission.

To Apply: <https://www.vpul.upenn.edu/eap/smp/>

Deadline: April 3, 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

Sports Day

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

Free Practice SAT

Last Saturday each month, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
1001 Vine St, Crane Center

Space is limited. Please email Rosaline Yang at ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org to reserve a spot.

SAT Math

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

"Free Activity Fridays"

Friday, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM,
1001 Vine St, Crane Chinatown
Teacher: Rosaline Yang, Kevin Yoo



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 at PCDC or a ZBA hearing regarding any matter of interest at One Parkway Building, 1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor.

PCDC's Planning Committee serves as Chinatown's RCO. It meets at 6pm on the second Tuesday of each month. The RCO's boundaries are 7th to 13th Street and Filbert to Spring Garden Street.

The next meeting is on Feb. 11th. The next three meetings are:
March 10th
April 14th
May 12th

Previous Cases:

There was no RCO case presented in previous meeting on Jan. 14th.

Upcoming Cases:

Address: 1025 Hamilton St

Appeal #: 39601

Permit #: 1032548

Scheduled Hearing Time: Mar 4, 2020

Proposal: special exception for live entertainment (assembly and entertainment) as part of an existing sit down restaurant with existing general industrial on 1st floor with all other uses as previously approved in an existing structure.

Address: 1019 Arch St

Appeal #: 39406

Permit #: 1016093

Scheduled Hearing Time: Apr 15, 2020

Proposal: permit for two (2) sit-down restaurants at the cellar through 1st floor with business & professional offices at the 2nd floor through 2nd floor mezzanine and nine (9) dwelling units (multi-family household living) at the 3rd floor through 5th floor mezzanine. For an increase in floor area ratio from 436.76% to 590.1% and for the removal of bay windows and changes in location and increase in size to two (2) courts. For the documentation of an increase in structure height from 71 ft to 72.9 ft. Sizes and locations as shown on application / plans. See ap#486497,

Know Your Rights as a Utility Customer in PA Series: Prevent Utility Shutoff Due to a Medical Condition

You can prevent a shutoff of your utility if you or someone in your household has a medical condition.

Option 1. Ask your utility provider if you qualify for a payment plan or other option to prevent a shutoff.

Option 2. Obtain a "medical certification". There are two ways to obtain a medical certification:

Method #1:

Step #1 - contact your utility provider and inform them that someone in your household has a medical condition.

Step #2 – provide your doctor's fax telephone number and ask the utility to send a form

Step #3 – ask your doctor to complete the form and return it

Method #2:

Step #1 – ask your doctor to fax a letter to your utility. The letter must include:

- The name and address on the utility account
- The name and address of the person with the medical condition and his/her relationship to the utility account holder
- The length of the medical condition or illness
- The name of the doctor or nurse practitioner certifying the medical condition

The shutoff can then be postponed for a maximum of 30 days and renewed for additional 30-day periods.

A single medical certification will result in postponement or restoration of service for a maximum of 30 days. However, you still have the responsibility to pay your current bills or your budget billing amount during the postponement. If you do not pay your current bills, the utility is not required to accept more than two medical certification renewals.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Programs and Services

Get ready to file your 2019 Income Tax

What Do You Need To File Taxes

Before you prepare your tax return, you should have a tax preparation checklist to help you get organized. Once you are organized and ready to move forward, you will find that everything begins to fall into place.

What is the overall goal of a tax preparation checklist? Simply put, it will help you get everything together before you begin to file your tax return or show up for your appointment with a tax professional. As you move down the checklist, you will find items you may have missed as well as things that were accounted for in the past.

Listed below are some of the details that should be included on your tax preparation checklist.

Tax Preparation for Personal Information

The IRS needs to know who is filing the tax return, as well as how many people are covered on it. To make this easy, they require:

- Your Social Security number
- Your spouse's Social Security number (if married)
- Social Security numbers for any dependents

Tax Preparation for Income Information

The following documents will help you prepare all the income information that you need to file a federal tax return:

- W-2 Forms from all employers you (and your spouse, if filing a joint return) worked for during the past tax year.
- 1099 Forms if you (or your spouse) have completed contract work and earned more than \$600.
- Investment income information (including: interest income, dividend income, proceeds from the sale of bonds or stocks, and income from foreign investments).
- Income from local and state tax refunds from the prior year.
- Business income (accounting records for any business that you own)
- Unemployment income
- Rental property income
- Social Security benefits
- Miscellaneous income (including: jury duty, lottery and gambling winnings, Form 1099-MISC for prizes and awards, and Form 1099-MSA for distributions from medical savings accounts)

Tax Preparation for Income Adjustments

The following adjustments can help reduce how much you owe in taxes, and in turn, increase your chance of receiving a tax refund:

- Homebuyer tax credit
- Green energy credits
- IRA contributions
- Mortgage interest
- Student loan interest
- Medical Savings Account (MSA) contributions
- Self-employed health insurance
- Moving expenses

Tax Preparation for Credits and Deductions

There are many tax credits and tax deductions for various expenses, which are designed to help lower the amount of tax that an individual has to pay:

- Education costs
- Childcare costs
- Adoption costs
- Charitable contributions/donations
- Casualty and theft losses
- Qualified business expenses
- Medical expenses
- Job and moving expenses

Tax Preparation for Direct Deposit

Are you interested in having your tax refund directly deposited into your bank account? If so, you will need to provide two things:

- Your bank account number
- The bank's routing number

This tax forms / preparation checklist should help you get organized before filing your next income tax return.

Programs and Services

Alternate Suppliers Door to Door Energy Sales: Are You Being Scammed?

There is a person knocking at your door and they probably say the following lines:

"I'm working on behalf of your utility. Can I take a look at your electricity/gas bill so that I can make sure that you aren't paying too high of a rate?" or "I can get you a rebate on your bill"

"I'm doing a survey for ____ (government or company). Can I ask you a few questions?"

"We have a sale/special price on our energy rates that ends tomorrow."

"We'll give you a good deal if you we can use you in our advertising"

If you hear these lines, they are representatives from companies called "Alternate Suppliers".

Your energy service is divided into two parts; supply, the cost of the gas and/or electricity, and delivery, transportation of energy.

Delivery is a regulated service which means that PECO or PGW will continue to deliver gas and/or electricity to all customers. This also means that PECO/PGW is responsible for the wires, poles and outage restoration regardless of supplier. PECO/PGW's costs and policies are regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC).

However, supply is not a regulated service. Energy suppliers that are licensed by the Pennsylvania PUC and registered with PECO/PGW can become your supplier, and they are called "Alternate energy suppliers". This gives you the choice and allows you to shop for the best energy rates and terms.

Recently PCDC received comments from our clients about these alternate suppliers. Some of these clients have no idea that they switched to alternate supplier from PECO/PGW; some mentioned they were pressured to sign the contracts; some said they would like to switch back to PECO/PGW but the alternate supplier won't let them because they cannot communicate in English. If you have any comments about these alternate suppliers, please share your story here: <http://bit.ly/PCDCAESComments>

There are a few things that you can do to avoid getting scammed if a representative of an alternate supplier knocks at your door. First of all, make sure that everybody in your household knows who is capable of making decisions about your energy supply. Also, don't show your bill to just anyone! Make sure to ask for some identification so that you know who you're talking to. Along with watching out for any of the common energy door-to-door scam lines that we've listed above, make sure to ask about the following if an energy salesperson comes to your door:

- How long do I have to change my mind without paying a cancellation fee?
- Does this price include a base charge? Is there a minimum usage fee if I consume less electricity?
- How much is the cancellation fee (early exit fee)?
- What are the late payment charges?
- Is a security deposit required? If so, when and how will I get it back?
- If any of the current services they are proposing would affect any current services that I have (e.g. renting a water furnace)?
- Will I have to pay a fee to switch from my current supplier and/or an activation fee to start a new account?

Finally, don't feel pressured to sign a contract on the spot. Ask to keep a copy of the contract, the terms and conditions, and all supporting document so that you have time to read them over and think about it carefully. Your energy supply is an important part of your monthly budget and often a long-term decision - you don't need to make a decision quickly!

There are many programs available to low income families to lower their utility bills. If you need help in finding these programs, please contact PCDC to meet with a housing counselor.

Electric Suppliers

To see a list of competitive Electric Generation Suppliers, or to learn more about shopping for electricity, visit the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's PA Power Switch website: <https://www.papowerswitch.com/>

Gas Suppliers

For a complete list of all natural gas suppliers licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or to learn about shopping for gas, visit the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's PA Gas Switch website: <https://www.pagasswitch.com/>



Programs and Services

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 a homeowner. The afternoon class is from 3pm to 7pm!

The upcoming class is Thursday, February 13th.

Registration is required. Please call or email 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.



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For a list of down payment / closing costs assistance programs, please visit: <http://bit.ly/DPCCAssistancePrograms>

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.



Comcast \$9.95 Affordable High-speed Home Internet for Low Income Families

Comcast has expanded the eligibility for their Internet Essential program. This program offers high-speed home internet for only \$9.95 per month. In the past, only seniors and households with students could benefit from the program. But now, any individual or household that are eligible for public assistance programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, Food Stamps (SNAP), LIHEAP, WIC, SSI, and others, are also eligible. There is no contract, no required credit check, and no installation fee.

The online application takes about 15 minutes, then upload required documents. For more information, please go to this website: <https://www.internetessentials.com/> or call 1-855-846-8376.

Community News

WE CALL IT CRANE CHINATOWN. YOU CALL IT HOME.

Inspired by the vibrant community that surrounds us, Crane Chinatown began as a dream to give our community a place to connect. To grow. To be inspired. The dream grew, as dreams tend to do, to include fitness, learning, and culture. It flourished to become a destination for our community – and those around us – to unite in all aspects of their lives, and the foundation for a tower of inspired residences that would soar above.



FEATURES & AMENITIES

Apartment Features

- Floor-to-ceiling windows with great views
- Keyless entry
- Wood-style flooring in living areas
- White kitchen cabinetry
- Stainless steel appliances
- Tile backsplash
- Granite countertops
- Washer and dryer
- Abundant storage space

Building Amenities

- Rooftop sundeck with fire pits and grill stations
- Access to Crane's state-of-the-art fitness center
- Access to Philadelphia's new Rail Park



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MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITS

APARTMENT TYPE	FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MAXIMUM RENT
Studio	1 person	\$25,250	\$50,500	\$1,262
Studio	2 persons	\$28,850	\$57,700	\$1,262



PROPOSED FEES

Application Fee: \$50 per person
Security Deposit: \$500
Reservation Deposit: \$500
(toward move in costs)

Amenity Fee: \$250
Pet Non-refundable Deposit: \$350
Monthly Pet Fee: \$50 per month



RENT DOES NOT INCLUDE UTILITIES

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*Restrictions may apply. Please contact the leasing team for more details.

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VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Sat & Sun:

2/15, 2/16, 2/22, 2/23

3/7, 3/8, 3/14, 3/15

2/29, 3/1 No Service

Time: 9:00 AM — 4 PM



New location

**Crane Center
(1001 Vine St)**

VITA



MUST BRING:

- ☐ Valid original government issued photo ID
- ☐ Social Security cards for taxpayer and all dependents
- ☐ Income documents including W-2s and 1099s
- ☐ If you had 2019 Marketplace Insurance: Form 1095-A
- ☐ 2018 tax return
- ☐ For direct deposit refund: Voided check

IF AVAILABLE

- ☐ Proof of health insurance: 1095-B / 1095-C
- ☐ Childcare receipts with provider information (including SSN / EIN)
- ☐ Form 1098-T (tuition payment statement)
- ☐ Identity theft pin, if applicable



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VITA



義工免費報稅

週六日:

2/15, 2/16, 2/22, 2/23

3/7, 3/8, 3/14, 3/15

2/29, 3/1 沒有服務

時間: 9:00 AM — 4 PM



新地點

鼎華中心 Crane Center
(1001 萬安街 Vine St)

必須攜帶:

- ☐ 有效政府簽發的照片身份證正本
- ☐ 報稅人與所有家屬的社會安全卡
- ☐ 收入文件, 包括 W-2s 和 1099s
- ☐ 如有 2019 奧巴馬保險: 表格 1095-A
- ☐ 2018 年的報稅表
- ☐ 如退款直接存入銀行: 無效銀行支票

如果有的話

- ☐ 健康保險證明: 1095-B / 1095-C
- ☐ 托兒服務提供者信息(包括 SS #/EIN)
- ☐ 表格 1098-T (學費支付明細表)
- ☐ 防身份盜用密碼 (pin)



COMMUNITY MEETING

NAC SERVICE AREA BRIEFING

社區會議 - NAC 服務區簡報會

MONDAY 星期一 2.17.2020 | 6 - 8 PM

Location: Francis House of Peace, 810 Arch Street, Philadelphia

地點: 平安樓, 亞區街810號, 費城華埠

Come to learn Lead hazard and protect the health of your family.

來瞭解如何檢測鉛, 保護家人健康

舊屋內鉛含量高, 會導致鉛中毒及傷害小孩的大腦發育!

您是否對警察執法有不滿或意見? 反映給警察諮詢委員會, 改善警民關係。

Come to meet Police Advisory Commission and tell them your thoughts about police.

關注華埠發展

瞭解什麼是區劃?

區劃如何影響你的生活?

Chinatown's development matters

Zoning Matters

From Montco to Market St.

Partnerup

Affordable health plans and a helpful team to navigate your coverage — that's just better.

Don't just get covered — Partnerup with HPP.

Health Partners Plans **H P P**

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替代供應商上門推銷：你被騙了嗎？

有人敲你的門並且對你說以下：

“我在負責你的水電能源的公司工作。我可以看看你的電費/煤氣費，以便來確保你支付的費率會不會太高嗎？”或
“我可以為你的賬單提供回扣。”

“我在為 _____（政府 / 公司）做一個問卷。我可以問你一些問題嗎？”

“我們的能源價格有特價，明天截止。”

“如果你能出現在我們的廣告裡，我們會給你優惠。”

如果你聽到這些話，那它們就是來自名為“備用供應商”的公司的代表。你的能源服務分為兩個部分：供應，煤氣和/或電力的成本，以及能源的輸送，運輸。運輸是一項受監管的服務，這意味著 PECO 或 PGW 將繼續向所有客戶輸送煤氣和/或電力。這也意味著，無論供應商是誰，PECO / PGW 都負責電線，電線桿和停電恢復。PECO / PGW 的費用和政策由賓州水電能源委員會（PUC）監管。

但是，供應不是受監管的服務。經賓州 PUC 許可並在 PECO / PGW 註冊的能源供應商都可以成為你的供應商，他們被稱為“替代能源供應商”。這為你提供了選擇，並允許你去購買你需要的能源價格和條款。

最近 PCDC 受到一些來自我們的客戶的關於這些替代供應商的評論。其中一些客戶不知道他們從 PECO / PGW 轉到了替代供應商。一些人提到他們被迫簽訂合同；有些人說他們想改回 PECO / PGW，但由於他們無法用英語交流，因此替代供應商不讓他們改回。如果你對這些替代供應商有任何意見，請在此處分享你的故事：<http://bit.ly/PCDCAESComments>

如果替代供應商的代表敲門，你可以採取一些措施來避免被騙。首先，請確保你家庭中的每個人都知道誰有能力做出有關你的能源供應方面的決定。另外，請勿向任何人顯示你的賬單！確保要求他們提供一些身份證明，以使你與誰交談。除了留意我們上面列出的任何常見的能源商上門推銷騙局之外，如果有能源銷售人上門請確保詢問以下問題：

- 什麼時候我需要支付取消費用去反悔我的決定？
- 此價格是否包含基本費用？如果我消耗較少的電量，我可不可以支付最低使用費？
- 取消費（提前退出費）是多少錢？
- 滯納金是多少？
- 需要押金嗎？如果需要，何時以及如何我可以將其取回？
- 他們提出的任何當前服務會影響我目前擁有的任何當前服務（例如租用水爐）嗎？
- 我是否需要支付費用以從當前供應商處切換到其他的和/或激活費來開設一個新帳戶？

最後，不要感到壓力就當場簽訂合同。要求保留一份合同，條款和條件以及所有支持文件的副本，以便你有時間仔細閱讀它們並仔細考慮。能源供應是每月預算的重要部分，通常是長期的決定-你無需快速做出決定！

這裡有很多給低收入家庭低水電費的項目。如果你在尋找這些項目時需要幫助，請聯繫 PCDC 與住房顧問會面。

電力供應商

要查看有競爭力的發電供應商列表，或要了解有關購電的更多信息，請訪問賓州水電能源委員會的 PA 電源開關網站：<https://www.papowerswitch.com/>

煤氣供應商

想要查看在賓州獲得許可的所有煤氣供應商的完整列表，或要了解有關購買煤氣的信息，請訪問賓州水電能源委員會的 PA 煤氣開關網站：<https://www.pagasswitch.com/>



PCDC 項目和服務

PCDC 的 HUD 認證房屋諮詢計劃每月提供雙語的購房者教育課程，以協助和支持潛在的房主，無論你是在本月或在幾年內才進行購買。你將會得到一個好的開始，當你決定成為房主的時候，這可以給你帶來更多的選擇並節省更多資金。課程安排在每個月的第三個星期四。下午班是下午 3 點至下午 7 點！



即將到來的課程是 2 月 13 日。

需要註冊，請致電或發送電子郵件給李萍好以預留你的座位：215-922-6156 或 plee@chinatown-pcdc.org
***完成本課程後，再加上兩小時的 PCDC 一對一輔導，你將獲得一個購房教育證書；這將可以用來申請首付和/或成交費用援助計劃。

有關目前的購房首期/過戶費補助計劃的列表，請訪問：<http://bit.ly/DPCCAssistancePrograms>
銀行提供不同的協助項目，請與你銀行的貸款部門人員協商一致的正確信息，你也可以撥打 PCDC 熱線電話 215-922-6156 獲取更多詳情。分配金額可能會發生變化。



Comcast 低收入家庭負擔得起的\$ 9.95 高速家庭互聯網

康卡斯特(Comcast)擴展了他們對互聯網必須計劃的合格要求。該計劃提供每月只需 9.95 美元的高速家庭互聯網。在以前，只有老年人和擁有學生的家庭可以使用該計劃。但是現在，任何有資格參加公共援助計劃，例如國家學校午餐計劃，住房援助，醫療補助，食品券 (SNAP)，LIHEAP，WIC，SSI 等的個人或家庭都有資格參與該計劃。這不需要任何合同，信用檢查和安裝費。

在線申請大約需要 15 分鐘，然後你只需上傳所需的文檔。想要了解更多信息，請訪問以下網站：<https://www.internetessentials.com/> 或致電 1-855-846-8376。

準備提交 2019 年個人所得稅

你需要什麼去提交稅？

在準備納稅申報單之前，你應該準備一個報稅清單，以幫助你井井有條的申請。此外，你的報稅準備清單還應該使你處於正確的心態。一旦整理好並準備好下一步，你會發現一切都會到位。簡而言之，這將幫助你在開始提交納稅申報表或與稅務專家會面之前，將所有事情都匯集在一起。當你查看清單時，你會發現你可能遺漏的項目以及過去曾考慮過的事情。這下面列出了一些應包含在你的報稅準備清單中的詳細信息。

個人信息的稅前準備

國稅局需要知道誰在申報稅收申報表，以及這涉及多少人。為了簡化此過程，他們要求：

- 你的社會安全號碼 (Social Security number)
- 你配偶的社會安全號碼 (如果已婚)
- 任何家屬的社會安全號碼

關於收入信息的稅務準備

以下文件將幫助你準備提交聯邦稅務申報表所需的所有收入信息：

- 來自你在過去一個納稅年度內工作的所有雇主 (和你的配偶，如果提交聯合申報表) 的 W-2 表格。
- 如果你 (或你的配偶) 完成了合同工作並獲得了超過 600 美元的收入，則需填寫 1099 表。
- 投資收入信息 (包括：利息收入，股息收入，出售債券或股票的收益以及外國投資的收益)。
- 來自上一年的地方和州的退稅收入。
- 營業收入 (你擁有的任何企業的會計記錄)
- 失業收入
- 出租物業收入
- 社會保障福利
- 雜項收入 (包括：陪審團業務，彩票和獎金，用於獎品和獎勵的 1099-MISC 表和用於醫療儲蓄賬戶分配的 1099-MSA 表)

收入調整的稅務準備

以下調整可幫助你減少你欠的稅款，以及增加你獲得退稅的機會：

- 購房者利益福利
- 綠色能源信用
- IRA 供款
- 抵押利率
- 學生貸款利率
- 醫療儲蓄賬戶 (MSA) 供款
- 自費健康保險
- 搬家支出

抵免稅的稅前準備

有許多有用的各種費用的抵制免除和扣除減免，初步幫助降低個人必須繳納的稅額：

- 教育費用
- 育兒費用
- 收養費用
- 慈善捐款/捐贈
- 傷亡和盜竊損失
- 合格業務費用
- 醫藥費用
- 工作和搬家費用

直接存款的稅前準備

你是否有興趣將退稅直接存入你的銀行帳戶？如果是這樣，你將需要提供兩件事：

- 你的銀行帳戶號碼
- 銀行的轉帳號碼

此稅表/準備清單應幫助你在提交下一份發票申報表之前整理好您所需。

客戶援助計劃：預防因為健康狀況的停水停電

如果你或家庭中的某人患有健康問題，你可以使用以下兩種方法預防停水停電。選項 1. 向你的水電公司詢問你是否符合資格獲得付款計劃或其他防止停水電的選擇。選項 2. 獲得“醫療證明”。以下有兩種方法獲得醫學證明：

方法 1：

步驟 # 1-與你的水電公司聯繫，並告知他們你家中有人患有健康問題。

步驟 # 2 -提供你醫生的傳真電話號碼，並要求水電公司發送一張表格

步驟 # 3 -請你的醫生填寫表格並寄回水電公司

方法 2：

步驟 # 1 -請你的醫生傳真一封醫療證明信件給你的水電公司。該信必須包括：

- 水電公司的帳戶名稱和地址
- 患有疾病的人的姓名和地址及其與他/她與帳戶持有人的關係
- 身體健康狀況或疾病的持續時間
- 證明身體狀況的醫生或護士的姓名

以上方法可以將停水電時間延遲 30 天，之後如果健康問題還未能解決可以再申請延長 30 天。

一份醫學證明將獲得最多 30 天的停水停電延遲或服務恢復。但是，你仍然有責任在推遲期間支付當前的帳單或預算帳單金額。如果你不支付當前的帳單，則水電公司不需要接受兩次以上的醫療證明延長申請。

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

分區事項



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 聽證會都亞區街 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 點舉行第 7 至第 13 街，Filbert 至 Spring Garden Street 的區劃會議。

下次會議將於 2 月 11 日舉行。接下來的三次會議將於以下日期舉行：

3 月 10 日，4 月 14 日，5 月 12 日

上次會議案件：

1 月 14 日的 RCO 會議沒有分區事項。

下次會議案件：

地址：Hamilton 街 1025 號

上訴編號：39601

許可證編號：1032548

預定聆訊日期：2020 年 3 月 4 日

申請：在已有一樓餐廳中，特許現場娛樂活動（聚集和娛樂）。該區劃為一般工業。現有樓房的其他用途已被批准。

地址：亞區 1019 號

上訴編號：39406

許可證編號：1016093

預定聆訊日期：2020 年 4 月 15 日

申請：地下室和一層用作兩個餐廳，2 層至 2 層半用作辦公室，3 層至 5 層半用作 9 個住宅單元（多戶）。申請將地積比從 436.76% 增加到 590.1%，並拆除凸窗，改變位置並增加大小。建築從 71 英尺增加到 72.9 英尺高。大小和地點詳見申請/圖紙。之前批准材料請見編號 #486497, #515084, 和 601254。

PCDC 項目和服務

青少年活動與機會

重要公告

2月的SAT模擬考試會在2月29日上午9:00至下午1:30 於鼎華中心 1001 Vine Street 舉辦。請發郵件至 ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org 聯繫 Rosaline 報名參加。

使用 Philly CoderDojo 學習代碼

在每個月的第一個星期六加入 Philly CoderDojo，屆時他們將在他們的PC實驗室為7至17歲的孩子提供免費的編碼俱樂部！他們將為你提供編碼工具，以幫助你開發網站，移動應用程序，遊戲等！研討會是免費的，但空間有限。請務必通過發送電子郵件給 PHLCoderDojo@gmail.com 進行註冊。

地點：南費城圖書館, 1700 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145

日期和時間：星期六上午11:30. 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2和6/6

黑人歷史月 Matinee 系列

每個週末都通過電影來了解黑人歷史吧。

蜘蛛人：新宇宙 (2/1)，月光 (2/8)，黑豹 (2/15)，讓火燃燒 (2/22)，黑潮 (2/29)

地點：南費城圖書館, 1700 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145

日期和時間：星期六下午2:00 (請檢查各部電影的日期)

電視遊戲機任你玩！

嘿，放學後來圖書館一起玩體感遊戲機吧？下午4點開始，孩子們可體驗不同的遊戲，其中包括：Mario Kart, Labo, Dance Dance Revolution 等遊戲。

地點：南費城圖書館, 1700 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145

日期與時間：週二下午四點- 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 以及2/25

NAAAP 費城未來領袖獎學金計劃2020

全國亞裔專業人士協會 (NAAAP) 自豪地宣布2020年獎學金計劃，表彰在費城地區表現出強大領導才能的亞裔學生。為高中畢業生和當前的大學生提供的\$ 1000獎學金可用於教育或生活費用。

申請鏈接：<http://phl.naaap.org/scholarship-program/> 資格和申請

截止日期：星期天2020年3月15日

USPAACC 獎學金

泛美商會教育基金會 (USPAACC) 堅信對下一代領導者的投資是萬分重要的。自1989年以來，USPAACC已經授予超過200萬美元的獎學金。USPAACC每年向全國的高中生提供10到20個獎學金，每個獎學金從3,000美元到5,000美元不等，致力於他們的大學教育。

請訪問<https://celebrasianconference.com/scholarships> 開始你的申請！

截止日期：星期五2020年3月27日

每周青少年俱樂部時間表：

所有課程和材料均免費。歡迎參加！位置有限，先到先得！

SAT 數學

星期三下午四點-六點

1001 Vine Street,

老師: Clara Zheng

SAT 閱讀和寫作

每星期一下午四點-六點

1001 Vine Street,

老師: Phoebe Ho

運動之夜 提供羽毛球，排球和籃球設備

週二和周四 下午四點-六點

1001 Vine Street,

老師: Rosaline Yang, Kevin Yoo

星期五免費活動

每星期五下午四點-六點

1001 Vine Street

老師: Rosaline Yang, Kevin Yoo

免費SAT模擬考試

每月的最後一個週六，早上九點到下午一點三十分 1001 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 名額有限，請電郵 Rosaline Yang 至 ryang@chinatown-pcdc.org 進行預約。



一元一天清潔計劃：成為支持者！

你是否知道我們的清潔人員每天都會對唐人街的街道進行清掃，每週處理數百磅的垃圾？我們的工作人員服務於萬安街北部和南部的區域，除垃圾收集外，還定期報告非法傾倒和塗鴉。

PCDC 的一元一天計劃始於 2011 年，以當地企業每天自願捐贈 1 美元支持清潔計劃的概念命名。這項一元一天計劃從華埠本地募捐，一起來幫助保持華埠的人行道清潔，並報告坑洼和塗鴉等問題吧。

企業或個人都可以捐款。捐贈級別為：90 天支持者（\$ 95），180 天支持者（\$ 185）和 365 天支持者（\$ 365）。所有捐贈者都將獲得與捐贈金額相匹配的 2020 年鼠年窗花。



華埠的塑料袋禁令調查：企業們在說什麼？

2019 年 12 月，PCDC 志願者對華埠的 15 家企業進行了一項小型調查，調查新法規禁止使用一次性塑料袋和不可回收紙袋（第 190610-A02 號法案）。被調查的企業包括餐館，市場，洗衣店，藥房和禮品店。



在接受調查的 15 家企業中，只有 6 家企業聽說過塑料袋禁令（佔 40%）。幾乎所有企業都免費向其客戶提供塑料袋，有些企業也免費提供紙袋和布袋。餐館和超市表示，他們每天使用 50 至 1000 個塑料袋。

當被問及塑料袋對環境的影響時，大多數企業都同意塑料袋對環境有害。然而，許多受訪者還發現使用塑料袋替代品不方便，昂貴或難以找到。一些答复者指出，政府官員應考慮商人的成本，並提供塑料袋的替代選擇。

費城市議會批准更改 10 年房地產稅收減免政策

截至 2019 年 12 月 12 日，費城市議會通過了將會影響該市 10 年房地產減稅的修正案，即第 190944-A01 號法案。在獲得議會批准後，該法案將交付給市長批准。

- 如果該修正案獲得通過，則該修正案將於 2020 年 12 月 31 日生效
- 對現有建築物的還原修復將不受該法案的影響
- 如果在 2020 年 12 月 31 日或之前提交施工申請，則仍可享受 100% 的減稅優惠
- 對於 2020 年 12 月 31 日之後收到的減稅申請，新的住宅建築將獲得減稅，但在房地產減稅生效的 10 年中每年遞增減少百分之十的減稅優惠
(即第一年：100% 減稅，
第 2 年：減免 90% 的稅，第
3 年：減免 80% 的稅...)。第
10 年後，減稅將終止。





PCDC成立於1966年是一個著眼與社會基層，非營利，為社區服務的組織。我們的使命是維護華埠風貌，保護居民與商家利益，促進華埠發展。

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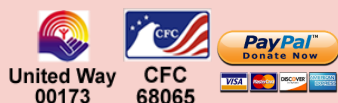
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費城華埠發展會是一個501(c)(3)非營利，為社區服務的組織。我們的使命是維護華埠風貌，保護居民與商家利益，促進華埠發展。我們需要你的支持，捐款以下。



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費城華埠發展會在華埠舉行市長午餐會來以支持華埠商戶

在新冠狀病毒於中國擴散的時期，費城華埠發展會 (PCDC) 董事長楊美靈 Margaret Chin 接待了市長詹姆斯·肯尼 (James Kenney) 在華埠吃點心，以表達他對華埠小商戶的支持。該活動在 2 月 6 日下午 12:30 在聚福金閣舉行。陪同市長的有衛生專員 Thomas Farley 博士，Brian Abernathy (常務董事) 和 Ting Wang (商務部)。

在中國爆發的新型冠狀病毒 (2019-nCoV) 已影響全球的亞洲社區。由於擔心冠狀病毒，費城華埠正在面臨業務的下降。從飯店到針灸診所，業主都向 PCDC 抱怨其業務受到負面影響。

“我們對受到新型冠狀病毒嚴重影響的武漢和中國其他城市的人民表示誠摯的慰問和深切的同情。”楊美靈說：“中美兩國政府都在採取嚴肅措施，以防止疾病的傳播。但是目前費城沒有任何病例。費城華埠很安全，華埠的商戶需要你的支持。”

午餐會由 PCDC 執行董事陳國賢 (John China) 組織。“PCDC 的使命是保存，保護和發展費城華埠成為繁榮的民族，住宅和商業社區。在這個艱難的時期，我們正在盡力幫助華埠企業生存。”

為了支持華埠與減輕對冠狀病毒的恐懼，市長肯尼與社區成員和支持者一起在華埠用餐。華埠是市中心唯一的少數民族社區，其商業走廊為大費城地區的居民和遊客提供服務。現在是時候由費城人支持這些小型家族商戶了。

