

PBCIP NEWS

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Five Reasons It's a Great Time to Buy a PBCIP Home



Don't buy a fixer upper that will be nothing but a headache. PBCIP homes are fully renovated in a great neighborhood of Camden. You'll get all new plumbing, heat, and electrical systems, all new appliances, first floor hardwood floors and more.

1.) Time is running out for the **\$8,000 federal homebuyer's tax credit**. The government extended the deadline, but it won't last long!

2.) City of Camden \$5,000 grant for first time homebuyers

3.) Don't settle for "as is" when you can buy a **fully renovated** PBCIP home.

4.) Your mortgage could be lower than what you pay your landlord in rent.

5.) It's a New Day in Parkside! Buy a great house in a great neighborhood.



Buy Now at the Pre-Construction Stage

Now is your opportunity to prepurchase for PBCIP's next construction phase. PBCIP's "gut rehab" method transforms currently vacant shells into beautiful homes where nearly everything is new. For more details, restrictions and available properties, contact PBCIP's homeownership coordinator at mlawrence@pbcip.org or (856) 964-0440.

PBCIP homes are fully renovated with all **new appliances, plumbing, heating and electric systems, beautiful new kitchens and bathrooms, first floor hardwood floors and more.**

To Qualify, You Must Have:

- Gross Annual Income of \$28,000 or more
- Two-person household (minimum one parent and one child)
- Must complete PBCIP Hope Institute Homebuyer Program (call (856) 964-0440 for details.



It's a New Day in Parkside...Make a New Commitment.

US Census is Looking for Local Workers

Part-time jobs are available for the federal 2010 Census, starting at \$15 per hour. The government is particularly looking for bilingual workers to help get an accurate census count in the city.

To apply, call the Camden census office at (856) 412-8960. Or, go to <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/application-material/index.php> to download an application and schedule a testing session. Applications must be submitted in person on the day of your employment test.

The census is used to distribute hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to states and cities for

public programs in education, community health care, public transportation, housing and other areas. The form contains only 10 questions this year and it is vitally important residents fill it out. The information you give remains private and will not be shared with other government agencies.

Census takers work in their own communities locating households; explaining the purpose of the census; conducting brief personal interviews; helping neighbors complete their 2010 Census questionnaire; and recording responses on paper forms. You will be required to work when most people are typically at home, which includes

evening and weekend hours. In most cases, a valid driver's license and use of a vehicle are required to work as a census taker. However, use of public transportation may be authorized in certain areas. Check with your Local Census Office for details.



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United States
**Census
2010**

Calendar of Parkside Events: What's Happening In February & March

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. - **PBCIP Community Meeting** at Haddon Renaissance Adult Day Center, 1470 Haddon Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Topic: Are You Ready to Buy a Home?

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m. -- **Mixed use building design charette** at PBCIP offices, 1487 Kenwood Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m. - **Hope Institute** at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Topic: Budgeting

Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. -- **PBCIP Community Meeting** at Haddon Renaissance Adult Day Center, 1470 Haddon Ave.

Wednesday, March 10, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Topic: Credit Restoration.

Wednesday, March 24, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Topic: Applying for a Mortgage.

Wednesday, April 7, 6 p.m. -- **Hope Institute** at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Topic: Managing Your Finances.

Teens: Summer Job + DC Trip

If you are a junior or senior in high school, you may have the opportunity for a paid eight-week summer internship at a local non-profit this summer plus a trip to Washington DC in July. Details on the Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Student Leaders awards can be found at www.bankofamerica.com/neistudentleaders. Winners will attend a Student Leadership Summit in Washington July 19-24.

Deadline to apply is February 17.

Help Wanted at PBCIP

PBCIP has a job opening for a part time position:

Block Captain Chairperson & Outreach Specialist

Duties include recruitment of volunteers and members; working with PBCIP staff to develop resident leaders; serving as a liaison between block captains, membership and law enforcement; disseminate information to block captains and members; help coordinate community meetings, clean-ups

and events; and the Community Watch Program. This position involves 10 to 12 hours per week, with a yearly stipend of \$5,000.

Duties include working with churches, schools, community institutions to develop health, wellness and youth programs; collaborate with neighborhood leaders to develop relationship with public officials and hold them accountable to community concerns; develop and train neighborhood leaders; manage

and implement Community Watch Program; lead planning for events such as Fun Day.

The Outreach Specialist must have expertise with planning and organizing community event and projects, experience with grant writing and reporting; familiarity with Word and Access. Three years of community building experience required. For complete job descriptions and additional information, call PBCIP at (856) 964-0440.

Going Green Can Save You Money

“Going Green” might be the right thing to do, but it’s also easier on the budget. Here are some ways you can save money while being eco-friendly:

Insulate. Prevent energy-wasting air leaks by weatherstripping around doors and caulking cracks around windows. Use a mastic sealant or foil-backed tape to seal heating ducts. Insulate your attic and outside walls.



Switch your regular light bulbs to Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs.

They are low-cost, use less power, and last up to ten times longer than incandescent bulbs.



Change your thermostat by two degrees. Turn the heat down by two degrees in the colder months. Not only will you save money on your power bill, but up to one ton of greenhouse gases.



Unplug idle appliances and electronics. Even when turned off, computers and televisions still use power. Unplugging electronics will save energy and hundreds of dollars in power costs.

Bring your own grocery bags. Many stores sell canvas bags for less than a dollar.



Walk or bike. Burn calories and save money on fuel. For articles and tips on commuter bike safety, visit: <http://lighterfootstep.com>.



Paint your home “green”. The air in our homes can be two to five times more polluted than outdoor air. One of the major reasons for this are VOCs (volatile organic compounds) which are the toxins that cause that familiar new paint smell. Luckily, most

paint manufacturers make Low-VOC or Zero-VOC paint. The best part- no odor!

Buy local. Buying things grown and made locally helps support local growers and business owners. Buying locally keeps money in our community!

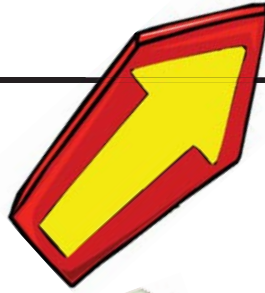
Get Your FREE Recycling Bucket!



Stop by the City of Camden public works office for a FREE recycling bucket. You must fill out a recycling pledge - it is your commitment to use the bucket for recycling only. Remember that it is the law to recycle. For more information, call the Public Works Hotline at (856) 757-7034.

You Be The Architect

PBCIP is very excited that we are at the design stage for our new retail/office building on Haddon Avenue. This building will have a major impact on the "look" of Parkside and we need to know your ideas on how to design it. Come to **PBCIP's Mixed Use Building Design Charette** from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, at PBCIP offices, 1487 Kenwood Avenue. This will be *your* community building - tell us how you'd like it to look!



OPEN HERE to find:

Job Openings



Homes You CAN Afford to Buy



How to Save Money by Going Green



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