



Quick Takes

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Vote!

This is the first election that allows early voting. If you haven't voted yet, you still have until Sunday, November 3, to try early voting. To find out where your early voting site is, you can log on to the NYC Board of Elections website at



Image of Vote sign

<https://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/html/voters/earlyVoting.shtml>

If you don't have access to a computer or the web, you can contact CIDNY at 212-674-2300 and ask for help identifying your early voting polling site. A benefits counselor can also help you.

Your regular polling site is where you will go to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. Aside from voting for Public Advocate, there are 5 ballot questions to vote for on the flip side of your ballot. These questions are complicated but there is a good summary on Gothamist. <https://gothamist.com/news/guide-5-ballot-questions-could-change-city-charter>

If you don't have access to the web, you can contact CIDNY at the above number and get a printed copy or help with the article. The ballot questions cover:

1. Ranked Choice Voting – You can vote for your first choice, second choice and third choice for any office.
2. Police Accountability and the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB).
3. Ethics and Governance.
4. City Budget, and
5. Land Use.

Once you vote, let us know how it went by doing our survey at <https://www.cidny.org/poll-site-accessibility/>:

1. Did you take advantage of early voting?
2. Were you able to get into your polling site easily?
3. Did you use the BMD?
 - a. If yes, did it work well? Was someone available to help you if you needed it?
4. Did you have any trouble scanning your ballot?
 - a. If yes, what happened?
5. Do you have any comments about your voting experience?

Email Monica Bartley at mbartley@cidny.org or call her at 646-442-4152 to tell her about your voting experience.

Time to Weigh-in on Mount Sinai/Beth Israel's Hospital Closure Effort

As we reported last month, Mount Sinai Beth Israel (MSBI) filed an application with the state to close their full-service hospital at 1st Ave. and 16th St. and replace it with a dramatically scaled back version of a hospital.

CIDNY has joined with community-based organizations, non-profit groups, and electeds to sponsor a community meeting on the future of Beth Israel on Monday, November 4th from 6 to 9 PM at 331 East 12th Street (Sirovich Senior Center).

We need more time for communities to understand and respond to the plans for Beth Israel and Rivington House. We have identified major flaws with the plan and concerns about the process. But that is not enough because we need an informed people who can talk about what this plan means for them.

The community meeting will focus on providing a clearer picture of the MSBI plans, address and increase community voices and concerns, and build up support for residents to attend the November Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC) meetings.

Mt. Sinai representatives will come before a state appointed panel of representatives from the State Department of Health at the PHHPC meeting on November 21st at 90 Church St. in New York City.

This meeting is to review the plans submitted by Mt. Sinai regarding mergers, reduction of services, and other changes to health care delivery. We need your help to spread the word. This fight is about access and quality of health care for all of us.

Contact Heidi, CIDNY's Health Policy Director, at 646-442-4147 or hsiegfried@cidny.org for more information and if you can attend. Some of the questions we have include:

1. Where will patients be transported if they go to the ER and need inpatient care not provided at the new facility? How would they get there and who would pay?
2. Will there be any surge capacity in the event of an outbreak of flu or other infectious disease, a flood, or a terrorist attack?



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3. If local residents need non-emergency acute care no longer provided at MSBI, how would they travel to other sites?
4. Where have all the maternity patients been going since MSBI closed their maternity ward?

If you have other questions, especially if you use MSBI for care now, we'd like to hear them.



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"Five Estate Planning Essentials" with Dan Timins Wednesday, November 6, 1:00-2:30

Dan Timins from the Financial Planning Association (FPA) is presenting the third workshop in our financial planning series. Find out about the 5 important documents you need to make sure that if something happens to you, your assets and your wishes are protected. Mr. Timins will focus on:

- What happens when you die or become disabled without documents drafted in advance;
- How the law may or may not serve your personal wishes;
- How to provide for minor beneficiaries and consider guardianship;
- How probate and non-probate transfers are different;
- How to move forward with setting up an estate plan.

See the calendar for more information on events at CIDNY in November.



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NEED HELP?

Walk-in/drop-in to get the help you need. Staff will be available during these times for housing and benefits-related help.



Walk-In Days—Manhattan

Every Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Walk-In Day—Queens

Every Monday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Important Dates

November 3 – Time Changes – Fall Back!

November 6 – Financial Workshop

November 5 – Election Day – Remember to Vote

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day CIDNY Closed

November 29 – Thanksgiving – CIDNY Closed

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CIDNY's Writers Group

Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Please join us for writing and sharing work in a supportive and respectful environment. Writers of all genres and levels of experience are welcome. No prior writing experience is necessary. Participants should sign up in advance. Call 212/674-2300 and ask to be placed on the list. Please let the receptionist know if you need

an accommodation like ASL interpretation; CIDNY has a hearing loop. Please bring pen/pencil and paper (CIDNY will supply if you don't have). Led by Avra Wing, writer and writing workshop leader certified to lead creative writing workshops by the NY Writers Coalition.

Housing Workshops

NO HOUSING WORKSHOPS THIS MONTH

CIDNY Action Network (CAN) Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Come Join Us to Hear About: How a bill is created and becomes law.

Through the summer CIDNY organized its advocates to meet with their State legislators about CIDNY's agenda and how it raises the advocates concerns. This is the first step, of many, to prepare for Albany visits to our legislators.

Come and hear about next steps that will affect the legislative process and how you fit in.

Please RSVP to Laurette Hamilton at 212/674-2300 or lhamilton@cidny.org.

If you need an accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Refreshments will be served.

All events are at CIDNY, 841 Broadway, Suite 301, New York, NY 10003, unless otherwise noted. To RSVP, contact Laurette at 212/674-2300 or lhamilton@cidny.org. For events in Queens or if you speak Spanish, RSVP to Jose at 646/442-1520 or jmera@cidny.org. If you need an accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know as soon as possible.

NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Early Voting
3  TIME CHANGES Set your clocks back 1 hour Early Voting	4  Walk-in Day 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  Walk-in Day - Queens 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	5 ELECTION DAY: VOTE!  Walk-in Day 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	6  5 Estate Planning Essentials Manhattan 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	7  Walk-in Day 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  Writer's Workshop 3:30-5:30 p.m.	8	9
10	11 VETERANS DAY  Walk-in Day 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  Walk-in Day - Queens 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	12  Walk-in Day 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	13	14  Walk-in Day 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  Writer's Workshop 3:30-5:30 p.m.	15	16
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24	25  Walk-in Day – Manhattan and Queens 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	26  Walk-in Day 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	27	28  Happy Thanksgiving CIDNY offices are closed for Thanksgiving	29  Happy Thanksgiving CIDNY offices are closed for Thanksgiving	30