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CIDNY May 2021 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Hello! Thanks for taking the time to read our May 2021 newsletter.

If you know someone who would like to also receive our email newsletter, please feel free to forward this or have them sign up here: <https://www.cidny.org/join-us/>.

As a reminder, due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) our offices are closed to in-person meetings until further notice. However, our programs remain available remotely (through phone and email). If you have a benefits counselor you can reach out to them directly or contact us through email at info@cidny.org or phone (Manhattan: 212-674-2300 or Video Phone: 646-350-2681 | Queens: 646-442-1520 or Video Phone: 646-846-6875). We'll be sure to let you know when anything changes.

Information in this newsletter can always change so if you have any questions please call or email us.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to Like/Follow CIDNY on social media.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI0eMkvGCPLfI3hzyYXZCVg>

2021 Primary Election Update

The upcoming primary election will be held June 22, 2021 and will include a vote for the next Mayor of New York City. Make sure your voice is heard and your vote counts. The deadline to register to vote is Friday, May 28. Early voting begins on Saturday, June 12. The deadline to request an absentee ballot online or through email is June 15, the in-person deadline is June 21. For more information on how to register to vote, visit <https://vote.nyc/page/register-vote>. If you need any help registering to vote just let us know.

We also published a letter to NYC candidates from a number of disability organizations on our website at <https://www.cidny.org/open-letter-to-all-candidates-from-disability-groups-make-your-campaigns-accessible/>.



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Online Education Workshops and Events

For the month of May 2021, CIDNY will be presenting the workshops and events below. All workshops for the time being will be presented online, with captioning. They may also be recorded for future use in communications materials, websites, and for other purposes by CIDNY.

Ranked Choice Voting

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 from 1pm to 3pm

Guests from the New York City Campaign Finance Board as well as the Board of Elections in the City of New York will help us learn more about Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), including: how Ranked Choice

Voting works, how it can benefit voters, how to use a ballot marking device (BMD) on an RCV ballot, and upcoming deadlines for voter registration and requesting an absentee ballot.

You can register for this webinar by clicking here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fXhbVWZDRd-a2JEE74T1Gw



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Rent Freeze and Property Tax Exemption Programs in New York City

Thursday May 13, 2021 and Friday May 14, 2021 from 1pm to 3pm

A guest speaker from the New York City Mayor's Public Engagement Unit (PEU) Rent Freeze team will give an overview of rent freeze and property tax exemption programs in NYC such as: the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE), the Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE), and the Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE). Our presenter will talk about what these programs are, and how to figure out if you are eligible for them.

You can register for the presentation provided in English on Thursday, 5/13/21 here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIufu6vpjIuHdHmPROpzKkfnivj5FSNOGuy>

You can register for the presentation in Spanish on Friday, 5/14/21

here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvce2rT4iEtH2jWP8XygKWhNAch1gBufj>



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Let's Talk Vegetables with Susie from GrowNYC

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 from 1pm to 2pm

Susie will give us some background about GrowNYC, the Greenmarkets, and benefits programs that can be used there (e.g. SNAP/EBT, Health Bucks, etc.). She will also provide a little history about this month's featured vegetable, asparagus: where it originated, how it got to our plates, and other fun facts. She will provide information about other agricultural products in our area as well. Check out the "RSVP" information below to see how to sign up!

Tenants' Rights in New York City

Thursday May 27, 2021 from 1pm to 3pm and Friday May 28, 2021 from 1pm to 3pm

A guest speaker from the New York City Mayor's Public Engagement Unit (PEU) Tenant Support team will come help us learn more about your rights as a tenant living in New York City (NYC), how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected tenants' rights, and different resources available to tenants living in NYC.

You can register for the presentation provided in English on 5/27/21 by clicking here:



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Tenants' Rights and Housing During COVID-19

Thursday, June 3, 2021 from 1pm-3pm

A guest speaker from the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) will provide an overview of housing and tenants' rights in New York City during the COVID-19 pandemic; topics will include the current state of the eviction moratorium and rental assistance, and how people with disabilities can maintain housing security during the COVID-19 pandemic; an introduction to housing rights, benefits, and processes; and an introduction to common housing issues and problems, along with the referral process for resolving these issues.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctdeyhrz0qEtPQRA7YHRvQMwthhDLj-K9>

RSVP/Registration Information:

If you are unable to use the registration links provided above, you can still register for a workshop by sending your email address and phone number to Angela Bruen at RSVP@cidny.org, or calling (646) 933-0160 at least two (2) days before the day of the event(s) along with which event you are RSVPing for. For Spanish-language presentations, please RSVP by calling Jose at (646) 442-1520 or by sending an email to jlmera@cidny.org.



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If you need an accommodation like large print, American Sign Language (ASL), or materials in other languages, please let us know at least two (2) weeks before the date of the event(s).

The link to the meeting will be sent to you via email the day before the event.

CIDNY's Action Network Meeting

Join us on May 20, 2021 at 1pm for our monthly CAN meeting to prepare to meet with our legislators.

Be ready to tell us your stories to support the issues you raise about the following topics:

- Education
- Health
- Housing
- Transportation
- Voting Rights

REMEMBER: Your experiences help our advocacy efforts.

Please RSVP by calling Shohana at 212 674-2300 or by sending an email to sjoati@cidny.org and we will send you a link to the Zoom meeting closer to the date.



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For Spanish please RSVP by calling Jose at 646-442-1520 or by sending an email to jlmera@cidny.org

For Mandarin or Cantonese please RSVP by calling Ying at (646) 442-4149 or by sending an email to yyu@cidny.org

CAN call in number 929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 875 1463 5512, Password: 986956

Closed captioning will be provided. If you need an accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by May 12, 2021.

Navigator Network: Get Affordable Health Care Plan Help

Good news! Open enrollment for health care coverage has been extended through the end of 2021.

Our Navigator program helps people enroll in health insurance on the NY State of Health Marketplace. If you need help with NY State of Health insurance (the Marketplace), CIDNY has six Navigators in Manhattan and Queens who can help you. Please call us at 917-810-2566.



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CIDNY Navigators have been helping people get insurance since the Affordable Care Act began in 2014, so you have access to the best expertise available.

You can also fill out our form below with your name and phone number and someone will call you with information.
<https://www.cidny.org/navigator-network-request-form/>.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

NYC is providing in-home COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible NYC residents who are fully homebound, have not already been vaccinated, and do not already have access to a vaccination program. If interested, fill out the form at <https://forms.cityofnewyork.us/f/homebound>.

All New Yorkers age 16+ are currently eligible for the vaccine.

You can schedule an appointment at <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/>. If you need help, please contact us.



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Able Newspaper: Access to COVID-19 Vaccines MUST Be Accessible To Everyone

Our latest column for Able Newspaper – a column about how the COVID-19 vaccine must be accessible to all - is now available. To read our monthly column, you can sign up for free online access at <http://ablenews.com/new-york-city-edition/>.

CIDNY in the News

Take a look at our most recent media coverage from last month below.



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[People with Disabilities to Candidates: Make Your Campaigns Accessible](#) (Public News Service)

[NYC Will Spend \\$15 Million Educating Public On Ranked-Choice Voting](#) (The Jewish Voice)

[Resources for Immigrants with Disabilities in New York](#) (Documented NY)

[Many outdoor dining spaces lack full accessibility](#) (Manhattan Times)

[MTA And NYC Want Private Developers To Install More Subway Elevators](#) (Gothamist)

[For the Disabled, Getting Vaccinated Can Be an Obstacle Course](#) (NY City Lens)

[Tributes To Edith](#) (Able News)

[CIDNY Says: Dear NYC Mayoral Candidates](#) (Able News)