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CIDNY August 2021 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Hello! Thanks for taking the time to read our August 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 Like/Follow CIDNY on social media.

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Join the conversation: online at www.cidny.org; on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CIDNYInc), on Twitter (@CID_NY) and IG (@cid_ny)



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Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/cid_ny/

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI0eMkvGCPLfI3hzvYXZCVg>

COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives

NYC residents receiving their first COVID-19 vaccine are now eligible for a \$100 bonus! That means if you get the vaccine, you can also get \$100. Even better, if you mention you were referred by the Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York (be sure to use our full name), we'll also get \$100 to put towards helping people with disabilities! You can select our name when making your appointment at

<https://vax4nyc.nyc.gov/patient/s/>.

If you cannot leave your home, you can make a homebound vaccine appointment at

<https://forms.cityofnewyork.us/f/home> or call 877-829-4692. As always, if you need any assistance, please reach out to us.



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CIDNY's Action Network Meeting

Join us on August 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly CAN meeting to prepare for our District meetings to tell our legislators about our issues of concern. We want to hear your stories and issues of concern. REMEMBER: Your experiences help our advocacy efforts.

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

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 +1 929 436 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 August 11, 2021.



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Online Education Workshops and Events

For the month of August 2021, CIDNY will be presenting the workshops and events below. All workshops for the time being will be presented online, with captioning, as well as other accommodations upon request. The workshops may also be recorded for future use in communications materials, websites, and for other purposes by CIDNY.

The New York City Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Protection Supplement (CityFHEPS)

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Guests from the Legal Aid Society will give an overview of the NYC Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (CityFHEPS). Our presenters will discuss the 4 types of households who are eligible for CityFHEPS in the community to stay or move, how CityFHEPS applications are submitted, and the waiver of the lawsuit rule through the end of the eviction moratorium in New York on August 31, 2021.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErfuirrzorGtyumF6VzLxt2v7QI_Qv1XZI



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Various Types of Housing Benefits Available in New York City

Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A guest speaker from the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) will provide an overview of various housing benefits. Topics will include information about the US. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Mitchell-Lama housing, and Section 8; we will also discuss how a tenant's rent is calculated, tenants' obligations in income and recertification, and common issues with various benefits as well as how to resolve these issues.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsd-6vqT8iE9Igv873sBzTA1MVPiZ0sHDw>

CIDNY Writers' Group, facilitated by Avra Wing

Thursdays, August 12, 2021, and August 26, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Since 2009, CIDNY and the New York Writers Coalition (NYWC) have teamed up to produce a Writers' Workshop for people with disabilities. The workshop provides a safe space for people with disabilities to express their thoughts and stretch their creativity through writing.



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Contact Angela Bruen directly at RSVP@cidny.org or (347) 241-2150 if you are interested in joining the Writers' Group.

Tenant Resource Fair: Housing Vouchers and Rental Assistance Programs

Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CIDNY will be collaborating with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) to provide a tenant resource fair focusing on various housing vouchers and rental assistance programs in New York. The organizations and programs that will be presenting include (but are not limited to): the Fair Housing Justice Center (FHJC), the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC) (regarding the Traumatic Brain Injury [TBI] Waiver Program), and others.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqcO6spjMiHtxVHxwl4ZD6ffG4WbM2Ro9J>



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RSVP:

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 (347) 241-2150 at least two (2) days before the day of the event(s). The link to the meeting will be sent to you via email the day before the event.

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).

Voter Registration Deadlines

We have a general election coming up in November of this year. There are a few dates/deadlines you should be aware of regarding voter registration that we've shared below. Make sure you're heard in this election!

Mail Registration: Applications must be postmarked no later than October 8, 2021 and received by a board of elections no later than October 18, 2021 to be eligible to vote in the General Election.



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In-Person Registration: You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year but, to be eligible to vote in the General Election, your application must be received no later than October 23, 2021.

Change of Address: Notices of change of address from registered voters received by October 13, 2021 by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the General Election.

As usual you can register to vote online at <https://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter/>.

CIDNY In The News

Take a look at recent media coverage linked below.

[More New Yorkers are 'Aging in Place'—But Growing Older at Home Isn't Easy \(City Limits\)](#)

[Transitions \(The Chronicle of Philanthropy\)](#)

[Provide Necessary Accommodations For Disabled Homeless New Yorkers \(Bronx Daily\)](#)



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[NYC Faces Legal Challenge Over Decision To Move Homeless New Yorkers Back to Shelters \(Gothamist\)](#)

[Lawyers Ask Judge Keep Disabled NYC Homeless Population in Hotels to Prevent a 'New Super-Spreader Event' at Unsanitary Shelters \(Law and Crime\)](#)

[Politico: Legal Aid alleges city is violating rights of homeless New Yorkers with disabilities \(Politico\)](#)

[NYN First Read Wednesday, July 7, 2021 \(NYN First Read\)](#)

[The Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York \(CIDNY\) announced that Susan M. Dooha, J.D., is stepping down after 19 years as CIDNY's Executive Director. It announced that Sharon M. McLennon-Wier, Ph.D., has been appointed as CIDNY's new Executive Director. \(Associated Press\)](#)