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CIDNY September 2022 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to read our September 2022 newsletter.

If you know someone who would like to receive our email newsletter, please 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: 347-474-7076). We'll be sure to let you know when anything changes.

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

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YouTube:

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

CIDNY Manhattan Office Address Change!

We've moved! Our new Manhattan office address is now 1010 Avenue of the Americas Suite 301 New York, NY 10018 (with the entrance on 38th Street). Please note that there are still no in-person meetings at this time. We'll be sure to let you know when the Manhattan office opens and look forward to welcoming you to the space!

DFTA My Ride Applications Are Open

DFTA MY Ride application are open until Friday, September 9, 2022. The DFTA My Ride pilot is an on-demand transportation pilot for older adults (ages 60+) and people with disabilities (ages 18+). If selected to participate, you receive free on-demand car service. Limited spots available! To find out if you're eligible to participate, visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dfta/about/dfta-my-ride.page> or call 212-244-6469.

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Disability Pride Parade 2022

The Disability Pride parade is back! It will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Madison Square Park and will proceed down Broadway to Union Square Park. The festival will take place in Union Square Park at 12 p.m. CIDNY will be there. We hope to see you there too!

Visit <http://disabilitypridenyc.org/> for more information.

New York Caring Majority Picnic

The message below is from New York Caring Majority.

Are you a home care worker or family caregiver? Are you an older adult or person with a disability who needs care? Are you interested in learning more about the home care crisis? If so, the New York Caring Majority invites you to a picnic!

When: Sunday, September 11, 2022 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: Prospect Park (at 9th St., near the bandshell)

Come eat, meet new people, and learn about the campaign to increase home care workers' wage. To RSVP, visit jfrej.org/picnic.

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Home Care Threatened by NYC Council Legislation

A bill is being considered by the NYC Council that would throw chaos into the home care system and could jeopardize CIDNY's mission to ensure that people with disabilities receive the services and support they need to live independently in the community instead of institutions like nursing facilities. It would penalize home care employers who employ home care workers for more than a 12-hour shift and for more than 50 hours in a week.

There are over 17,000 New Yorkers who have a Medicaid authorization for "live-in" care for which the worker is paid for 13 hours. We don't know what would happen to these New Yorkers and others should this legislation pass. You can learn more about this legislation through this Homecare Under Attack by Int 0175 webinar online at <https://youtu.be/iSXcYzYDt6s>.

The Council will hold a hearing on this legislation on September 6, 2022 at 1 p.m. You can sign up to testify in person or virtually by [clicking here](#). CIDNY is joining a noon press conference and rally in front of City Hall to demonstrate to our elected officials that this legislation is not a solution. Sign up for the rally on Tuesday,



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September 6, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in front of City Hall by [clicking here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccines, Tests, and Information

CIDNY has been working with groups like the Disability Vaccine Access Opportunities Center (DVAO Center) to help make sure we're all staying safe and have the correct information about COVID-19 and vaccines. If you need help getting the first vaccine or a booster, making an appointment, or just have questions about the vaccine and what you've heard, reach out to us.

The free at-home COVID-19 test program is scheduled to end on September 2, 2022. This does not include the accessible tests for people who are blind or low-vision, which will continue until supplies are exhausted. You can request those test at <https://special.usps.com/testkits/accessible> or by calling 1-800-232-0233.

If you would like to schedule a vaccine appointment, visit vaccinefinder.nyc.gov or call 877-829-4692.



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CIDNY's Action Network (CAN) Meeting

Join us on September 21, 2022, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. for the monthly CAN meeting. This month we will be joined by the Disability Pride Parade NYC Outreach team to share updates on the parade and get your feedback and ideas for the parade.

We will be also share advocacy updates. We also want to hear about your voting experiences from the August Primary Elections.

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

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: 822 4354 9762 Password: 090870

Closed captioning will be provided. If you need accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by September 14, 2022.



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Online Education Workshops and Events

Join us and learn more! For the month of September 2022 and beyond, the Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY (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. Please visit our website for an updated list of events for September and beyond at <https://www.cidny.org/calendar/>.

Tenants' Rights in New York City (English)

Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Registration

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIlc-6rpz kjHNat9Pxt9A3s8WI4BVjzv7B>



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New York City's Affordable Housing Lottery (English)

Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Subject to Change)

CIDNY will host a guest speaker from the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) who will give an overview of New York City's Affordable Housing Lottery. You'll learn the basics of the following: what Housing Connect is; how to read an affordable housing lottery's advertisement and apply to for it; set-aside units for people with disabilities and where to indicate disability; how to indicate on your profile if you need a reasonable accommodation; and more.

Registration

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIfu2hqjMqGNYwKVzn7uN2cW60JvScsQwz>

CIDNY Presents: The People's Money (In-person)

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 5 p.m. - TBD

CIDNY on behalf of the NYC Civic Engagement Commissions (CEC) is hosting "The Peoples Money" a series of participatory budgeting idea sessions. For this process, New Yorkers ages 11 and up, regardless of citizenship or incarceration status, are invited to help directly decide how \$5MM of mayoral expense funding is



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spent. Residents will have the opportunity to submit creative ideas and vote for winning projects. More information about The People's Money program can be found at

<https://www.participate.nyc.gov/processes/Citywidepb>.

This is currently scheduled to be an in-person event at our Manhattan office. Attendees must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination and wear a mask at all times.

Please register for this event in advance. You can register at <https://forms.office.com/r/nUVzzY1z0L>.

If you would like more information or need an accommodation, contact Courtney Spaulding at rsvp@cidny.org or 646-442-4162.

CIDNY Presents: The People's Money (Virtual)

Thursday, September 29, 2022 7 p.m. - TBD

CIDNY on behalf of the NYC Civic Engagement Commissions (CEC) is hosting "The Peoples Money" a series of participatory budgeting idea sessions. For this process, New Yorkers ages 11 and up, regardless of citizenship or incarceration status, are invited to help directly decide how \$5MM of mayoral expense funding is spent. Residents will have the opportunity to submit creative ideas and vote for winning projects.



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<https://www.participate.nyc.gov/processes/Citywidepb>.

This is a virtual event over Zoom. Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsceCurTouG9F5BMw9uvdeGaiEOpGovr3->

If you would like more information or need an accommodation, contact Courtney Spaulding at rsvp@cidny.org or 646-442-4162.

FIDA-IDD Program and Home Care issues for People with I/DD

Friday, September 30, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This presentation will include ICAN materials on FIDA-IDD model for dual eligible OPWDD waiver participants, and discussion of how our individuals get Medicare. It will also include Question and Answers section on applying for home care from your county or Medicaid Managed Care plan.

You can join with the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87294462050?pwd=dG0rTHB4K2ZUcE56K0cyMTBXcGdmQT09>



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Fighting Housing Discrimination in New York (English)

Thursday, October 6, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

CIDNY will host a guest speaker(s) from the Fair Housing Justice Center (FHJC) will talk with us about fighting housing discrimination in New York. Topics will include: general housing discrimination assistance, such as FHJC assists clients with filing housing discrimination complaints and investigates allegations of discrimination based on any protected characteristic (e.g. race, national origin, source of income, disability, etc.); Adele Friedman Housing Accessibility Fund, which FHJC provides targeted financial assistance to benefit low and moderate income persons with disabilities who need reasonable modifications made to the housing they occupy to make it accessible; how to report discrimination or request an application; and more.

Registration

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtcO2ppjkuG9VKoGGNs8d45cUGRuwXjTEw>

Lucha Contra la Discriminación en la Vivienda en Nueva York (Español)

Viernes 7 de Octubre 2022 de 1 p.m. a 3 p.m.

CIDNY recibirá a un orador invitado del Fair Housing Justice Center (FHJC) que hablará con nosotros sobre la



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lucha contra la discriminación en la vivienda en Nueva York. Los temas incluirán: asistencia general por discriminación en la vivienda, como FHJC ayuda a los clientes a presentar quejas por discriminación en la vivienda e investiga las denuncias de discriminación basadas en cualquier característica protegida (p. ej., raza, origen nacional, fuente de ingresos, discapacidad, etc.); Adele Friedman Housing Accessibility Fund, que FHJC brinda asistencia financiera específica para beneficiar a las personas con discapacidades de ingresos bajos y moderados que necesitan modificaciones razonables en la vivienda que ocupan para que sea accesible; cómo denunciar la discriminación o solicitar una solicitud; y más.

Enlace de

registro: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdOmoqz4oHNfWEuSoxaGzeiZQPah2hqQi>

Homebase (English)

Thursday, October 20, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

CIDNY will host a guest speaker(s) from the New York City (NYC) Human Resources Administration (HRA). This presentation will give an overview of Homebase, which is a homelessness prevention program serving all 5 boroughs. Programs support households experiencing housing instability to identify available resources and to support via landlord/tenant mediation, assessment for



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housing subsidy and eviction prevention. Homebase provides aftercare services to clients leaving New York City (NYC) Department of Homeless Services (DHS) homeless shelters.

Registration

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lc-6hqTstHt3yZ0KhUSTllyby-hUEFYn4>

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 RSVP@cidny.org, or calling 347-885-543 at least two (2) days before the day of the event(s).

If you need an accommodation like large print, American Sign Language (ASL), or materials in other languages please let us know.

CIDNY In The News

Take a look at our recent media coverage, linked below.

- [NYC's public spaces are becoming increasingly hostile toward homeless people \(NYN Media\)](#)



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- NYC's public spaces are becoming increasingly hostile toward homeless people (City & State)
- NYC Public Restrooms Need Better Disability Access (En Español) (Public News Service)
- Disability Pride Month: An Eyewitness News Special (ABC News)
- Activists rally outside MTA HQ, demand more accessible transportation for all (News 12)
- Before the ballot box, Americans with disabilities have problems getting voting information (USA TODAY)
- NYC Subway Aims for Accessibility for Riders with Disabilities (En Español) (Public News Service)
- Manhattan borough president unveils plan to speed up congestion pricing rollout (FOX 5)
- Deal Increases Subway Station Access (Able News)
- Does True Access Exist? A Reflection From Then – 1990, To Now – 2022 (Able News)