

CIDNY June 2023 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Thank you for taking the time to read our June 2023 newsletter. If you weren't able to attend our CIDNY Wellness Fair on May 13, we have some photos available [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

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/>.

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's Action Network (CAN) Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us in coming together and seeking ways to advocate through grassroots, lobbying, and direct actions for people with disabilities. This month's we will be meeting in person in our Queens office (80-02 Kew Gardens Rd, Suite 400, Kew Gardens, NY 11415) as well as online via Zoom.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85392280997?pwd=b0ZUWHdwSmYvTHJWWUVIL0MrbjZTQT09>

For more information or to RSVP, please email mthiam@cidny.org. Please, register in advance at: <https://www.tinyurl.com/advocacy4cidny>

If you need accommodation, such as large print or interpretation, please let us know.

CIDNY Education Workshops and Events

Join us and learn more! This month the Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY (CIDNY) will be presenting the workshops and events below. Workshops may be recorded for future use in communications materials, websites, or for other purposes by CIDNY. Please visit our website for an updated list of events at <https://www.cidny.org/calendar/>.

CIDNY's Bronx Vaccine Day

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us at Jerome Ave. (170th St. & Elliot Pl.) outside the 4 subway station at 170th St. for free COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. No appointment needed. No insurance required.

Safety for Seniors – Disability Rights and Awareness

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

CIDNY is partnering with AgeWell New York to provide a Disability Rights and Awareness Webinar on Safety for Seniors during National Safety Month.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kd-6przMuG9GhGMHt69FN5GL8a6BLCVsI>

CIDNY's Staten Island Vaccine Day

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us at Richmond Terrace (Schuyler St. and Wall St.) outside of Empire Outlets near the Staten Island Ferry for free COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. No appointment needed. No insurance required.

CIDNY's Queens Vaccine Day

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us outside CIDNY's Queens office (corner of Kew Gardens Road & 80th Rd.) for free COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. No appointment needed. No insurance required.

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

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 3:30 p.m. – 5 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/85428798902?pwd=TS9qNG5xTG5zZzh4cEMyakZoSnJHUT09>

RSVP:

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. If you cannot register, you can email RSVP@cidny.org for help or with questions.

June Primary Election

There is a Primary Election coming up on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Early Voting Period is June 17, 2023 - June 25, 2023. If you need to find your polling location, visit <https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc/>.

For more information about upcoming elections in 2023 you can visit <https://www.vote.nyc/page/upcoming-elections-2023>.

Survey: Mobility Device Satisfaction

A student project with SUNY Oswego is seeking volunteers to participate in an academic study about mobility device satisfaction. The responses will remain anonymous and will be used solely for academic purposes. For more information and/or to take the survey, [CLICK HERE](#).

Human Rights Watch Film Festival

The Human Rights Watch Film Festival from May 31 – June 11. This year 80% of the films in the program will include captions, plus audio description both in-person and online as well as live captions available at select post-screening film talks.

Learn more about accessibility at the festival and how to book your tickets here: bit.ly/41Bugof (and use the code RESIST23 for a discount on in-person or online tickets!).

Vote NOW for Citywide Participatory Budgeting!

Voting has started for *The People's Money*, NYC's first-ever citywide participatory budgeting (PB) process! All New Yorkers age 11 and up, regardless of immigration status, have the opportunity to decide how to spend \$5 million of mayoral expense funding on projects in their community.

Though NYC City Council members introduced PB back in 2011, and many City Council members currently participate by putting up their own discretionary funding, *The People's Money* is the first *citywide* process utilizing Mayoral expense funding. Expense funding can be used for projects and services, and the citywide process allows all New Yorkers to participate, regardless of the council district they live in. To learn more about the process, visit participate.nyc.gov.

How to Vote by June 25th:

1. Online Ballot: Visit on.nyc.gov/pb and follow the instructions.
 2. Paper Ballots:
 - a. Visit a vote site in your neighborhood: on.nyc.gov/pbvotesites
 - b. Visit us at one of our pop-up vote events: on.nyc.gov/pbvoteevents
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It's Our Park Day

It's Our Park Day is back! Come play with your friends and meet new ones at the annual Bloomingdale Inclusive Park and Playground It's Our Park Day. It's Our Park Day will be on Sunday, June 25 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Activities include Super soccer Stars Soccer Clinic, Summer fun photo booth, Arts & Crafts, Wheelchair Basketball, and more! All are welcome! Park entrance on the corner of Amsterdam & 104 St. Please note this is not a CIDNY run event.

CIDNY Awarded Funding to Provide Vaccination Outreach to Older Adults and People with Disabilities

CIDNY has received funding from USAging's [Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative](#). This funding will allow us to further support our community and ensure increased access to vaccines. Together with other Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative grantees, we will deliver vaccines and supportive services to more than 2 million older adults and people with disabilities. USAging's Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative is funded by the U.S. Administration for Community Living. Over the coming months, we will share more information about our plans for this program. For more information on upcoming vaccination events, visit <http://www.cidny.org/calendar>.

Health Care – Get Covered in 2023

Having health insurance coverage is vital for all people, especially those with disabilities. Did you miss the open enrollment period? Do you have a life change like a new job, a child birth, or something else? You can still sign up for coverage if you qualify for the Special Enrollment Period. For example, you may be able to sign up for coverage if you experience a change in income or your job situation.

To learn more about plan options and eligibility, and to make sure you're getting the most out of your coverage, visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/choose-a-plan/plans-categories/>. Find out if you qualify for Medicaid at [healthcare.gov/screener](https://www.healthcare.gov/screener).

CIDNY In The News

Check out some our recent media coverage, linked below.

- [CIDNY Spotlights NY Connects Program](#) (Able News)
- [We Can All Be Superheroes](#) (Able News)
- [ELEVATORS COMING State Judge Approves Subway Agreement](#) (Able News)
- [For Manhattanites with Disabilities, Trek to Prove Access-A-Ride Worthiness Gets Worse](#) (THE CITY)

- State & Federal Courts Grant Final Approval to Historic Settlement to Make the NYC Subway Accessible to People Who Need Stair-Free Access (Legal Reader)
- Can a P3 Make New York Subways More Accessible to Disabled Users? (Engineering News-Record)