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**EIIC
FREE
CITIZENSHIP
CLASSES**

**MONDAY & TUESDAY
6PM –8PM**

Review U.S. Civics and
History Questions.

**FRIDAY
6PM to 8PM**

Practice general conversation, writing, reading for
Citizenship Interview.

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718-478-5502 ext. 209
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EIIC'S NEW IMMIGRANTS

Monthly Newsletter

USCIS Redesigns Naturalization Certificate to Enhance Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced it has begun issuing a redesigned, more secure Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550) as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance the integrity of the immigration system. The agency anticipates that over 600,000 new citizens will receive the enhanced certificate over the next year.

Automated production process

- Embedded digitized photo and signature
- Background featuring color-shifting ink
- Certificates printed utilizing tamper-resistant technology
- A standardized size of 8 ½ by 11 inches

In addition to enhancing security, the redesigned certificate provides newly naturalized citizens a higher-quality certificate, which will now be easier to showcase in a standard 8 ½ by 11 inch frame.

REMINDER: Please note the filing fee for many of USCIS applications and petitions will increase on Nov. 23, 2010. For more information visit the USCIS website: www.uscis.gov

Change of Address

All foreign nationals (including permanent residents, nonimmigrants and children) are required to report any change of address within ten (10) days to USCIS using Form AR-11. Foreign nationals must report address changes to USCIS by completing this form and sending it to the USCIS. The form can be filed online on the USCIS website at: www.uscis.gov. Also, all applicants with pending immigration or citizenship applications must also directly notify USCIS of a change of address immediately to continue receiving important notices on their case. The case number or receipt number for their application must be provided to update the address for the pending case.

New “No Fault” Divorce in New York State

New York passed a law on October 12 establishing “no fault” divorce in the state. The new law allows a couple to divorce without having to establish abandonment, adultery, cruelty or imprisonment took place. The new law brings the state into line with the rest of the nation, where “no fault” divorce is the norm. The separation period has been reduced from one year to 6 months.

Election 2010 resultsNew York Senate

Kirsten Gillibrand

Charles E. Schumer

New York Governor

Andrew Cuomo

New York AttorneyGeneral

Eric Schneiderman

New York Comptroller

Thomas DiNapoli

Welfare Update**Food Stamps**

The Food Stamp program offers help to low-income households, such as working families, the elderly and the disabled. Food stamps are distributed on a debit card which can be used where you shop. You don't need a separate coupon.

How to apply for Food Stamps?

Call the HRA info-line at 1-877-472-8411 or 311 to get an application and instructions on completing and filing it. You can also get an application at a Food Stamp Center.

They can also be downloaded from HRA's website at [NYC.gov/HRA/Food Stamps](http://NYC.gov/HRA/Food%20Stamps). If you want to see if you qualify, you can check at NYC.gov/ACCESSNYC.

If you don't speak English, a representative can translate at the Food Stamp Center.

No documentation is needed to apply, but the following documents will be needed to verify the applicant's details. For a faster processing, these should be provided with the initial application.

This is a list of what you need:

- Proof of Identity: Photo ID, driver's license, passport, naturalization certificate, hospital/doctor's records, or adoption papers.
- Proof of where you live: Statement from landlord/primary tenant, current rent receipt or lease, or mortgage records.
- Proof of Income (if any): Current pay stubs, pay envelopes, business records, tax records, or current income tax return, etc.
- Proof of Citizenship or Current Alien Status: Birth certificate, U.S. passport, USCIS documentation, military service records, etc.

HEAP can help you buy any heating fuel, including Electricity, Propane, Natural Gas, Wood, Oil, Kerosene, Coal.

HEAP is a federal program that provides heating benefits to supplement a household's income. It's mandate includes aiding a household in an emergency situation. HEAP staff also offer a servicing facility for malfunctioning or broken equipment. If you have a question about HEAP talk to you local Social Service Office or contact the HEAP Hotline at 1-800-342-3009. If you want to check your eligibility for help, check at www.mybenefits.ny.gov.

Emerald Isle Immigration Center Celebrated 23rd Annual Dinner

Over 500 guests attended The Emerald Isle's 23rd Annual Dinner Dance in the Astoria World Manner on the last Friday of October, including an array of dignitaries and the evening's three honorees. The large crowd gave a warm greeting to the guests of honor, Daniel Dromm, Richard Fitzsimons and John Lyons, who were led into the room behind a lone piper.

Brian O'Dwyer Esq. was the MC for the evening, introducing many political figures, from Senator Anthony Weiner to Lieutenant Governor Elect Bob Duffy. All were keen to show their commitment to the cause of immigration, the need for legislative reform and their continuing support for the Center.

Following the political speeches the honorees took to podium, each giving testament to diverse stories of successful immigration, while the first Mae O'Driscoll scholarship was awarded to three talented students. Dancing followed dinner, with the band leading a crowded floor through some classic Irish songs.



Left to right: Brian O'Dwyer, State Senator Jose Peralta, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, John Lyons, Daniel Dromm, Richard T. Fitzsimons, Senator Charles Schumer.



Consul General Noel Kilkenny, EIIC Board Members, Executive Director Siobhan Dennehy and honorees Daniel Dromm and John Lyons.



EIIC Staff Member Marisol Canales and Peruvian dancer Bruno Diaz performing a traditional Peruvian dance.

**LaGuardia
Community College
Adult Education**

Informational Workshop

Friday, November 19, 2010

6 PM



<http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu>



**New York Police Department
and the
Community Working Together**

Presentation

Monday, November 29, 2010

6 PM

Led By

Philip Banks
NYPD Chief of Community Affairs

We thank the following for their contributions:

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and

Liz Baber

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