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MONDAY & TUESDAY 6PM -8PM

Review U.S. Civics and History Questions.

FRIDAY
6PM to 8PM

Practice general conversation, writing, reading for Citizenship Interview.

Location:

EIIC, Queens Office 59-26 Woodside Ave 2FL Woodside, NY 11377

Please call the 718-478-5502 ext. 209 for registration information.

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EIIC'S NEW IMMIGRANTS NEWS

Monthly Newsletter

Emerald Isle Immigration Center

Celebrates 23rd Annual Dinner Dance

The Emerald Isle Immigration Center announces, with great pleasure, their 23rd annual dinner dance, held on Friday, October 29, 2010 at the Astoria World Manor, 25-22 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, New York at 7:00 p.m. The Center was founded by members of the Irish Immigration Reform Movement (IIRM) in 1988 and since then it has served the needs of New York immigrants. EIIC provides assistance on all aspects of immigration, social service, mental health, senior services and programs, employment and education. We are generous founded by the Irish Government, the City Council of New York, the City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and New York State. This year, we recognize the Honorable Daniel Dromm, (NYC Council Member, District 25, Chair Immigration Committee), Richard T. Fitzsimmons, (Business Manager, Secretary/Treasurer, Local Union 147, L.I.U.N.A.), and John Lyons (Co-Owner McKeon's Bar & Restaurant, Yonkers). Tickets for the event will remain at 2009 prices of \$85.00 per person, with the Emerald Package consisting of a table of 10 and an Emerald page in our dinner journal for \$1,100. All funds raised will support our social services program expansion, in particular our recently restored employment coordinator position.

ICE announces launch of Online Detainee Locator System

On July 23rd, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced the launch of ICE's Online Detainee Locator System (ODLS), a public, Internet-based tool designed to assist family members, attorneys and other interested parties in locating detained aliens in ICE custody.

The ODLS is located on ICE's public website, http://www.ice.gov, and provides users with information on the location of the detention facility where a particular individual is being held, a phone number to the facility and contact information for the ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations office in the region where the facility is located. A brochure explaining how to use the ODLS is also available on the website in the following languages: English, Spanish, French, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic and Somali.

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Announces Final Rule Adjusting Fees for Immigration Benefits

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced a final rule adjusting fees for immigration applications and petitions.

The following schedule lists the adjusted fees that will take effect on November 23, 2010, alongside the existing fees in effect until that date:

Form No.	Application/Petition Description	Existing Fees (effective through Nov. 22, 2010)	Adjusted Fees (effective beginning Nov. 23, 2010)
I-90	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card	\$290	\$365
I-102	Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document	\$320	\$330
I-129/129CW	Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	\$320	\$325
I-129F	Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	\$455	\$340
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative	\$355	\$420
I-131	Application for Travel Document	\$305	\$360
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	\$475	\$580
I-191	Application for Advance Permission to Return to Unrelinquished Domicile	\$545	\$585
I-192	Application for Advance Permission to Enter as Nonimmigrant	\$545	\$585
I-193	Application for Waiver of Passport and/or Visa	\$545	\$585
I-212	Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the U.S. after Deportation or Removal	\$545	\$585
I-290B	Notice of Appeal or Motion	\$585	\$630
I-360	Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	\$375	\$405
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	\$930	\$985
I-526	Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur	\$1,435	\$1,500
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	\$300	\$290
I-600/600A I-800/800A	Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative/Application for Advance Processing of Orphan Petition	\$670	\$720
I-601	Application for Waiver of Ground of Excludability	\$545	\$585
I-612	Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement	\$545	\$585
I-687	Application for Status as a Temporary Resident under Sections 245A or 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act	\$710	\$1,130
I-690	Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility	\$185	\$200
I-694	Notice of Appeal of Decision under Sections 245A or 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act	\$545	\$755

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I-690	Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility	\$185	\$200
I-694	Notice of Appeal of Decision under Sections 245A or 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act	\$545	\$755
I-698	Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident (Under Section 245A of Public Law 99-603)	\$1,370	\$1,020
I-751	Petition to Remove the Conditions of Residence	\$465	\$505
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	\$340	\$380
I-817	Application for Family Unity Benefits	\$440	\$435
I-824	Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition	\$340	\$405
I-829	Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	\$2,850	\$3,750
I-881	Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal (Pursuant to Section 203 of Public Law 105–110)	\$285	\$285
I-907	Request for Premium Processing Service	\$1,000	\$1,225
	Civil Surgeon Designation	\$0	\$615
I-924	Application for Regional Center under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program	\$0	\$6,230
N-300	Application to File Declaration of Intention	\$235	\$250
N-336	Request for Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings	\$605	\$650
N-400	Application for Naturalization	\$595	\$595
N-470	Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes	\$305	\$330
N-565	Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document	\$380	\$345
N-600/ 600K	Application for Certification of Citizenship/Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate under Section 322	\$460	\$600
	Immigrant Visa	\$0	\$165
Biometrics	Capturing, Processing, and Storing Biometric Information	\$80	\$85

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EIIC PAST EVENTS

United States Citizenship & Immigration Services Officer's Visit Emerald Isle Immigration Center

On Tuesday August 31st, the USCIS officers conducted an information session on "How to become a U. S. Citizen". The participants were informed about : naturalization requirements, the naturalization process, the naturalization test, and the various rights & responsibilities of U.S. Citizenship.

For more information about the naturalization process, please visit USCIS's website www.uscis.gov . The website contains special links which provide guides for naturalization, the naturalization application forms and instructions, as well as the history & civics exam questions. The USCIS's website contains study materials for the U.S. Civics and History portion of the exam. In particular, there is audio versions on the question in English and in Spanish.

I f you would like to visit the USCIS's website, Emerald Isle Immigration Center's computer room is opened to the community.







EIIC Director of legal service John Stahl, EIIC Executive Director Siobhan Dennehy, EIIC Bilingual Immigration Counselor Karla Rosero, ESL Coordinator Liz Baber, USCIS Officers: ISO Michael Morochnick, ISO Oneil Hall, ISO John Coronel, ISO Jian (Tom) Chen, ISO Richard Kwan and SISO Ingrid Stochmal .

Also joining us on August 31, was our beloved Council Member James Van Bramer.

We Are New York's Graduation Party





On Monday September 13, 2010 EIIC celebrated it's first graduation ceremony for students of the "We Are New York" program.

Thanks to Kunchok Dolma, Assistant Director of the We Are New York Program for the Mayor's Office Of Adult Education, Freeman Blalock, Administrative Coordinator of We Are New York Program and volunteer tutors: Alana Schindewolf, Srirupa Datta, Sarrah Bechor for their commitment to the immigrant community.

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In our Community



DATE:

Saturday, October 16th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Meet at corner of 61st Street

JOIN COUNCIL MEMBER JIMMY VAN BRAMER ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th TO CLEAN UP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

For More Information please call: 718-383-9566 www.JimmyVanBramer.com

USCIS Open House

October 20th, 2010 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in

You are cordially invited to attend an Open House event at the USCIS Office located at:

26 Federal Plaza room 3-310, New York City.

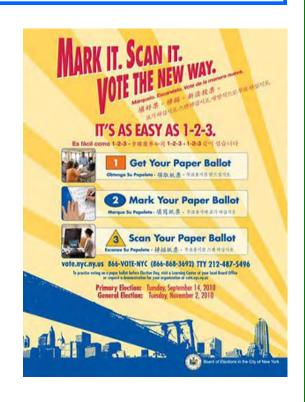
This event is open to the public so all are invited. Please bring your neighbors, friends, and your family.

Queens Food Project

'The Queens Food Project' is a documentary by Cassie Jones that studies the disparate stories of those people, coming from every corner of the globe, involved in the production, sale and preparation of food in the borough.

Cassie presented her documentary at EIIC's We are New York graduation ceremony. The Documentary will be present at the Queens Library in Flushing on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00 PM, alongside Suzanna Park, writer of "Eating Like Queens—A Guide to Ethnic Dining in America's Melting Pot, Queens, NY," and Professor Madhulika Khandelwal from the Urban Studies Department of Queens College for the screening of the "Queens Food Project".

If would like to know more about this wonderful project please visit: http://cassiej33.wordpress.com/



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EIIC UPCOMING EVENTS

Immigration Rights and Services Manual Informational Workshop Monday, October 25th at 6 PM

Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer released the first Immigrant Rights and Services Manual. The manual is an unprecedented comprehensive tool that explains legal rights, public benefits eligibility and public programs and services in a wide range of areas in a straightforward and comprehensible format. A lengthy appendix offers contact information for relevant organizations and government agencies.

The manual is available online at the Manhattan Borough President's Office's website at www.mbpo.org.

Requests for copies of the Immigrant Rights and Services Manual should be made to (212) 669-4564 or cchang@manhattanbp.org.



IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND SERVICES MANUAL

Important Information You Need to Know to Participate in the Life of New York City





Scott M. Stringer

Relaxation Exercises

Tips and techniques to reduce stress and anxiety



Workshop by Claire Callan Monday October 18, 2010 6 PM

59-26 Woodside Ave, Woodside, NY 11377

We thank the following for their contributions: Karla Rosero Esq., Safashia Khan and Liz Baber For announcements, comments and articles, please contact: Liz Baber at coordinator@eiic.org

A Special Thanks

The Emerald Isle Immigration Center would like to thank the volunteers from the New York Cares Organization and St. John's University for lending a helping hand to our cause. Thank you.