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**EIIC
FREE
CITIZENSHIP
CLASSES**

TUESDAY

6PM -8PM

Review the 100 questions on
U.S. Civics and History.

Practice general conversa-
tion, writing and reading
for Citizenship Interview.

Class Schedule
**August 8th, 10th, 17th, &
24th**

**For class registration,
please provide a photocopy
of your Green Card**

Location:
EIIC, Queens Office
For more information, please
call: 718 478 5502 ext. 209

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EIIC'S NEW IMMIGRANTS NEWS

Monthly Newsletter

Hate Crimes & Community Awareness

As part of the new initiative against immigrant hate crimes, the Emerald Isle Immigration Center would like to invite the community and the many immigration service providers to attend our Hate Crimes & Community Awareness training on Tuesday, August 31 at 6PM presented by Det. Eric Sanchez, NYPD Hate Crime Task Force.

Training topics: what is a hate crime, how to report it, and how the community can work to prevent it

If you would like to participate, please contact Karla Rosero, EIIC Bilingual Immigration Counselor and Chair of the EIIC Immigrants Against Hate Commission at krosero@eiic.org or call at 718- 478 5502 ext. 202

How to Report a Hate Crime

In light of recent attacks in Staten Island allegedly based on race and /or ethnicity, Emerald Isle Immigration Center would like to remind the community to report all threats, harassment, and violence directly to the Police Department. The NYPD Hate Crime Task Force is well-equipped to address these complaints.

To report a hate crime, you must call 911 immediately. Do not hesitate to call 911, regardless of your immigration status or criminal history.

A police officer from your local precinct will come to your location and interview you about what happened. Honestly and specifically tell the officer about everything you saw and/or everything that happened to you. If you believe it was a hate crime, let the officer know. The officer should then request a supervisor (a sergeant or higher-ranking officer) to respond to the location if one is not already present. Once he or she arrives, the officer's supervisor will interview you about what happened. This supervisor will determine if the Hate Crime Task Force should be notified.

Remember, we cannot protect our community from hate crimes unless we report them.

SB 1070, Arizona Anti Immigrant Law

U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton blocked key parts of Arizona's controversial immigration law, known as SB 1070, one day before it was supposed to go into effect. The United States Department of Justice filed suit against Arizona and Arizona Governor Janice K. Brewer on July 6, 2010, claiming that SB 1070 is invalid because Arizona does not have the constitutional power to make its own immigration law. On the same date, the Department of Justice also filed a motion asking Judge Bolton to keep the law from going into effect until the end of the trial. On July 28, 2010, Judge Bolton granted the motion—but only for the most controversial components of SB1070.

The following parts of the law will be put on hold:

- **A portion of Section 2**, requiring that Arizona officers make a reasonable attempt to determine the immigration status of any person they stop or arrest if they have a “reasonable suspicion” that the person is an undocumented alien or is out of status. This portion also requires that the police officer verify the person’s immigration status with federal authorities before releasing him.
- **Section 3**, making it a crime if a non-citizen does not apply for and carry alien registration papers.
- **A portion of Section 5**, making it a crime for an unauthorized alien to ask for, apply for, or perform work.
- **Section 6**, allowing the Arizona police to arrest any person they believe has committed a crime that would get him deported from the U.S., even if there is no probable cause to believe the person has committed the crime, and even if the police do not have a warrant to arrest him.

New features to the USCIS website

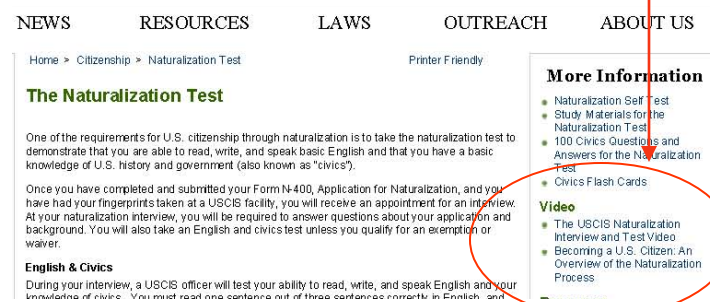
USCIS has made customer service enhancements on its websites: www.USCIS.gov and www.USCIS.gov/espanol

- New Online Inquiry Tool (e-Request) now available for Select Forms – e-Request reduces USCIS response time from 30 days to 15 days
- Specific Adjudication Steps tailored by Form Type on ‘My Case Status’
- ‘My Case Status’ email notifications also available in Spanish
- ‘Change of Address’ online now also available in Spanish



Access to the USCIS web site in Spanish

The USCIS website also contains a new video on the Naturalization process and Naturalization interview.



Submit an e-request (email request) only for N400 (Naturalization application) or I90 (Green Card renewal)



Siobhan Dennehy, EIIC Executive Director Awarded John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal

The AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) and LAOH recently bestowed our Executive Director, Siobhan Dennehy, with the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal. She is the first woman to receive the John F. Kennedy medal, which is the order's highest award. Siobhan is a nationally-recognized leader on all issues related to Irish immigration. Past recipients have been Colonel James McDivitt, U.S.A.F. Astronaut of Gemini IV and Apollo IX, Actor Pat O'Brien, Mayors Richard J. Daley of Chicago and Raymond L. Flynn of Boston, His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, Nobel Prize winner John Hume among many other prominent Irish and other Irish-American dignitaries.



As the EIIC Executive Director, Siobhan serves thousands of New York City Irish immigrants, as well as immigrants of all nationalities. She has provided invaluable assistance to the AOH towards their constitutional mandate "to encourage an equitable U.S. immigration law for Ireland, and cooperate with groups for a fair American immigration policy."

Women's Equality Day – August 26th

An Gorta Mor

**The Great Irish Famine
The Quinnipiac University Collection
Until Friday, Sept. 3, 2010**

A major exhibition of sculpture, paintings and writings about the Irish Famine is being held at the Consulate General of Ireland in New York City. The exhibit focuses on the famine years 1845-1850, when virtually all of Ireland's potato crops were destroyed.

Hours: Weekdays, 12 noon to 2PM. Please call to confirm hours. Free admission.

Where: Consulate General of Ireland

345 Park Avenue

Floor 17

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Women in the United States did not always have the right to vote. In 1848, a group of determined women (including Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton) came together in Seneca Falls, New York, to demand this right. These women marched to Washington and protested outside of the White House, where they used Constitutional text and the President's own words to call for suffrage. Many were arrested, imprisoned, and tortured in jail. Many went on hunger strikes in protest. Even though they suffered, these women continued to call for voting rights for years.

On August 26, 1920, their voices were finally heard. On that day, the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote, was added to the Constitution. Since 1971, the United States has celebrated Women's Equality Day every year on August 26 to commemorate the dedication of the countless women who overcame many obstacles in order to secure the right to vote.

Although men and women are now considered equal in the eyes of the law, women still face social inequalities for which they still fight to resolve. This August 26th, please take the time to reflect on all that women have had to endure, and to support an even greater movement for true Women's Equality.

**Join us for our free monthly discussion
on smart ways to live well & eat healthy**

**Healthy lifestyles
Healthy eating**

Friday, August 27, 2010

10 AM

59-26 Woodside Ave 2 FL
Woodside, NY 11377



*This discussion will be led by Claire Callan
Holistic Health Coach and founder of Clare Holistic Health*

For more information please call: 718-478-5502 Ext. 210

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Mayor's Office of
Adult Education **PRACTICE ENGLISH**

Stop Domestic Violence

As a part of our "We Are New York" English workshop, Queens Family Justice Center will provide an informational session on their services for victims of domestic violence. "We Are New York" is a new TV show for people learning English. The Mayor's Office has partnered with the City University of New York to create an episode that addresses domestic violence for the "We Are New York" series.



Monday, August 30, 2010 at 6 PM

At EIIC

59-26 Woodside Ave, Woodside, NY 11377



Becoming a U.S. Citizen

Informative Session

Led by USCIS Representative

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

6:00 pm

Emerald Isle Immigration Center invites the community to learn more about:

- **Naturalization eligibility requirements**
- **The Naturalization process**
- **The Naturalization test**
- **Rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship**

With the participation of

James Van Bramer, *New York City Council Member*

Siobhan Dennehy, *EIIC Executive Director*

John Stahl, *EIIC Director of Legal Services*

Karla Rosero, *EIIC Immigration Counselor*

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EIIC Fall Basic English Classes

Registrations for beginner English learners are open

Please contact us at 718 - 478 5502 ext 209 or email coordinator@eiic.org



Wednesday

English Conversation Classes
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday

Basic Computer Skills
for beginner English learners
6:00pm - 8:00pm



Personal Finance
for beginner English learners
6:00pm - 8:00pm



EIIC announce the new
Citizenship Classes season starting on
Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Classes will be held on
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
from 6 PM to 8 PM

If you are interested to participate
EIIC invites you to:

Citizenship Class Registration & Naturalization Eligibility Screening

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010
6 PM**

Please provide:

- A photocopy of your Green Card
- A list of your trips outside of U.S. since you become a U.S. resident
- Any Court Dispositions

For more information please call: 718 478 5502 ext. 209

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