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10 simple questions. 10 minutes that will help decide how more than \$400 billion in federal funds is distributed to your community every year.

For more information, go to [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov)

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## 2010 Census Road Tour

On Thursday, April 8, 2010 the Census Road Tour made a stop at EIIC with giveaways, free food, and surprise celebrity guests. The event is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's Portrait of America Road Tour and is designed to educate the public about the Census.

## MARCH FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM IN WASHINGTON DC

Immigration reform is stalling. The poor performance of the economy, high unemployment, and the ongoing fight over healthcare reform have put immigration issues and the bipartisanship required to address them on the back burner. The inaction from Congress has prompted non-Washington organizations to act. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Reform Immigration for America Campaign led the March for America on the national mall in Washington DC to draw attention to the need for reform that promotes justice, preserves families, and creates jobs for non-native Americans. Thousands attended.

## IRISH LOBBY FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM

## MEETING



SPEAKER:

## BRUCE MORRISON

Bruce will give an update on Comprehensive Immigration Reform, followed by Questions and Answers from the Audience.

**Held a Meeting on  
Thursday, April 15, 2010 @ 8pm**

**Sunnyside Community Service Center**

43-31 30th Street, Sunnyside @ Queens Boulevard (40th St. stop on 7 train)

**See their website below for details.**

 Now follow ILIR on Facebook – search “Irish Lobby for Immigration Reform”

[www.irishlobbyusa.org](http://www.irishlobbyusa.org)

[info@irishlobbyusa.org](mailto:info@irishlobbyusa.org)

The ILIR held a meeting on April 15, 2010 in Sunnyside.

For further details refer to their website:

[www.irishlobbyusa.org](http://www.irishlobbyusa.org)

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## SERVICES UPDATES

**BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, AND  
ADVANCED COMPUTER CLASSES**

are starting soon. Beginner students learn computer basics as well as MS Word and how to use the web for fun, research, and email; Intermediate students strengthen their Microsoft Office skills and Windows use; and Advanced students expand their study to include a sampler of all Microsoft Office applications. All classes are 5 weeks long, and dates and times vary. Contact Eileen Morgan, computer teacher, through the receptionist telephone at 718 478-5502.

Our **SENIOR'S HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM AND GROUP DISCUSSION** is held the last Friday of every month at 10:00 a.m. Drop by to learn senior-specific tips from nutrition professionals and to share stories and insight with each other.

Our **SENIOR HELPLINE** is an opportunity for older New Yorkers to call and talk to someone their own age about common concerns or just to have a friendly chat. The line is entirely staffed by trained volunteers and is available to alleviate the isolation felt by seniors who are living alone. Want to talk? Call Toll Free 1-877-997-5777 Monday and Fridays between 4-6 p.m.

Our **MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING** is available two days a week. Call our Woodside office to make an appointment with:

- Laura O'Brien on Mondays between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Queens

For services in the Bronx, call our Woodlawn office to make an appointment with:

- Laura O'Brien or Liz Belton on Thursdays between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m

# United States Census 2010

## PARTICIPATE AND BE PROTECTED

### Participation is Advantageous

The 2010 Census aims to count all U.S. residents—citizens and non-citizens alike. Census information affects the number of seats a state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives, but it affects so much more as well. That data collected is used in the future by organizations working at disease prevention and disaster rescue efforts. Most importantly, it also determines how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spend on services to *your* neighborhood. Those services include:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Sanitation services
- Senior centers
- Fire and Police services
- Bridges, tunnels, and other public works projects
- Emergency services

**Responding to the Census means more money in your neighborhood, more community services, and a safer and more enjoyable place to live for all, documented and undocumented alike.** Participation is a proven means for individuals to promote their own welfare and wellbeing in this country.



### Census 2010 Timeline

#### March 2010

Census Bureau mails letters informing households that the census form is coming.

#### March 15-17, 2010

Census Bureau mails Census forms, including a prepaid envelope, to households so you can mail it back as soon as possible, free-of-charge.

#### Mid-March 2010

Census Bureau mails reminder postcards

#### March 28, 2010

Census Bureau mails second Census form to households in low-response/hard-to-count areas.

#### April – July 2010

Census 2010 workers visit households that have not yet returned their completed form.

### IT'S IN OUR HANDS



**Census 2010 forms are available in six languages:** English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Korean, Russian, and Vietnamese. English/Spanish bilingual forms will be mailed to areas with large numbers of Spanish-speaking households. Respondents can request a form in one of the non-English languages via a toll-free phone number that will be available closer to Census Day.

**Language assistance guides for an additional 59 languages will also be available,** as will large-print and Braille guides and a language reference dictionary.

These guides and non-English forms can be requested by calling the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance center at **1-866-872-6868**. For a Spanish-speaking operator, dial **1-866-928-2010**.

Phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., local time, seven days a week, until July 30, 2010. The hearing-impaired can call TDD 1-866-783-2010.

## Your Privacy Is Protected

**Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all participant information.** Violating this law carries harsh penalties. Additional federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act, reinforce this protection. The U.S. Department of Justice has issued assurances that no U.S. law overrides these protections.

The Census 2010 form asks:

- Name
- Sex
- Age
- Date of birth
- Race
- Household relationship
- If residents own or rent their home

The census DOES NOT ask about the legal status of respondents or their Social Security numbers.

# THE 2010 CENSUS ROAD TOUR IS COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

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Check out pictures on Flickr.com/uscensusbureau  
Join us on Facebook.com/uscensusbureau  
View videos on YouTube.com/uscensusbureau

## ON-SITE ROAD TOUR EXPERIENCE

- ▲ Learn about the 2010 Census and how it can benefit your community
- ▲ Contribute your voice and picture to the 2010 Census "Portrait of America"
- ▲ Hear and see local artists
- ▲ See a sample 2010 Census form
- ▲ Engage with local community leaders and 2010 Census partners



APRIL 8, 2010, 4:00pm– 6:00pm  
Emerald Isle Immigration Center  
59-26 Woodside Avenue



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# It's Tax Time Again

Don't forget, individual income taxes, including those of undocumented immigrants, must be filed with the IRS by April 15<sup>th</sup>. People without social security numbers must apply for and use an Individual Tax identification Number, a number used only for record keeping purposes. ITIN numbers can be obtained by completing a W-7 form and filing it with your first return. The IRS does not currently share ITIN information with other agencies; it is not in their interest to do so and is prohibited by law. Using an ITIN number is essential for anyone who hopes to become a naturalized citizen. Failing to do so reflects poorly on citizenship applicants and may impede the naturalization process after future immigration reform. Visit <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw7.pdf> for more information.



## An excerpt from the March 17, 2010 *Daily News* article, *Keep America a Land of Hope* by Brian O'Dwyer, EIIC Chairman

The DREAM Act would provide a path for legalization to those who arrived as young children with immigrant parents and were raised and educated in America. The DREAM Act would legalize young adults who are American in every way but their paperwork, and relieve pressure on the pool of visas for other immigrants. Congress must pass the legislation. It is the right thing to do.

It is unconscionable that so many Americans have forgotten where they came from, that all of us except Native Americans are immigrants or their descendants. Slamming the door behind us is not only bad policy, it is un-American. It doesn't seem as if it should be necessary to remind decision makers of the contributions Irish-Americans have made to this country, but apparently it still is.

Irish leaders here and abroad are frustrated by Washington's inability to confront a failed immigration policy that robs the United States of the important skills and energy provided by the immigrants that are the backbone of American life.

To honor the contributions of all immigrants, indeed to honor America, we should commit again this St. Patrick's Day to finally embrace and enact comprehensive immigration reform.

# EIIC NEWS

Our **2010 Briscoe Awards**, held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the 21 Club, was a resounding success. This year we honored Executive Vice President of New York State United Teachers Alan B. Lubin, and Dr.

Hasia Diner, professor at New York University, for their contributions to Irish and immigration causes.



*Oliver Koppel, Alan B. Lubin,  
Hasia Diner, Ben Briscoe,  
Brian O'Dwyer.*

*Hasia Diner's son,  
Hasia Diner,  
Donald Kelly,  
Dr. Maureen Murphy.*



Our **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner Dance** was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> last year at the Astoria World Manor. The honorees were Elizabeth Crowley, District 30 NYC Council member; Joseph Carty, the proprietor of the Rambling House; and Terrence O'Sullivan, the General President of LIUNA. For a slideshow of pictures of the evening, visit <http://www.eiic.org/DD2009/DD2009.htm>



## ESL-Citizenship Classes Update

A new session of our popular ESL-Citizenship classes will begin this spring. We are incredibly proud of our students. Of the 99 students in our last session of 2009, 27 were eligible to take the naturalization exam; all but two passed. We think the kind words of one of our phenomenally generous volunteers sums up this outreach: "The Center provides a welcoming, relaxed, and encouraging environment where immigrants can come to learn." Ms. Burstein has been impressed enough with her students and EIIC that she now teaches two nights per week, though she initially committed only to one.

American citizenship and improve their English. To register for the spring session, call our Woodside office.

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## **SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES**

**EIIC will be hosting a  
Citizenship Drive on April 17, 2010**  
Both Woodlawn and Woodside offices will  
be open for further information or if you are  
interested in volunteering or applying for  
your US Citizenship, call either of our offices  
for further details.  
Woodside 718-478-5502  
Woodlawn 718-324-3039

**EIIC's  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner Dance**  
will be held in  
**October 2010**  
at the  
**Astoria World Manor**  
2522 Astoria Blvd., Queens, NY  
*More information on honorees  
will come soon.*

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for inclusion in our next newsletter alternatively you can check out our website @ [www.eiic.org](http://www.eiic.org)