

2006 Voter Awareness Month

Celebrate Democracy and Exercise the Right to Vote



**Calendar of events from September 14th to October 13th
For more information call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/voter**



The City of New York



**New York City Voter
Assistance Commission**



The New York Times
Community Affairs Department



A Message from the Chair

Dear Fellow New Yorker:

We are pleased to present the calendar of events and activities for the first Voter Awareness Month.

Voter Awareness Month is a collaboration between the New York City Voter Assistance Commission (VAC), The City University of New York (CUNY), The New York Times, and many community and civic groups throughout New York City. Voter Awareness Month is created to make you aware of your right to vote, the importance of your vote to our city and its future, and how all of us, as New Yorkers, can become more involved in the electoral process.

During Voter Awareness Month, there will be registration drives, public forums, and other events intended to raise your awareness of voting and its meaning. We hope you will participate in these activities, register to vote, and of course, vote on Election Day, November 7.

For more information and updates on any of these events, please call 311 or visit our website at www.nyc.gov/voter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey F. Kraus, Chairman

New York City Voter Assistance Commission

September

Thursday 14th

2006 Voter Awareness Month Kick-Off
Press Conference and Voter Registration Drive
Manhattan

KALCA Gubernatorial Event
Korean American League for Civic Action
(KALCA)

Manhattan

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

MARU, 11 West 32nd St. 3rd Fl.

Join a town-hall style meeting. Gubernatorial candidates are invited to state their positions and to address Asian-Pacific American issues with a Q&A session.

Friday 15th

Citizenship Day
Brooklyn

NYC Department of Youth & Community Development, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, Office of the Governor's Citizenship Unit, NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development, Medgar Evers College/CUNY, and NYC Voter Assistance Commission

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Medgar Evers College Auditorium,
1650 Bedford Ave.

Free naturalization application assistance to qualified permanent residents including free photos for application.

Sunday 17th

Voter Registration Drive
Brooklyn

The League of Women Voters of the
City of New York

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

44th St. to 59th St. on 5th Ave.

While enjoying street fairs, register to vote, update your voter registration, and pick up voter registration forms for your friends and family.

September

Citizenship Day Festival Manhattan
**The New York Immigration Coalition and NYC
Voter Assistance Commission**
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Battery Park (tentative)
Celebrate citizenship day with bands, speakers,
food, etc. On-site voter registration will be avail-
able.

Voter Registration Drive Brooklyn
**The League of Women Voters of the
City of New York**
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
On Atlantic Ave. between Hicks St. & 4th Ave.
While enjoying street fairs, register to vote, update
your voter registration, and pick up voter registra-
tion forms for your friends and family.

Monday 18th

Voter Registration Drive Bronx
Hispanic Federation
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Lincoln Hospital, 234 E. 149th St. #2B1
Register to vote and/or pick up voter registration
forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

**Wagner College Voter Registration &
Constitution Day** Staten Island
**Wagner College and NYC Voter Assistance
Commission**
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Wagner College, One Campus Road
Constitution reading and voter registration.

Voter Registration Drive Bronx
**The Family Council of the East Haven Nursing &
Rehab Center**
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
The Family Council of the East Haven Nursing &
Rehab Center, 2323 Eastchester Road
All members of the community are welcome. On-
site voter registration assistance will be available.

September

Tuesday 19th

Voter Registration Drive Queens
NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission Long Island City Office, 32-02 Queens Blvd., Long Island City
Come to register to vote, update your voter registration, and/or receive voter information.

Voter Registration Drive Bronx
Bronx Community College/CUNY
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Bronx Community College, University Avenue & West 181st St.
Roscoe Brown Student Center lobby and Meister Hall lobby
The Student Government Assoc., NYPIRG, Office of the President, BCC-PSC and other volunteers will be available at the tables to register new voters and distribute voting information.

Voter Registration Drive in
Manhattan Manhattan
Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs and NYC
Voter Assistance Commission
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Manhattan NY Harbor Healthcare,
423 E. 23rd St.
Register to vote and pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voter Registration Drive in the Bronx Bronx
Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs and NYC
Voter Assistance Commission
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Bronx VA Medical Center, 130 W. Kingsbridge Road
Register to vote and pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voter Registration Drive in the Brooklyn

Brooklyn

Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs and NYC
Voter Assistance Commission

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Brooklyn NY Harbor Healthcare, 800 Poly Place
Register to vote and pick up voter registration forms
for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voter Registration Drive

Bronx

Hispanic Federation

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Lincoln Hospital, 234 E. 149th St. #2B1

Register to vote and/or pick up voter registration
forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

NYC Board of Elections

Commissioners' Meeting

Manhattan

NYC Board of Elections

1:30 pm

NYC Board of Elections Commissioners' Hearing
Room, 42 Broadway 6th Fl.

Weekly meeting on NYC election process. Open
to the public.

Voter Registration Drive

Bronx

Bronx Community College/CUNY

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Bronx Community College, University Avenue &
West 181st St.

Roscoe Brown Student Center lobby and Meister
Hall lobby

The Student Government Assoc., NYPIRG, Office
of the President, BCC-PSC and other volunteers will
be available at the tables to register new voters
and distribute voting information.

Wednesday 20th

Citizen Celebration Day of the Russian-American
Community of New York **Brooklyn**

Civic and Voter Education Initiative (CVEI) and
NYC Voter Assistance Commission

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst,
7802 Bay Parkway

Discussion about the importance of active participa-
tion, a voter registration drive, and distribution of
voting information.

Voter Registration Drive **Bronx**

Bronx Community College/CUNY

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Bronx Community College, University Avenue &
West 181st St.

Roscoe Brown Student Center lobby and Meister
Hall lobby

The Student Government Assoc., NYPIRG, Office
of the President, BCC-PSC and other volunteers will
be available at the tables to register new voters
and distribute voting information.

Running Elections in America's

Largest City **Manhattan**

Women's City Club of New York and NYC Voter
Assistance Commission

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

American Symphony Orchestra League, 33 West
60th St.

Guest speaker: John Ravitz, Executive Director,
NYC Board of Elections.

September

**Panel Discussion: The Constitution in
Extraordinary Times - How Circumstances affect
Constitutional Interpretation** **Bronx**

Bronx Community College/CUNY

12:00 pm

Bronx Community College Schwendler Auditorium,
University Avenue & West 181st St.

Discussion will include contested readings of the
Constitution in the post-9/11 world and the War
on Terror.

Voter Registration Drive **Queens**

**Latin American Cultural Center and NYC Voter
Assistance Commission**

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Main St. Library entrance, 41-17 Main St.,
Flushing

Come out to register to vote, update voter registra-
tion information, and pick up voter registration
forms for your family members and friends.

Thursday **21st**

Constitution Performance **Bronx**

Bronx Community College/CUNY

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Bronx Community College Gold Memorial
Auditorium, University Avenue & West 181st St.

Enjoy live music inspired by the Constitution per-
formed by Dr. Benjamin Yarmolinsky.

**Justice Symposium ... Voting Rights in Criminal
Convictions: Part I** **Manhattan**

**John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY,
Medgar Evers College/CUNY, and NYC Voter
Assistance Commission**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Multi Purpose
Room, 445 West 59th St. 2nd Fl.

Presentation and panel discussion on voting rights
for people with criminal convictions. Panelists
include representatives of Brennan Center for Justice
at NYU School of Law and the Dubois-Bunche
Center at Medgar Evers College.

September

Voter Registration Drive Bronx
Bronx Community College/CUNY
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Bronx Community College, University Avenue & West 181st St.
Roscoe Brown Student Center lobby and Meister Hall lobby
The Student Government Assoc., NYPIRG, Office of the President, BCC-PSC and other volunteers will be available at the tables to register new voters and distribute voting information.

Friday 22nd

Voter Information Forum for People with Disabilities Manhattan
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Disabilities Network of New York City, and NYC Voter Assistance Commission
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Visions at Selis Manor Ground Floor Auditorium, 135 West 23rd St.
Guest speaker: John Ravitz, Executive Director, NYC Board of Elections. Demonstration of new ballot marking machine, voter registration, and distribution of voter information

Monday 25th

Voter Registration Drive Bronx
Hispanic Federation
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Lincoln Hospital, 234 E. 149th St. #2B1
Register to vote and/or to pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voter Registration Drive Bronx
The Family Council of the East Haven Nursing & Rehab Center
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
The Family Council of the East Haven Nursing & Rehab Center, 2323 Eastchester Road
All members of the community are welcome. On-site voter registration assistance will be available.

September

Tuesday 26th

**Self-help Community Services Voter
Registration Drive** **Brooklyn**
Self-help Community Services
9:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Self-help Community Services, 419 Church Ave.
between E. 5th & E 4th St.
Register to vote and/or receive voter registration
materials.

**NYC Board of Elections Commissioners’
Meeting** **Manhattan**
NYC Board of Elections
1:30 pm
NYC Board of Elections Commissioners’ Hearing
Room, 42 Broadway 6th Fl.
Weekly meeting on NYC election process. Open
to the public.

Voter Registration Drive **Bronx**
Hispanic Federation
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Lincoln Hospital, 234 E. 149th St. #2B1
Register to vote and/or to pick up voter registration
forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Wednesday 27th

Voter Awareness Day **Manhattan**
**College of Mount Saint Vincent – Institute for
Immigrant Concerns**
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
College of Mount Saint Vincent – Institute for
Immigrant Concerns, 1233 Second Ave.
Civic and voting education. Citizenship applica-
tions also available.

September

Citizenship Day Queens

NYC Department of Youth & Community Development, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, The City University of New York, Latin American Cultural Center, and NYC Voter Assistance Commission

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Salvation Army, 86-07 35th Ave., Jackson Heights
Free naturalization application assistance to qualified permanent residents including free photos for application.

Thursday 28th

Building Leadership ... Women's Career Forum in Politics and Civic Engagement Manhattan

Barnard College/Columbia University, NYC Department of Youth & Community Development, Commission on Women's Issues, and NYC Voter Assistance Commission

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Barnard College/Columbia University Altschul Atrium, 117th St. and Broadway
Panel discussion on leadership opportunities in politics.

Friday 29th

Naturalization and Swearing-in Ceremony for New Citizens Queens

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, The City University of New York, and NYC Voter Assistance Commission

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

LaGuardia Community College,
31-10 Thomson Ave., Long Island City
Citizenship swearing-in ceremony, voter registration drive, and multi-language voter information.

Voter Registration Drive Manhattan Baruch College/CUNY

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Baruch College, 25th St. between
Lexington & 3rd Ave.

Voter registration table by the Undergraduate Student Government and the Office of Student Life.

October

Saturday 30th

Voter Registration and Information Drive **Brooklyn**

Boy Scout Troop 815

10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Fulton Mall

Register to vote and/or pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voter Registration and Information Drive

Brooklyn

Boy Scout Troop 815

10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Atlantic Center Mall

Register to vote and/or pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Sunday 1st

Voter Registration Drive

Brooklyn

Cornerstone Baptist Church

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cornerstone Baptist Church, 562-574

Madison Ave.

Register to vote and/or pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voter Registration and Information Drive

Boy Scout Troop 815

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Voter Registration and Information Drive **Brooklyn**

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Atlantic Center Mall

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October

Monday 2nd

Voter Registration Drive

Bronx

Hispanic Federation

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Lincoln Hospital, 234 E. 149th St. #2B1

Register to vote and/or pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voter Registration Drive

Brooklyn

Medgar Evers College/CUNY

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Ave.

Voter registration drive will be held on both sides of Bedford Ave. and Carroll St.

Voter Registration Drive

Bronx

The Family Council of the East Haven

Nursing & Rehab Center

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Family Council of the East Haven Nursing & Rehab Center, 2323 Eastchester Road

All members of the community are welcome. On-site voter registration assistance will be available.

Tuesday 3rd

Voter Registration Awareness

Week

Manhattan

John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

John Jay College of Criminal Justice North Hall lobby, 445 West 59th St.

Visit John Jay to receive voter registration information. On-site voter registration will be also available.

Voter Registration Drive

Bronx

Monroe College

11:00 am – 1:00 pm, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Monroe College Main Building, 2501 Jerome Ave.

Register to vote and/or pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

October

NYC Board of Elections Commissioners' Meeting **Manhattan**

NYC Board of Elections

1:30 pm

NYC Board of Elections Commissioners' Hearing Room, 42 Broadway 6th Fl.

Weekly meeting on NYC election process. Open to the public.

Voter Registration Drive **Bronx**

Hispanic Federation

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Lincoln Hospital, 234 E. 149th St. #2B1

Register to vote and/or pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Wednesday **4th**

Youth Civic Engagement Symposium **Staten Island**

Department of Youth & Community Development and NYC Voter Assistance Commission

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Wagner College, One Campus Road

Interactive lesson on voting and civic engagement.

Voter Registration Awareness Week **Manhattan**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

John Jay College of Criminal Justice North Hall lobby, 445 West 59th St.

Visit John Jay to receive voter registration information. On-site voter registration will be also available.

October

Thursday 5th

Building Leadership ... Women's Career Forum
in Politics **Staten Island**

Wagner College, NYC Department of Youth &
Community Development, Commission on
Women's Issues, and NYC Voter Assistance
Commission

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Wagner College, One Campus Road

Enjoy a panel discussion on leadership opportuni-
ties in politics and civic engagement.

Senior Benefit & Entitlement Fair **Manhattan**

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Riverbank State Park, Athletic Building & Cultural
Center, 679 Riverside Drive at 145th St.

Join 1200 seniors from all five boroughs in NYC
and learn about senior programs and services!

Information and assistance on voter registration,
absentee ballot, and permanent absentee ballot
are available.

Voter Information Forum for Students with
Disabilities **Brooklyn**

The City University of New York, Mayor's Office
for People with Disabilities, and NYC Voter
Assistance Commission

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Baruch College, Room No. 14-285,
1 Bernard Baruch Way (25th St. and
Lexington Ave.)

Guest speaker: Valerie Vazquez-Rivera, NYC
Board of Elections. Demonstration of new ballot
marking machine, voter registration, and distribu-
tion of voter information.

October

Voter Registration Awareness Week **Manhattan**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

John Jay College of Criminal Justice North Hall lobby, 445 West 59th St.

Visit John Jay to receive voter registration information. On-site voter registration will be also available.

Saturday 7th

Voter Registration Drive

Queens

American Martyrs Catholic War Veterans Post 1772

6:00 pm

American Martyrs Church, 79-43 Bell Blvd.,
Bayside

Register to vote and/or pick-up voter registration forms for your family and friends.

Voter Registration Drive

Queens

Chinese American Voters Association

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

In front of Amerasia Bank, 41-06 Main St.,
Flushing

Register to vote and/or ask questions about voting.

Sunday 8th

Voter Registration Drive

Queens

American Martyrs Catholic War Veterans Post 1772

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

American Martyrs Church, 79-43 Bell Blvd.,
Bayside

Register to vote and/or pick-up voter registration forms for your family and friends.

October

Monday 9th

Voter Registration Drive **Bronx**

Hispanic Federation

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Lincoln Hospital, 234 E. 149th St. #2B1

Register to vote and/or to pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voter Registration Drive **Bronx**

The Family Council of the East Haven Nursing & Rehab Center

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Family Council of the East Haven Nursing & Rehab Center, 2323 Eastchester Road

All members of the community are welcome. On-site voter registration assistance will be available.

Tuesday 10th

Youth Civic Engagement Symposium **Bronx**

NYC Department of Youth and Community Development and NYC Voter Assistance Commission

4:00 – 5:30

Federation Employment and Guidance Service/
Bronx School of Law & Government, 244 E. 163rd St.

Interactive lesson on voting and civic engagement.

NYC Board of Elections Commissioners' Meeting **Manhattan**

NYC Board of Elections

1:30 pm

NYC Board of Elections Commissioners' Hearing Room, 42 Broadway 6th Fl.

Weekly meeting on NYC election process. Open to the public.

October

Voter Registration Drive Bronx
Hispanic Federation
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Lincoln Hospital, 234 E. 149th St. #2B1
Register to vote and/or to pick up voter registration forms for your family, friends, and neighbors.

Wednesday 11th

Justice Symposium ... Voting Rights in Criminal Convictions: Part II Brooklyn
Medgar Evers College/CUNY, and NYC Voter Assistance Commission
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Medgar Evers College Presidential Conference Room, 1650 Bedford Ave.
Presentation and panel discussion on voting rights for people with criminal convictions. Panelists include representatives of Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law and the Dubois-Bunche Centers at Medgar Evers College.

Thursday 12th

Voting Booth Seminar Queens
DeVry Institute of Technology
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
DeVry Institute of Technology, 30-20 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City
First time voters learn how to use a voting system.

Why Vote? Manhattan
Baruch College/CUNY
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Baruch College Vertical Campus, 55 Lexington Ave.
Discussion with a state legislator on the importance of becoming politically active and minority representation for the promotion of equality.

October

NYC Voter Assistance Commission
Commissioners' Meeting **Manhattan**
NYC Voter Assistance Commission (VAC)
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
NYC Board of Elections Commissioners' Hearing
Rooms, 42 Broadway 6th Fl.
Bi-monthly VAC meeting on NYC Voter Issues.
Open to public.

Friday 13th

Naturalization and Swearing-in Ceremony for
New Citizens **Brooklyn**
The City University of New York and NYC Voter
Assistance Commission
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
New York City College of Technology, 300 Jay St.
Citizenship swearing-in ceremony and voter regis-
tration drive.

For additional events taking place during Voter Awareness Month, please call
311 or visit our website at www.nyc.gov/voter.

NYC Voting Information

General Election: Tuesday, November 7th

Polls are open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm

Resources

NYC Voter Assistance Commission: www.nyc.gov/voter
(212) 788-8384

NYC Board of Elections: www.vote.nyc.ny.us
(212) VOTE-NYC

NYS Board of Elections: www.elections.state.ny.us
(518) 474-6220

NYC Board of Elections

Five Borough Local Offices

Manhattan Office: 200 Varick St., 10th Fl., New York,
NY 10014

Brooklyn Office: 345 Adams St., 4th Fl., Brooklyn, NY
11201

Queens Office: 126-06 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, NY
11415

Bronx Office: 1780 Grand Concourse, 5th Fl., Bronx, NY
10457

Staten Island Office: 1 Edgewater Plaza, 4th Fl., Staten
Island, NY 10305

Voting Information

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Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs

NYC Board of Elections

Medgar Evers College/CUNY

Barnard College, Columbia University

Korean American League for Civic Action (KALCA)

Hispanic Federation

Chinese American Voters Association

Local Russian Émigré Organizations (LOREO)

The New York Immigration Coalition

Office of the Governor's Citizenship Unit

CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project

NYC Campaign Finance Board

Latin American Cultural Center

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