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01 NATURALIZATION INFORMATION SESSION

Prior to Jersey City's Citizenship Clinic, The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will be hosting a Naturalization Information Session on Thursday, April 23rd, 2015 at 6:00PM in City Hall's Council Chambers. We will be holding this information session prior to the clinic to ensure that all participants fully understand the naturalization process and the eligibility requirements before attending the clinic.

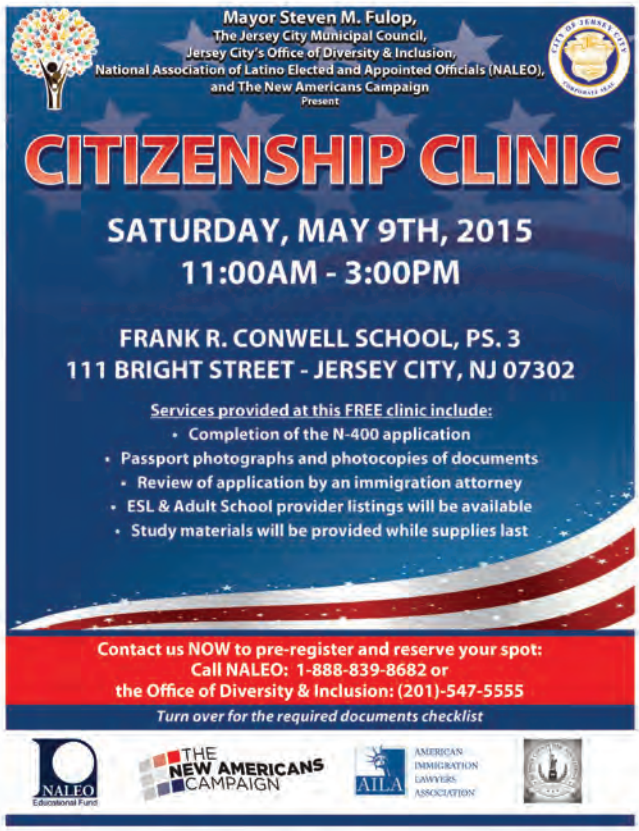
Topics that will be discussed at this session include the naturalization eligibility requirements, how to apply for naturalization, the naturalization exam and interview, and the rights and responsibilities of a U.S. citizen.

02 JERSEY CITY'S 1ST CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

Mayor Steven M. Fulop, the Jersey City Municipal Council, the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), and the New Americans Campaign will be hosting the City's first Citizenship Clinic on Saturday May 9th, 2015 at the Frank R. Conwell School, PS. 3 located at 111 Bright Street in Jersey City from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This event is open to any individual who is eligible to become an American citizen and needs assistance in filling out their citizenship application. Clinic services are being provided at no cost to the immigrant community.

In order to apply for U.S. citizenship, the applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements; they must be at least 18 years of age, must be a Legal Permanent Resident for at least 5 years, or, if you are married to a U.S. citizen, you must have been a Legal Permanent Resident for at least 3 years, must have basic knowledge of U.S. Government and history, must be able to read, write, speak, and understand basic English, and must be a person of good moral character.

Services provided at this free clinic include completion of the N-400 Application for Naturalization, review of application by an immigration attorney, passport photographs and photocopies of documents, ESL and Adult Education provider listings, and citizenship study materials will be provided while supplies last. Pre-registration is required; in order to register, applicants may call the NALEO hotline at 1-888-839-8682 or the Office of Diversity & Inclusion at (201) 547-5555.



APRIL | MAY 2015 IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday April 23rd – Naturalization Information Session 6:00pm @ City Hall Council Chambers

Thursday May 7th – Clinic Volunteer Training Session @ 6:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers

Saturday May 9th – Jersey City Citizenship Clinic 11:00am-3:00pm @ PS #3

Friday May 15th – Jersey Tarana's Annual Recital @ 5:00pm in Council Chambers

Monday May 25th – Memorial Day (**MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED**)

Tuesday May 26th – Guyanese Flag Raising @ 4:00pm in Council Chambers

Wednesday May 27th – Hudson County Court Night @ 6:00pm in the Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Courthouse 583 Newark Avenue

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03 HUDSON COUNTY COURT NIGHT

Hudson County Court Night

Wednesday, May 27, 2015
6:30PM - 8:30PM
Justice William J. Brennnan Jr. Courthouse
538 Newarl Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS:

COURT NIGHT is an evening of free information sessions open to the Residents of Hudson County. These sessions will provide practical information and resource material designed to assist residents in navigating the court system. Attorneys and court representatives will conduct the sessions and will be available to answer general questions from the public concerning each subject matter.

While **Court Night** is free, pre-registration is highly recommended. To pre-register, please email hudson.reservation@judiciary.state.nj.us or call **201-217-5109**. When registering via email or phone, please provide your name, telephone number, and the workshop you would like to attend. **Court Night** is held in a secure environment - any personal information will be kept confidential and never shared with anyone of any agency.

- **LANDLORD | TENANT:** Learn about your rights as a landlord or as a tenant. This session will discuss the basics of Landlord/Tenant court.
- **CHILD SUPPORT:** This session covers the basics of filing for child support, as well as enforcement, modification and termination.
- **EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORD:** Do you want to eliminate a criminal record? This session will get you started on the right path.
- **DEALING WITH DEBT:** This session covers bankruptcy, foreclosure and Debt collection practices.
- **CAREGIVER LAW:** Do you care for a loved one or elderly family member? Learn about powers of attorney, living wills, surrogate issues and elder abuse.
- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Learn about prevention, resources and support assistance for victims.

Court Night is sponsored by the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hudson Vicinage in partnership with the New Jersey State Bar Association and Foundation and the Hudson County Bar Association and Foundation; in partnership with the Hudson Vicinage Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns.

04 USCIS ALERT: Grace Period Extended for Prior Versions of Form G-28

USCIS has extended the grace period for using prior versions of **Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative** to Friday, May 15. USCIS issued the new, revised version of Form G-28 on March 6, 2015 (edition date: 03/04/2015). As we transition to the new form, USCIS is allowing applicants to continue using previous versions of Form G-28. You can find the edition date at the bottom of any page of the Form G-28. We encourage you to start using the new version of the form as soon as possible to benefit from the new options that were added.

Beginning Monday, May 18, USCIS will accept only the new version (edition date: 03/04/2015) of Form G-28. If an application or benefit request is submitted with a previous version of Form G-28, we will not accept the Form G-28 but will accept the application, petition, or request as long as it meets the acceptance criteria. In this situation, we will send all notices and secure documents only to the applicant/petitioner/requestor.

About the new Form G-28

The new Form G-28 (edition date: 03/04/2015) includes two new boxes that allow applicants/petitioners/requestors to tell USCIS whether they want to receive their notices and secure documents directly, or whether they want USCIS to send them to their legal representative. The new form also collects more biographic data, email addresses and cell phone numbers.

For More Information

Visit the **Filing Your Form G-28 web page** to learn more about the form. For more information on USCIS and its programs, please visit **uscis.gov.**

05 CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

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Register Now!

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Saturdays in City Hall | 280 Grove Street Jersey City, NJ 07302

New Discounted Application & Tuition Fee: $20 (materials included)

For more information or to register, please contact the Jersey City Literacy Program at (201) 547 - 4518.

Presented by Mayor Steven M. Fulop, The Jersey City Municipal Council, The Jersey City Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and The Jersey City Free Public Library in partnership with The Literacy Program

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