

# Neighbors Bulletin

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## Community Updates

### GET SET TO VOTE IN THE 2021 PRIMARY

On June 22, New York City will use ranked-choice voting in the primary election for municipal offices, including mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and city council. This will be the city's first use of ranked-choice voting in a regular election. In ranked-choice voting, voters rank their preferred candidates in order. Because of this, even if your first-choice candidate does not win, you are still able to affect the outcome by providing support for your 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or even 5th choice, which will be counted if the tally of first choices does not produce a winner.

Make sure you're prepared to participate in this important election by keeping track of these key deadlines:

**May 28:** Last day to register to vote or change your address.

**June 15:** Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot to vote by mail

**June 12- 20:** Early voting period

**June 22:** Deadline to turn in your absentee ballot or vote in person

Learn more about ranked-choice voting, get details on how to get registered, and find other election resources at [vote.columbia.edu](https://vote.columbia.edu).

### VISION SCREENING FOR NYCHA RESIDENTS



Free on-site eye exams are now being offered to residents ages 40+ at some NYCHA complexes. The exams aim to help prevent vision loss, especially as many have put off routine medical care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Around 50% of people with glaucoma and 25% of people with diabetic retinopathy don't know that they have these conditions. Early detection can help prevent vision loss.

This program, part of a study by the Department of Ophthalmology at Columbia, has already screened more than 80 people. Residents of the Polo Grounds, Rangel, Lincoln, Drew Hamilton, and St. Nicholas houses who are age 40 and older are eligible to participate by calling 325-241-9369

Learn more at [neighbors.columbia.edu/visiontest](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/visiontest).

## Community Events

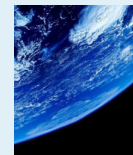
Check with event organizers for latest updates as details may change. More details can be found at [neighbors.columbia.edu/events](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/events)



### Beyond the Bars: Towards Freedom Starts May 6

Focused on safety and abolition during and after the COVID-19

pandemic, this year's conference will be held virtually throughout May. [neighbors.columbia.edu/btb21](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/btb21)



### EI LIVE: A World of Change May 13, 4PM

Learn how warm ocean water is getting to the ice around Antarctica,

and how scientists measure ocean water. For grades 6-8.

[neighbors.columbia.edu/worldchange](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/worldchange)



### Assembling Voices Resident Fellows Program Due May 15

Grade 6-12 students can learn about the

importance of on-the-ground data to understanding weather and climate risk with the game iKON.

[neighbors.columbia.edu/voicesfellows](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/voicesfellows)



### Zuckerman Institute's Teacher-Scholar Program Due May 24

High school science and math teachers in

NYC can learn about neuroscience and create materials for the classroom.

[neighbors.columbia.edu/teacherscholar](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/teacherscholar)



### The Deluge at The Forum Now Through June

The installation, on view from the sidewalk, features photos

illustrating the consequences of climate change across the globe.

[neighbors.columbia.edu/thedeluge](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/thedeluge)



### HYPOTHEkids Afterschool Science Club Now Through July

Kids in grades K-5 can try fun, free, outdoor

STEAM activities, including Science Club projects and a puzzle station, and also get homework help.

[neighbors.columbia.edu/scienceclub](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/scienceclub)