

furnace repair and/or replacement benefit for households with inoperable heating equipment. Heat may help pay for: Electricity, Propane, Natural Gas, Wood, Oil, Kerosene, Coal or any other heating fuel. Eligible apartment dwellers can receive \$40.) or \$50.00; eligible households that pay for fuel can receive up to \$700.00 depending on the type of fuel used. For the training please call 212-442-7411 or 212-442-3026. Application will be available on line at www.nyc.gov/aging in November or call 311.

Join Cypress Hills Local Dev. Corp. and Community Environmental Center for Weatherization Day on Friday, October 30th, 2009. Learn about our efforts to improve the energy efficiency of homes throughout Cypress Hills and East New York, and find out how to weatherize your own home. CHLDC has committed itself to weatherizing all 182 of its affordable apartment units, and to incorporating green components into all of its new construction. Green weatherized housing creates healthier, safer, more affordable living spaces for residents and helps advance a more sustainable world for us all. For information contact Lynne Serpe at 718-784-1444 x 120.

Hon. Nydia M. Velazquez has been sending local schools and community-based organizations a monthly newsletter about federal, state and private sector grants available to assist in neighborhood project. To better serve you, my office will be switching from a mailed hard copy to these monthly grants newsletter to an e-mail version. For information call 202-226-3636 or e-mail nydia.velazquez@mail.house.gov

Community gardens divert leaves from the trash bin to the compost bin. NYCLeaves: Project LeafDrop, a new coalition of community gardens and greening groups dedicated to moving fallen leaves from the trash bin to the compost bin is building a growing network of community gardens that will take in some of the 20,000 tons of residential leaves that would otherwise go to landfills and turn them into beautiful, rich compost or mulch from garden beds and street trees. Garden groups wishing to join Project LeafDrop and register as a drop-off site to find specific drop-off dates at a participating garden near you, or for more information about the project, see the group's website: www.nycleaves.org or email them at compost@nycleaves.org

Dept. of Education of the City of NY-United Federation of Teachers. The 12 Annual UFT/Dial -A-Teacher Parent Conference will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Hilton New York, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Hilton New York is located at 1335 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Ave. at West 53rd St) Manhattan. Its free admission. You may download brochure at www.uft.org

Mayor Bloomberg, Health Commissioner Farley and Schools Chancellor Klein urge families to return consent forms so children can participate in city program that offers free HINI Flu Immunization in schools. Parents and Guardians should receive HINI Flu Vaccination consent packets by now. Forms are available in all languages and can also be downloaded and printed from www.nyc.gov/flu.

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