



Community Conversations

A Facebook Live Townhall

with Philadelphia Legal Assistance

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Agenda

- Housing with Shalisa Brunson
 - How to Get Help With Your Mortgage
 - Eviction Diversion Program
- Unemployment Compensation with Julia Simon-Mishel
 - Benefit Program Updates and Extensions
- Federal Taxes with Omeed Firouzi
 - Unemployment Compensation and Taxes
 - Child Tax Credit
 - Stimulus Checks

Updates from the Housing Unit

- Save Your Home Philly Hotline
- Forbearance Updates
 - Federally Backed Mortgages
 - Important Dates
 - Post-Forbearance Options
- Foreclosure Updates
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 - Important Dates
 - Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program
 - Tax Foreclosure Sales
 - Mortgage Foreclosure Sales
- Eviction Diversion
 - Phase 4 money distribution

Unemployment Updates

- American Rescue Plan
 - Extends PEUC (for regular UC claimants) and PUA until September 6, 2021
 - Extends FPUC (the \$300 supplement) until September 6, 2021
 - Just keep filing!
- Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)
 - Only for **UC claimants** who had \$5k in **net** self-employment earnings
 - Applications due by tomorrow
- Disqualified? You must appeal.
 - Do not wait to get in touch with the government, appeal first.
 - Both UC and PUA can appeal by emailing ucappeals@pa.gov
 - UC also has online appeal form, and PUA can appeal through the portal

Tax Filing Season Tips

- \$57k & below: go to Campaign for Working Families (www.cwfphilly.org) for FREE tax prep (IRS-certified!)
- Tax deadline is still 4/15; gather W-2s, 1099s, etc.
- Claim any stimulus payments you didn't receive as recovery rebate credits
- Can use 2019 earned income for higher EITC, ACTC

The American Rescue Plan: Tax Details

- Congress has passed and the President will sign on Friday new COVID relief legislation
- Not officially the law yet but we can expect:
 - \$1,400 stimulus payments (based on '19 and '20 income)
 - \$3,000 child tax credit for 6-17 year olds; \$3,600 for 0-5 year old (advance periodic payments coming soon)
 - \$10,200 of UC is not taxable for 2020
 - Expanded EITC for childless workers & less age limitation
 - Expanded ACA financial assistance for taxpayers
 - No taxation from 2021-2025 of any student loan debt cancelation

Questions? Ask in the comments!



For help after the presentation:

*Home mortgages, sheriff sales,
tangled titles, or evictions*

Call the **Save Your Home Philly
Hotline** at **215-334-HOME
(4663)** between 9:00 a.m. and
5:00 p.m., Monday through
Friday.

*Unemployment compensation,
tax issues, or any other issue*

Call the **General Intake Hotline**
at **215-981-3800** between 9:30
a.m. and 12 p.m. Monday
through Thursday.