

Happy New Year

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We're happy to be sharing the first of our new monthly columns here in *Able Newspaper* with you. You might see a few different names writing this column, but our goal is the same; to share information that we think you will find interesting, insightful, and useful.

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The past year has been a difficult and unprecedented time for us all. We made it through and we have high hopes for 2021.

First and foremost we saw the outbreak of COVID-19. As of this writing, we still haven't gotten the pandemic under control, but there is good news. Health care professionals have learned more about the virus.

We have learned more about safety and prevention. It's become easier to get a test (find out how to get a test in NYC at <http://nyc.gov/covidtest>). We should also see some positive news once the vaccine becomes more widely available later this year.

2020 was also an election year with national and local implications. We hope and believe that 2021 will bring more inclusion for people with disabilities, better voting accessibility and a better understanding for legislators on how policies affect people with disabilities.

Every year we continue to make strides in access and equality and we expect the same in 2021. In 2020 we fought for equality in transportation, voting, health care, food access, housing and more.

We hope to see more ADA compliance in 2021.

We're happy to say goodbye to 2020. Here's to 2021!