

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are pleased to announce the passage of Assembly Bill 1370 to protect consumers in New York State by defining "personal identification information," for the purposes of protecting consumers during credit and debit card transactions. Many businesses in New York and other states across the country require personal information such as a zip code, when consumers complete credit or debit card transactions. Our legislation mandates that required personal identification information only be used for the purpose of preventing identity theft and not for marketing purposes.

We will see you this weekend at the Shred-a-thon and the rally to stop the Blood Center tower project. More information on this and other events that I am pleased to sponsor:

- Sunday, May 23, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at John Jay Park (77 St./ Cherokee Pl.)- No-Cost Paper Shred-a-thon.
- Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 pm at the Julia Richman Education Complex, 317 East 67 Street A Rally to Stop the Blood Center Tower.
- Tuesday, May 25 at 2:00 pm by telephone- No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic. <u>RSVP here.</u>
- Thursday, May 27, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)- No-Cost Face Covering Giveaway. <u>RSVP here.</u>
- Thursday, May 27, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- Virtual Knitting Social. <u>RSVP here.</u>
- Tuesday, June 1 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Facebook live and Zoom-Town Hall Tuesday. <u>RSVP here.</u>
- Sunday, June 20 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm at the 92nd Street Greenmarket- No-Cost Paper Shred-a-thon.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of

assistance.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca a Scautist

## Seawright Legislation Strengthens Consumer Privacy Protections

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced the passage of legislation to strengthen consumer privacy protections in credit and debit card transactions.

Many businesses in New York require personal information such as a zip code when consumers complete credit or debit card transactions.

The personal information can be used to perform reverse searches from databases that contain millions of names, email addresses, telephone numbers, and street addresses indexed in a manner resembling a reverse phone book.

The information assists with commercial marketing campaigns to consumers. The data is often offered for sale to other businesses.

Assembly Bill 1370 prohibits using such information except for the detection, investigation, or prevention of fraud, theft, identity theft, criminal activity, or the enforcement of terms of sale.

"Besides a desire for personal privacy, there are very legitimate reasons why people act to decrease the personal information easily accessible about themselves," said Assembly Member Seawright. "Our bill defines what constitutes "personal identification information," to protect consumer interests during credit and debit card transactions. "

She noted that the fastest-growing financial crime in the nation is identity theft.

By prohibiting such information from being entered electronically, the statute becomes current with the technological advances since 1987 when the law initially passed.

## **Roosevelt Island Senior Center Resource Fair**



Seawright gives out early voting information on Roosevelt Island at the senior resource fair.

## Assembly Member Seawright Urges U.S. Senate to Pass Legislation Establishing Bipartisan January 6 Commission

"Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to establish an independent commission to investigate the January 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Now, this critical legislation moves to the Senate for approval. For our country's sake, it must pass.

"The events of January 6 are an ugly stain on our nation's history – the day when a defeated demagogue fully embraced his authoritarian tendencies and sent his supporters to commit violence and mayhem in service of 'The Big Lie.' While federal prosecutors continue to bring charges against the individuals involved, it's critical that Congress independently investigate the insurrection and provide a full and public accounting of that terrible day. Lives were lost, the halls of American democracy were defiled and the peaceful transfer of power that is a cornerstone of our democracy was threatened. We can't simply sweep this under the rug or allow former President Trump's supporters to rewrite the recent past," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

## A Farewell & Thank You to Our Spring Interns

#### Sadia Kauser

"I am a senior at Hunter College, graduating at the end of the Spring 2021 semester. I aspire to attend law school in the near future and hope to work in the public sector one day. After graduation, I will begin a fellowship at the NYC Comptroller's Law & Adjustment Bureau."



"I very much enjoyed my internship experience at Assembly District 76. The opportunity to do legislative research has taught me a lot about the operations in local government within a short period of time. I appreciated the kinds of tasks interns were able to partake in. It definitely reaffirmed my decision to further explore the public sector in New York City."

## Moesha Muschett



"My name is Moesha Muschett. I was born in Kingston, Jamaica. I am currently a senior at Hunter College with a major in Political Science and minors in International Relations and Geography."

"I enjoyed working in Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's office because I had the opportunity to learn so much more about state politics but more specifically the interests of the residents living in the Upper East Side which was always of interest to me. Also I want to thank Jack, Madison, Courtney and warm welcoming Cory for the and environment you provided and being such amazing people. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright is have fortunate to you quys. Lastly, thank you Assembly Member Seawright for

giving me the opportunity to be an intern in your office this semester and I am grateful for the experience and knowledge I have gained. "

#### **Gabrielle Ross**



"I, Gabrielle Ross, am a High School Sophomore at The Brearley School. My favorite subject has always been Math, and I take Latin III, Chemistry, U.S. History, and American Literature. I founded and head the Technology Club which educates High School girls in the field of Artificial Intelligence, and also discusses topics such as NASA's space exploration technology (including Mars Missions), and Microsoft's Image Recognizing Technology (tracking the endangered Snow Leopard population). I am part of a three-person team that

enters coding competitions and hackathons nationally; most recently starting the year winning the Judge's Choice Award in an Ivy-League all-women's competition! I also play Varsity Basketball and Varsity Lacrosse."

"I enjoyed this internship because I had never had the chance to work closely with an elected official in government. I spend most of my time in the world of technology, so this internship was so exciting because I saw how constituents are represented through the work of Ms. Seawright's team. While I already knew generally our government structure, I

learned how it operated on a City District level, which I did not know very much about before. I was also able to bring my technology skills into the office and adapt them for different tasks, whether it be organizing spreadsheets with trend emails, sending emails for Town Hall information, or designing an iPhone app specifically for the Assembly Member. Because of my work for Ms. Seawright, I have chosen to continue public service with an internship for the U.S. Naval Research Labs."

"I truly had an amazing experience working here, and am very thankful and grateful that I had this opportunity."

## **Chris Kozlow**

"I grew up in White Plains, New York, and I attend Hofstra University. My interest in politics stems from a fascination with American history that I've had since I was seven years old, and I study political science in college so I could learn to become a part of the process."

"I enjoyed my experience working for Assembly Member Seawright because it afforded me the opportunity to do meaningful work whilst still caught in a lockdown and ensnared in the demands of schoolwork. I have learned plenty about how an Assembly office functions and organizes. I will carry the lessons learned in this experience with me in my own career path."

## Julian Reich



"My name is Julian Reich, a History major at the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College. I really enjoyed my internship at Assemblyperson Seawright's office because I felt comfortable, supported and able to ask questions. I was able to gain writing experience while corresponding with constituents about issues that were important to them. For anyone with an interest in politics, government or serving New York City communities, this is an excellent opportunity to expand your skill base and experience."



THESE VOTING SITES:

- METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART- 1000 5TH AVENUE
- MARYMOUNT COLLEGE- 221 EAST 71 STREET
- ROBERT WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL- 225 EAST 75 STREET
- ROOSEVELT ISLAND SPORTSPARK (RIOC)- 250 MAIN STREET
- HUNTER COLLEGE BROOKDALE DORM- 440 EAST 26 STREET
- JACKIE ROBINSON COMPLEX- 1573 MADISON AVENUE

VOTERS ARE ASSIGNED TO THEIR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY POLL SITES, VISIT NYC.POLLSITELOCATOR.COM TO FIND YOUR POLL SITE.

Your Early Voting poll site and Election Day poll site are not always the same locations.

FIND YOUR POLL SITE

Friends of the East River Esplanade Share Highlights from 10 Years of Events, Art & Advocacy



As Featured in their e-newsletter...

2011 A vision for an improved Esplanade is born

2014 Vicki DaSilva's public art piece East River Flows is displayed at 115th Street

2015 Rockefeller University beautifies the Esplanade in front of their expanded campus

2016 Kenny Scharf's NEVERENDINGGO and Totemoh go up at 116th Street

2018 The Alice Aycock Pavilion opens at Andrew Haswell Green; Celebrate Spring and Celebrate Autumn weekend community events begin

2018 NYC Ferry opens 90th Street stop

2019 El Barrio Bait Station erected at 100th Street in East Harlem

2020 El Barrio Bait Station wins prestigious MASterworks Award in New Infrastructure from Municipal Arts Society

2021 Mayor Bill de Blasio announces \$284 million in capital funding for NYC Parks to repair the Esplanade

2021 First Youth Fishing Clinics held at El Barrio Bait Station; Bait Station awarded 2021 AIANYS Excelsior Award

Sign up for their updates here!

## As Featured In...





## Check Out These Striking Blooms



#### Iris *Iris sp.* Northernmost Esplanade Garden near Flagpole Photo by Jeffrey B. Evans

Check out Carl Schurz Park's latest installment of <u>What's in Bloom</u> and <u>sign up for their e-newsletter!</u>

## **COVID-19 Vaccination Information**

The State announced a <u>\$5M Coronavirus Vaccination NY Lottery Incentive</u>

No Appointments Needed! All State and NYC-Run Vaccine Sites Now Take Walk-ins of Any Eligible Age.

All New Yorkers 12 years and older are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. *Learn more* <u>here</u>.

**See how Excelsior Pass can help you be a part of NY's safe reopening.** To help revitalize New York's economy safely, the State launched Excelsior Pass—a free and voluntary platform for businesses & individuals that can be used to easily access secure proof of a recent negative COVID test or vaccination. *Learn more*.

<u>Visit the New York State Vaccine Site Locator</u> Call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

or <u>Visit the New York City Vaccine Site Locator</u> Call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692

#### Walgreens/Duane Reade

(800) 925-4733

1524 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075 1328 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10021 401 East 86th Street, Manhattan, 10028 1111 3rd Avenue, Manhattan, 10065 1498 York Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

**Fully homebound New Yorkers who wish to receive an in-home vaccination:** Please <u>click</u> <u>here</u> or call 877-829-4692. You will receive a phone call to confirm your eligibility and schedule the appointment; on that call, please also make sure to request in-home vaccination for other eligible household members (<u>eligibility criteria listed here</u>). Please note that there is high interest in this program -- you will receive a call back.

#### Transportation for Seniors to Vaccination Appointments

- New Yorkers age 65+ who make a vaccination appointment at a City-operated site will be asked if they need transportation to get to and from their appointment. Transportation is available if you:Have Access-a-Ride: (877) 337-20172.
- Have Medicaid-provided transportation: Use your regular contact number to schedule transport, or call (844) 666-6270.
- Are a homebound 65+ or disabled New Yorker who needs ambulette services: Call Hunter Ambulette at (718) 991-2211.

Anyone 65 and older who does not qualify for 1-3 above can schedule a free ride with Curb at (646) 349-0289.

## **Upcoming Events**



## **Rally to STOP the Tower**

The proposed 334' commercial Tower, will destroy our neighborhood, St. Catherine's Park, and Julia Richman Education Complex.

#### Bring family and friends! Spread the Word!

## SUNDAY, May 23rd

## 2:00 pm

317 East 67th Street @ the steps Julia Richman Education Complex (JREC)



Blank placards will be provided for your own protest message **GET INVOLVED** 

Hear From Your Elected Officials

State Senator

Liz Krueger





Council Member Ben Kallos



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Sign up to receive more information: stopbloodcentertower@gmail.com

Congresswoman

Carolyn Maloney

Community rally brought to you by:



## Rebecca Seawright Assemblymember COMMUNITY SHRED-A-THON



## SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

## JOHN JAY PARK

77TH ST. / CHEROKEE PL.

PERSONAL PAPER SHREDDING NO BOOKS, BINDINGS OR X-RAYS

OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT 1485 YORK AVENUE (78/79 ST.) 212.288.4607 SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV



#### **Commemorate Memorial Day** with SAGEVets

May 27th from 6:00pm-7:30pm



SAGEVets has assembled a panel of experts for a discussion about how Veteran benefits, access to health care, & legal advocacy have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We dedicate this program to those who served before us.



This event is open to all and registration is required here: https://bit.ly/3fhn3D2 For questions, please email alewis@sageusa.org



Division of Veterans' Services



## **VA BENEFITS—HOME CARE & HOSPICE**

**COMMUNITY** COLLABORATIONS

VNSNY hosts this presentation in celebration of National Military Appreciation Month

## **THURSDAY MAY 27, 2021** 2PM - 3PM

Learn about Veterans Administration (VA) home care and hospice benefits. We'll help you understand your health plans and give you the tools to make the most of what's available to you. Particularly aimed at retired vets, their families, and caregivers.



<u>Click here</u> or use the following link <u>https://bit.ly/3nMv32G</u> to register for the presentation. For more information contact **communityco@vnsny.org** 



To learn more visit our website at www.vnsny.org/community-collaborations or scan the QR code above

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## Senator Krueger's Virtual Town Hall: Costs and Benefits: Healthcare and Nutrition

Are COBRA expenses more than you thought? Do you have a 26 yr old who needs their own health insurance? Did you know there are many choices when it comes to health insurance? Good food and good nutrition can be expensive too. A benefits expert from the Community Service Society will discuss healthcare options offered through the Affordable Care Act, how to find out about them and how to apply. We'll also talk about the SNAP/Nutrition Benefit Program.

## DATE: Thursday, May 27th TIME: 7pm – 8:15pm

Go to:

FACEBOOK.COM/STATESENATORLIZKRUEGER

Please REGISTER to attend at www.tinyurl.com/HealthcareNutrition



## **PROTECTING YOUR MONEY**

Tips to Ensure a Financially Safe and Secure Life

## Presented by the World's Personal Finance Expert SUZE ORMAN

Search and Care is pleased to welcome the World's Personal Finance Expert, Suze Orman! Suze is a well-known financial advisor, who hosted The Suze Orman Show on CNBC. She has written multiple NYT bestsellers about personal finance.

Mark your calendars for June 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM You do not want to miss out! Please note: Capacity is controlled - this will be a very popular event!

All older adults, 60+ are welcome to join. Registration is required.

## **SAVE THE DATE** SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 10AM-2PM

Join us for a day of beautification and celebration

Activities will be located at Blackwell Plaza, the Meditation Lawn, and other areas throughout Main St.

> Giveaways, Book Swap, Planting, Bike Repair, Art Installations, and More!

#### THIS WILL BE A SOCIALLY DISTANCED EVENT

Detailed event day schedule to come Rain date Saturday, June 19th

Follow us on Instagram @rooseveltislandrioc for updates

Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation



## NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN

## MONDAY JULY 26, 2021 Starting at 9:00 am

## MOBILE SCANVAN DISTRICT OFFICE 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

## By appointment: please call 646-415-7932

FOR WOMEN 40 AND OLDER WHO HAVE NOT HAD A MAMMOGRAM IN THE PAST YEAR

ALL insurance plans accepted Co-payments and deductibles are waived No-cost for uninsured women 40 and older

Funded by: CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF MANHATTAN & JUDGES and LAWYERS BREAST CANCER ALERT



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## CALLING ALL ARTISTS ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE & ROOSEVELT ISLAND



Here's your chance to participate in New York City's awakening at the June 12-13 art show sponsored by City Canvas, a new initiative by Community Board 8 Manhattan.

We're looking for artists to display their works, including paintings, prints, photography, quilts, at an outdoor exhibition along James Cagney Way, on East 91 Street, and at The Easton-Plaza, 205 East 92 Street. Our theme is New York City Blooming.

This June 12-13 daytime event will be the inaugural event of City Canvas - a program to expand cultural events featuring Upper East Siders.

Please submit an image of the artwork you wish to display to info@cb8m.com by <u>May 24th</u> using "Art Submission" in the subject line.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

## VIRTUAL KNITTING Social

JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD KNITTERS FOR CRAFTING AND CONVERSATION

EVERY THURSDAY ON ZOOM 2PM-4PM

> ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

Contact the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Call: 212.288.4607 Email: SeawrightReNYAssembly.gov

**RSVP for Virtual Knitting Social** 

ASSEMBLY MEMBER Rebecca A. Seawright

## HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

# TUES. MAY 25

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT 2:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE & LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.



RSVP REQUIRED: CALL: 212-288-4607 EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV

The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlordtenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorneyclient relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.

**RSVP to the Legal Clinic** 



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