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**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**

INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR SOME

*Holiday
Cheer*

Monday, December 20
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Community Office of
Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

RSVP:
Email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov
or call 212.288.4607

COVID-19 Protocols: Masks, social distancing &
Proof of Vaccination required.

RSVP to the Holiday Cheer

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Today, on International Human Rights Day, I was on Roosevelt Island for the unveiling of "The Girl Puzzle Monument Honoring Nellie Bly," at Lighthouse Park. Nellie Bly was a courageous journalist who, through her writing, took on the people and institutions that violated human rights.

Together with over 30 of my Assembly colleagues, I called upon the SUNY Board of Trustees to terminate the Chancellorship of James Malatras and to appoint an interim replacement until a national search can be conducted which will be open to all qualified candidates including women and people of color. The following day the Chancellor resigned effective January 14.

Our office is collecting toys, books and board games for children in our community this holiday season. Please consider dropping off a new, unwrapped gift for our annual collection.

Governor Hochul announced a new statewide indoor mask mandate effective through January 15 to curb a winter surge of COVID-19.

Please join us for one of the events we are pleased to sponsor:

- *Thursday, December 16 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 Mask and Hand Sanitizer Giveaway.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Monday, December 20 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at **Holiday Community Office Open House** at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) Please join us for some Holiday Cheer! [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, December 21 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) - **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** RSVP by calling 212-288-4607.*

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

Phone: 212.288.4607

Email: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Sincerely,



**Seawright Leads Sign-On Letter to Terminate the
Chancellorship of James Malatras**

“We, the undersigned members of the New York State Assembly, call upon the Board of Trustees of The State University of New York to terminate the Chancellorship of James Malatras

On Wednesday, December 8 more than 30 members of the New York State Assembly have written to the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York demanding the firing of Chancellor James Malatras.

In a letter dated Dec. 8th to SUNY Chair Merryl Tisch, Vice Chair Cesar Perales, and the board, the Assemblymembers declared that Chancellor Malatras' recently released statements are "misogynistic, abusive, and irresponsible...Chancellor Malatras has lost our confidence that he has the credibility or the character to lead the nation's largest public university," the group added.

They urged Chair Tisch and the board to immediately name an interim chancellor and begin the process of a national search "open to all qualified candidates including women and people of color."

On Thursday, December 9, Chancellor Malatras resigned effective January 14.



SUNY boss Malatras must go for smearing Cuomo sex...

Embattled SUNY Chancellor James Malatras' days appeared numbered Wednesday as more than 30 Assembly members signed onto a letter calling for his resignation or firing, The Post has learned. The draft letter being circulated will be sent to the...

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Embattled SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras resigns

Seawright said "The numerous voices of students, faculty, civic leaders and elected officials have been heard."

The women of New York have been heard.

The SUNY Board should name an interim Chancellor and launch a national search where all highly qualified candidates

including women and people of color may apply for the permanent position.

It is a new beginning for SUNY."



Embattled SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras resigns

Embattled SUNY Chancellor James Malatras resigned Thursday morning amid mounting calls for his resignation for smearing one of disgraced ex-Gov. Andrew Cuomo's sexual harassment accusers. "The recent events surrounding me over the past week have...

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Seawright Delivers Remarks at the Unveiling of the Nellie Bly Monument



Seawright said, *"Nellie Bly is not only a monumental Roosevelt Island Historical figure, she was one of the foremost courageous female journalists in the US. It was her boldness, curiosity and independent spirit that set her apart to uncover injustices in our society.*

Thank you to the Selection Committee for this amazing public art project including Roosevelt Island's Historian and President of the Historical Society Judy Berdy. You keep the stories of Nellie Bly on this island in our hearts and minds! President of the Roosevelt Island Visual Arts Association Tad Sudol, and Community Board 8 Roosevelt Island Committee Chair Lynne Strong-Shinozaki.

It is fitting that on International Human Rights Day, we celebrate a woman who took on people and institutions that violated human rights. Right here on Roosevelt Island in 1887 Nellie Bly documented her experience when she feigned mental illness to uncover truth about the women's asylum in a work called ten days in an asylum.

Today we unveil five diverse women's faces in bronze known as the girl puzzle -- Asian American, Black, young, old, and queer women.



Roosevelt Island Historical Society President Judy Berdy, Artist Amanda Matthews, RIOC President and CEO Shelton Haynes, Roosevelt Island Visual Arts Association Tad Sudol, Council Member Ben Kallos, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and Lynne Strong-Shinozaki.



Roosevelt Island Historical Society President Judy Berdy, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Council Member Ben Kallos, former RIOC President Susan Rosenthal and Roosevelt Island Visual Arts Association (RIVAA) President Tad Sudol.



Cutia Bacon-Brown, inspiration for one of the four monument faces.

Roosevelt Island Testing Site Extended Through End of December



Assembly Member Seawright has responded to constituents requests and is pleased to announce that a mobile COVID-19 testing van has been secured through December 31 at Good Shepherd Church.

"Our office was pleased to respond to the requests of PS/IS 217 families to bring a rapid testing site to Good Shepherd Church. Many thanks to Health + Hospitals hardworking team. We pushed to keep the testing site through the end of December and will continue to work to extend its time here dedicated to serving the Roosevelt Island Community.

Testing is key to helping Roosevelt Islanders have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.



Roosevelt Island's Cornell Tech Hosts Open Studio



During Open Studio, we had the opportunity to see presentations and demos by students and others in the Cornell Tech community, giving us a closeup view of the real-world products being built there.



MakerLAB's Niti Parikh at Cornell Tech fabricated fifty 3-D printer visors with attached face shields and donated them to Coler Nursing Facility at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. She is pictured here with Seawright's Chief of Staff Cory Hasson.

Catch Rise Up With Rebecca Seawright on MNN



Watch Rise Up With Rebecca Seawright the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm and the first Sunday of each month at 6pm only on MNN1 (Spectrum 34 & 1995, RCN 82, FiOS 33) and MNNHD (Spectrum 1993).

DOT and DCP Seek input on Open Restaurants



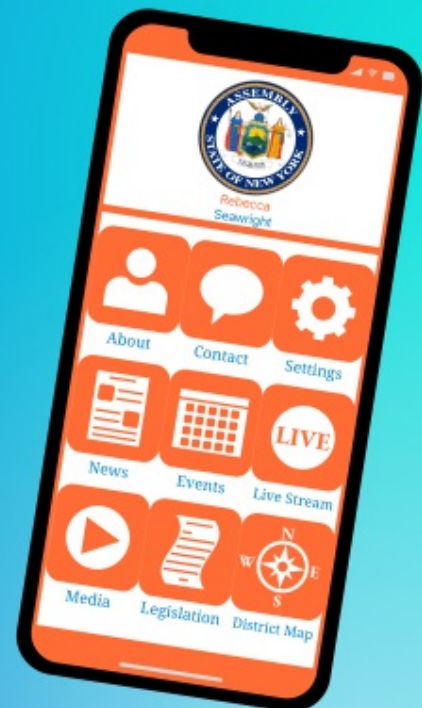
The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) are seeking opinions through a survey from a variety of stakeholders, ranging from restaurant businesses to neighbors, about the current Open Restaurants program. Responses to the survey will help shape regulations for the Open Restaurants program. Responses to the survey are due on [December 31st](#). Take the survey [here](#).

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's App is Live!

Stay Up-To-Date with the latest:

- News
- Events
- Legislation
- Livestream
- Media

Available on iPhone and iPad





District Office team: Courtney, Flor de Maria, Intern Catie and Madison take a reindeer selfie.

COVID-19 Updates

New York Launches First-in-the-Nation \$539 Million Homeowner Assistance Fund to Assist Eligible New Yorkers at Risk of Foreclosure or Displacement

**HELP
FOR NY
HOMEOWNERS
AFFECTED
BY COVID-19**

nyhomeownerfund.org

1-844-776-9423

**Applications
open Jan 3, 2022**

Help is on the way! Homeowners, including those living in condos and co-ops, can soon apply for essential financial relief. The NYS HAF offers a wide range of services for eligible homeowners such as financial support to address missed housing-related payments. To apply or learn more, visit nyhomeownerfund.org or call 1-844-77-NYHAF (776-9423).

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Changes

SNAP is an essential program
that puts food on tables and
helps families make ends meet.

Now, New York State is making it
easier for older adults and people
with disabilities to access **SNAP**.

SNAP benefits are a lifeline for New York families. New changes include providing a simplified one-page application form, allowing older New Yorkers to recertify their benefits for 36 months instead of 24 months and eliminating the interview requirement for recertification. To learn more about SNAP and apply for benefits, visit: www.otda.ny.gov/programs/snap

Additional COVID-19 Related Updates

New Yorkers who are 18 and older can get their COVID-19 booster dose. This includes individuals who received their Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna initial vaccine series at least six months ago or the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at least two months ago. New Yorkers may feel at increased risk of COVID-19 because of their occupational or institutional setting – meaning where they work or live. Individuals who have questions about their risk are encouraged to consult with their primary health care providers.

The CDC has approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 and it's free for everyone. Together we can all do our part to stay healthy and protect ourselves and those around us. Visit www.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov to learn more.

Vaccines and booster shots:

NYC COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Finder: Call 877-829-4692 or [schedule here](#)

City-run vaccine sites: Call 877-829-4692 or [schedule here](#)

State-run vaccine sites: Call 833-697-4829 or [schedule here](#)

CVS Pharmacy: Call 800-746-7287 or [schedule here](#)

Rite Aid Pharmacy: Call 800-748-3243 or [schedule here](#)

Walgreens Pharmacy: Call 800-925-4733 or [schedule here](#)

Testing is available to all New Yorkers statewide, [find a test site near you](#).

Excelsior Pass provides a free, fast and secure way to present [digital proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test results](#).

Free Transportation and In-Home Vaccinations

City residents 65 and older can get free transportation to and from a vaccination appointment. This service is also available for those with disabilities who have no other way to get to a vaccination site.

To schedule free transport by either ambulance or taxi (including wheelchair accessible vehicles), call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692). This services is available for everyone but if you are younger than 18, you must have your parent or guardian call to book the trip on your behalf.

Upcoming Events

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



Just in time for Valentine's Day!



Community Board 8  Manhattan
presents a Winter Art Show!

February 12, 2022

We're looking for artists to display their works,
including paintings, prints, photography, and crafts,
at an indoor exhibition on the Upper East Side,
location TBA.

Please submit an image of the artwork you wish to
display to info@cb8m.com by **January 31st** using
"Art Submission" in the subject line.

All sale proceeds go directly to artists



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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

SATURDAY ADOPTION PROMOTION!

ADOPTION FEES SPONSORED BY BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY

**All ACC Locations
including the Mobile
Event at Bond Vet!**

**Saturday, December 11th
Adoptions open 12pm-5pm!
Find your new best friend
at nycacc.app**



Roscoe 130740 | Available for Adoption
Photo by @boroughbredinbrooklyn



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WED. 12/15, 1/5

10:00AM- 12:00PM

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REDUCED FARE

CASH ONLY

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA SEAWRIGHT

PROTECTIVE FACE MASK

& HAND SANITIZER

GIVEAWAY



**THURSDAYS
12:00PM - 2:00PM**

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SCAN ME TO RSVP!



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NO-COST NOTARY

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



Wiesenthal Government Advocacy Internship

be **INSPIRED** to assume
RESPONSIBILITY
for the future



Applications are now open for the Simon Wiesenthal Center's 2022 Summer Government Advocacy Internship. Students selected for this highly competitive program will be introduced to the mechanics of the state and municipal government, politics, grassroots activism and advocacy. The program is based in New York City and open to all college and graduate-level students.



Wiesenthal Government Advocacy interns will:

- ▶ Receive hands-on experience through internship placements in the offices of local & state legislators and governmental agencies.
- ▶ Participate in weekly intensive workshops with elected officials, top lobbyists, coalition builders, and high-level Jewish communal leaders to develop the skills necessary to become effective activists.
- ▶ Be partnered with mentors who shape front-line policy decisions to gain insight and guidance from an insider perspective.
- ▶ Receive a stipend of \$1,500 upon completion of the program.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 15, 2022

The 2022 program will take all necessary COVID precautions and will run virtually if determined necessary

To apply please go to:
wiesenthal.com/internship

For more information or to have an application forwarded to you,
please contact the Eastern Director, Michael Cohen at
mcohen@wiesenthal.com
or call 212-697-1180



To Apply: [Click Here](#)

Do More, *Feel Better*

A Community Program Against Depression

Weill Cornell Medicine is hosting a program for individuals 60 and older experiencing depression

This 9 week program is based on research showing that increasing your participation in pleasurable and rewarding activities can lead to improvement in depressive symptoms.

Due to COVID-19, Individual sessions will be completed via telephone or video chat.

If you are eligible to participate, you will receive compensation over the course of the program.

For more information contact Kiana, Caroline or the study team:

Tel: (844)-333-3579 ext. 720 / ext. 714 Toll Free!

kms4003@med.cornell.edu

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