

# Rebecca Seawright

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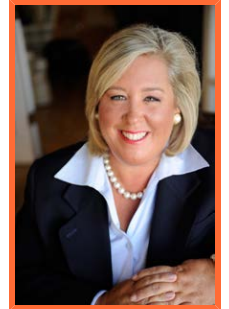
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## A Message From

### Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

The **Heritage of Pride March** is quickly approaching! It is one of the most exciting and high-energy events happening in New York City this summer, and we hope that you can join us to march with Team Seawright on **Sunday, June 24th**.

Do you have friends that want to march with us? Great, the more the merrier! Team Seawright has been allocated a limited amount of wristbands, which will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Make sure to RSVP as soon as possible to secure your wristband!** The security at the March has increased this year, and a wristband must be worn by every person marching. If you are given a wristband, we ask that you are positive that you are able to march with us, as we want to make sure there are enough wristbands for everybody that would like to participate. **Team Seawright has been asked to arrive at 9:30am at our assigned Formation Block, located on 15th Street between 7th and 8th Avenue.**

The March will happen rain or shine. We have orange Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright t-shirts for anybody that would like one for the March.

To RSVP, please email the **names, addresses, and phone numbers** of everybody marching with you to [seawright@nyassembly.gov](mailto:seawright@nyassembly.gov).

In addition to the march, I am proud to cosponsor the following upcoming events:

- Saturday, June 16 from 10am-4pm - **Roosevelt Island Day, Chapel of the Good Shepard Plaza**
- Sunday, June 24 from 10am-2pm - **Shred-a-thon**, East 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and First Avenue
- Thursday, June 28 @ 6pm - **Roosevelt Island Town Hall** at the Good Shephard Community Center, 543 Main Street
- Thursday, July 26 - **Free Screening Mammograms for Eligible Women** at your Community Office (78/79 Streets). Appts. beginning at 9am.

I hope you find this update informative. Please stay in touch with my office about any issues that are important to you. As always, we are just a visit, call, or email away.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is fluid and cursive.

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

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## In Albany...

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### Seawright Cosponsors Bill to Establish a Maternal Mortality Review Board in New York State

Assembly Member Seawright proudly cosponsored legislation to prevent maternal mortality and morbidity. It is unacceptable that NYS currently ranks 30<sup>th</sup> out of 50<sup>th</sup> in its maternal death rate. We must do better. This legislation will provide the resources to develop a deeper understanding of the causes and circumstances surrounding maternal deaths so that future deaths can be prevented.

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**Jim Luce Foundation Young Leadership Visits Seawright in Albany**

- **As Featured in Our Town: "Asian-Americans Assail Schools Plan"**
- **Ms. Paula's PS 290 Family Celebration and End of the Year Play**

## Roosevelt Island:

- **Scenes from the Roosevelt Island Four Freedoms Park Conservancy Annual Sunset Garden Party**
- **Visit our Table and Free Book Giveaway at Roosevelt Island Day**
- **Assembly Member Seawright Roosevelt Island Constituent Hours June 27**
- **Outdoor Movies at Southpoint Park**
- **In Bloom: An Exhibition of Drawing & Painting at the Senior Center**
- **Roosevelt Island Tram: Wet Weather Delays**
- **Roosevelt Island Town Hall**
- **High School Robotics Workshop**
- **NYC First STEM Center Summer Program**

## Upcoming Events:

- **Meeting of the East 79th Street Neighborhood Assn.**
- **Heritage of Pride March**
- **Shred-a-thon**
- **Lenox Hill Hospital Hosts Pride on the Hill- LGBTQ Resource Fair**
- **NYP Behavioral Health Supportive Housing**



*The James Jay Dudley Luce Foundation's Young Global Leaders visited the Capital this week to meet Rebecca and other members of Assembly. They took a tour of the capital and were shown around by our Albany Staff. The Foundation is based out of Roosevelt Island.*

## Seawright Cosponsors and Votes to Help Pass Extreme Risk Protection Order Legislation (A11148)

Seawright announced that she once again passed legislation to establish an "extreme risk protection order" to help keep guns out of the hands of people demonstrating a serious threat to themselves or others (A.11148). The orders would help prevent gun violence, including mass shootings, domestic violence homicides and gun suicides, Seawright noted.

The Assembly passed a version of the bill in March, but has since strengthened the legislation by adding school officials to the list of individuals who can petition for an order, recognizing that teachers and counselors are on the front lines and are often some of the first people to see the warning signs that lead to school shootings.

"Not again.' It seems like nearly every day we're saying those words because yet another disturbed individual has used a gun to take innocent lives," said Seawright. "We hope that our kids won't be next, but hope isn't enough. It doesn't stop a bullet. It doesn't create a future in which walking into school or going to the movies or attending a concert isn't a life-or-death decision. What we need is real action, and one of the most important steps we can take is making sure people who show clear warning signs do not have access to guns."

The legislation gives courts the ability to issue a restraining order, known as an "extreme risk protection order," prohibiting a person who exhibits serious signs of being a threat to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing a firearm for up to one year. The petitioner, who could be a family member, school official or law enforcement officer, would be required to file a sworn application describing the circumstances and justification for the request. Following a hearing, the court could grant the order if there is reasonable cause to believe the individual in question is likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to themselves or others. In emergency circumstances, the court could also issue a temporary order restricting access to firearms pending a final hearing.

There are frequently red flags for gun violence. The authorities were warned the Parkland shooter was amassing weapons with the intent to attack a school. In fact, research shows that 42 percent of mass shooters between 2009 and 2016 exhibited warning signs. A law in Connecticut that allows courts to remove guns from a person who's a danger to themselves or others resulted in a nearly 14 percent reduction in firearm suicides.



"We have lost too many lives to gun violence," Seawright said. "Thoughts and prayers are always offered, but they aren't preventing tragedies. This legislation is a concrete step toward protecting New Yorkers from harm."

Earlier this year, the Assembly helped make the Domestic Violence Escalation Prevention Act law, prohibiting an individual who has been convicted of a domestic violence crime from purchasing or possessing a firearm (Ch. 60 of 2018). Further, legislation was passed to ban devices that accelerate the firing rate of firearms so they operate in the same manner as machine guns, including trigger cranks and bump-fire devices, as well as a bill to extend the waiting period for those who have not cleared a background check from three days to 10

- **Free Screening Mammograms for Eligible Women**
- **The Y Summer Camp Scholarship Opportunities**

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## Assembly Passes Seawright-Cosponsored Legislation to Protect Victims of Human Trafficking and Bring Perpetrators of Sex Trafficking of a Child to Justice

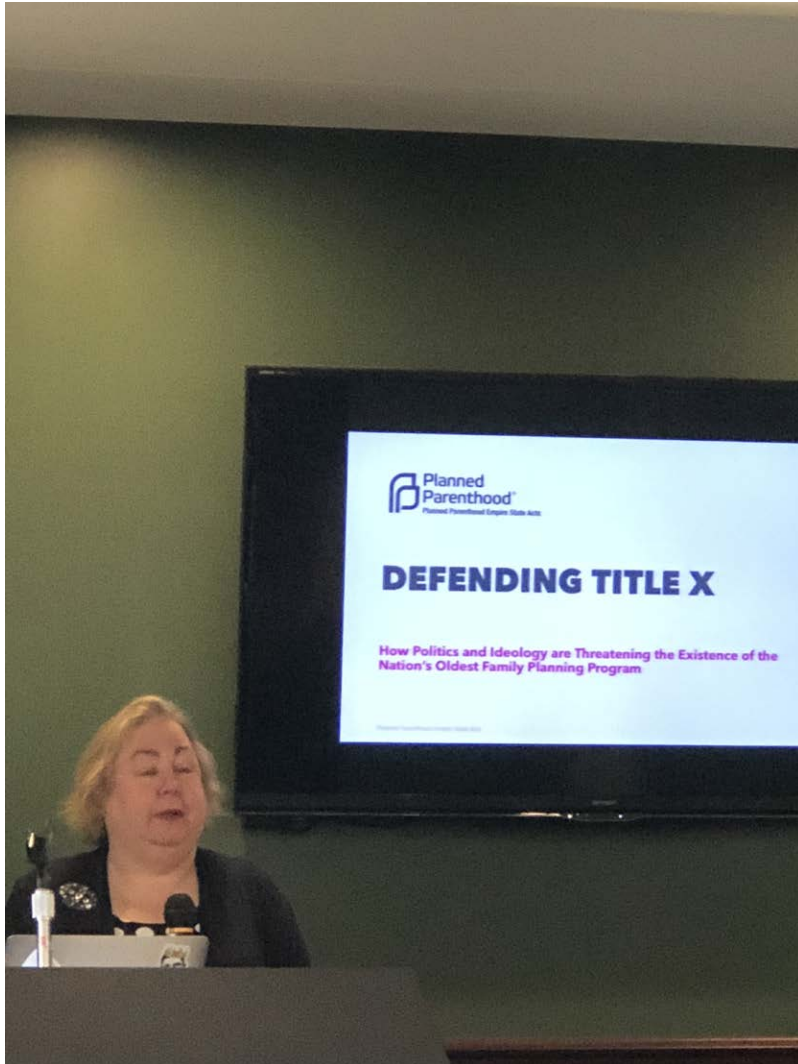
*Sex trafficking is a global issue that is pervasive in our State and Nation. Every year in the United States, as many as 300,000 children are victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Each night in New York State, more than 4,000 underage youth are victims and are bought, sold and trafficked for profit. New York has come a long way to ensure protections for victims of these horrific crimes but further measures are necessary to ensure that victims are fully protected by our legal system. Assembly Bill 6823 will establish the crime of sex trafficking of a child and will eliminate the need to prove coercion in a court of law, ensuring that minors are not wrongfully charged with prostitution. I am proud to support this legislation to protect sexually exploited youth from facing additional barriers to justice. Thank you bill sponsor Amy Paulin and Sanctuary for Families for their tireless advocacy, said **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright**.*

### Women Veterans Visit the Capital



Assembly Member Pamela Hunter is a Veteran and Chair of the Assembly Subcommittee on Women Veterans, with Rena M. Nessler, The American Legion Department of NY's first female Department Commander in 99 years.

### Seawright Attends Bipartisan Pro-choice Legislative Caucus (BPLC) Meeting to Discuss Issues Connected to Ensuring Quality, Accessible Reproductive Health Care in New York State



*State Senator Liz Krueger, Cochair of the Bipartisan Pro-choice Legislative Caucus (BPLC)*

The Bipartisan Pro Choice legislative Caucus held a forum where Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts discussed and explained the difficulties that are being faced by their organization and how it will affect the safety of many individuals. The most trouble comes from the defunding of Title X which is supported heavily throughout the Trump Administration.

Defunding Title X would fundamentally change and destabilize a decades old family planning program that serves more than 4 million women across the country. PPESA provided the most up-to date information on the dangerous attacks on the Title X program and how we can help fight back.



*Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins*

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### **New York Health Act Puts People Over Profits, Providing Universal Health Care Coverage for All New Yorkers**

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced that she voted to pass the New York Health Act, landmark legislation establishing a single-payer health insurance plan that would ensure all New Yorkers have affordable health care coverage (A.4738-A).

“While the federal administration and its allies in Congress continue working to undermine the Affordable Care Act and threaten to cut Medicare and Medicaid, here in the New York State Assembly we’re taking a stand,” said Seawright. “We cannot allow New Yorkers to face the life-

or-death consequences of skyrocketing premiums and insufficient health coverage because of Washington's reckless and disgraceful actions. If we truly believe that access to health care is a human right, then a single-payer system is the best way forward."

The New York Health Act would establish a universal health care system within the state, known as New York Health, and expand coverage eligibility to include all residents, regardless of wealth, income, age or pre-existing condition. In addition, every enrollee would have access to the full range of doctors and service providers offered. The plan would provide comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care, primary and preventive care, maternity care, prescription drug costs, laboratory testing, rehabilitative care and dental, vision and hearing care.

Out-of-state health care would also be covered, both when the need for services arises during travel and when there is a clinical reason to receive care outside the state.

Care providers and coordinators would be fully paid by New York Health, with no copays, deductibles or other charges to patients. The system would be publicly funded based on a shared 80/20 employer/employee payroll contribution that would be progressive and based on the amount the employee is paid. This eliminates the regressive tax of premiums, copays and deductibles that is currently imposed on patients. Employers would no longer be responsible for paying premiums and they would also no longer have to sign contracts with insurance companies and deal with the administration of health plans. Further, small businesses wouldn't be forced to compete with the health plans offered by their large corporate competitors.

Additionally, state funding would be combined with federal funds that are currently received for Medicare, Medicaid and Child Health Plus to create the New York Health Trust Fund. The state would also seek federal waivers that will allow New York to completely fold those programs into New York Health. Additionally, the local share of Medicaid funding would be ended, offering major property tax relief for New Yorkers, noted Seawright.

"Even for New Yorkers with insurance coverage, an illness or hospitalization can lead to nearly insurmountable personal debt and, in some cases, bankruptcy," said Seawright. "New York Health will ensure New Yorkers no longer have to fear being turned down because of a pre-existing condition or forgo critical medical care because of an inability to pay."

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### **Seawright Votes in Support of Legislation to Provide Feminine Hygiene Products to Women in Correctional Facilities**

Seawright voted to pass legislation to provide feminine hygiene products to women in state and local correctional facilities at no cost ([A.588-B](#)).

"Women who are incarcerated in our State need essential feminine hygiene products. This is a critical public health concern that needs to be addressed for the dignity and equality of females who are incarcerated," said Seawright.

Feminine products are not a luxury, but a necessity of life, and today's legislation would ensure that women who are incarcerated have access to them free of charge. Currently in some correctional facilities across New York State, incarcerated women are given an insufficient monthly supply of feminine hygiene products or are required to purchase them from the prison or jail commissary at market rates. Women in jails may not have access to money, and women who work in prison make an average wage of 17 cents an hour. Local lockups sometimes don't have any sanitary napkins available to women at all. This forces women to resort to the unsanitary options of either going without or using makeshift hygiene products.

This legislation previously passed the Assembly in January of this year.

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### **Seawright Passes Crucial Criminal Justice Reforms**

Assembly Member Seawright announced that she helped pass sweeping criminal justice reforms to promote fairness and transparency, including measures to limit the use of solitary confinement, prohibits racial profiling and reform the cash bail system. This legislation builds on last year's Raise the Age law, which raised the age of adult criminal responsibility from 16 to 18 and prohibited juvenile defendants from being placed in an adult facility.

#### **Reforming New York's broken bail system**

Up to 60 percent – and up to 75 percent in New York City – of inmates in local jails are awaiting trials, not serving a sentence. Economic barriers should not determine whether a person who has only been accused of certain offenses – not convicted – is stuck sitting in jail, noted Seawright. To remedy this injustice, the Assembly passed a bill that would eliminate cash bail in most instances for those charged with misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies and require the court to impose the least restrictive alternative that would reasonably assure the defendant's return to court ([A.10137-A](#)).

In addition, the Assembly passed a measure to lift certain restrictions in current law on the activities of charitable bail organizations, allowing these groups to post bail of up to \$10,000 and operate in more than one county in the state ([A.4880-A](#)). These organizations provide a possible release option often coupled with social services and charitable aid that can assist

lower-income individuals and help assure their attendance in court as their cases proceed.

The package also includes a bill that would allow the court to waive certain surcharges and fees for defendants under the age of 21 if they would impose undue hardship or prevent successful reintegration, or where the waiver would be in the interests of justice (A.9786).

### **Limiting the use of solitary confinement**

The overuse of solitary confinement is both dehumanizing and ineffective, while failing to meet our primary objective of keeping people safe, noted Seawright. Thousands of inmates are subjected to solitary confinement in New York State – a disproportionate percentage of whom are people of color – for weeks or years at a time. Studies have shown that the overuse of solitary confinement leaves inmates with lasting physical and mental scars.

The Assembly passed a measure that would prohibit placement in segregated confinement of vulnerable inmates, including those who are 21 years of age or younger, 55 years of age or older, mentally, physically or intellectually disabled, pregnant, in the first eight weeks of postpartum recovery, or in a jail or prison newborn nursery program (A.3080-B). For all other inmates, the bill would enact strict limits on the use and duration of solitary confinement.

### **Ensuring speedy trials, reforming discovery laws and grand jury proceedings**

New York is one of only 10 states that allows prosecutors to withhold critical evidence, including witness names and statements, until the day a trial begins, putting defendants at a severe disadvantage. These highly restrictive discovery rules leave defendants in the dark and can make it nearly impossible for them to make rational decisions regarding their cases, weigh plea offers or develop trial strategies, noted Seawright.

To reform these antiquated rules, the Assembly passed legislation that would provide for early and more robust exchange of information in criminal prosecutions (A.4360-A). This measure would implement many recommendations by expert panels and bar groups in New York and reflects the broader, expedited discovery of evidence approach that has long existed in many states throughout the nation. The plan would preserve current law that allows a protective order to be obtained to prohibit, condition or limit disclosure of evidence when there is a belief that sensitive information could be used to threaten or intimidate a witness. Seawright noted that reforming the state's discovery rules would help innocent or over-charged defendants fairly prepare for trial as well as encourage guilty defendants to plead guilty without needless and costly delays.

Another measure would help ensure speedy trials by requiring judges to inquire as to whether the prosecution is, in fact, ready for trial when the prosecution claims readiness (A.3055-A). Under New York's statutory speedy trial rules, the prosecution must generally be "ready for trial" within six months for a felony charge and 90 days for a misdemeanor charge. The right to a speedy trial is a constitutionally guaranteed right, but far too often the wheels of justice grind much too slow, noted Seawright. The bill, known as "Kalief's Law," is named after Kalief Browder who was imprisoned at age 16 for nearly three years at Rikers Island awaiting trial over a stolen backpack. The charge was ultimately dismissed and he later died by suicide. Browder's case was not an isolated incident. In 2015, more than 400 inmates had already spent two years behind bars without being convicted of a crime.

The legislative package also includes a measure to increase transparency in grand jury proceedings when a court determines disclosure of certain information is in the public interest (A.9787). The proposal would allow the court to release certain grand jury information in cases where a felony indictment is not returned by the grand jury. The court would be required to afford the prosecutor or any other relevant persons the opportunity to be heard, consider several factors in determining whether or not disclosure is appropriate and redact personally identifying information. The bill would also implement a long-overdue, commonsense change: It would allow the judge to be present in the grand jury room, and thus be available to help assure the fairness of these closed-door proceedings.

### **Putting more New Yorkers on a path to success**

The Assembly also passed several measures to combat discriminatory and unfair practices that keep New Yorkers within the criminal justice system or prevent successful reintegration into society. One bill would require law enforcement agencies to adopt written policies prohibiting racial and ethnic profiling, develop procedures for complaints and corrective action and require the collection and reporting of data about motor vehicle and pedestrian stops by agency personnel (A.4879). It would also empower the state Attorney General and individuals who have experienced racial or ethnic profiling to seek a court order banning these practices and, where appropriate, to seek an award of monetary damages against a law enforcement entity that engages in racial or ethnic profiling.

The Assembly also passed a bill that would provide for the automatic sealing of the records of certain low-level convictions for possession of marijuana and prohibit the waiver of such sealing as part of a plea agreement in order to avoid the unfair stigma of a lifelong criminal record (A.2142).

The Assembly criminal justice package also includes a bill that would expand the availability of judicial diversion for treatment to include additional types of charges, such as conspiracy in the

fourth or third degree, auto stripping and certain identity theft crimes (A.4237). Individuals charged with these offenses are sometimes addicted to drugs or alcohol and commit these crimes to support a drug or alcohol habit, noted Seawright. This would allow courts to order such individuals to treatment and upon successful completion, dismiss the criminal case so they can continue on the road to recovery.

And, in an effort to help promote rehabilitation and prevent recidivism, the Assembly passed a measure to “Ban the Box,” or delay a potential employer’s inquiry about an applicant’s criminal history record (A.2343). The potential employer could inquire about criminal history only after making a conditional offer of employment. The measure does not apply when a federal or state criminal background check is required or permitted by law.

### **Promoting transparency and accountability**

To help instill greater confidence in our criminal justice system, the Assembly passed a bill that would establish an Office of Special Investigation within the office of the New York State Attorney General to investigate when a civilian dies either in law enforcement custody or after an encounter with a law enforcement officer (A.5617). District attorneys and the police regularly work closely together in investigating criminal conduct. The new office would provide for independent investigations and independent prosecutions, where warranted, in such cases when police conduct is under review as a means to address what otherwise may be a significant conflict of interest.

### **Improving data collection to better evaluate criminal justice policies**

The Assembly also passed the STAT Act, which would provide greater transparency by collecting and publicly reporting critical policing data from across the state (A.5946-A). It would require the chief administrator of the courts to compile data on misdemeanor offenses and violations, broken down by county, and share the information with the Legislature and the public. These reports would provide metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of existing criminal justice policies.

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## **Speaker Heastie, Queens College President Felix V. Matos Rodriguez and Assembly Member Seawright**



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## **In Our Community...**

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### **Seawright Cosponsors Overdevelopment Forum at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House**



*“Currently, on the Upper East Side and in our city, there is abuse and exploitation of loopholes creating increases in population that overburden the infrastructure of our neighborhoods. I was proud to cosponsor the Overdevelopment Forum held at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House to bring together the great preservationists in our community including Civitas, Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts, the East River Fifties Alliance, Community Board 8, elected officials and constituents who fight tirelessly to preserve the fabric and foundation of our neighborhood. I continue to rebuff the advances of any legislation in Albany which would negatively impact our community including the repeal of the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) which would allow for taller, out-of-scale buildings in our neighborhood and across the city. The meeting was a renewed push in the fight for our community currently under siege by developers,” said Assembly Member Seawright of the Overdevelopment Forum she cosponsored on Thursday evening.*



**Jan Mundo Presents Headache and Migraine Month Workshop**





*Ms. Mundo introduced participants to a mind-body self-care program for relief and prevention of headache and migraine. It uses practical instructions and exercises to help people manage their own headaches safely and effectively. Read more about her approach to healing headaches [here](#).*

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### **Seawright Meets with the Owner of Local McDonalds Franchise Owner Jim Lewis**



*Mr. Lewis took Assembly Member Seawright on a tour of the 69th Street store where many hospital workers get lunch. He owns several franchises across the city, including Times Square and a new location to be built on the 7th floor of Macy's.*



## "Asian-Americans assail schools plan"

BY MICHAEL GAROFALO

Asian-Americans have voiced robust objections to Mayor Bill de Blasio's plan to increase diversity in New York City's specialized high schools, claiming the proposal to overhaul admissions at the elite institutions would unfairly and inordinately impact Asian-Americans.

"I really disagree with the mayor on this," Chin said. "He could have started the conversation with the elected officials and the community and come up with a plan together to present to Albany."

The state Assembly will not vote on legislation to eliminate the SHSAT before the current legislative session ends later this month, Speaker Carl Heastie said, in spite a move by the Assembly's education committee to advance the bill.

**Rebecca Seawright, who represents the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island in the Assembly and sits on the education committee, voted against the proposal and echoed Chin's complaints about the lack of public discussion of the proposal.** *"I cannot support legislation on the future of specialized high schools with little opportunity for student, teacher, parent, alumni, and educator input," Seawright said in a statement. "We must be thoughtful and look at the issue holistically, with all stakeholders present before making a decision which will impact millions of children and families in New York City for decades to come."*

[Full article in Our Town.](#)

**Ms. Paula's PS290 Family Celebration and End of the Year Play**

# K-203's Family Celebration

of our learning and  
of the community we have built

**Class K-203**

Paula Rogovin - teacher  
Faith Silberstein - teaching assistant

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

The Manhattan New School, PS 290  
311 East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New York City, New York 10028



Ms. Paula of PS290 invited Seawright's office to see their end of the year performance of *Abiyoyo*, a story-song by Pete Seeger, adapted from a South African folktale. Ms. Paula offered special thanks to Assembly Member Seawright in the program for meeting with the student activists and pledging to support the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.

### Thank you's to

- workers at the construction sites 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and at 80<sup>th</sup> and 81<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. We learned so much from you. You enriched our lives.
- parents, uncles, grandparents, farmers, and friends we interviewed in person and on Skype for our research. A special shout-out goes to Michelle and Michael, parents of a former student, Sophie Werner, who taught us about the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.
- Council member Ben Kallos and other members of the City Council who introduced INTRO 0800 to ban toxic pesticides in NYC parks and playgrounds and met up with us at the Sept. 26, 2017 hearing at City Hall. That effort will continue next year when the bill is reintroduced.
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand whose staff met with our class recently and pledged to support our efforts to prevent the rollback of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts and to work to ban toxic pesticides. They gave the children copies of the U.S. Constitution and a letter thanking them for their advocacy work.
- State Assembly member Rebecca Seawright who met with us recently and pledged to continue to support the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts and a ban on toxic pesticides. She gave the children special certificates for their advocacy work.
- our student teachers from Bank Street College of Education and Teacher's College (Columbia University)
- family members who helped in the classroom, brought healthy snacks for our class, printed our many homemade books, came for interviews, joined us on our trips, and/or helped us in so many other ways, both at home and in school. **We are truly co-workers!**
- Lisa Rizzi, MNS music teacher and 3x parent in my class.
- our principal, assistant principal, teachers, teaching assistants, school aides, cooks, custodians, paraprofessionals, school secretaries, and other staff who have helped our class in so many ways.

#### A special thank you

to our teaching assistant, Faith Silberstein, who has helped in so many ways to make our class experience so special.

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## Roosevelt Island ...

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### Scenes from the Roosevelt Island Four Freedoms Park Conservancy Annual Sunset Garden Party Honoring Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel



*Kathleen Kennedy Townsend pays tribute to honoree, Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel.*



*Judy Berdy, Roosevelt Island Historian, enjoying the sunset at Four Freedoms Park.*



*President & Founder of the Wildlife Freedom Foundation Rossana Ceruzzi meeting Matilda Cuomo.*

**Visit Our Table at Roosevelt Island Day**

**Free Book Giveaway Sponsored by Reading Reflections to Kick-off the Seawright Summer Reading Challenge!**

FREE!

# Roosevelt ISLAND DAY

★ SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018 ★

Good Shepherd Plaza (543 Main St.)

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 9am-12pm: Island Beautification Activities. Sign up for planting with the RI Garden Club or for the island clean-up crew at [signup.com/go/opyuzLp](http://signup.com/go/opyuzLp)
- 9am-10am: Bagels and coffee hosted by RIRA
- 10am-12pm: Petting Zoo sponsored by Island Kids  
Located on the lawn south of Rivercross
- 10am-3pm: Blood Drive hosted by RISA
- 11am-2:30pm: Bike NY/DOT bike repair, raffle, tire inflation, giveaways, and more
- 11am-2:30pm: RIVAA Gallery will offer drawn, painted, and photographed portraits, as well as drawing and painting lessons for all ages
- 11am-3pm: RI Youth Center/RIOC will offer popcorn, cotton candy, and slime making fun!
- 11am-3pm: Activities, games, food, giveaways, and more presented by participating community groups
- 12pm-2:30pm: Pony Rides, Games, and Amusements
- 6pm-8pm: Live concert on the Plaza from The Funktion. Enjoy an energetic night of Soul, Funk, Dance, & more!



CONTRIBUTORS: Amalgamated Bank, Cornell Tech, Island Kids, RI Music Together, RIRA, RISA, Urban American, Westview, Island House

PARTICIPATING GROUPS: Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, The Cafe at Cornell Tech, Carter Burden/Roosevelt Island Senior Center, DOT/Bike NY, Eagle Strategies for Retirees, Four Freedoms Park, Green Roosevelt Island Neighbors, Hope Church, MST&DA, NY Public Library, Palladino Academy, Dr. Resnick, RI Disabled Association, RI Garden Club, RI Girl Scouts, RI Historical Society, RIVAA, Rogue Rhythmics, Senator Jose M. Serrano, The WIRE

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# Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright



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HOUSING QUESTIONS?  
APPLYING FOR BENEFITS?

## Roosevelt Island Constituent Hours

WE ARE  
HERE TO HELP!

Assembly Member  
Seawright's staff will be  
on Roosevelt Island  
every other Wednesday,  
from 10am-1pm to  
provide resources and  
answer your questions!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

10AM-1PM

ROOSEVELT ISLAND

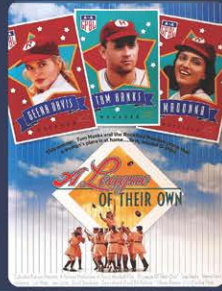
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The Roosevelt Island  
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**2018 OUTDOOR  
SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**



**WONDER WOMAN**  
Friday, June 22  
Raindate 6/29

**A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN**  
Friday, July 6  
Raindate 7/13

**STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI**  
Friday, July 20  
Raindate 7/27

**THE FIFTH ELEMENT**  
Saturday, July 21  
Raindate 7/28

**BLACK PANTHER**  
Friday, August 3  
Raindate 8/10

**A WRINKLE IN TIME**  
Friday, August 17  
Raindate 8/24



**Southpoint Park**  
(South of the Tram & Cornell Tech)

**Movie Night Fun Begins at 7pm**  
(showing begins after sunset)

**Food vendors on site. Bring blankets & lawn chairs!**

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# In Bloom

AN EXHIBITION OF DRAWING  
& PAINTING

Roosevelt Island Senior Center  
546 Main Street  
New York City, New York 10044

MONDAY,  
JUNE 25  
2-4 PM

This program is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council. We thank Council Member Ben Kallos for making this program possible.

Special thanks to partners at 92nd Street Y and Roosevelt Island Senior Center, a program of the Carter Burden Network.

## Roosevelt Island Tram: Wet Weather Delays Tram Platform Project

Roosevelt Island Tram platform construction project's completion has been delayed; by at least two weeks, due to recent wet weather.

The Tram's North cabin and both of its north platforms, at both Roosevelt Island and Midtown Manhattan, have been out of service since May 16 when the project began. The work was originally estimated to take 30 days to complete, but several days of heavy rain forced work, and ultimately project, delays.

This new construction completes work that initially began July 2017 when RIOC contracted with Specialty Construction System, Inc. to address corrosion and water damage to both stations' platforms at a cost of \$2.15 million.

The project includes the removal of the deteriorated top slabs, repairs to structural decks and main stanchions, removal of non-compliant ramps and the installation of a new ADA-compliant access ramp and rails on the north ramp of the Roosevelt Island Tram Station. New concrete wear slabs to the platforms at both stations, will be waterproofed and receive new traffic coating.

The project products application is weather sensitive and went on hiatus in December 2017 until this recent past May when New York City area's daily temperatures were forecast to be at or above those required.

The MetroCard vending machines, previously located at the RI Tram Station, will be accessible once the platform work is finished. Until then, commuters are advised to buy a roundtrip ticket at the Midtown Manhattan Station or at the Roosevelt Island MTA subway station.

The MTA's F-Train, NYC Ferry and the Q-102 bus all remain as alternatives for commuters seeking other means of public transportation to the Island.

# ROOSEVELT ISLAND TOWN HALL



**THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018 • 6:00 PM**



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## HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Presented by Cornell Tech and the Technion

**Thursday, July 12 @ 9 am - 4 pm**



**Engineering and 3D Making** – Students will dissect a small machine, analyze how the parts function, then design and 3D print their improved solutions. Students will learn the principles of design through reverse engineering and develop skills in product analysis, digital design and making.

**Exploration of a Smart Connected Robot** – Students will create an app to control a robot using the Internet of Things (IoT) platform ThingWorx. The cloud dashboard they produce will direct the robot to use sensors to weigh and sort objects. Students will learn IoT concepts, smart connected products, and robot communication.



If you will be in high school in September 2018 and are interested in robots, apply to join this FREE workshop on the Cornell Tech campus at

<https://goo.gl/forms/WhCkKd8hzuRq49bJ3>

Space is limited!



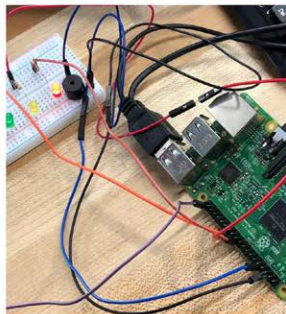
# NYC FIRST STEM CENTER SUMMER PROGRAM



## 4 one-week-long summer courses

July 16th - August 10th  
Monday to Friday 9:30am-4pm  
544 Main Street, Roosevelt Island

We are offering 4 one-week-long summer courses for rising 7th-9th graders. Students will gain hands on experience in 2D design, 3D design, code, and physical computing.



The program is \$200/week thanks to our generous supporters.

**Week 1:** 7/16-20: Design to Fabrication 2D

**Week 2:** 7/23-27: Design to Fabrication 3D

**Week 3:** 7/30-8/3: Physical Computing I

**Week 4:** 8/6-8/10: Physical Computing II

**Site:** [www.nycfirst.org/stemsummer](http://www.nycfirst.org/stemsummer)

**Email:** [summer@nycfirst.org](mailto:summer@nycfirst.org)

## Upcoming Events ...

MEETING OF THE EAST 79TH STREET ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 @ 6PM

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Please email [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) if you would like to march with Assembly Member Seawright!

# SHRED-A-THON



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**Sunday, June 24th, 2018**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**92nd Street Greenmarket**  
**1st Avenue between 92nd and 93rd Streets**

Out of date Documents... Letters you'd rather forget... Shredded to Miniscule Fragments!  
**Free! PLUS** Eye glasses, corks, batteries and cords, and compost!



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If you have any questions about this or any community issue, please contact  
**Assembly Member Seawright at 212-288-4607 or [SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov)**

Western Region - Manhattan



## Pride on the Hill

Celebrate equality at our *Pride on the Hill* fair! We'll be providing information and education about the LGBTQ community from organizations, including:

- The Gerald J Friedman Transgender Program for Health and Wellness
- Live Out Loud
- The Tyler Clementi Foundation
- The National LGBT Chamber of Commerce New York
- Queens Center for Gay Seniors
- Generation Q: LGBTQ Youth in Queens
- Aid for AIDS International | Latino Commission on AIDS
- Leslie Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art
- OutRight Action International
- New York City Anti-Violence Project
- Hetrick Martin Institute | Harvey Milk School
- GMHC
- Born Perfect: The Campaign to End Conversion Therapy
- I'm From Driftwood: The LGBTQ Story Archive
- The LGBT Community Center
- HEAT: Health and Education Alternatives for Teens
- FLUX NYC/AIDS Healthcare Foundation | Trans Latina Network
- The Trevor Project | Trevor Next Gen



**Lenox Hill Hospital**  
Northwell Health\*

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

11:30am to 3:30pm  
Einhorn Auditorium  
131 E. 76th Street  
New York, NY 10075

Questions? Call us today at  
**(212) 434-2800.**

**Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.**

Lenox Hill Hospital, Lenox Health Greenwich Village, and Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital have been designated leaders in the 2018 LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Index.





## Behavioral Health Supportive Housing Marketplace

Join us for the 1st Housing Marketplace where we will focus on supportive housing services for the behavioral health population. You'll have an opportunity to network with various NYC Supportive Housing Organizations and learn about specific eligibility criteria and housing vacancies.



**June 27, 2018**  
**2:00pm-5:00pm**  
**Riverview Terrace**  
**173 Fort Washington Avenue**  
**New York, NY 10032**

**Supportive Housing Organizations in Attendance:**  
Fountain House, ACMH, Lantern Community Services, Unique People Services, Riverdale Mental Health Association, Project Renewal, Westside Federation, Pathway Home, ICL, Beacon of Hope, and more...

**Keynote Speaker**  
Toni Lasicki  
Association for Community Living

Please note, registration for this event will close June 18, 2018.

For questions, contact:  
Siobhan Carter  
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### Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright & Council Member Ben Kallos

# FREE SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN

THURSDAY  
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MAMMOGRAMS PROVIDED BY PROJECT RENEWAL SCANVAN

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There is an exciting opportunity for Servicemembers and Veterans from New York City's YMCA. To honor their service and sacrifice, the Y created a special scholarship to send the children of Servicemembers and Veterans to the [Y's Sleepaway Camp in Huguenot, NY](#).

**If you're a Servicemember, Veteran, or a survivor with child(ren) who'd like to go to the YMCA's Sleepaway Camp this summer, but cannot afford the cost, please email the Y's [Daniel Garber](#).**

He'll be in touch as soon as possible to help you figure out if you qualify for the scholarship. And if you know anyone who might benefit from this special program, please spread the word.