

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week was trans-awareness week. I am a proud ally who stands up for the rights and visibility of the LGBTQ+ community and who fights against bigotry of any kind. On November 7, when major news outlets called the election for Joe Biden, the transgender community watched as the president-elect specifically mentioned them in his victory speech, the first U.S. president-elect in history to do so. The mention in his acceptance speech was a symbolic shift from a presidential administration that has spent the past four years repeatedly erasing protections for transgender people — in health care, federal employment, federal prisons, homeless shelters and other housing services receiving federal funds. On the State level, we continue to advocate for the rights of trans people in all aspects of life.

On Wednesday we cut the ribbon on the historic Roosevelt Island Blackwell House. We are proud to have the Blackwell House, one of the few farmhouses in New York dating from the years immediately after the Revolutionary War, in our district on Roosevelt Island. I commend the Roosevelt Island Historical Society and Judy Berdy for her diligent work to preserve and educate on the history of Roosevelt Island and New York City. This ribbon cutting was possible due to her dedication to Roosevelt Island and its history.

Unfortunately, we continue to see an upward trend of COVID19 cases, and it is a stark reminder that we must all continue to be vigilant with social distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing. Governor Cuomo announced new restrictions on restaurants, bars and gyms which must now close at 10pm. New York City Department of Education has switched to fully remote learning. With cases surging and holidays approaching, New Yorkers are strongly encouraged to follow the precautions outlined in the Dept. of Health's [holiday guide](#), including hosting virtual gatherings, celebrating outdoors, and not traveling-- or quarantining and getting tested if travel is unavoidable.

Please join us for an upcoming event that I am pleased to sponsor:

11/22 from 9:00am- 2:00pm- Shred-a-thon at the 92nd Street Greenmarket @ 1st Ave.

11/24 @ 7:00pm- Town Hall Tuesday on Preparing for the Second Wave.[RSVP here.](#)

11/24 @ 4:00pm- Housing Legal Clinic by telephone.[RSVP here.](#)

*11/26-11/27- Our district office is closed in observation of a legal State Government Holiday and will reopen on Monday, November 30 at 9:30am. ***There will be no face covering giveaway on Thursday 11/26. ****

Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

Phone: 212.288.4607

Sincerely,

Rebecca

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA SEAWRIGHT



**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL TUESDAY:
PREPARING FOR THE SECOND WAVE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 @ 7:00PM**



PETER MICHALOS MD

*Associate professor of Clinical
Ophthalmology Columbia University
Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons*



JACK DRESCHER MD

*Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia
University, College of Physicians and
Surgeons and Faculty Member, Columbia
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**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL 212.288.4607
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**In Case You Missed It: Roosevelt Island Town Hall
Tuesday**



Roosevelt Island Blackwell House Renovation Complete



On Wednesday, RIOC President and CEO Shelton Haynes, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Senator Jose Serrano, Retiring Roosevelt Island Residents Association President Lynne Strong-Shinozaki (dressed in colonial attire), Council Member Ben Kallos, Former Council Member Jessica Lappin, and Roosevelt Island Historical Society President Judith Berdy cut the ribbon on the newly restored Blackwell House.

The Blackwell House, one of the few farmhouses in New York dating from the years immediately after the Revolutionary War in the 76th district on Roosevelt Island.

The original resident of the home was James Blackwell, whose father had inherited the island from his wife's stepfather, Captain John Manning, the Sheriff of New York. In present day, this landmark is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and will be home to the island's most historical treasures, records, and archives.

"I have toured the house, newly renovated and beautiful, it is here to resource our

community for generations to come. I commend the Roosevelt Island Historical Society and Judy Berdy for her diligent work to preserve and educate on the history of Roosevelt Island and New York City. This ribbon cutting is possible due to her dedication to Roosevelt Island and its history. We also extend our appreciation to outgoing RIRA President Lynn Shinozaki for her 29 years of service, and RIOC President Shelton Haynes."



Roosevelt Islander blogger Rick O'Connor, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Howard Polivy.

COVID19 Resources

A graphic with a dark blue background featuring a white outline of a house. Inside the house outline, the word "HEAP" is written in large, orange, serif capital letters. Below "HEAP", the text "can help you stay warm this winter!" is written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font. To the right of the house outline, the text "Regular benefit applications are now open." is written in a white, cursive-style font.

Emergency benefit applications open Jan. 4.

New York State is providing \$328 million for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) which helps income-eligible families pay heating costs. Visit access.nyc.gov/programs/home-energy-assistance-program-heap to learn

Thanksgiving Meals 2020



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Thanksgiving Meals 2020

Sunday 11/22

Christ Church

524 Park Avenue @ 60th Street
4:30pm

Tuesday 11/24

St. James' Church

865 Madison Avenue
12:00 noon

The Urban Outreach Center

1745 1st Avenue
(between 90th and 91st)
5:15pm-6:30pm
Curbside and to-go, but all the
traditional turkey and fixings!

Wednesday 11/25

New York Common Pantry

8 East 109th Street
1:00pm-4:00pm
Outdoor Seating at 1:00pm, 1:45pm,
2:30pm, and 3:15pm
Take away meals are also available

Church of the Epiphany

1393 York Avenue
6:00pm-7:30pm
Grab and go turkey dinner

Thursday 11/26

Xavier Mission

55 West 15th Street
12:00 noon (doors open at 11:45am)
Call to confirm

Goddard Riverside Community Center

593 Columbus Avenue (between 88th
and 89th Streets)
12:00 noon-3:00pm
Grab and go

The Bowery Mission

227 Bowery
12:00 noon-4:00pm
Grab and go meals and some limited
seating available outdoor in tents

Friday 11/27

St. James' Church

865 Madison Avenue
6:30pm
Grab and go

Saturday 11/28

Manhattan Church of Christ

48 East 80th Street
10:00am-12:00pm
Grab and go

Masks and social distancing required



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Tenant Advice Helpline

- Are you a low-income tenant living on the East Side of Manhattan between 14th and 143rd Streets or Roosevelt Island?
- Do you have questions about a housing issue or your rights as a tenant?
- Do you have questions about a Housing Court case or the state of Housing Court during the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Do you have questions or concerns about your lease?
- Is your landlord failing to make repairs or provide you with heat, hot water or other essential services?
- Is your landlord harassing you or trying to evict you?
- Do you owe rent that you are unable to pay?

Call our FREE Tenant Advice Helpline for assistance. Leave a message and one of our experienced Attorneys or Legal Advocates will call you back within one week to answer your questions and give you guidance!

**Helpline will be open every
Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

212-218-0330

331 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021 | www.lenoxhill.org



NO-COST NOTARY

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



News You Can Use



Owl Rescued From Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree

MIDTOWN MANHATTAN, NY - On Monday afternoon, Ellen Kalish got a call from a woman she didn't know, asking if her husband might be able to donate an owl to Kalish's wildlife rehabilitation center.

[Read more](#)
[patch.com](#)

Upcoming Events

CB8 Youth and Education Committee Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2020

630pm - 8pm (By ZOOM)

Agenda

Subject: Hunter College & Public Education in the Era COVID

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Raab, President, Hunter College

Taina Borrero, CB8 Session Moderator

Topics for Discussion:

- Hunter College's response to COVID-19
- On-campus vs. remote learning
- College admissions
- Student feedback

Zoom Info:

Join the meeting by clicking the link below or using the phone number. Copy and paste this to your calendar if you signed in before the meeting.

Topic: November 2020 CB8M YEL Committee Meeting

Time: Nov 23, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99551802827?pwd=NzVMczltdWtkTkkvOWVudDlidVhsZz09>

Meeting ID: 995 5180 2827

Passcode: 257390

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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. NOVEMBER 24

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 4:00 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**

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!

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



**SCAN ME TO
RSVP!**

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

SIGN UP FOR THE LEGAL CLINIC HERE

Remote Learning and Your Family...



Ideas for meaningful change

An evening of listening and conversation presented by CEC District 2
with Special Guest, Executive Superintendent, Manhattan Marisol C. Rosales

Thursday, December 3rd

6:30-8:00pm

Register [here](#) to join us by zoom

Your thoughts will be collected in advance by [filling out this form](#).

Open meeting, all are welcome!

District parents, principals, and teachers are encouraged to share what works, what should be replicated, and what can be constructively improved, as we try to support all our students and families during this unprecedented crisis.

Responses will be collated and presented to the
Chancellor at the CECD2 Town Hall

Sponsored by CECD2 Remote Learning, Students with Disabilities, and Students in
Temporary Housing Committees

For more information please contact cec2@schools.nyc.gov



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Medicare Part D & Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment Is Here!

You can only change Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan coverage between October 15 and December 7, 2020.

The Legal Advocacy Department is scheduling individual remote counseling appointments to help you select the best Medicare Advantage or Part D plan for you.

For more information or to sign up for an appointment, please contact us at 212-218-0338.

Due to COVID-19, appointments will be held remotely by phone or video conference.



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