

Rebecca Seawright



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is fitting that this week we celebrated Women's Equality Day and we witnessed the swearing-in of New York's first woman Governor Kathy Hochul. On her first day, she committed to fighting to curb the spread of the contagious Delta variant, fulfill COVID rent relief to tenants and struggling small businesses, and to bring much-needed transparency to Albany. During her first address as governor, she said "I could not get here without the courage and sacrifice of others, the courage of the early suffragettes who began the long march for equality and the elected women who came before me, paving the way for this state." On Thursday, Governor Hochul named Harlem State Senator Brian Benjamin from her Lieutenant Governor.

As we look toward re-opening schools on Monday, September 13 all eligible family members should get vaccinated. The COVID-19 Pfizer vaccination has gained full FDA approval. The Mayor and Schools Chancellor have released a handbook "DOE Homecoming 2021" to inform families how the Department of Education is protecting the health and safety of students with

new COVID-19 protocols.

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

- *Tuesday, August 31 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Wednesday, September 1 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm- **Metrocard Sales Bus** stops in front of the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) ***Cash sales only****
- *Thursday, September 2 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.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Thursday, September 2 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Saturday, September 11 at 6:45 am at Carl Schurz Park on the John Finley Walk- **Twentieth Remembrance: 9/11 Sunrise Ceremony from Darkness to Light.** All community members are invited to this community commemorative event showcasing music, poetry and reflections at dawn.*
- *Thursday, September 16 - **No-Cost Screening Mammograms for Eligible Women at the Mobile Scan Van** in front of the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) by appointment. Call 646-415-7932 to schedule an appointment. **This event was rescheduled from a prior date due to unforeseen circumstances with the mobile van.***
- *Thursday, September 23 - **No-Cost Flu Vaccine Clinic** at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright. Call 212-288-4607 or email seawrightR@nyassembly.gov to schedule an appointment between 10am and 4pm.*

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,



Landmarks Lit Purple and Gold for Women's Equality Day



New York State Seneca Falls where the first convention of women's rights was held in 1848.

Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Kathy Hochul

Seawright Welcomes the First Female Governor of New York State as Kathy Hochul is Sworn In on Tuesday

Announces Comprehensive Plan to Help Ensure a Safe, Productive Return to Schools This Fall



Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, and New York Professional Nurses Union Executive Director Eileen Toback were 'United For Women' at a 2020 rally on East 86 Street in Manhattan.



Hochul and Seawright in 2019.



Governor Hochul is a lifelong New Yorker who has devoted her career to fighting for the people of our state. As a former County Clerk, Congresswoman of New York's 26th congressional district, and Lieutenant Governor, Governor Hochul has represented us at all levels of government. During her time in congress, she served on the House Armed Services and Homeland Security Committees, and diligently fought to safeguard the Affordable Care Act. As Lieutenant Governor, she espoused the "Enough is Enough" sexual

assault prevention initiative and led the successful fight for a \$15 minimum wage and Paid Family Leave. Well known for her perseverance, resilience, and dedication, she has been a long-standing advocate for working families, women's rights, healthcare, and the LGBTQ+ community.

Hochul Announces State Senator Brian Benjamin As Her Lieutenant Governor

State Senator Brian Benjamin serves as the senior assistant majority leader of the Senate. He has focused on criminal law reform efforts such as bringing greater accountability to the NYPD, significantly limiting police no-knock warrants, ending cash bail, ending solitary confinement, not incarcerating parolees for *parole violations*, restoring the voting rights of parolees, allowing felons who completed their sentences to serve on juries, and passing an anti-chokehold act. He also sponsored and passed the Rainy Day Fund bill, that allowed New York City to set aside funds in a revenue stabilization fund.



Re-Opening New York City Schools Guidance

On Thursday, Mayor de Blasio and Schools Chancellor Porter announced that New York City's public school buildings will remain open if there are positive COVID-19 cases and only those who are unvaccinated will have to quarantine if exposed to a positive case.

Masks will be required for all inside and outside of DOE buildings, regardless of vaccination status.

The full details on the new guidelines, can be found in the [handbook distributed by the City](#).

Small Business Spotlight: Alex's Comics and Cards Store



Head to Alex's MVP Cards & Comics at 1577 York Avenue (83/84 Streets) for new and vintage comic books and collectible cards. Call (212) 831-2273 for hours.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit

THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

is a federal program to help families impacted by COVID-19 secure affordable internet service. Eligible households may receive:

- A discount of up to \$50 per month for broadband service (up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands)
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers

Visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit) to apply or learn more

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it plainly clear that affordable internet access isn't a luxury – it's an essential 21st century utility to stay connected, work and study. For a list

New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund

The New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund ("NYS HAF") was established under section 3206 of the *American Rescue Plan Act of 2021* and provides \$539,458,518 in financial assistance to New York State, through the United States Department of the Treasury. The aim of HAF is to mitigate financial hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic by preventing homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship. *HCR will begin accepting applications in September 2021.*

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

New Yorkers who have been unable to pay rent due to the impacts of COVID-19 can apply for help through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Both tenants and landlords can apply for ERAP benefits. Payments are made directly to landlords. To view eligibility details and to apply, *visit this link*. You can direct questions to the State's ERAP call center: 844-NY1-RENT(844-691-7368) or the hearing-impaired TTY number: 1-833-843-8829.

Upcoming Events

Community Board 8 Public Hearing: Open Restaurants / Sidewalk Cafes

The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of City Planning (DCP) are proposing a citywide zoning text amendment that will allow the DOT to administer the Permanent Open Restaurant program (POR). The proposal will remove sidewalk café regulations from the Zoning Resolution to increase geographic eligibility as sidewalk cafes become part of a unified sidewalk and roadway outdoor dining program administered at DOT. View the material for this *here*.

Community Board 8 wants your feedback on the open restaurants program at a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 2nd at 6:30 PM.

100 Years | 100 Women Conversation Series

Friday, August 27th at 1:00 p.m.

Park Avenue Armory

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Join the Park Avenue Armory and The Metropolitan Museum of Art for a 100 Years | 100 Women Conversation Series, which will engage the project's participants in a set of informal lunch-time chats.

Learn more and RSVP here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1399997463668914/>

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. AUGUST 31

**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**

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!**

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 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.

RSVP to the Legal Clinic



METROCARD BUS

STOPS HERE (79/York):

WED. 9/1, 9/15

10:00AM- 12:00PM

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ANNOUNCEMENT



Twentieth Remembrance 9/11 SUNRISE CEREMONY: From Darkness to Light

John Finley Walk at Carl Schurz Park
Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 6:45 a.m.

All Community Members are Invited (COVID-attentive event)

(CARL SCHURZ PARK ENTRANCE 86TH & EAST END AVENUE—WHEELCHAIR ACCESS 84th, 87th STREETS--MANHATTAN)

A community commemorative event showcasing music, poetry and reflections at dawn on September 11th. The Ceremony reawakens a tradition from the first years after 9/11 that drew together people from across the community and city.

PROGRAM

7:00 a.m. Sharp. Program begins at John Finley Walk sign, top of stairs in Carl Schurz Park

Colors will be presented.

Musical interludes will include Native American drummer/ chanter George Stonefish (Lenape) and Trumpeter Eganam Segbefia

Introductory Comments: Howard Teich, Julie Menin

Reflections: Reverend Al Sharpton; Col. Gerald York (US Army-Retd); Dr. Paul Devries

Readings: Elected officials--Former Governor David Paterson; Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney; Borough President Gale Brewer; State Senators Liz Krueger and Brian Benjamin; Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright; City Councilmember Mark Levine

9/11 Experiences: Federation of French War Veterans President, Alain Dupuis; Past New York Rescue Workers Detoxification Center Director, Jim Woodworth; First Responders; Emergency Workers

Further readings: Brig Genl Loree Sutton (US Army - Retd); John Phillips; David Williams; Mark Jaffe; Col. Terrance Holliday (USAF_Retd)

Closing - Moment of Silence and Musical Interlude

7:40 a.m. Program ends

Community Supporters (in formation): Howard Teich; Julie Menin; The Howard Teich Network; NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation; New Democratic Dimensions; Greater New York Chamber of Commerce; Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation; National Action Network; The Mansion Restaurant; Borough President Gale Brewer; State Senator Liz Krueger; Audrey Tannen; Ann Meschery; Cameron Koffman; David Williams

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
APPOINTMENTS STARTING AT 9 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
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SCANVAN





**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLY MEMBER



**NO-COST Flu
Vaccinations Available**

**Thursday,
September 23
10 AM - 4 PM**

In Partnership with:

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Walgreens

**Community Office, 1485 York Avenue
(78/79 Streets)**

**Appointments required:
Call 212-288-4607 or email
SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov
to reserve your appointment**

ROOSEVELT ISLAND

FALL FOR ARTS FESTIVAL 2021

THE FUTURE THROUGH YOUR EYES



Saturday, September 25, 2021
9:00am-5:00pm

Live Mural Painting • Arts & Crafts Activities
Live Music • Food Trucks & More

Special Evening Music Performance at
Good Shepherd Community Center

SOUTHPOINT PARK (South of Cornell Tech)
MEDITATION LAWN (501 Main St.)



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REBECCA SEAWRIGHT

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GIVEAWAY



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

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(78/79 STREET)**

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NO-COST NOTARY

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