



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Today is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The gun violence crisis takes 120 lives and wounds hundreds more every day across the nation. Black Americans unduly bear the brunt of gun violence, largely due to systemic inequities and racial discrimination. Firearms are the leading cause of death of children and teens in America.

Our legislation to establish an intersex awareness campaign has passed both houses. Intersex in the "I" in LGBTQIA+. I am proud to have sponsored and obtained passage of this important legislation to help prevent intersex youths from non-consensual surgeries, including sterilization, to make them fit into a binary. This is a great start to Pride month in New York! Another bill passed this week extends the authority of lenders to continue open end loan services.

I spoke at a press conference in support of survivors of sexual abuse and the CARE Act to add clergy to the list of mandated reporters. How we as New Yorkers and lawmakers treat victims of abuse, the youngest and most vulnerable among us, that will define us as a State. Adding clergy members to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse and maltreatment will ensure prior victims of child sexual abuse are made whole.

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

## Seawright Intersex Education Bill Passed Both Houses Protecting Bodily Autonomy

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced the passage of legislation she sponsored to require the New York State Department of Health to conduct a public information and outreach campaign on medically unnecessary treatments on persons born with intersex traits or variations in sex characteristics.

***“Our goal with this legislation is to educate new parents on the unnecessary and often harmful surgeries performed on infants and young children born intersex. Education will be key to helping parents understand that surgery is permanent and can cause irreversible effects,”*** said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

The program established by the bill will include an advisory council including intersex people, intersex-led organizations, and healthcare providers with demonstrated medical expertise treating intersex individuals in a manner that respects their bodily integrity and self-determination.

***“We are proud to have been working with impacted communities and InterACT, a non-profit organization using innovative strategies to advocate for the legal and human rights of children with intersex traits,”*** continued Seawright.

InterACT advocates lauded the passage of the legislation in New York, ***“In passing this legislation, New York lawmakers have sent a clear message in support of the visibility and bodily autonomy of intersex people. Young people with variations in their sex development deserve understanding and the chance to make decisions about their own bodies. We are grateful to Assemblymember Seawright and Senator Hoylman for supporting them, and urge Governor Hochul to sign this bill as soon as possible.”***

Intersex is an umbrella term for differences in sex traits and/or reproductive anatomy. There are over 30 intersex variations, and intersex traits occur in up to 1.7% of the population. This means being intersex is as common as being born with red hair. Intersex is most importantly about biology, not sexuality or gender. Although some intersex people may identify as LGBTQ+, this is additional to their intersexuality. Many intersex youths around the globe are subjected to non-consensual surgeries, including sterilization, to make them fit into a binary. These irreversible harms include scarring, chronic pain, urinary incontinence, loss of sexual sensation and function, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicidality, and incorrect gender assignment. These surgeries are classified as human rights violations by the UN.



The Assembly majority unanimously approved Seawright's bill to approve a two-year extension on limits lenders can charge for annual fees associated with certain types of credit cards, home-equity loans, and other forms of revolving credit.

## Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Speaks at Press Conference In Support of CARE Act to Add Clergy as Mandated Reporters



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined her colleagues and bill sponsors Assembly Member Monica Wallace, Senator Brad Hoylman, Advocate Joyce Short, abuse survivors, and clergy in support of the Child Abuse Reporting Expansion (CARE) Act.

Survivors of sexual abuse are seeking to amend the current legislation on mandated reporters. CFCtoo was formed in June 2022 when a child sexual abuse case came to light at Christian Fellowship Center in Madrid, NY. CFC pastors' failure to report the abuse for over four years galvanized current and former CFC members to create CFCtoo.

At least 28 other states already designate clergy as mandatory reporters of child abuse. It is time for New York to follow suit. Our state law already requires that teachers, social workers, healthcare workers, law enforcement, and dozens of other professionals report suspected child abuse to the authorities. By adding clergy to the extensive list of mandatory reporters, we will prioritize the protection of children and help ensure that abusers are held accountable.



### March With Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright At The New York City Pride Parade!

The NYC PRIDE Parade is on Sunday, June 25. If you are interested in joining us, register below and a member of our team will be in touch with the time, meeting place and route details.

[Register here.](#)

### Consider Our Office A Resource!

#### Upcoming Mobile Constituent Service Hours

**Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 am- First Avenue Street Fair (68-79 Streets)**

Our table will be between 78 and 79 Streets.

**Saturday, June 10 from 11:00 am- 4:00 pm- Roosevelt Island Day at the Meditation Lawn and Blackwell Plaza**

**Thursday, June 15 from 10:30 am- 1:00 pm- The Roosevelt Island Health and Wellness Disabilities Fair at the Good**



**Rebecca Seawright**  
ASSEMBLY MEMBER



**WEEKLY E-NEWS**

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Share this email with your friends and neighbors. The link to sign up for our updates can be found [here](#).



Upcoming Events





### East 86 Street Association Clean Team

Saturday June 3

11:00am

In front of Shake Shack, 154 East 86th Street

RSVP: [Afine@bhsusa.com](mailto:Afine@bhsusa.com)

For those new to the Clean Team, here is how it works: we meet at 11am in front of Shake Shack. We provide gloves and then you chose which piece of our equipment that you would like to use- broom with pan or a "picker". We have rolling garbage cans and bags which some of the volunteers roll and tend. We generally work in a loop up to Park Avenue, back down to Second Avenue, and back to Shake Shack. We will also have one or two splinter groups that will tend Lexington and Third Avenues in the 80s. We pick up anything and everything on the sidewalk, gutters, and tree pits. Picking up garbage is actually fun when surrounded by great neighbors! Generally speaking, the event last between 75 and 90 minutes. We are happy to have you for any or all of the event. Every minute of your time is appreciated. If you are coming late, you can find us along East 86th between 2nd Ave and Park Ave, we are easy to spot.

The event is a great way to meet like-minded neighbors, and we usually have an elected official or two or more, if you would like to advocate for issues important to you, or simply want to vent, this is your chance!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the organizer, Andrew Fine, the same place you would RSVP at [afine@bhsusa.com](mailto:afine@bhsusa.com) . We hope to see you on June 3rd!



# Help Us Plan the Renovation of **St. Catherine's Park**



Thursday, June 8, 2023

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Register in advance by visiting [nyc.gov/parks/input](https://nyc.gov/parks/input) and clicking on the "Register Here" link below "How to Participate" or use the QR code below.

NYC Parks is starting the design process for the renovation of St. Catherine's Park, First Avenue between E. 67<sup>th</sup> - 68<sup>th</sup> Streets. We invite you to share your ideas on how this park should be improved to better serve the community. We'll use your input to develop a plan for the renovation. Please join us at this meeting and feel free to invite others who may be interested in this project.

**Can't attend the meeting?** You can still submit your ideas until June 22 at the link above.

For accessibility questions and additional information, contact Dmitry Kalmykoff at (212) 408-0203 or [dmitry.kalmykoff@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:dmitry.kalmykoff@parks.nyc.gov).



NYC Parks





Roosevelt Island  
Operating Corporation

# Roosevelt Island Day

Saturday, June 10th

Location: Meditation  
Lawn & Blackwell Plaza

When:  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

**FREE!** Bring Your Family & Friends!



Bouncing Houses, Carnival Games, Food Trucks, Fun Giveaways,  
LIVE DJ, Photobooth, Face Painting, Clothing Drop-Off,  
Community Tables & More!

Roosevelt Island Health, Wellness and Disabilities Fair

# HEALTH, WELLNESS AND DISABILITIES FAIR

## VENDORS

114 PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER  
ACCES-VR- TRANSITION AND  
VOCATIONAL SERVICES  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION NYC  
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION  
ASSURANCE WIRELESS  
CARE NYC  
COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN  
NEW YORK (EFMNY)  
EPRA  
FIDELIS  
FOOD BANK- SNAP & NUTRITION  
HEALTHFIRST  
HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
INCARE  
LEAN ON ME SENIORS LIVES MATTER TOO  
LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, NYC  
MANHATTAN CONNECT  
MAYORS OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES  
NYP/W CORNELL/ENT  
NYPL  
NYRR  
OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH  
RIRA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE  
SHARE (CANCER)  
SLOAN KETTERING  
VISIONS  
VNSNY HEALTH

## LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Liz Krueger
- Mark Levine
- Rebecca Seawright

## FITNESS DEMOS

- 10:30 Strength and Stretch with NYRR Grace and Sid
- 11:30 Mindful Meditation & Chair Yoga with Jax Schott
- 12:15 Standing Pilates Stretch with Barbara Parker



**THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023  
1030-1PM  
GOOD SHEPHERD PLAZA**

**Senator Krueger's Virtual Town Hall  
New Technology to Support  
People with Hearing and Vision Loss,  
PLUS  
an Overview of the MTA's New OMNY Payment System**

Thursday, June 15  
10 am – 11:45 am  
On Zoom and Facebook Live

[Register here](#)





## METROCARD BUS

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WED. 6/7, 6/21

10:00AM- 12:00PM

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### Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday  
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday  
Street Life - 1st Tuesday  
Transportation - 1st Wednesday

Housing - 1st Thursday  
Parks - 2nd Thursday  
Landmarks - 3rd Monday  
Social Justice - 4th Monday  
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday  
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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