

Rebecca Seawright



Summer 2020 interns: prospective Hamilton College Freshman Evan and NYU student and Simon Wiesenthal Government Advocacy Program scholar Tzivia at the community office

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This morning I was pleased to organize, for the community, a walkthrough of the Southpoint Park project where we were joined by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and resident stakeholders. Constituents saw first-hand the plan for the park and renovation of the seawall. The project was the subject of a lively discussion on Town Hall Tuesday, my streaming video community forum with Shelton Haynes, Acting President and CEO of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC). New Yorkers with Special Needs is our topic for the next Town Hall Tuesday.

We continued our weekly face-covering distribution events with over 300 face coverings and hand sanitizer given out at no cost to the community on Thursday.

The emergency rental assistance program, which I proudly co-sponsored in the Assembly, is open and accepting applications. This relief will help keep low-income families throughout New York stay in their homes. The program is funded through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, part of the CARES Act. The program is administered by New York State Homes, and Community Renewal and access to program applications are available at this link. More information to follow in the report below.

We breathed a sigh of relief with the reversal of the proposal by ICE to keep international students out of the country. ICE's guidance, issued on July 6, threatened to upend the

lives of students who feared deportation if their college were to pivot to online-only instruction. Nationwide outrage, the outcry by New Yorkers, and lawsuits followed. We celebrated as this rule was reversed.

Today, Mayor de Blasio and NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea unveiled the End Gun Violence Plan, which utilizes the NYPD and community organizing to ensure New Yorkers' safety in all five boroughs. The NYPD will shift patrol and detective resources to areas with high gun violence, organize gun buy-back events, increase coordination with Cure Violence, and reorganize the Community Affairs Bureau to provide more proactive engagement in communities that have seen increased violence.

A prolonged period of heat and humidity is expected Saturday into early next week. Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach our community office.

Phone: 212.288.4607

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Sincerely,

Rebecca

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES

TUESDAY, JULY 21 @ 7:00PM



**NEW YORKERS WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS**



**FEATURING
THE HONORABLE
THOMAS ABINATI**

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DISTRICT 92
ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**



**JACKIE CEONZO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER**

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Special Needs Activity Center for Kids and Adults

**JOIN US! WATCH LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
www.facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL 212.288.4607
EMAIL SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

REGISTER TO THE TOWN HALL HERE!

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH ON FACEBOOK LIVE @ 7 PM
ON 7/21**

**In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town
Hall: A Roosevelt Island Community Forum**



Seawright Joins Southpoint Park Project Walkthrough to Encourage Resident Feedback



Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



Seawright discusses the Cat Sanctuary with Wildlife Freedom Foundation's Rossana Ceruzzi



The new cat sanctuary.

Remnants of the old cat sanctuary.



The crumbling seawall.

Weekly PPE Giveaway at the District Office



Seawright's community office distributed over 3,000 face coverings and hand sanitizers to date at no-cost to constituents.

Seawright Cosponsors Emergency Rent Relief Now

Apply Now for the COVID Rent Relief Program



The COVID-19 Rent Relief Program *begins today*

The program provides a **one-time rental subsidy** to households who meet certain eligibility requirements. **Renters will not have to pay back the subsidy**, which will be sent directly to their landlords.

COVID Rent Relief Program - Application Period Now Open

HCR is pleased to announce that the application period is now open for the new COVID Rent Relief Program. Applications will be accepted through the program's online portal from **Thursday, July 16 through Thursday, July 30**.

Applications will be accepted throughout this period and the program will NOT make determinations on a first come, first served basis.

Our website provides residents with [a link to the application portal](#), a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and a [PSA video](#) to help guide residents through the program.

Visit hcr.ny.gov/RRP to learn more about the program.

To qualify for COVID Rent Relief Assistance, an applicant must meet ALL of the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a renter with a primary residence in New York State.
- Before March 1, 2020 and at the time of application, household income must be below 80% Area Median Income ([View AMI by county and household size](#))
 - Families with extremely low income will be prioritized.
 - Income includes unemployment insurance payments/PUA.
- Before March 1, 2020 and at the time of application, household must pay more than 30% of gross monthly income for rent.
- Applicant must have lost income during the period of April 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020.

What is the application process?

The application can be accessed on [HCR's website](#) starting Thursday, July 16 and will be available until [Thursday, July 30](#).

Applicants will be asked questions to determine eligibility and will be required to submit

certain information and documents for verification, including:

- Proof of identity: Government-issued ID such as a driver's license or government-issued identification card
- Copy of lease or other proof of their monthly rental amount; and
- Proof of income, such as W-2 and tax return

Applicant information will be verified and processed at the close of the application period and a one-time payment will be sent directly to the resident's landlord.

[Learn more on our website.](#)

Local Photographer Joins Nationwide Effort to Create 10,000 Complimentary Professional Headshots to Help America Get Back to Work

Upper East Side Constituent Rob Feiner, of RZF Images to Produce Headshots for Locally Unemployed on July 22 at Brookfield Properties in New York City

Nothing says "I'm ready to work" more than a freshly pressed suit, an updated resume, and of course, a professional headshot. Regardless of profession, COVID-19 sent millions of Americans to the unemployment line without warning. That is why local photographer Rob Feiner of RZF Images is participating with Headshot Booker and [Brookfield Properties](#) in the largest, single-day photo initiative that will provide 10,000 unemployed Americans nationwide with a complimentary, professional headshot to include with their resumes and post to job sites such as LinkedIn.

Rob Feiner will be producing the complimentary headshots on Wednesday, July 22 from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Brookfield Property, located at 218 West 57th Street, Manhattan. Complimentary headshots are open to anyone currently unemployed, but participants are asked to visit [HeadshotBooker.com](#) for details and schedule a time to be photographed. More than 200 photographers will participate across all 50 states, creating pop-up studios at nearly every Brookfield retail location nationwide. Headshots will be provided to participants on site through event photo sharing platform [SpotMyPhotos](#).

About RZF Images: Rob Feiner is the owner of RZF Images and is a professional headshot photographer, based on Manhattan's Upper East Side.



Need someone to talk to? Try Search and Care's "Talkin' it Out" program. Talkin' it Out is free of charge for adults 60+ and provides safe, confidential, one-on-one telephonic counseling where you can privately express your thoughts and feelings, with no judgement or commitment.

Call Search and Care's Millie or Chris (both bilingual social workers) to learn more. Let's "Talk it Out."

[212-289-5300](tel:212-289-5300)

Necesitas a alguien con quien hablar? Trate el programa "Talkin' it Out" de Search and Care. "Talkin' it Out" es un servicio gratuito para adultos mayores de 60 años que proporciona asesoramiento por teléfono seguro, confidencial y uno-a-uno donde puede expresar de forma privada sus pensamientos y sentimientos, sin juicio ni compromiso. Llame a Millie o Chris (ambos trabajadores sociales bilingües) de Search and Care para obtener más información. "Hablemos". [212-289-5300](tel:212-289-5300)

High Temperatures Expected this Weekend

A prolonged period of heat and humidity is expected Saturday into early next week. Heat indices Saturday are forecast to be mostly in the lower 90s, but could potentially reach 95 in a few spots. Heat indices then climb to around 100 on Sunday, then 100 to 104 on Monday. Heat advisory criteria would therefore be met for Sunday and Monday. In addition, there is a low potential of widespread heat indices reaching excessive heat warning levels of 105 on Sunday and Monday. The heat and humidity probably continues into Tuesday with heat indices in the mid 90s. For real-time weather information and forecast updates, visit the *National Weather Service*.

Uninsured New Yorkers can still enroll for coverage via the The NY State of Health Exchange; the “Special Enrollment Period” has been extended to August 15, 2020. [Learn more and apply for coverage.](#)

NYC LGBTQ COVID guide. This mobile-accessible website contains nearly 100 listings of LGBTQ+ affirming services still available citywide, including food programs, legal services, health resources & more.

Check it out: nyc.gov/lgbtqcovid

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that New York City is planning to provide quality, safe, free childcare options for 100,000 children this fall. This follows the release of the Mayor and Chancellor's preliminary school reopening plan, which utilizes a cohort-based blended learning system with both remote and in-person education for students. The City's childcare options will provide relief for families who cannot stay home or find alternate care for their children on days they are not in school buildings. Childcare will be made available for children in 3K through 8th grade, and there will be approximately 50,000 seats available each day. Given the nature of a blended remote and in-person approach, this means the City plans to serve at least 100,000 students total. The Administration is working to identify locations and maximize available space for childcare in schools, community centers, libraries, cultural organizations, and more. New Yorkers with available space that could potentially be utilized for childcare should visit www.nycsca.org/realestate/sites. The City is working to have as many seats as possible ready for the first day of school, with capacity building out over time.

Alternate Side Parking is suspended until Sunday (7/19). The Office of the Parking Summons Advocate has a new page to learn more and get assistance: www.nyc.gov/parkingadvocate.

New York City restaurants violating social distancing and other health regulations risk losing their liquor license. As part of the "Three Strikes and You're Closed" initiative, any establishment that receives three violations will be shut down. Outdoor dining is for just that: outdoor dining. We do not approve outdoor bars where you set up tables for people to place drinks and then have a block party of 100 people mingling outside. Citizens can report violations to the State Liquor Authority at <http://www.sla.ny.gov>. All restaurants and bars statewide can only serve alcohol to seated patrons. Service must be provided at the table, not at the bar, to patrons who are socially distanced by six feet or separated by physical barriers. Patrons must also order food if they are ordering alcohol. These new rules will help ensure that our infection rate stays low.

The *Animal Care Centers of NYC* have opened a new pet adoption search portal at nycacc.app.

Please do your part to ensure New York gets the resources we need; visit My2020census.gov. (You do not need a code; click “Start Questionnaire” and then “If you do not have a Census ID, click here” link below the login button.)

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. JULY 21

**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.**

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.

SIGN UP FOR THE LEGAL CLINIC HERE

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PROTECTIVE FACE
MASK GIVEAWAY**



**THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
12:00PM-2:00PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE
1485 YORK AVENUE
(78/79 STREET)**

**RSVP: [CUTT.LY/AMRSFACE](https://cutt.ly/AMRSFACE)
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RESERVE YOUR FACE COVERING

IT'S UP TO YOU NEW YORK

SOCIALIZE RESPONSIBLY

PROTECT YOURSELF • LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER • CARE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR SEATING:



YOU MAY NOW BE SEATED

People may now be served food and beverages while seated at an outdoor table, or continue to "Take Out, Don't Hang Out".

No groups of more than 10 people from the same party may sit together at a table.



WEAR A FACE COVERING



Always wear a face covering, except when seated and eating or drinking.



DON'T CROWD



Don't crowd in front of businesses. Don't block the sidewalk. Remember to practice physical distancing.



RESPECT THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Please keep your voices and music down. Remember people live here too.



PROTECT LOCAL BUSINESSES



Don't put your favorite place at risk of getting fines, violations, or losing their liquor license by not following guidelines.

ALL OUTDOOR DINING MUST BE CLOSED BY 11PM.

Get tested: There are COVID-19 testing sites in all five boroughs. To find a site, visit nyc.gov/covidtest or call 311.

For the latest information, visit nyc.gov/coronavirus

June 22, 2020

Mayor's Office
of Media and
Entertainment

NYC
Office of Nightlife

Stay informed about the CORONAVIRUS



NYC COVID-19 Self-reporting Portal: [Link here](#) or call 311
DOHMH FAQ: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
Face Covering Distribution: [Face Coverings Face Coverings](#)
Face Covering Tips: [helpful videos](#)
DACA Renewal Assistance: Call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365
Ferry Schedules: [Staten Island Ferry / NYC Ferry](#)
H+H Visitor Policy: [Policy to Reduce the Spread of Coronavirus](#)
Mental Health Hotline: 1-888-NYC-WELL or text "WELL" to 65173. [NYC Well](#)
Mental Health Online: [Support New Yorkers Can Access While Staying Home](#)
OATH: [Hearing Online](#)
Online English Classes: [We Speak NYC, Register Here](#) or for information: [click here](#)
Online Marriage Licenses: [nyc.gov/Cupid](#) or [cityclerk.nyc.gov](#)
Animal Welfare FAQ: [COVID-19 and Animals FAQ](#)
COVID-19 Pet Owner Hotline: 1-877-204-8821
Pet Planning: [Get Prepared - Pets & Service Animals](#)
Map of Essential Construction: [Essential Active Construction Sites Map / FAQ](#)
Report Price Gouging: [DCA - COVID-19 Complaint](#)
Resource Guide for Immigrants: [Resources for Immigrant Communities](#)
Virtual Friendly Visiting Program for Seniors: Call 212-AGING-NYC

For Families

Activity Book for Kids: [Animals of NYC - Physical Distancing Activity Book](#)
Remote Learning: [NYC DOE Info Hub](#)
Fun at Home for Kids: [nyc.gov/funathome](#) or text "Fun" to 97743
School and Childcare for Essential Workers: [Regional Enrichment Centers](#)

How to Help:

How to Help: [Help Now NYC](#)
Companies with Supplies on Hand to Donate or Sell: [NYC Suppliers Page](#)
Companies Ready to Begin Producing Supplies: [COVID-19 Emergency Supply Sourcing & Manufacturing](#)
Donate PPE: [NYC Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donation Portal](#)
Donate Plasma: [New York Blood Center](#)
Food and Non-medical Donations: [DonateNYC](#), or call 833-NYC-0040

For Constituents in Need:

Benefits Available for New Yorkers: [AccessNYC](#)
Services for Folks in Need: [Assistance for Individuals](#)
Domestic Violence: [NYCHope](#)
Family Justice Centers: [Family Justice Centers](#), 24-hour DV Hotline: 1-800-621-4673
Financial Empowerment Guidance: [DCA - Free Financial Counseling](#)
Food Finder: [Food Bank NYC](#)
Grab & Go Meals for All: Location: [Free Meal Sites](#), or text "NYCFOOD" or "COMIDA" to 877-877
Hotel Isolation Referral Program: [nyc.gov/covid19hotel](#)
Peer-Peer Wellness Check for Veterans: [Mission: VetCheck](#)
People with Disabilities: @NYCDisabilities, 311 or visit <http://nyc.gov/disability> or via video phone: 646-396-5830
SNAP: [SNAP Benefits](#)
Student Loan Debt Tips During COVID-19: [NYC Consumer Affairs](#)
Unemployment Benefits: [NYS Department of Labor + NYC FAQ](#)

Businesses & Nonprofits:

Stop the Spread: [Stop the Spread of Coronavirus Flyer](#)

Facebook Grants for Small Businesses: facebook.com/grantsforbusiness
Guidance for Employers & Employees: [Update about Workplace Laws](#)
Non-Profit Providers: [FAQ for Nonprofit Businesses](#)
SBS Webinars for Small Businesses: [Register here](#)
Small Businesses: [Assistance & Guidance for Businesses](#)

Workers:

Citibike Free Year Membership for First Responders: [Critical Workforce Membership](#)
Freelancers in NYC: [File Workplace Complaint](#)
Hotels for Healthcare Workers: [NYC & Company](#)
Labor Issues: Call 311, or AG's office: (212) 416-8700 or Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov
Paid Sick Leave: DOHMH [Frequently Asked Questions](#) / or call: 855-491-2667 or 311
State List of Essential Business/Services: [Governor Cuomo Guidance Under 'New York State on PAUSE'](#)
SBS: [Virtual Workforce One Center](#) or call 718-960-2458
TLC Driver Jobs: [NYC Food Delivery Driver Portal](#)
TLC [Driver Resource Center](#): legal services, financial counseling, and other referrals

Buildings & Residents:

NYCHA Residents: [NYCHA's journal](#) + [Hardship Rent Reductions](#) + [NYCHA COVID-19 FAQ](#) + [City Harvest Mobile Markets](#) + [Mayor de Blasio Announces New Plan to Combat COVID-19 at NYCHA](#)
Property Tax issues: [Department of Finance Benefits](#)
Tenants/Landlords: [COVID-19: FAQ for Residential and Commercial Buildings](#)

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