

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week, I was pleased to cosponsor legislation in the Assembly that we passed to better support and protect nursing home residents. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, along with my colleagues, we have taken action to pass legislation to support New Yorkers' health and safety during these uncertain and challenging times.

We trust nursing homes and long term care facilities to take care of our loved ones for their treatment and care. During this pandemic, the unthinkable occurred: residential facilities put profits over patient care. They discharged and transferred patients to facilities that lacked the care they needed. I was proud to cosponsor the measures, and to cast my vote for Assembly Bill 3397 to repeal Article 30-D of the Public Health Law. Repealing 30-D, also known as the Emergency or Disaster Treatment Protection Act, will enable us to hold facilities, and their administrators accountable for harm to patients and residents. On Roosevelt Island at Coler long term care facility, we addressed alarming reports when they came to our office of mixing residential patients and new COVID-positive patients, and we formed a coalition with the patients to get out their message that "nursing home lives matter."

We are holding administrators of these facilities accountable for any harm and damages incurred to vulnerable individuals. When nursing home operators put their bottom line ahead of patient care, vulnerable New Yorkers get hurt. I am proud to support this legislation to right this wrong and better protect residents.

Join us for one of the events that I am pleased to sponsor:

- *Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm on Facebook live and Zoom- **Town Hall Tuesday: Senior Seminar.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Wednesday, March 10 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Facebook live and Zoom- **Homeowners Benefits Clinic with the New York City Department of Finance.** [RSVP here.](#)*

- *Thursday, March 11 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, March 11 from 2:00 pm -4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, March 16 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm on Facebook live and Zoom- **Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony.** Nominate a Woman of Distinction in your community [here](#) and RSVP [here.](#)*

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.

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Sincerely,



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Legislative Updates

Seawright Cosponsors Sweeping Nursing Home Protections



Seawright casts her vote in support of Assembly Bill 244 to bring transparency to the Health Emergency Reporting Data system. Data should be open and available to the reporting physicians, institutions and the public.

"During this pandemic and future public health threats, we will be prepared. Better oversight and transparency will ensure better outcomes for patients and their families," said Seawright.



Seawright spoke about her support for legislation allowing exemptions for personal care visitors and enhanced compassionate care visitation during declared local or state health emergencies.

A year of isolation has taken a devastating toll on nursing home and long-term care residents. The legislation will enable New Yorkers to safely resume in-person visitation and reestablish the connection between patients and their family and

caregivers.

For many individuals living in nursing homes, visitation from family and loved ones provides critical informal channels of care that are crucial to their well-being.



The Assembly Majority is guaranteeing safe nursing home visitation as we continue battling this pandemic.

The bills passed by Assembly and Cosponsored by Seawright to increase the safety and to improve the quality of life for New Yorkers in nursing homes, includes the following measures to make needed improvements to visitation, oversight, transparency and immunity from liability:

Implementing Quality Improvements

- Reimagining Long-Term Care Task Force with advocates from across the long-term care system ([A.3922-A](#))- requiring a study and a report to the governor and Legislature on the state of long-term care services.
- Establishing an antimicrobial stewardship program and training on antimicrobial resistance and control ([A.5847](#)).
- Requiring adult care facilities to include infection control in their biannual plans regarding quality assurance activities ([A.5846](#)).
- Codifying New York regulations and federal law that establish certain requirements prior to an individual being transferred or discharged from a residential health care facility ([A.3919](#)).

Increasing Oversight and Transparency

- Prohibiting the granting of new for-profit nursing home licenses or expanding the capacity of existing for-profit nursing homes ([A.5842](#)).

Strengthening the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Reform Act

- Increasing the effectiveness of the ombudsman program ([A.5436-A](#)) by promoting greater awareness of the Program, strengthening communication between ombudsmen and the agencies that are responsible for licensing or certifying long-term care facilities, and including ombudsmen within a residential care facility's pandemic emergency plans.

Codifying the Health Emergency Response Data System (HERDS)

- Publishing data on the DOH website ([A.244-A](#)) allowing hospitals to relay resources or needs to the DOH during emergencies, or responding immediately to rapid request surveys in preparedness planning efforts.

- Requiring each residential health care facility to provide residents and their families with a separate document as part of an intake application that includes information on how and where a potential resident and their family members can look up complaints, citations, inspections, enforcement actions and penalties taken against the facility, as well as nursing home quality information provided by the state and federal governments ([A.5848](#)).

Supporting Retail Pharmacies



Assembly Member Seawright questions Mike Duteau, Member of Community Pharmacy Association of NYS and Thomas D'Angelo, President of the Pharmacists Society of the State of NY Board during a New York State Legislature Joint Virtual Budget Hearing on Health.



The Assembly's legislation immediately repeals the governor's expanded emergency powers.

Assembly Member Seawright voted today in support of Assembly Bill 5967 which she cosponsored to restore the balance of power. At the start of the pandemic last year, the governor was granted emergency powers by an overwhelming, bipartisan vote of the state Legislature to allow for a nimble response to the pandemic when the state did not have a lot of information about the virus. Since then, much has been learned about COVID-19, and there has been progress in the fight against the virus with the approval and distribution of multiple vaccines. It is now time to immediately repeal the expanded emergency powers that were granted to the governor and return to a more regular order with increased oversight and review from the state Legislature. The bottom line is that our measure ensures that moving forward the governor will have to work transparently and collaboratively with the Legislature and local governments on efforts to combat the pandemic and protect the public health.

Celebrating Women's History Month

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Invites You To A Celebration Of

THE SIXTH ANNUAL
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
2021 AWARDS PRESENTATION

Women
OF DISTINCTION



TUESDAY, MARCH 23

7:00PM - 8:00PM

**ON ZOOM &
STREAMING LIVE ON
FACEBOOK**

TO NOMINATE & TO RSVP:

Email

**SeawrightR@nyassembly.gov or
call 212-288-4607.**

Nominations are due by 3/10.

Nominate a Woman of Distinction in your community

RSVP Women of Distinction Awards Presentation

Women's History Month Events

To kick off Women's History Month, please join PowHerNY at 6:00PM on March 8th - International Women's Day - for a special briefing and action event: Fight for Gender Justice: Take Action on Child Care.

*Join the National Women's History Museum for a special two-part screening of **And She Could Be Next**, POV's first broadcast miniseries, in honor of International Women's Day, March 8th. **And She Could Be Next** tells the story of a defiant group of women of color—candidates and organizers—who are transforming politics from the ground up. Filmed throughout 2018 and into 2019, by a team of women filmmakers of color, the two-part miniseries features a dynamic slate of history-makers including: Stacey Abrams (GA), Rashida Tlaib (MI), Lucy McBath (GA), Veronica Escobar (TX), Maria Elena Durazo (CA),*

and Bushra Aniwala (IL).

March 11, 2021- In Dialogue: Smithsonian Objects and Social Justice

What does a leader do? Together with educators from the National Portrait Gallery and National Air and Space Museum, we will explore this key question in relationship to portraits of activists Sojourner Truth and Sylvia Rivera, and pilot Bessie Coleman.

Calling all Brave Girls! Join the National Women's History Museum and illustrator Marissa Valdez for a very special Brave Girls Virtual Storytime reading of author Meena Harris' Ambitious Girl on Wednesday, March 24th at noon. Bring your lunch and your curious minds! Marissa will be answering questions live from the audience after the reading of the book.



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VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS

**SENIOR SEMINAR
MARCH 9 @ 7:00PM**

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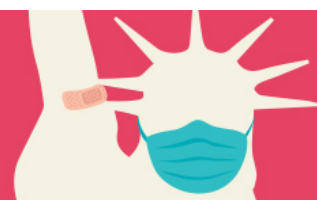
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RSVP Town Hall Tuesday

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

**All in favor of a COVID-19 vaccine,
raise your arm.**



President Biden invoked the [Defense Production Act](#) and thus induced Merck & Co. to help Johnson & Johnson manufacture J&J's newly approved one-shot vaccine.

DFTA contracted agencies have been given directives on how to connect home bound clients with the system the city has structured to schedule getting the vaccine (J+J) at home. For those constituents who are home bound who do not receive Meals on Wheels, lack a social worker and technological skill, call this number and follow the prompts till they get a live person: Vaccine Reservation Call Center-[877-829-4692](tel:877-829-4692)

[Washington Post: These are the top coronavirus vaccines to watch.](#)

[Criteria for Distinguishing Effectiveness From Efficacy Trials in Systematic Reviews](#)

[Visit the New York State Vaccine Site Locator](#)

Call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

or *[Visit the New York City Vaccine Site Locator](#)*

Call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692)

New York State and New York-Presbyterian Hospital vaccination site for eligible New Yorkers in Washington Heights- visit the [connect Online Patient Portal](#).

Veterans 65+ currently enrolled in **Veterans Affair health care** can receive their [COVID vaccine through the VA](#) New York Harbor Healthcare System. Schedule an appointment at [877-877-9267](tel:877-877-9267).

NYC Health & Hospitals - Make an appointment online at any NYC Health + Hospitals location. For appointments by phone, call 1-877-VAX-4NYC or 1-877-829-4692.

To schedule a vaccination appointment at Rite Aid, Duane Reade, or Costco, please follow these links to register and check for appointment availability:

- [Costco](#)
- [Rite Aid](#)
- [Duane Reade](#)

[Sign up here to receive the latest information on the COVID19 vaccine.](#)

Free transportation to vaccine sites is available through Curb (646-349-0289) and Hunter Ambulance (718-991-2211).

Small Business Spotlight

The Green Bean Cafe



Located at 1413 York Avenue (at 75 Street), the Green Bean Cafe is a local vegetarian's favorite veggie cafe with an extensive juices and food menu. Offers main entrees, sandwiches, pizza, smoothies, desserts, all-day breakfast, vegan sweets, and some raw food.



News You Can Use

Homemade baby formula can be life-threatening, FDA says



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Parents and caregivers are being cautioned not to make or feed babies homemade infant formula due to potentially life-threatening problems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued its warning after recently receiving reports of hospitalized...

[*Read more*](#)

[*www.cbsnews.com*](http://www.cbsnews.com)

Amid One Pandemic, Students Train for the Next



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Researchers have banded together to find safe, virtual ways to teach the principles of microbiology and epidemiology. On a crisp afternoon in November, Teresa Bautista ventured into Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, on the lookout for feces. It...

[Read more
www.nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com)

Upcoming Events

Rebecca Seawright



Freeze Your Rent Clinic

Wed., March 3
2:00pm–3:00pm

The NYC Rent Freeze Program, which includes the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Program and the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) Program, helps those eligible stay in affordable housing by freezing their rent.

Homeowners Benefits Clinic

Wed., March 10
2:00pm–3:00pm

The City of New York offers tax exemptions and abatements for seniors, veterans, clergy members, people with disabilities, and other homeowners. These benefits can lower your property tax bill.

Email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov or call 212-288-4607 to RSVP



RSVP Here for the Homeowners Benefit Clinic on 3/10

FREE 7pm WED. 3/24 iDig2Learn presents Reacquainting Yourself with the Native & Urban Trees of Roosevelt Island with Naturalist Carey Russell

iDig2Learn presents a FREE Virtual Talk: Reacquainting Yourself with the Native & Urban Trees of Roosevelt Island with Master Naturalist Carey Russell 7pm - 8pm WED., March 24th, 2021

Refresh your appreciation and identification skills of our local tree species just in time for spring. Carey will cover ID tips, challenges and trends of urban trees throughout NYC's history. Great for beginners and naturalists looking for a refresher.

REGISTER in advance using this link & receive a confirmation email with Zoom meeting details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkdOyprzkjG9Rgs6prK6moAZCe2gYqUVhW>

Speaker bio: Carey Russell is the host of The Dendro Lab, an online course and soon to be podcast focused on dendrology (the study of trees). He holds a masters degree in landscape ecology and is a certified master naturalist and licensed outdoor guide in New York State. As a naturalist, Carey has worked for the U.S. Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, and the Khangai Nuruu National Park of Mongolia. While as a filmmaker, he's a frequent collaborator with director Terrence Malick, and directed the documentary series Tibetan Stories. Currently, he is at work on a photography series titled Literary Landscapes, which documents the natural histories of real landscapes captured in literary fiction, including: Watership Down and My Side of the Mountain. He lives in New York City where he can often be found botanizing in Central Park. careyrussell.com

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DIGITAL LITERACY SESSIONS

Taught by Cornell Tech Master's Students



INFO SESSION

March 08, 2021 at 1:30 p.m- EST

March 19, 2021 10-12 p.m- EST

Settings & Speed

**The ABCs of Hardware, Data, Software,
and more**

March 26, 2021 10-12 p.m- EST

Picking Privacy

The ABCs of Protecting Your Phone

April 02, 2021 10-12 p.m- EST

Search & Learn

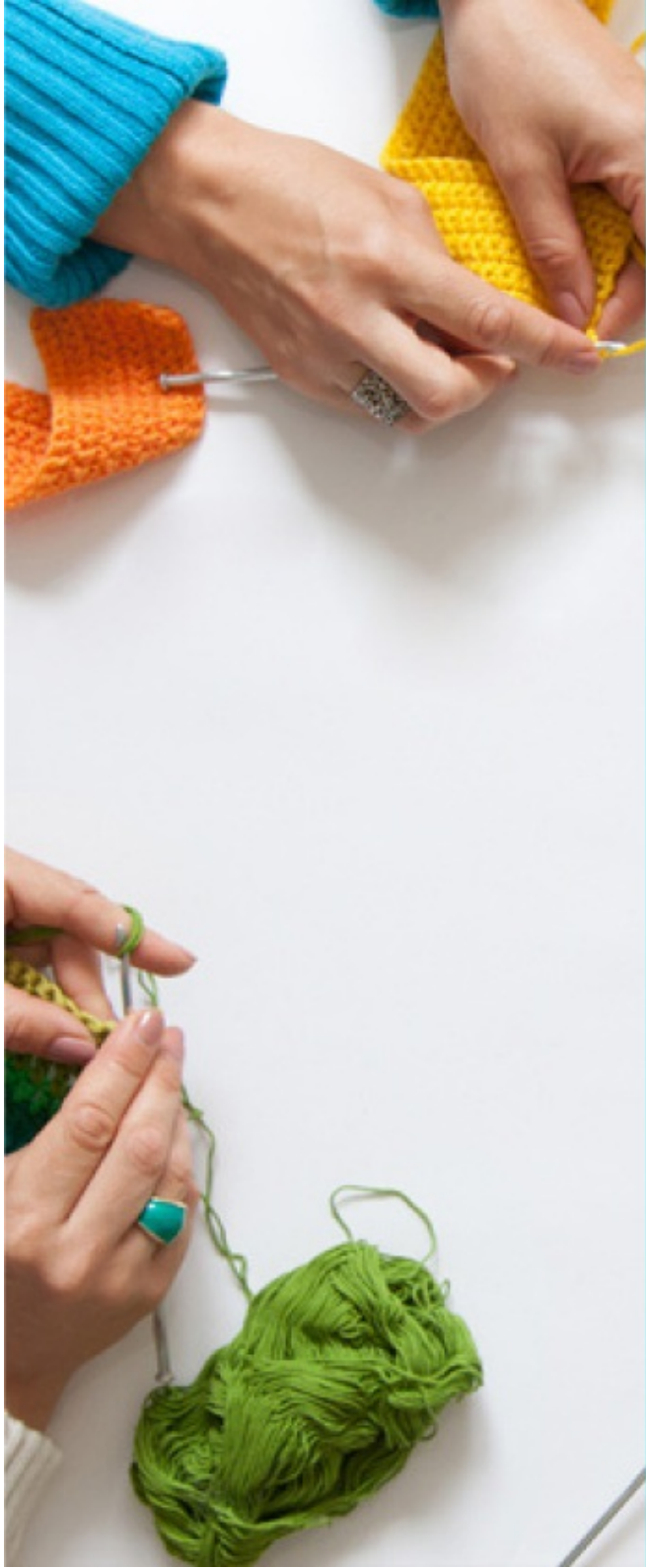
**Googling How to do things and MOOCS:
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2PM-4PM

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RSVP for Virtual Knitting Social on 3/11

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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. MARCH 16

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!

**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**

**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:

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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 on 3/16

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**PROTECTIVE
FACE MASK
GIVEAWAY**



THURSDAYS

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

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RSVP to the Face Covering Giveaway on 3/11

Internship Opportunities

BIOBUS INTERNSHIP

Seeking Students with a passion for
scientific



exploration, science research, and science communication to apply for the 2021-22 high school internship! In this paid internship, students will work with research scientists to develop their own independent projects, participate in outreach events, and build valuable communication skills. *Apply now!* Applications are due **March 15th, 2021**. Check out the [BioBus Internship page](#) to read more about the internships.

YouthBridge-NY is a nonprofit leadership development program that convenes, trains, and prepares young people (high school students) to meet the challenges of an extremely diverse New York City. YouthBridge-NY is currently accepting applications for the upcoming 2021-2023 Fellowship Class. If you know a current 10th grader interested in developing their leadership skills and enhancing their knowledge of diversity and issues affecting NYC, encourage them to apply for the Fellowship **today!** Deadline is **March 30th**. The link to apply can be found [here](#).



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**Our free two-year Fellowship program allows
NYC teens to:**

- *Meet with NYC leaders*
- *Learn how to solve real problems in their schools and communities*
- *Take action on issues they care about*
- *Develop professional and leadership skills*
- *Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in NYC*



**VISIT WWW.YOUTHBRIDGENY.ORG
FOR INFO ON HOW TO APPLY**

Email us at youthbridgeny@gmail.com
call at (212) 983-4800 ext. 158
or text at (475) 239-4973
Deadline to apply is: **March 30th, 2021**

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