



HAPPY PRIDE MONTH JUNE 2021



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

June 2021 is Pride Month in the State of New York. New York is home to a vibrant history of the movement for full equality for LGBTQ+ individuals. It was in June 1969 at the Stonewall Inn that sparked a movement, and we strive to live up to the promise to stand by the community during the triumphs in the path set out by trailblazers like Edie Windsor, and Marsha P. Johnson. We must also stand together in times of a hard fight to achieve true equity and stand up against discrimination, violence and injustices at every level. I am proud to have voted to pass a resolution this week proclaiming June 2021 to be Pride Month in the State of New York.

In the Assembly I cosponsored the emergency eviction moratorium and legislation to establish the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. We passed a budget including \$3.125 billion in combined federal and state dollars to fund critical rent relief for renters, small businesses, and landlords. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program has opened its application for those who are in need of rent relief due to the pandemic. Eligible households will receive between 12 and 15 months of rental arrears which accrued after March 2020. The assistance program will also cover 12 months of utility arrears. [The application can be found online here](#) or by calling 1-844-NY1-RENT (1-844-691-7368).

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

- *Saturday, June 5 - **First Avenue Street Fair** - 68th- 79th Streets (Visit our booth between 78 and 79 Streets)*
- *Tuesday, June 8 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic**. [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Thursday, June 10, 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, June 10, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social**. [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Saturday, June 12- **Save the Date! No-Cost Paper Shred-a-thon at Roosevelt Island Day!***
- *Tuesday, June 15 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Facebook live and Zoom- **Town Hall Tuesday**. [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Sunday, June 20 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm at the 92nd Street Greenmarket- **No-Cost Paper Shred-a-thon**.*

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office 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 written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'S'.



Celebrating the life and legacy of marriage equality champion Edie Windsor in Albany, 2018.

Roosevelt Island Ribbon Cutting for the Graduate Hotel at Cornell Tech



Seawright speaks about the importance of Cornell Tech in her district on Roosevelt Island. Cornell Tech on Roosevelt Island has brought some of the brightest minds and leaders in innovation to our city. The Graduate Hotel has been long awaited by visitors and residents alike with a coffee bar on the ground floor and a rooftop bar opening soon.



Roosevelt Island's First-Ever Hotel Opens Its Doors: See ...

ROOSEVELT ISLAND, NY - For the first time in its history, Roosevelt Island now has a hotel, giving tourists and New Yorkers alike the chance to spend the night on the slim East River island. The Graduate Hotel on Roosevelt Island, an 18-story...

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**Seawright To Speak at Community Board 8 Women
and Families Committee on the Rise of Domestic
Violence in New York City**

**Community Board 8 Manhattan's
Women and Families Committee**

Domestic Violence on the Rise in NYC

What you need to know

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 • 6:30 PM
ON ZOOM**

Speakers, including Assembly Member Seawright, Rachel Teicher Director of Intimate Partner Violence Intervention at the National Network for Safe Communities, an official of the Manhattan District Attorney's office, and Sgt. Sumay Lee of the 19th Police Precinct, will discuss how victims have been coping, and how to combat the violence going forward.

PEGGY PRICE AND GAYLE BARON, CO-CHAIRS

**Please refer to www.cb8m.com, or scan the QR code below
for meeting details.**



**RSVP
here**

Assembly Passes Legislation to Make Forging Immunization Records a Felony

As a member of the Assembly Codes Committee, Assembly Member Seawright is proud to have cast her vote to pass Assembly Bill 7536 that makes forging proof of immunization a felony.

The legislation passed would update New York State's forgery law to ensure that forging proof of immunization or possessing forged proof of immunization with the intent to defraud, deceive or injure is a class D or class C felony, depending on the number of forged records. Individuals who knowingly possess falsified COVID-19 vaccination records would be guilty of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the first or second degree. This includes, but is not limited to, COVID-19 vaccination records.

This legislation has been initiated in response to the recent reports of counterfeit COVID-19 vaccination cards in New York and across the country. The distribution and use of forged vaccination records is dangerous to public health and to the public's trust in the safety of public spaces when attending events or venues that require proof of vaccination.

Seawright Cosponsors Legislation Passed by Assembly to Expand Protections in the Child Marriage Law, Making 18 the Age of Consent to Marry

As a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored a bill to build upon the 2017 law that prohibited marriage by young teenagers, but allowed 17 year olds to marry with the permission of a judge. Assembly Bill 3891 makes progress to increase the age of consent to marry 18 years of age in New York with no exceptions.

Child marriage has been deemed a human rights violation by the United Nations, and we have made a huge step to ensuring that children are not subjected to sexual violence.

Assembly Passes Legislation to Advance Transparency in Grand Jury Proceedings

Seawright voted in strong support of Assembly Bill 5845 to facilitate additional involvement of the court and increase transparency in grand jury proceedings.

When we repealed 50a last year, we affirmed that the public has a right to know when officials are accused of misconduct. We take an additional step forward by empowering New Yorkers to petition the courts for the charges and evidence prosecutors present to grand juries. This legislation will bring transparency to grand juries and ensure that our justice system truly works for all New Yorkers.

Under the bill, in proceedings involving a defendant where the grand jury does not bring an indictment for a felony charge, certain information would be available for release to the

public, including the criminal charges submitted, legal instructions given to the grand jury, testimony of expert witnesses, testimony of public servants who testified in an official capacity, and the testimony of other witnesses with redactions as needed to protect their identity and personal data.

Both the district attorney and the person against whom charges were presented would be able to appear and be heard in support of or in opposition to any application for release of such information and records. The legislation would also authorize a judge of a superior court to be present in the grand jury room, except during deliberations and voting by the grand jury.

Resources, Information and Announcements

Senior Center Update

The Mayor and the NYC Department for the Aging (“DFTA”) announced that senior centers can open immediately for outdoor activities and on **June 14th** for indoor activities.

Carter Burden Center will resume some limited outdoor activities at their 4 centers next week.

- Covello Senior Center in East Harlem and Roosevelt Island Senior Center will reopen for in-person activities, including congregant dining and social services, on June 14th. They will be open 5 days/week from Monday thru Friday.
- The Luncheon Club on the Upper East Side will most probably open in 2 to 3 weeks once Epiphany church, our landlord, advises we can do so. Since the Social Services department for the Luncheon Club is based out of CBN’s main office at 415 East 73rd Street, those services will also resume (by appointment only) from our Main Office on June 14th.
- Lehman Village in East Harlem will open at a TBD later date as part of the phased reopening. Given it’s close proximity to Covello, Lehman members can participate at Covello.
- Grab n Go meals will continue until further notice at all 4 centers (Luncheon Club, Covello + Lehman = 3 days/week, Roosevelt Island = 2 days/week)

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Senior Centers' Remote Class Calendar-50 weekly classes in fitness, art, cooking, dance, technology and more. All classes are virtual and free of charge to members of our two Senior Centers. [Click here](#) to check out this month’s schedule.

Housing



Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Households adversely affected by COVID-19 can qualify for up to **12 months of past due rent, three months of future rent** and up to **12 months of overdue utility bills**. Applications accepted beginning June 1.

For more information, visit otda.ny.gov/ERAP



The NYS Emergency Rental Assistance Program will provide economic relief to help low and moderate-income renters by providing rental arrears, temporary rental assistance and utility arrears assistance. Applications will be accepted starting June 1, 2021, at 9 a.m. [Click here for more information.](#)

Mayor Bill de Blasio recently signed a bill that expands the city's Right to Counsel program to [every ZIP code in the city.](#) [Here's what that means for tenants](#)

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. JUNE 8

**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

JUNE 2021 SCHEDULE

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8a - 5p

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8a - 5p	7a - 4p	10a - 8p	10a - 8p	10a - 8p	7a - 4p	8a - 5p

SUN	MON	TUES
20	21	22
8a - 4p		Election Day

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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IF YOU LIVE IN THE 76TH DISTRICT, YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THESE VOTING SITES:

- METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART- 1000 5TH AVENUE
- MARYMOUNT COLLEGE- 221 EAST 71 STREET
- ROBERT WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL- 225 EAST 75 STREET
- ROOSEVELT ISLAND SPORTSPARK (RIOC)- 250 MAIN STREET
- HUNTER COLLEGE BROOKDALE DORM- 440 EAST 26 STREET
- JACKIE ROBINSON COMPLEX- 1573 MADISON AVENUE

VOTERS ARE ASSIGNED TO THEIR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY POLL SITES. VISIT NYC.POLLSITELocator.COM TO FIND YOUR POLL SITE.

Your Early Voting poll site and Election Day poll site are not always the same locations.

FIND YOUR POLL SITE

Important Election Dates

Absentee Ballots- You can now request your absentee ballot, no later than June 15th. Request an Absentee Ballot [here](#); and request an Accessible Ballot [here](#). (You can still

indicate COVID-19 as a reason for requesting an absentee ballot.) You can pick up an absentee ballot in person through June 21st at the Board of Elections, 200 Varick Street. [You can track the status of your submitted absentee ballot. \(The system updates every 24 hours and applications may take up to 72 hours to appear.\)](#)

Please call 1-866-868-3692 or email AbsenteeHelp@boe.nyc with questions. Assistance is available in multiple languages.

If you don't feel comfortable mailing your ballot, or can't drop it off in-person, [Invisible Hands](#) volunteers will deliver your ballot for free! [Click here](#) to request a volunteer.

Ranked-choice voting- [Learn more here](#) about ranked-choice voting.

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Excelsior Pass Updates: Now Valid for 365 Days

When the Excelsior Pass was first released, the pass was valid for 180 days, and has now been extended to 365 days. For more information about the Excelsior Pass, [click here](#).

Get A Shot to Make Your Future

New York State announced the first-round winners of the 'Get A Shot to Make Your Future' incentive for a full scholarship to a SUNY or CUNY school. Winners receive a full scholarship to any New York public college or university, including tuition and room and board. New York State will administer the random drawing and select 10 winners a week over five weeks. Four drawings remain after this week. Once a 12 to 17-year-old has received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, a parent or legal guardian can sign them up for upcoming drawings [here](#). Federal COVID-19 relief and outreach funds will be used to cover the cost of this vaccination incentive program.

Check out the weekly winners here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/vaccination-scholarship-incentive/weekly-winners-get-shot-make-your-future-vaccine-incentive>

Vaccine Incentives from City-Run Sites

New York City is offering incentives to encourage more New Yorkers to get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals who receive their first vaccine dose on or after May 25 at New York City-run sites are eligible to choose one of the incentives (free tickets, gift cards, and memberships) and to enter a competition to win exclusive prizes (the competition is only open to those 18-years and older). [Click here for more information](#).

This week's list of City-run walk-up vaccination sites where you can get vaccinated without an appointment. [Click here for more information](#).

All New Yorkers 12 years and older are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. [Learn more here](#).

See how Excelsior Pass can help you be a part of NY's safe reopening. To help revitalize New York's economy safely, the State launched Excelsior Pass—a free and voluntary platform for businesses & individuals that can be used to easily access secure proof of a recent negative COVID test or vaccination. [Learn more](#).

[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)

Walgreens/Duane Reade

(800) 925-4733

1524 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

1328 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10021
401 East 86th Street, Manhattan, 10028
1111 3rd Avenue, Manhattan, 10065
1498 York Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

Fully homebound New Yorkers who wish to receive an in-home vaccination: Please [click here](#) or call 877-829-4692. You will receive a phone call to confirm your eligibility and schedule the appointment; on that call, please also make sure to request in-home vaccination for other eligible household members ([eligibility criteria listed here](#)). Please note that there is high interest in this program -- you will receive a call back.

Transportation for Seniors to Vaccination Appointments

- New Yorkers age 65+ who make a vaccination appointment at a City-operated site will be asked if they need transportation to get to and from their appointment. Transportation is available if you: Have Access-a-Ride: (877) 337-20172.
- Have Medicaid-provided transportation: Use your regular contact number to schedule transport, or call (844) 666-6270.
- Are a homebound 65+ or disabled New Yorker who needs ambulette services: Call Hunter Ambulette at (718) 991-2211.

Anyone 65 and older who does not qualify for 1-3 above can schedule a free ride with Curb at (646) 349-0289.

Upcoming Events

THE WOMEN'S HEALTH SUMMIT

JUN 7-11 FREE

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 **Northwell Health**
Katz Institute for
Women's Health

[For more information on the Women's Health Summit, click here.](#)

ROOSEVELT ISLAND DAY 2021

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021

10AM-2PM

Join us for a day of beautification and celebration

Activities will be located at Blackwell Plaza, the Meditation Lawn, and other areas throughout Main St.

Giveaways, Book Swap, Planting,
Bike Repair, Art Installations, and More!

THIS WILL BE A SOCIALLY DISTANCED EVENT

Detailed event day schedule to come
Rain date Saturday, June 19th

📷 Follow us on Instagram
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NO-COST PAPER SHRED-A-THON

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

MOTORGATE TURNAROUND 688 MAIN STREET

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NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN

MONDAY JULY 26, 2021
Starting at 9:00 am

MOBILE SCANVAN
DISTRICT OFFICE
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

By appointment: please call 646-415-7932

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ALL insurance plans accepted
Co-payments and deductibles are waived
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BREAST CANCER ALERT



SCANVAN



CALLING ALL ARTISTS ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE & ROOSEVELT ISLAND



Here's your chance to participate in New York City's awakening at the **June 12-13** art show sponsored by City Canvas, a new initiative by Community Board 8 Manhattan.

We're looking for artists to display their works, including paintings, prints, photography, quilts, at an outdoor exhibition along James Cagney Way, on East 91 Street, and at The Easton-Plaza, 205 East 92 Street. Our theme is New York City Blooming.

This June 12-13 daytime event will be the inaugural event of City Canvas - a program to expand cultural events featuring Upper East Siders.

Please submit an image of the artwork you wish to display to info@cb8m.com by **May 24th** using "Art Submission" in the subject line.

[View as Webpage](#)



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