

Rebecca Seawright



Stonewall Riots 52nd Anniversary

LGBTQ rights are human rights.

**Today, we honor and continue
the LGBTQ rights movement.**



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The murder of George Floyd was a tragedy, one that became a rallying cry and a call to action across our country. Today, Derek Chauvin was sentenced to 22 and half years in prison for his murder. Today's sentencing is a vital and profound step towards justice in America. We look forward to seeing the case be heard and adjudicated on the Federal level.

This week, the state of emergency was lifted in New York State after 15 months. The details of what that means for New Yorkers can be found in the updates below.

Congratulations to the classes of 2021! I have been addressing the graduating classes throughout the district, and would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer as today marks the official last day of the school year.

There are many reasons to celebrate this month, including the signing of

legislation I am pleased to cosponsor, the Gender Recognition Act (S.4402-B/A.5465-D) that allows New Yorkers to use "X" as a non-binary sex designation on New York State driver's licenses. It also ensures that New Yorkers will be able to have their gender identity on official documents and provides protections to reduce discrimination against non-binary and transgender New Yorkers by permitting name change and sex designation changes to be sealed more easily. The new law will also provide New Yorkers the ability to amend their birth certificates and use a designation of mother, father, or parent for the first time.

The Safe Staffing bill, another critical measure signed into law this week (S.1168-A/A.108-B) establishes clinical staffing committees in general hospitals charged with developing clinical staffing plans that include specific guidelines on how many patients are assigned to each nurse and how many ancillary staff are assigned to each unit.

Ten years ago on June 24, the Marriage Equality Act was signed into law in New York State. This week was proclaimed Marriage Equality Week in New York State. Every June, we celebrate these victories and the fight for equality. At the events taking place this weekend we commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan — a “tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States.” The events pay tribute to pioneers like Marsha P. Johnson, who died in 1992 at age 46, and is considered a leading activist in the fight for the rights of transgender people, although the term transgender was not widely accepted during her lifetime. [You can find a guide to this weekend's celebrations here.](#)

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

- *Tuesday, June 29 at 6:00 pm on Zoom- **Town Hall Tuesday: Small Business.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Thursday, July 1, 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, July 1, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, July 6 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Monday, July 26 - **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.*

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



Manhattan Landmarks Lit For Marriage Equality Week



AS FEATURED IN...

OUR TOWN

The local paper for the Upper East Side

THE SHADOW PANDEMIC



Assembly Member Seawright was a guest speaker at Community Board 8's Women and Families meeting to discuss Domestic Violence. The Meeting was organized by the committees Co-Chairs Peggy Price and Gayle Baron.

The panel was featured in Our Town.

"New York State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright called domestic violence "a shadow

pandemic" and spoke about how the New York State domestic and sexual violence hotline "reported a 33% increase in calls for April 2020, compared to April 2019." She made sure to explain that the total number of reported domestic violence incidents "doesn't include all of the cases which go unreported from fear of retaliation." Seawright also noted that she is "co-sponsoring legislation to establish coercive control ... as a class A felony."

Read the full story by Trish Rooney in Our Town here.

Join Our 50th Town Hall Tuesday On Small Business Relief

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**

VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS



**SMALL BUSINESS
JUNE 29 @ 6:00PM**



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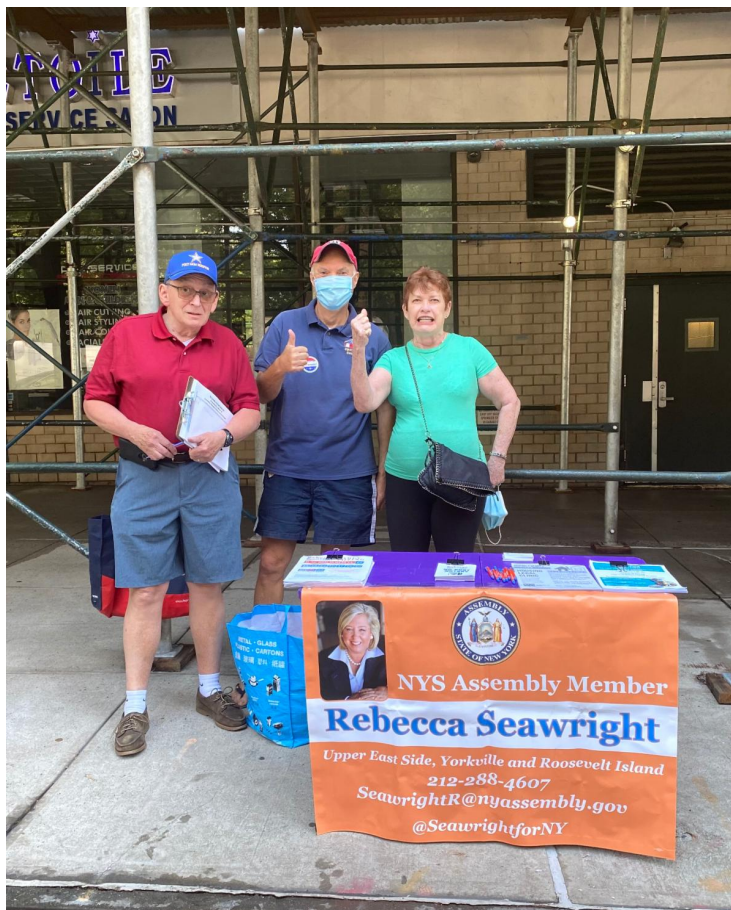
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Seawright constituent and volunteer John, and Upper Green Side's Mike and Sarah.

Thank you Upper Green Side for their commitment to sustainable neighborhood activities!



Resources, Information and Announcements

Renew Your Expired License

As the COVID-19 state of emergency comes to an end, the time has come to renew your license! New Yorkers who don't have recent vision test results can self-certify that their vision is acceptable and provide additional documentation at a later date.

Visit <http://dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/how-renew-license> to learn more.

Essential Worker Child Care Scholarship

The Office of Children and Family Services is providing **\$25 million** in child care scholarships for children of essential workers.

Eligible workers with children ages six weeks to 12 years old whose income is less than 300% of the federal poverty level will receive assistance for child care costs through this initiative.



COVID-19 has only exacerbated the need for affordable, high-quality child care. Families who are currently receiving child care scholarships through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act are strongly encouraged to apply for this new scholarship. Visit <http://ocfs.ny.gov/childcarerelief> to apply or learn more.

Essential Workers Monument Unveiled

The Commission of Labor Leaders representing all essential workers has chosen a location in Battery Park City to install the monument. The Circle of Heroes design will represent the essential workers who served their communities throughout the pandemic, sacrificing so much in order to keep their fellow New Yorkers safe and supported. Construction of the Essential Workers Monument is due to be completed by Labor Day, September 6. Additionally, in tribute to our essential workers, Essential Worker Park will be established in Battery Park City.

The Circle of Heroes design is to be composed of 19 red maple trees symbolizing the essential workers who carried New York through the pandemic including: nurses, doctors, healthcare workers, transit workers, police officers, EMTs and paramedics, firefighters, correctional officers, store employees, National Guard, government employees, building service workers, utility and communications workers, delivery drivers, teachers, sanitation workers, construction and manufacturing workers, food service workers and hospitality workers. The monument will also feature an eternal flame as a symbol of New York State's everlasting gratitude for essential workers. This space will represent how all New Yorkers came together to support each other. Renderings of the Circle of Heroes design can be viewed [here](#).

General Impact of the Expiration of the State of Emergency

All of the COVID related executive orders expire with the end of the state of emergency on 6/24/2021. Section 29-a of the executive law allows the governor to suspend laws only during a state of emergency. Similarly, chapter 71 of 2021, which limited the governor's emergency directives, sunsets upon the termination of the state of emergency. Without the state of emergency, there is no authorization for the suspensions or directives to continue.

Impact of the Expiration of the State of Emergency on Certain Issues

Utility Moratorium - Chapter 106 of 2021

- The utility shut-off moratorium ends for small businesses and residential customers who did not experience a change in financial circumstances on the earlier of the State of Emergency expiring or 12/31/21. Since the State of Emergency was lifted on 6/24/21, it ends then and for 180 days after. Those who had a change in financial circumstances due to COVID-19 and entered into a deferred payment agreement will remain protected from shut offs. The 180 day period will end on 12/21/21.

Evictions & Foreclosures

- For residential and certain small business tenants that file a financial hardship declaration, court proceedings for eviction and foreclosure have been stayed by legislation through 8/31/21.

Vaccine Administration by Pharmacies - Chapter 110 of the laws of 2020

- Authorized licensed pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines approved by the FDA once DOH and SED jointly certified that the administration of such immunization would be in the best interest of public health. The law expires July 1, 2022, but there is an omnibus immunization bill that passed both houses (A.6476-A Hyndman) that would make this authorization permanent.

Alcohol Beverage Control Law

- To-Go and Delivery
- Executive order allowed authorized businesses with retail on-site consumption

licenses or privileges the ability to sell alcohol for off-site consumption. The EO allowed alcohol take-out by the licensee or delivery. With the end of the state of emergency, this will mean the end of the temporary to-go and delivery privileges for bars, restaurants, and manufacturers, and the resumption of those privileges only as they exist under the law, e.g., on premises retailers may sell beer, cider, and mead to go or for delivery, and manufacturers may generally make sales only to persons physically at the premises.

- **Outdoor Dining**
- Loosened restrictions for certain bars and restaurants to expand their licensed premises outdoors. Bars and restaurants could use contiguous public space (sidewalks or closed streets), as long as they also have municipal approval, or contiguous space owned or controlled by the licensee but were not part of the licensed premises.
- Since there is a legislative bill pending consideration (A.7733 Fahy) the SLA intends to extend a safe harbor to licensees that are currently operating on municipal land that is part of a municipal plan approved by the SLA. A7733, if approved, it would expire 1 year after it is signed.

Allowing Phone Interviews for Cash Assistance - Chapter 144 of 2021

- Authorized the use of phone interviews or other digital means for cash assistance applications at the request of the individual. This bill also allowed domestic violence screening and substance use screening to take place over the phone or other digital means for the purposes of establishing a person's ability to participate in their work activity, at the request of the individual. Chaptered on June 11, 2021 - Effective date of 120 days after signing.

Nursing Home and Adult Care Facility Visitation - Chapter 108 of 2021

- This authorized the DOH to develop regulations to allow personal caregiving and compassionate caregiving visitation for nursing home and adult care facility residents during a public health emergency. These caregivers are exempt from prohibitions on visitation. This went into effect immediately with regulations within 45 days succeeding enactment. The bill was chaptered on 5/13.

Virtual Meetings by Corporations - Chapter 98 of 2021

- There will be no disruption in the ability of members/shareholders of corporations to meet virtually. This was codified and extended to the later of the expiration of the State of Emergency or 12/31/21.

Open Meetings Law

- With the expiration of the state of emergency, the authority to conduct meetings remotely will end. As of June 25, the provisions of the open meetings law will again require all meetings to be held in person and open to the general public. Public bodies that use videoconferencing to conduct a meeting must provide an opportunity for the public to attend, listen and observe at any site at which a member participates.

Impact on the Courts

- Courts have reopened and are, in many ways, functioning normally. With the expiration of statutes of limitation and deadline tolls contained in certain Executive Orders, these time deadlines will resume from 6/25/21 forward.
- Virtual arraignments and most other online court appearances and proceedings will cease except where authorized under prior law. Some counties that had previous programs in place in the criminal courts may attempt to continue to conduct arraignments (first-appearances) by audio-visual means.

- When there is judicial discretion in law to extend or continue a procedural time frame, litigants/ counsel should formally move the court for additional time, where appropriate, before the expiration of the deadline. Generally speaking, the motion itself will not toll or delay the deadline.
- The Unified Court System has begun issuing guidance memoranda to judges on the proper implementation of the expiration of the declared state of emergency. Early reports indicate these memoranda are being made available to litigants, upon request.

Notarization

- Authority for electronic notarization will end. Documents notarized previously will be valid, but newly-filed documents and those signed after the end of the state of emergency should be notarized in person.
- There is currently a bill that has passed both houses, A.399-B Rozic that would authorize electronic notarization. If signed, the effective date of this bill is 180 days after it shall have become a law.

Absentee ballots

- Legislation allowing the online submission of absentee ballot applications has not yet been considered by the Governor. As a result of the expiration of related Executive Orders, absentee ballot applications, where authorized for upcoming elections, will have to be requested from the local Board or district conducting the election.
- An Executive Order allowing the mailing of completed absentee ballots on Election Day will expire. The Governor has not yet considered a Legislature-passed statutory change. Until a legislative change is signed into law, absentee ballots should be mailed and postmarked no later than the day before the election.

Mortgage Forbearance - Chapter 112 of 2020

- Required New York State regulated banking institutions to grant 180 days of mortgage forbearance, with the option for an additional 180 days, on a residential mortgage on their primary residence to any mortgagor who can demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This law sunsets 12/31/21.

Other Information

- State Liquor Authority guidance on COVID executive orders appears on their main page: <https://sla.ny.gov/>
- SED's Office of Professions' list of COVID Executive Orders that impact licensed professions: http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19_EO.html

Small Business Assistance



COVID-19 RELIEF: *Small Business Assistance*

The COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program, which was passed as part of this year's state budget, is now accepting applications.

Eligible small businesses and small for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations can apply for grants to cover pandemic-related expenditures.

TO LEARN MORE VISIT:

nysmallbusinessrecovery.com

The Small Business Recovery Grant Program for small and micro businesses and small for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations who experienced a COVID-related financial hardship is now accepting applications.

The \$800 million program was passed as part of this year's state budget. Grants may be used to cover various business costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021, including payroll, rent, mortgage, property and school taxes, insurance, utilities and pandemic-related expenditures that were necessary to protect the health and safety of workers and consumers.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED APPLICANTS, INCLUDING:

- minority- and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs)
- service-disabled veteran-owned businesses and veteran-owned businesses
- businesses located in communities that were economically distressed prior to March 1, 2020

Visit nysmallbusinessrecovery.com to learn more

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](#)

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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. JULY 6

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 2:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM
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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.**



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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

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Eligibility for in-home vaccinations has been expanded and now includes those who meet any of the criteria listed below. Individuals can *register here* to be contacted by the City to schedule an in-home vaccination:

- A person 75 years of age or older
- A person with a disability
- A person who is homebound

- A resident of NYCHA
- An employee or retiree of the City of New York
- A person referred by a union, a City partner, or a City vaccination team member

As of June 15, New Yorkers can now get vaccinated at the Empire State Building between 8am and 12pm, and head up to the 86th floor for a free visit to the outdoor deck! More information at vaccinefinder.nyc.gov

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](#).

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

Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation

2021 OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

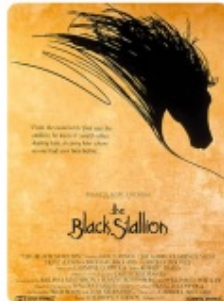
- ★ Firefighter's Field (across from Tram, 300 Main St) ★
- ★ Music, trivia, & more start at 6 PM ★ Films begin at sunset ★
- ★ Bring blankets & lawn chairs! ★ Food vendors on site ★



June 25



July 10



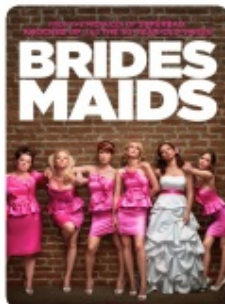
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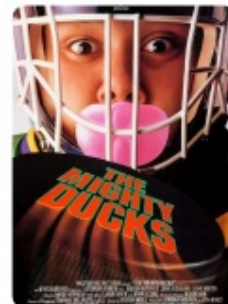
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August 13



August 20



August 21



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For updates follow us on Instagram @ [rooseveltislandrioc](https://www.instagram.com/rooseveltislandrioc)



Roosevelt Island
Operating Corporation



HAPPY PRIDE!

Join us for an afternoon of pop ups and sweet treats in celebration of PRIDE month.

Graduate Roosevelt Island

June 26 | 12-4pm
22 North Loop Road

Big Gay Ice Cream

Free ice cream cones for the first 200 attendees

Paintbox

Curated nail art and mini-manicures

Magic Mix Juicery

Organic, plant-based, gluten and dairy free juices to the first 100 attendees

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Graduate
HOTELS

Drag Queen Story Hour in Spanish and English with Lori Lu!

SUN. JUNE 27, 11AM
FDR FOUR FREEDOMS STATE PARK
ROOSEVELT ISLAND, NY



Drag Queen Story Hour with Flame!

SAT. JUNE 26, 11AM
FDR FOUR FREEDOMS STATE PARK
ROOSEVELT ISLAND, NY



Community Board 8 Joint Meeting: The Social Justice and Youth & Education Committees

Monday, June 28th 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[RSVP here.](#)

Agenda:

Education & The Lens of Social Justice:
Where are we? What is needed?

The committees are asking for your feedback on the survey at this [link](#) from parents and students in our community!

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER

NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN

MONDAY JULY 26, 2021
Starting at 9:00 am

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