

Rebecca Seawright



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The city's ticker tape parade celebrating essential workers was on Wednesday. Things kicked off at Battery Park, then proceeded along Manhattan's Canyon of Heroes where spectators cheered them on. The Grand Marshal title went to Sandra Lindsay, the Queens hospital nurse who was the first person to receive the Pfizer vaccine in the United States. While we celebrate the end of the pandemic and our appreciation for essential workers, we must recognize that more protections are needed in workplaces across New York including for EMT and paramedic workers who were our front line first responders through this global scale health crisis.

There is an important community hearing this Monday, and I encourage you

to attend and submit testimony to preserve the zoning of our neighborhood. As part of the official Universal Land Use Review Process (ULURP), the Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer will hold an in-person public hearing on the New York Blood Center's application for a rezoning of its property on East 67th Street this Monday, July 12 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm (doors open at 5:00 pm) at Hunter College's Assembly Hall (enter via the Loewe Plaza on 68th St. between Park and Lexington Ave.). If you can't make it in person, you can watch on Zoom (register [here](#) for the meeting ID) or on [the MBPO Facebook page](#). Written testimony can be submitted to info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov until Friday, 7/23.

Legislation I am proud to have supported has been signed into law and will extend the open restaurants program, which is critical to the recovery of restaurants in New York City. New York City is working to create a permanent, streamlined Open Restaurants program. Like all proposed changes to the Zoning Resolution, it will be reviewed by Community Board 8 and our Borough President with public hearings.

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

- Thursday, July 15, 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 15, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social**. [RSVP here](#).
- Tuesday, July 20 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.

Phone: 212.288.4607

Email: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Sincerely,





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The Fight Against The Blood Center Continues: Seawright to Testify Against Proposal At Manhattan Borough President Hearing



Community Board 8 unanimously disapproved the proposal to rezone the New York Blood Center site which is now in the second stage of the ULURP process. Community Board 8 passed a resolution of disapproval for the proposed 334 foot commercial for-profit tower. The project is now being reviewed by the Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. They have until July 27th to issue their recommendation to the City Planning Commission. This Monday is a critically important part of the review process, a public hearing you can attend and voice your concerns, even if you already spoke at the previous Community Board hearing.

**Manhattan Borough President Public Hearing
Monday, July 12
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Location:
Hunter College, Assembly Hall
East 69th Street, between Park and Lexington Avenues**

Testimony or statements submitted at each stage of the ULURP process are treated separately. Your engagement and participation in the process is appreciated.

This hearing is occurring in person in order to comply with the Open Meetings Law. If you can't make it in person, you can watch on Zoom (register [here](#) for the meeting ID) or on [the MBPO Facebook page](#). Written testimony can be submitted to info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov until Friday, 7/23.

Please attend and share this information with your neighbors!



At a rally to "Stop the Tower" in May, over 300 neighbors showed up to oppose the project.

Re-Opening Updates

The New York Public Library reopened nearly all of its branches earlier this week. The Library's many branches closed to the public in March of last year due to COVID, but as of [July 6](#), the libraries *have reopened* across five boroughs—including the famous Rose Main Reading Room at the library system's Main Branch on 42nd Street in Manhattan.

Department of Labor Updates

Update: Waiting Period

Following the expiration of Executive Order 202, the unemployment insurance (UI) unpaid waiting period rule resumed effective June 28, 2021. This rule was temporarily suspended during the pandemic.

New UI claims filed on and after June 28, 2021 will include an unpaid waiting week. Claimants will not receive payment for the first full week of a claim but must still claim weekly benefits and fulfill eligibility requirements.

Per federal law, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims do not have an unpaid waiting period. For more information, visit on.ny.gov/wwfaqs.

Update: Benefit Year Ending (BYE) Date

NYS DOL has updated its guidance regarding how UI recipients with claims ending on or after July 4, 2021 should proceed if still unemployed when they reach their BYE date. Claimants receiving UI benefits, including Pandemic

Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) and Extended Benefits (EB), must file a new claim online or through NYS DOL's automated phone system after their BYE date. UI claimants will not receive benefits on an expired claim unless deemed not qualified for a new claim after reapplying.

PUA claimants who continue to be unemployed when they reach their current BYE date do not need to reapply for benefits. Instead, PUA claimants may continue to certify weekly while unemployed to continue receiving the benefits they are eligible for while the program is in effect through September 5, 2021.

Reminder: Forfeit Day Penalties

Per New York State's UI law, penalty (forfeit) days are required in order to reduce benefits for claimants "who (have) willfully made a false statement or representation to obtain any benefit."

This penalty was temporarily suspended in accordance with New York Labor Law §594(6) "throughout the duration of the state disaster emergency declared by executive order number two hundred two." Following the expiration of Executive Order 202, forfeit day penalties will resume effective July 4, 2021.

For every forfeit day assessed, claimants will lose 25% of benefits for the week claimed. If a claimant has been assessed four forfeit days, they will receive no benefits for that week. Claimants who lose a full week of benefits due to forfeit penalties will not receive FPUC benefits for that week.

Assessed forfeit days will remain in effect until fully reduced to zero or two years after the mail date of the final Notice of Determination or Decision if an appeal was filed.

Earlier this week, we sent emails and text messages to claimants who will be impacted by this penalty when it goes back into effect on July 4, 2021. Claimants will be notified each week their benefits have been applied to forfeit days. For more information, visit on.ny.gov/penaltiesfaqs.

Reminder: Work Search Requirements

Work search requirements are currently in effect in New York State. Most New Yorkers are required to search for work while collecting UI or pandemic benefits.

New York State regulations require claimants to document their work search efforts and submit proof if NYS DOL asks for it. According to the regulations, if a claimant does not search for work, document that work search, and submit proof if asked, they could lose benefits and have to pay back benefits received. For more information, visit on.ny.gov/wsr.



NO-COST NOTARY

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Seventy percent of all eligible New Yorkers have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. We continue to fight this virus by getting more people vaccinated for the virus.

[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

Upcoming Events

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. JULY 20

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 2:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE
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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

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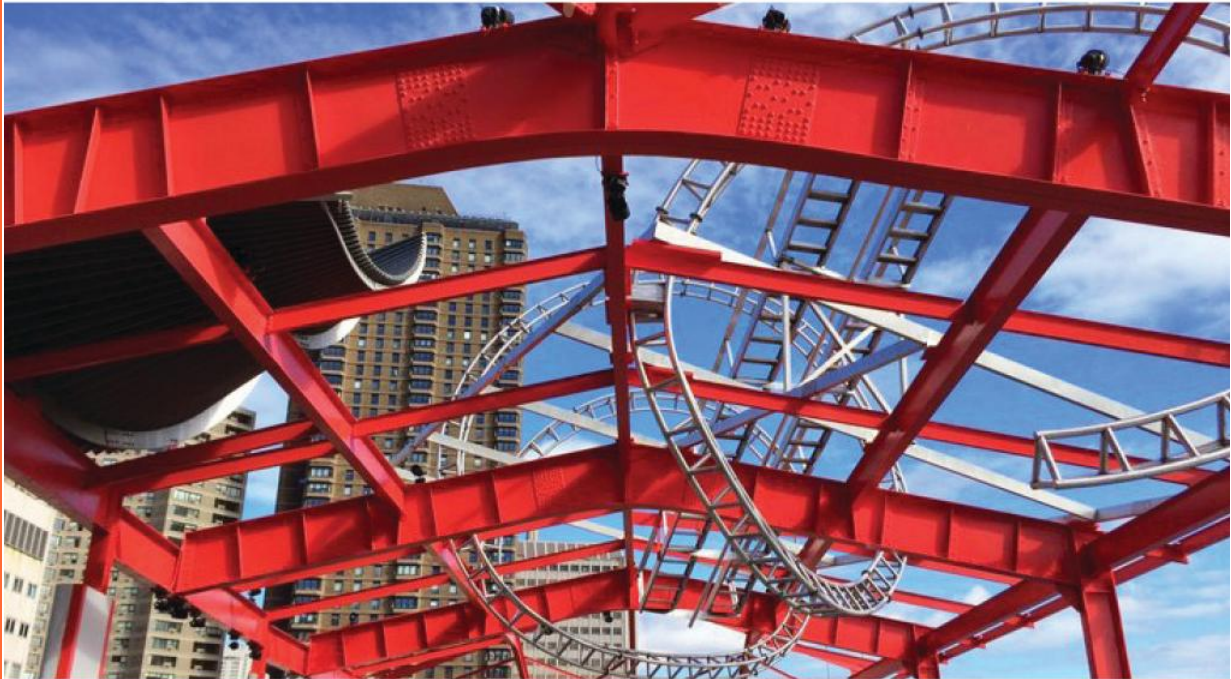
RSVP to the Legal Clinic

THURSDAY
JULY 22, 2021
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

Performance Time 6:00PM - 7:30PM
THE **Kristina Gitterman** QUARTET

Evenings ON THE **Esplanade** AT THE ALICE AYCOCK PAVILION

Live Music



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Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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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YEAR

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2021 OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

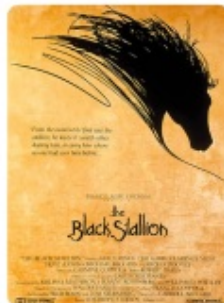
- ★ Firefighter's Field (across from Tram, 300 Main St) ★
- ★ Music, trivia, & more start at 6 PM ★ Films begin at sunset ★
- ★ Bring blankets & lawn chairs! ★ Food vendors on site ★



June 25



July 10



July 23



July 24



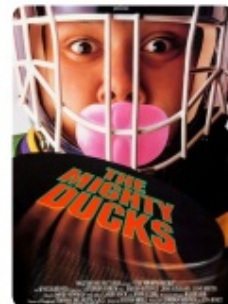
July 30



August 13



August 20



August 21



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