

# Rebecca Seawright



*Dear Neighbor,*

*While we are all facing unprecedented challenges, I urge everyone to take a moment this Monday and remember those courageous Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's principles. Memorial Day is an American tradition that stretches as far back as 1868. The United War Veterans Council (UWVC) and the [NYC Department of Veterans' Services \(DVS\)](#) invite you to join the community in remembering America's fallen through a virtual presentation of *A Flag, a Flower, a Moment of Memorial**

*This week, we continued our weekly meal deliveries to homebound seniors and Virtual Town Hall Tuesday on the topic of Mental Health. We called attention to the urgent need for blood donations at our New York Blood Center and we held a giveaway for vital protective equipment to stop the spread of COVID19.*

*Next week, please join us for a face mask and hand sanitizer giveaway on Roosevelt Island and our next Virtual Tuesday Town Hall with NYS and NYC Parks Department officials, and conservancies directors.*

*If you are in need of information or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our office.*

We regretfully have suspended in-person appointments and meetings, due to public health considerations. **We are eager to continue assisting constituents by telephone and email.** Please leave a message on our voicemail with your name, address and phone number and our staff will return your call:

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Sincerely,

**Rebecca**

## New Yorkers Rising!

New Yorkers have a reputation for strength in times of crisis and that resilience has been on display in the last few weeks. The Office of Assembly Member Seawright would like to hear your stories of goodwill and positivity in confronting the challenges of COVID-19. In our newsletter we will share a photo and blurb from constituents living or working on the Upper East Side, Yorkville and Roosevelt Island. *Send us your submission for New Yorkers Rising!*



### Essential Volunteerism

**Jane Foss** continues to volunteer to deliver homebound senior meals with the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright. This week, she distributed essential protective face masks and hand sanitizer to our neighbors. We are truly thankful for dedicated neighbors like her!

# ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA SEAWRIGHT



## VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS

### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES TUESDAY, MAY 26 @ 7:00PM PARKS & RECREATION



Parks, Recreation  
and Historic Preservation

#### *Leslie Wright*

NYC Regional Director  
New York State Parks, Recreation  
& Historic Preservation



City of New York  
Parks & Recreation

#### *William Castro*

Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Parks



#### *Patrick McCluskey*

Executive Director  
Carl Schurz Park Conservancy



#### *Michael Heck*

Executive Director  
FDR Four Freedoms Park  
Conservancy



JOIN US! WATCH LIVE ON FACEBOOK:  
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL 212.288.4607  
EMAIL SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV

REGISTER TO THE TOWN HALL HERE!

CLICK HERE TO WATCH ON FACEBOOK LIVE @ 7PM  
ON 5/26

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town  
Hall on Mental Health



We held our May 19 virtual Townhall Tuesday on Mental Health. We heard from Student Leader of the Manhattan Student Leadership Council Julia Wischnevsky, Executive Director of Super Happy Healthy Kids Esther Yang, and Best-Selling Author of “Healing Trauma With Yoga” Beth Shaw.

## Seawright Face Mask & Hand Sanitizer Giveaway at Your York Avenue Community Office



To help stop the spread of COVID19, Assembly Member Seawright hosted a protective face mask and hand sanitizer giveaway at your community office. Each attendee received reusable and disposable masks, as well as a bottle of New York State hand sanitizer.



# ROOSEVELT ISLAND PROTECTIVE FACE MASK & HAND SANITIZER GIVEAWAY

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**NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



**NYS SENATOR  
JOSÉ M. SERRANO**

**TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020  
11:00AM - 3:00PM  
ROOSEVELT ISLAND  
GOOD SHEPHERD PLAZA**

Thank you to our community partners:

Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, Public  
Safety Department, Lynne Shinozaki, Joyce Short  
and the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs



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**Seawright Visits New York Blood Center on East 67  
Street with Mayor & First Lady to Donate Blood**



Assembly Member Seawright joined Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray to donate blood at the local New York Blood Center on East 67 Street. With the cancellations of big blood drives that typically happen throughout the year, the New York Blood Center is very low on blood. Please consider donating: make an appointment by visiting [nybc.org](http://nybc.org) or by calling 800-933-2566.





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## Memorial Day Updates

### Virtual Memorial Day Celebration

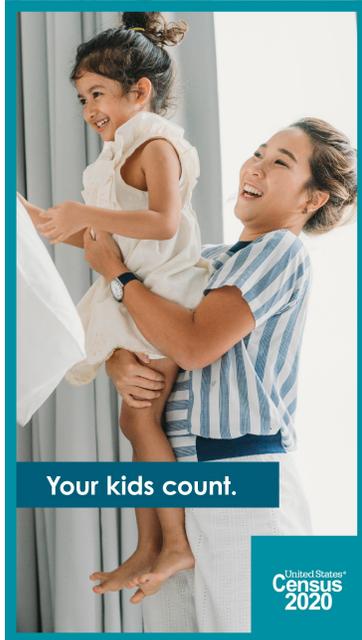
The United War Veterans Council (UWVC) and the *NYC Department of Veterans' Services* (DVS) invite you to join the community in remembering America's fallen through *A Flag, a Flower, a Moment of Memorial*.

### New York State Park Beaches to Open for Swimming

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) will open 16 beaches across the state for swimming on Friday, with lifeguards staffed at normal levels to ensure public safety. Beach-goers are reminded to practice social distancing, respect the rules, and do their part to keep parks, beaches and public lands open and safe for everyone. Beach capacity is expected to fill quickly and New Yorkers are urged to plan ahead by having alternate destinations ready. A listing of swimming beaches with hours of operation is available on the New York State Parks *website*. For information on visit New York State Parks during the public health crisis: <https://parks.ny.gov/covid19/>.

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## Complete Your Census!



#### census facts

2020 Census data will help inform how billions of dollars are distributed to states and communities every year for the next 10 years.



United States  
Census  
2020

Shape the future of

**libraries**  
in your community.

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Census  
2020

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

The New York National response rate of 54.6% is lower than the national response of 59.8%. Visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to respond.

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## State Pilot Will Allow Visitation to Resume at Some Hospitals

For many families and health care professionals, one of the most heartbreaking aspects of this crisis has been the suspension of hospital visitation that prevented patients in isolation from seeing loved ones, forcing many to say their last goodbyes over the phone or a computer screen.

The State Department of Health just released guidance on the new two-week hospital visitation pilot program – which was announced by the Governor on Tuesday. The program starts May 26 and will be implemented in 20 hospitals, including Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Hospital for Special Surgery.

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## METROCARD MOBILE SALES CLOSED

**AS A PRECAUTION AGAINST THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS, MOBILE SALES OPERATIONS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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### **\$100+ MILLION LOAN PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

The loan program will focus on supporting small businesses that were less likely to receive federal loans, especially women and minority-owned businesses, and very small businesses with 20 or fewer employees. Learn more at [esd.ny.gov/nyforwardloans](https://esd.ny.gov/nyforwardloans).

### **SUMMER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Summer school will be conducted through distance learning this year to help reduce the risk of spread.

- Meal programs and child care services for essential employees will continue.
- School districts must also develop a plan for students with disabilities who participate in extended summer school year programs over the summer to ensure they receive instruction.
- The state will make a determination on the fall semester and issue guidelines in June so schools and colleges can start to plan for a number of scenarios.
- K-12 schools and colleges will submit plans for approval to the state in July.

### **EXTENDING SALES TAX RELIEF**

The state is extending sales tax interest and penalty relief through June 22, 2020.

- The state previously provided relief through May 19th for returns due March 20th. This extension could provide interest and penalty relief for up to 89,000 vendors who had returns due in March.
- These small businesses file their taxes quarterly and annually, and have taxable receipts of less than \$300,000 in the previous quarter.

### **COVID-RELATED ILLNESS IN CHILDREN**

The state is currently investigating 157 reported cases in New York where children - predominantly school-aged - are experiencing symptoms similar to an atypical Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome possibly due to COVID-19.

- The illness has taken the lives of three young New Yorkers, including a 5-year old in New York City, a 7-year old in Westchester County and a teenager in Suffolk County.
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- To date, 13 countries and 25 other states have reported cases of this COVID-

related illness in children.

### COVID HOTLINE

New Yorkers should call the Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065 if they believe their employer is not following PPE, hygiene or social distancing guidelines as more businesses begin to reopen.

### CONTACT TRACING CALLS

Look out for calls from “NYS Contact Tracing” and to answer those calls as the state begins to implement its contact tracing program.

### NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAN UPDATES AND RESOURCES

[Visitor policy changes](#) - updated as of May 14.

[COVID-19 Clinical Trials](#) - NEW!

[Virtual Urgent Care](#)

[Hospital entrance policy](#)

[Message about elective procedures](#)

[COVID-19 FAQ](#)

### HEALTH DISPARITIES IN COVID19 PATIENTS

Katie Couric [interviewed](#) Dr. Lisa Newman of Weill Cornell Medicine and NYP about why a disproportionate number of African Americans may become sick due to COVID-19.

### COMMUNITY BOARD 8 PASSED A RESOLUTION FOR MORE PEDESTRIAN SPACE

This week, Community Board 8 passed a resolution requesting that the city create more space for pedestrians and cyclists on a short-term basis as fewer New Yorkers drive and use public transit during the coronavirus crisis. Community Board 8's resolution requests that the city Department of Transportation utilize the Queensboro Bridge's south outer walkway or some other span of the bridge to create more space for pedestrians to walk across the East River span on 59th Street. The board endorsed a similar resolution asking the city to study the viability of adding [permanent pedestrian walkway](#) in January.

### ELECTIONS

The New York primaries, including for president, will be held on [June 23rd](#). New York State has issued an order allowing us to cast our ballots safely from home. Visit this [website](#), enter your name, address, and check “temporary illness” to indicate the coronavirus is the reason you are requesting a mail-in ballot.

### ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING

New York City's ASP rules suspension will be lifted temporarily from [May 18](#) to 24, and the suspension will go back into effect on [May 25](#). Visit <https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-01011> to learn more.

### FACE COVERINGS

For those concerned about leaving their homes to obtain a mask (e.g. older, immunocompromised and/or disabled New Yorkers) you can request to have masks shipped to you [using this form](#) from the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities.

### ROOSEVELT ISLAND FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market will resume this Saturday in Good Shepherd Plaza from 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Please click here for more information. [rioc.ny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=284](https://rioc.ny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=284). Please note there will be **NO** Food Scrap Drop Off collection. If you wish for the Compost Program to return follow [@SaveNYCCompost](#) on twitter for more information.

### NYC COMPOST PROGRAM

Join your neighbors in urging the Mayor to bring back essential composting!

<https://www.change.org/p/mayor-bill-de-blasio-nyc-needs-to-compost>

### DEBT COLLECTION

DCWP released a letter template today in multiple languages that people can use to respond to aggressive debt collectors during the state of emergency. Please [share it](#) with your constituents. For more information about scams and other consumer issues, visit [nyc.gov/consumers](https://nyc.gov/consumers).

### EBT CARDS

Applicants approved for Cash Assistance & SNAP benefits will receive an EBT card in the mail. Call EBT Customer Service at 888-328-6399 for account information or to request a replacement card to be received by mail.

### GET TESTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Find Community testing sites operated by NYC Health + Hospitals near you: [Get Tested in Your Community](#). You can also sign up for a COVID-19 antibody survey appointment. Visit [nyc.bioreference.com/antibodysurvey](http://nyc.bioreference.com/antibodysurvey) or call 1-888-279-0967

### HEALTH INSURANCE SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Extended through 6/15, health insurance enrollment is open for uninsured New Yorkers: [Get Covered](#).

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- H+H is hiring for several positions. Apply here: <http://nyc.gov/getwork>.
- We are hiring 2,500 Contact Tracers. Apply here: [Careers](#).
- We are hiring licensed TLC drivers to deliver food to New Yorkers in need: [NYC Food Delivery Driver Portal](#).

### EVICITION MORATORIUM EXTENDED

The state's moratorium on COVID-related residential or commercial evictions will be extended for an additional 60 days until August 20th.

### RENT RELIEF EXTENDED

The state is banning late payments or fees for missed rent payments during the eviction moratorium, and **allowing renters facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to use their security deposit as payment and repay their security deposit over time.**

### GET COUNTED IN THE US CENSUS

*The goal of the 2020 Census is a complete and accurate count of everyone living in the United States and its five territories. You should count yourself at the place where you are living and sleeping most of the time as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day).*

## Upcoming Events

### Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 - 6:30 PM

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom

For access to the Zoom meeting, sign in by clicking *this link*.

< <https://forms.gle/eFdMcJH7mhgnsJp9A> >

#### Agenda:

Focus: Navigating the College Application Process in the Era of COVID

In this meeting, we invite senior high school students and their parents to learn the challenges of navigating the College Application Process in the Era of COVID, including up to date information on college admission, policies and practices. The session will feature presentations from two great and experienced advisors, Kristina Semos and Abby Siegel. For more information, visit [cb8m.com](http://cb8m.com).

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**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUES. MAY 26**

**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**

Stay informed about the  
**CORONAVIRUS**



**Important Numbers and Links**

- Price Gouging hotline: 800-697-1220
- 24-Hour Coronavirus hotline: 1-888-364-3065
- NYS DOH website regarding Coronavirus: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
- NYS COVID-19 Email Alert Sign Up- <https://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates>
- To file a complaint with the NYS Department of Human Rights- <https://dhr.ny.gov/complaint#file>
- NYS Mental Health Hotline: 1-844-863-9314 (to schedule a free appointment)

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

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