

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am proud to announce that the Assembly unanimously passed my bill to approve a two-year extension on limits lenders can charge for annual fees associated with certain types of credit cards, home-equity loans, and other forms of revolving credit. Consumers favor open-end credit agreements, which can offer more control over the time and amount borrowed and allows more flexibility to charging open-ended annual fees on personal loans.

We secured an agreement with the New York City Board of Elections and the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation to establish an Early Voting Poll Site at the Sportspark Gymnasium from Saturday, June 12 to Sunday, June 20 making voting more convenient and safe.

May 6-12 is National Nurses Week. Thank you to the nurses in my district and across New York State for your compassion, courage and care! You have always been healthcare heroes but we owe our gratitude for your work over the past year facing a global health crisis.

The NY HERO Act, that I was pleased to cosponsor was signed into law. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed how easily airborne diseases spread in the workplace. The Hero Act would help prevent the spread of viruses like COVID which killed more than 50,000 New Yorkers. To help protect against future deadly viruses the new law will require employers to adopt health and safety standards that reduce workplace transmission and community spread of infectious airborne diseases like COVID-19. As more people return to work, safety standards will be critical in order to save lives and protect small businesses from outbreaks and shutdowns.

We voted to approve the extension of critical protections for renters and homeowners through August 31, 2021. We fought to pass a budget including provisions to administer billions in federal and state funds for tenants and landlords, as well as money for landlords who are not eligible for federal aid. This extension will allow for necessary time to distribute federal funding to those in need.

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

- *Tuesday, May 11 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal***

Clinic. [RSVP here.](#)

- *Thursday, May 13, 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, May 13, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Tuesday, May 18, from **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** (**new time**) on Facebook live and Zoom- **Town Hall Tuesday.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Sunday, May 23, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at John Jay Park (77 St./ Cherokee Pl.)- **No-Cost Paper Shred-a-thon.***
- ***The No-Cost Mobile Scan Van Mammogram Screenings for Eligible Women initially scheduled for Tuesday, May 25 has been postponed until Monday, July 26 due to unforeseen circumstances -- appointments begin at 9:00 am at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)- Make an appointment by calling 646-415-7932.***

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,




**Seawright Secures Additional Early Voting Poll Site
Ahead of City's June Primary**

**As Featured on the
Roosevelt Islander**



Roosevelt Island Getting NYC Early Voting Pollsite Location From June 12 To June 20 For 2021 Primary Election Announced NY State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced today that Roosevelt Island's Sportspark Gymnasium will be available as an additional early voting pollsite from Saturday, June 12 to Sunday, June 20, according to an agreement she successfully reached with New York City Board of Elections and Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation's (RIOC) President and CEO Shelton J. Haynes.



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Can you [@SeawrightForNY](#) get additional NYC voting site on Roosevelt Island. [@RIOCny](#) offered Sportspark facility to [@BOENYC](#) weeks ago.

Rebecca Seawright @Rebecca76AD

I have secured Marymount College as an additional early voting site for Sat. and Sun. Calling on BOE commissioner to vote to approve tomorrow. #EarlyVoting

2:27 PM · Oct 28, 2020

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Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright said, *"Roosevelt Islanders asked and we answered by coordinating with RIOC to bring early voting to Sportspark Gymnasium this June. We must fulfill the intent of early voting including the ease of convenient voting times*

including early morning, late evening, and weekend hours. We are proud to support the establishment of sites to eliminate lines and long wait times that deter voters."

Seawright had previously secured an additional early voting site for the general election last October at Marymount Manhattan College in order to help relieve the persistently long lines at Robert F. Wagner Middle School on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. The story made national news as she threatened litigation calling on the Board of Elections to open additional early voting sites to alleviate the pressure on the single largest early voting site in the state, overburdened with 118,000 eligible voters in what she described as *"the horrendous treatment of the disabled, senior citizens, and working men and women--voters who have stood in line for several hours to cast their ballots, including in the rain."*



Roosevelt Island residents waited on a long line stretching outside the PS/IS 217 polling location and wrapping around the Westview building next door to cast their vote in the November 2020 election. [Read more on the Roosevelt Islander blog here.](#)

Assembly Passes Seawright Bill for Approval of Lender Limits on Annual Fees



The Assembly unanimously approved Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's legislation

that would approve a two-year extension on limits lenders can charge for annual fees associated with certain types of credit cards, home-equity loans, and other forms of revolving credit.

In 1996, the Legislature authorized licensed lenders to charge annual fees on open-end loans. The law further provided that any such fee may not exceed the lesser of 1% of the loan amount or \$50. This 1996 law contained a sunset date of June 30, 2000, when the Legislature began passing a series of two-year extensions.

The 1996 law recognized that annual fees are a commonly used feature in the pricing of open-end loan products, such as credit cards, home equity loans, and personal loans.

This type of fee reflects the fact that additional costs are incurred in the administration of revolving loans, such as preparing and mailing monthly billing statements, processing transactions, and increasing monitoring costs.

Many borrowers favor open-end credit agreements, which can offer more control over the time and amount borrowed. Interest typically changes only for the amount the borrower actually needs, leading to interest savings for the borrower compared to using an installment loan.

Seawright Proclaims Transgender Day of Visibility in New York State



Victoria Schneps and Todd Shapiro Are Honored for Their Dedication and Service to RISE Life Services



RISE Life Services is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1980 as Aid To The Developmentally Disabled (ADD) by family members who were concerned about the physical and emotional decline of patients compelled to live in crowded institutions. In March of 1984, Aid To The Developmentally Disabled opened its first residential program in the hamlet of Northville, in Riverhead Long Island. As a result of the initial success, ADD rapidly grew into a multi-service organization providing residential programs, supported apartments, clinical supports and case management services for the developmentally disabled, mentally ill and dual diagnosed adults. Today RISE operates thirty-two homes, and four programs.

Victoria Schneps is a lifelong advocate for the developmentally disabled, and owner of Schneps Media Company. Todd Shapiro is the founder of "Todd Shapiro Associates Public Relations" providing media relations, corporate strategies, crises management, networking, placement and grassroots mobilization for many clients, including non-profits.

Schneps and Shapiro were honored by the organization on May 5, 2021 for their enduring dedication to the organization.



In Case You Missed It: Town Hall Tuesday on Apartment Fire Prevention & Emergency Preparedness



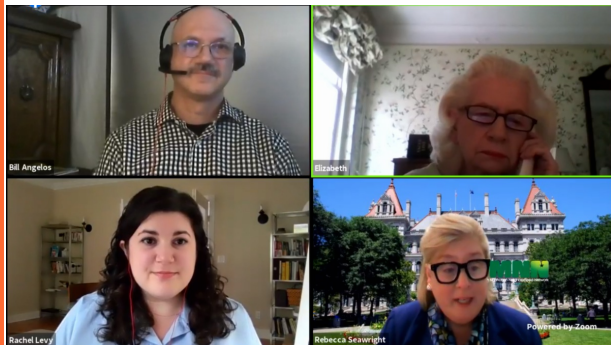
Seawright Hosts Represent NYC on Manhattan Neighborhood Network

Airing on MNN Channel 1 or 5 This Sunday, May 9

at 7:00pm



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright hosted an episode of Represent NYC this week to discuss the potential impacts of a proposed Blood Center Tower Project on East 67 Street with special guests Rachel Levy, Executive Director of Friends of the Upper East Side, Bill Angelos, Creator of Eastsiders for Responsible Zoning, and Community Board 8 Member Elizabeth Ashby. Tune in on Sunday, May 9 at 7:00 pm on MNN Channel 1 or 5. [Watch the full episode here.](#)



COVID-19 Vaccination Information

No Appointments Needed! All State and NYC-Run Vaccine Sites Now Take Walk-ins of Any Eligible Age.

All New Yorkers 16 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)

Vaccination Sites in the 76th Assembly District:

AdvantageCare Physicians - 215 East 95th Street, Manhattan, 10128

Lenox Hill Hospital - Einhorn Auditorium- 131 East 76th Street, Manhattan, 10021(844) 919-8222

Rite Aid Pharmacy

1535 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

Site only serves those age 50 and older and/or P-12 school faculty and staff and childcare workers and/or those with eligible underlying conditions

Walgreens/Duane Reade

Sites only serves those age 50 and older and/or P-12 school faculty and staff and childcare workers and/or those with eligible underlying conditions
(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.

The Vaccine for All Corps is enlisting 2,000 New Yorkers to support City vaccination efforts across the five boroughs. Hiring for the first tranche of these positions is live at nyc.gov/vaccinejobs. Healthcare experience is not required for many of the positions. Residents from NYC communities hit hardest by COVID-19 are especially invited to apply.

Assistance with Pandemic-Related Funeral Expenses. FEMA has announced that it will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released as soon as possible. In the meantime, people who have COVID-19 funeral expenses are encouraged to keep and gather documentation. [Please check FEMA's website regularly for updates](#)

Veterans: VA New York Harbor is offering vaccinations to veterans 65 and older who are enrolled in VA Healthcare. [Click here](#) to learn more or call 1-877-877-9267.

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.

Small Business Spotlight

Heavenly Market

1692 York Ave. (between 88th and 89th streets), Yorkville



Submit your favorite small business here to be featured in our next e-newsletter!

Upcoming Events

Rebecca Seawright



ASSEMBLY MEMBER

COMMUNITY SHRED-A-THON



SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

JOHN JAY PARK

77TH ST. / CHEROKEE PL.

**PERSONAL PAPER SHREDDING
NO BOOKS, BINDINGS
OR X-RAYS**

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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.



MANHATTAN
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

SMALL BUSINESSES RECOVERY RESOURCES

Thursday, May 13 - 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Register:

<https://tinyurl.com/smallbizvirtualltownhall>

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



**PROTECTIVE
FACE MASK
GIVEAWAY**



THURSDAYS

12:00PM-2:00PM

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

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SCAN ME TO RSVP!



RSVP to the Face Covering Giveaway



Assembly
Member
Rebecca
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VIRTUAL KNITTING SOCIAL

JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD
KNITTERS FOR CRAFTING
AND CONVERSATION

EVERY THURSDAY ON
ZOOM
2PM-4PM

ALL SKILL LEVELS
WELCOME

Contact the Office of Assembly
Member Rebecca Seawright
Call: 212.288.4607
Email: SeawrightRaNYAssembly.gov

RSVP for Virtual Knitting Social

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. MAY 11

**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

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