



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Wishing you a safe and Happy Independence Day holiday. Our district office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 for a legal State Government Holiday. We will re-open on Wednesday, July 5 at 9:30am.

It was a historic weekend as we marched at NYC Pride. The Governor signed legislation I proudly cosponsored protecting trans youth and the LGBTQIA community. As hundreds of bills nationwide take aim at nearly every facet of transgender existence, from health care to athletics to bathroom access, trans kids and their families need our support.

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a business owner refusing service to same sex couples. In the wake of pride month it is imperative that we condemn any attempts of bigotry and discrimination and ensure we stand strongly in support of equality for all. As an ally of the LGBTQIA community, I am proud to sponsor the Equality Amendment to our New York State constitution. Today's decision proves it is crucial that our rights and freedoms be anchored in our state's constitution more than ever.

Congratulations to the classes of 2023! It was pleasure to be able to join some of you after returning from a Legislative Session in Albany.

Now that school is out, don't forget to continue your summer reading! Our office is holding our annual Summer Reading Challenge. Students who read throughout the break should fill out and submit their completed calendar to the district office to receive a merit certificate from the Assembly.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,



**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

## Bills Signed Protecting Trans Youth and the LGBTQIA Community at NYC Pride



Pictured from left to right: Senator Brad Holyman-Sigal, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Attorney General Leticia James, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Assembly Member Debra Glick

Before the march, Governor Hochul signed bills Seawright cosponsored while strongly supporting the LGBTQIA community. Bills included legislation to support the LGBTQIA community that was signed into law by the Governor at the NYC Pride march including bills to:

- Established New York as a "Safe Haven" for trans youth by protecting private health information, shielding medical professionals, and prohibiting law enforcement from targeting trans youth
- Authorized Individuals to have the right to receive addiction treatment and rehabilitation based on their gender identity and sexual orientation
- Updated outdated terminology used on state documents to describe LGBTQ+ Individuals



Grammy, Emmy, and Tony Award winner Billy Porter was the Grand Marshall of NYC Pride. He stood with Seawright, Senator Gillibrand, and Governor Hochul for the historic bill signing.



Team Rebecca's Madison Thomas with district office neighbors getting information for the march!



Community Board 8 Member Shari Weiner waves her flags celebrating with pride.



The Honorable Judge Josh Hanshaft, his daughter Carly Weiss, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and Michael J. Weiss.



Team Rebecca marching along the route on Fifth Avenue.



Assembly Member Seawright was joined by Judith Kasen-Windsor, the spouse of the late Edie Windsor, the winning plaintiff in the Supreme Court Case overturning the Defense of Marriage Act for marriage equality.



US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Shari Weiner and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

## Seawright Greets Airforce 2 Welcoming VP Harris to New York City



Vice President Kamala Harris and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.



Harris was in town for the announcement of historic initiatives to protect vulnerable members of the LGBT community including:

- Launching a LGBTQI+ Community Safety Partnership. LGBTQI+ communities face a surge in violence against individuals and community spaces. Federal threat monitoring shows that these threats are increasingly tied to hate groups and domestic violent extremists.
- Protecting health care providers who serve the LGBTQI+ community and supporting the mental health of LGBTQI+ youth and partner with families to affirm LGBTQI+ kids.

- Protecting Americans from book banning. Across the country, our nation faces a spike in book bans – efforts that disproportionately strip books about LGBTQI+ communities, communities of color, and other communities off of library and classroom shelves.

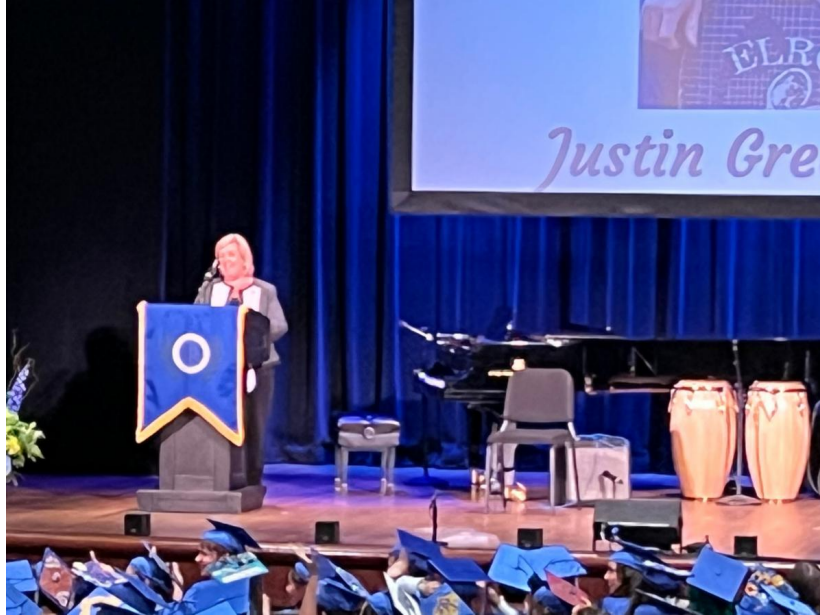


Assembly Member Seawright awaits on the tarmac to greet and welcome Vice President Harris to New York.

### Seawright Delivered Commencement Speeches to Many of the Classes of 2023. Congratulations, Graduates!



Seawright delivers remarks to the Yorkville Community School graduates.



Seawright addresses Eleanor Roosevelt High School Class of 2023 Graduates!

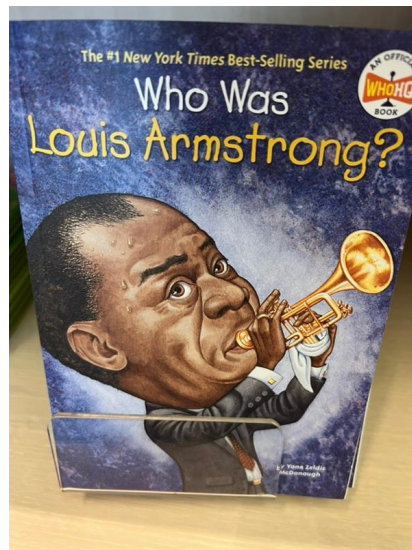
### Seawright Attends Louis Armstrong Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Assembly Member Seawright pictured with CUNY Chancellor Felix Matos Rodriguez (center) and Jay Hershenson (right) at the opening of the Louis Armstrong Center located at 34-56 107th Street, Queens, NY. The Center will commemorate the legacy of Louis Armstrong, iconic jazz musician, as it will house 60,000 pieces from his archive as well as a 75 seat auditorium for performances, lectures, and films. The Louis Armstrong Center is set to officially open on July 6, 2023.







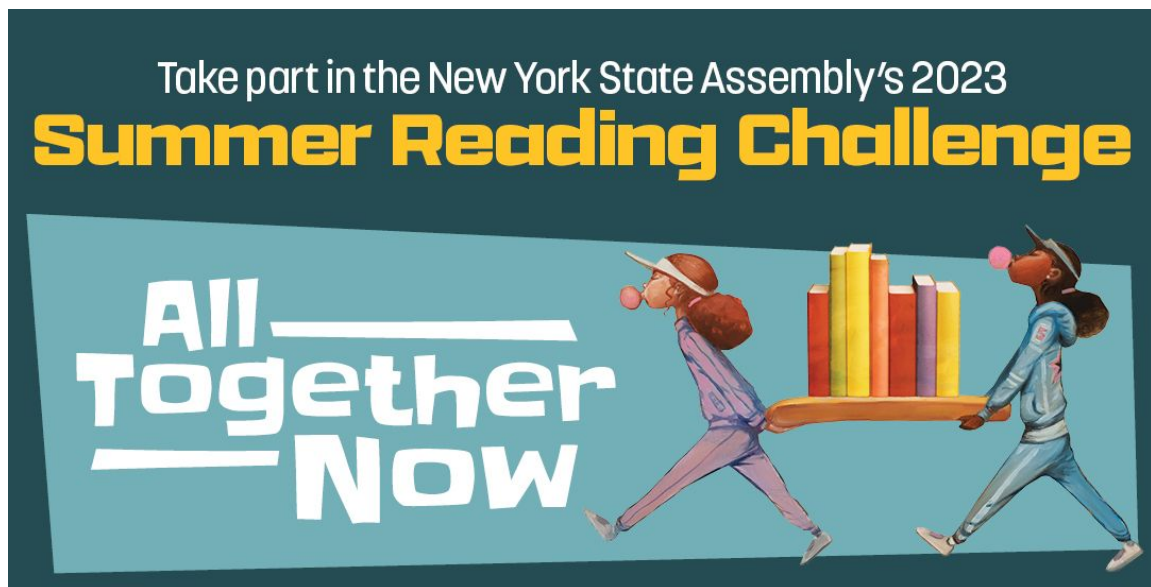
American LGBT History Museum: Inspiring New Generations



The museum is a new collaboration dedicated to preserving, researching, and sharing LGBTQIA culture and history. Located at 121 6th Ave, New York, NY 10013.

Consider Our Office A Resource!

Participate in the Annual Summer Reading Challenge!



Reading is fun and a chance to become immersed in a thrilling narrative, explore faroff worlds, discover new interests and learn new skills. Reading over the summer break can help fight the loss of learning known as the 'summer slide,' providing benefits to kids beyond the summer months.

With that in mind, this summer Assembly Member Seawright is sponsoring a reading challenge, in coordination with New York State Libraries Summer Reading Program, to inspire kids to read regularly throughout the summer break. This year's program theme is "All Together Now," celebrating kindness and friendship.

Here's how the Assembly Summer Reading Challenge works: mark the calendar for each

day in July and August that your child reads with you, someone else or on their own. Once you have marked off 40 days or more, please return the completed form to our district office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) and we will award your child a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate.

You can pick up the reading challenge calendar at our district office located at 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) or download and print it [here](#).

## How To Report Unlicensed Cannabis Sales

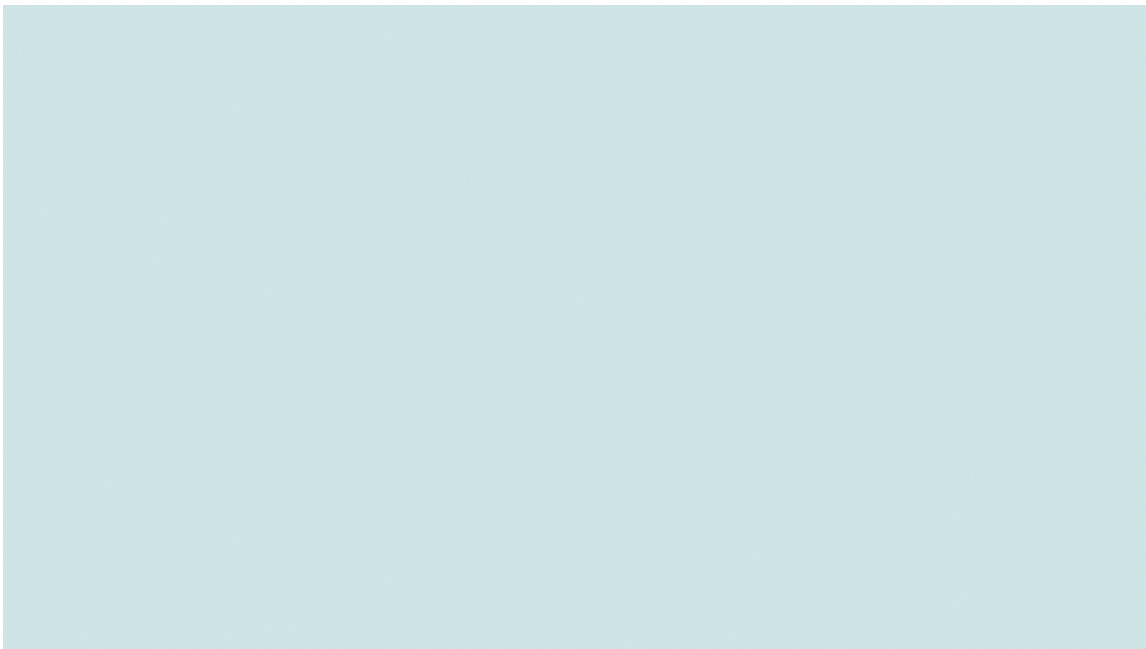
Unlicensed cannabis shops are a prominent and rising issue. Unlicensed dispensaries sell untaxed and unregulated cannabis products that delegitimize the system that the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act and the Office of Cannabis management have established for legalized adult-use cannabis.

Legislation has been signed into law that Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored and supported for passage this session to expand the powers of the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) and the Department of Taxation and Finance to crack down on unlicensed cannabis dispensaries. There is now more power to enforce the new regulatory requirements and close stores that are engaged in illegal and unlicensed sales and activities.

The OCM can now seize products and seek injunctions to close illegal shops, and the Department of Taxation and Finance can inspect businesses and issue fines of up to \$20,000 per day for illegal sales.

The current licensed dispensaries are listed here: <https://cannabis.ny.gov/dispensary-location-verification>

You can report unlicensed activity by sending an email to [enforcement@ocm.ny.gov](mailto:enforcement@ocm.ny.gov) or through the NYC311 website. Through NYC311, you can fill out an online form that is directed to the OCM under the “Cannabis Retail Sales Complaint” page. Don’t hesitate to contact our office to follow up on your report.





# JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FAMILY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION



## July 4<sup>th</sup> – Parking Restrictions

Beginning Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 PM through Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM, there will be no street parking south of the R.I. Tram station.

Additionally, parking restrictions will be implemented in the following areas:

- From the Meditation Lawn to 250 Main Street on the West side.
- Around the entire Cornell Tech Campus (East /West Loop Roads and North/South Loop Roads)
- Approx. 250 - 281 Main Street

Privileged and confidential.



These guidelines will be in effect for the holiday weekend beginning Sunday, July 2nd, through Wednesday, July 5th for no parking areas on the island.

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- Around the entire Cornell Tech Campus (East /West Loop Roads and North/South Loop Roads)



# WEEKLY E-NEWS

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## Upcoming Events



**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



# NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

SHREDDING TRUCK WILL BE PARKED ON

FIRST AVE.  
BET. 67TH & 68TH STREETS

SUNDAY, JULY 23

10AM TO 2PM

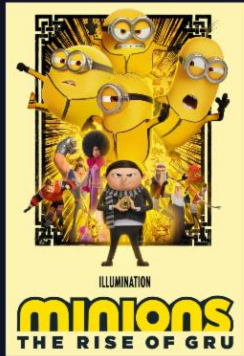
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# SUMMER MOVIE SERIES



- 07/14 SUPER PETS
- 07/21 FAMILY CAMP
- 07/28 MINIONS: THE  
RISE OF GRU
- 08/04 LIGHTYEAR
- 08/11 A LEAGUE OF  
THEIR OWN



RAIN DATE  
8/18

**MUSIC, TRIVIA, & MORE START AT 6:00 PM**  
**FILMS BEGIN AT SUNSET IN SOUTH POINT PARK**  
**BRING BLANKETS & LAWN CHAIRS!**



## Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday  
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday  
Street Life - 1st Tuesday  
Transportation - 1st Wednesday  
Housing - 1st Thursday  
Parks - 2nd Thursday  
Landmarks - 3rd Monday  
Social Justice - 4th Monday  
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday  
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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