



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

To those who are celebrating Purim this weekend, Chag Purim Sameach.

I had the pleasure of introducing the Queer Big Apple Corps in the Assembly. Since 1979, the Queer Big Apple Corps has been the artistic home to thousands of musicians, color guard, and band-aides who volunteer their time and talent to represent the LGBTQIA+ community in concerts, parades, and large public events all over the State of New York and beyond.

In celebration of Women's History Month, I was pleased to honor a local activist Amy Schwartz for a special distinction as a woman who advocates for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Please consider nominating a woman in your community to receive special recognition from the New York State Assembly for their contributions to our neighborhood, city and state. Nominations can be submitted [here](#).

Please join us for any of the upcoming events our office is pleased to sponsor:

- **No-Cost Thursday Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Giveaway-** Thursday, March 28, from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).
- **No-Cost Screening Mammograms-** Wednesday, April 10, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The mammogram bus in partnership with the American Italian Cancer Foundation will be in front of the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).

More information on upcoming events, my work in Albany and our community is enclosed in this report. 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

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Queer Big Apple Corps, The Largest LGBTQIA+ Identified Marching and Symphonic Band in the Country Introduced on Assembly Floor by Assembly Member Seawright



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright welcomed members of The Queer Big Apple Corps Marching and Symphonic Bands, including artistic director Marita Begley, artistic director Henco Espag, and executive director Jason Cannon to the Assembly Chamber.



At its heart, the Queer Big Apple Corps is a community organization. They welcome members of all genders, orientations, ages, sizes, economic statuses, and cultural backgrounds to experience the joy of performing with an ensemble where no one is ever asked to explain their simple right to be themselves. For their audience, the Queer Big

Apple Corps is a shining example of the strength, resilience, joy, and power of the entire LGBTQIA+ community.



The band presented Seawright with a stained glass big apple for her support of their programs.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Honors Amy J. Schwartz for Special Distinction by Governor Hochul and Legislative Women's Caucus



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Governor Kathy Hochul, and Amy J. Schwartz

In recognition of March as Women's History Month, the Legislative Women's Caucus celebrated at the Governor's Mansion inviting legislators to honor a woman from their district who advocates for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Amy J. Schwartz has been a policy and legislative advocate and program organizer for improvements to the social welfare and well-being of New Yorkers for 30 years. Focusing

on public health, climate change, and education, Amy consults on campaigns for community groups, policy organizations, and public schools.

Ms. Schwartz holds the elected position as a Judicial Delegate.

Since 2017, Amy has belonged to DemocracyReady NY, a multigenerational, statewide, nonpartisan coalition preparing New York students for civic participation.

She is a long-standing member of Women Creating Change, advocating for comprehensive sex education and improved civics education in public schools.

In her role, she chaired the Physical Education in Public Schools Task Force, which campaigned to ensure city compliance with the 1957 state mandate for physical education. Her efforts led NYC's Comptrollers to audit the public schools, concluding non-compliance.

Mayor Bill de Blasio initiated efforts to finally ensure compliance with the state mandate in 2017.

Ms. Schwartz has also launched Wellness Councils in several city public schools, directing the development of health priorities and programs.

As Executive Director of the Public Health Association of New York City, Amy oversaw advocacy, membership services, and program development for New York's largest public health membership group. She led advocacy campaigns for adolescent mental health and nutrition, securing a national American Public Health Association award for Affiliate of the Year in 2006.



Women in leadership: Attorney General Letitia James, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, and Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes.



Assembly Member Seawright introduced Amy and her spouse David Hershey-Webb on the floor of the Assembly Tuesday.

Assembly Member Seawright Marched in the St Patrick's Day Parade with Governor Hochul and Attorney General Letitia James



On Saturday the parade kicked off on Fifth Avenue in celebration of Irish culture.

Seawright Snapshots



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Disability advocate Mike Schweinsburg and Brad Hershenson

Disability advocate Mike Schweinsburg was at the Capitol to support increased funding for people with disabilities and their caregivers.



A celebration of Women's History Month at the SUNY Chancellor's residence. Assembly Members Dana Levenberg, Sarah Clark, Marianne Buttenschon, Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes, Jen Lunsford, Jo Anne Simon, New York State Office of General Services Commissioner Jeanette Moy, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Yudelka Tapia and Rebecca Seawright.

Seawright Statement on Transphobic Resolution by Community Education Council District 2

"I vehemently condemn the Community Education District Council 2 Resolution 248. It is inherently transphobic and undermines the rights and well-being of transgender and gender non-conforming students.

Discrimination has no place in our state, and this ill-conceived resolution calling for a review of our policies protecting students from discrimination has no standing.

Trans students are protected by the NYS Human Rights Law and the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act.

It is deeply disturbing that our Community Education Council is inciting prejudice and an unsafe learning environment for our students.

I will always stand up for the rights of our trans youth."

Community Office Hosted Rent Freeze Clinic

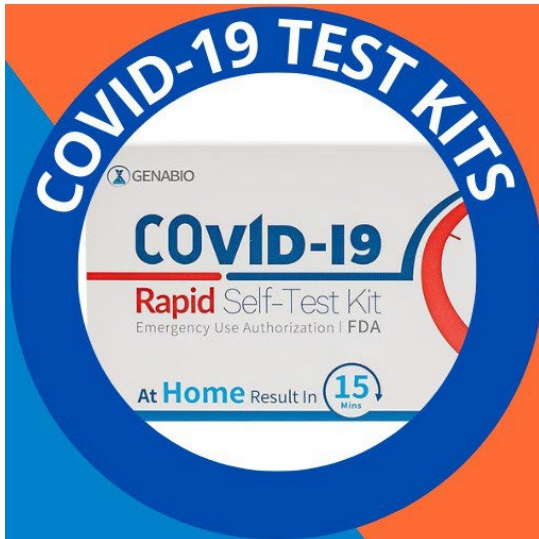


Constituent Karen, our Director of Community Affairs Madison Thomas, Department of Finance representative Marcie, and District Office Liaison Harley Neiditz.

Our office hosted the New York City Department of Finance to enroll constituents into the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program. [Click here for more information on how to freeze your rent](#) or contact our community office for more information at 212-288-4607.

**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**NO-COST
THURSDAY
PPE
GIVEAWAY**



12:00PM-2:00PM

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

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Upcoming Events

SATURDAYS

April 27, 1-4 pm - Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks

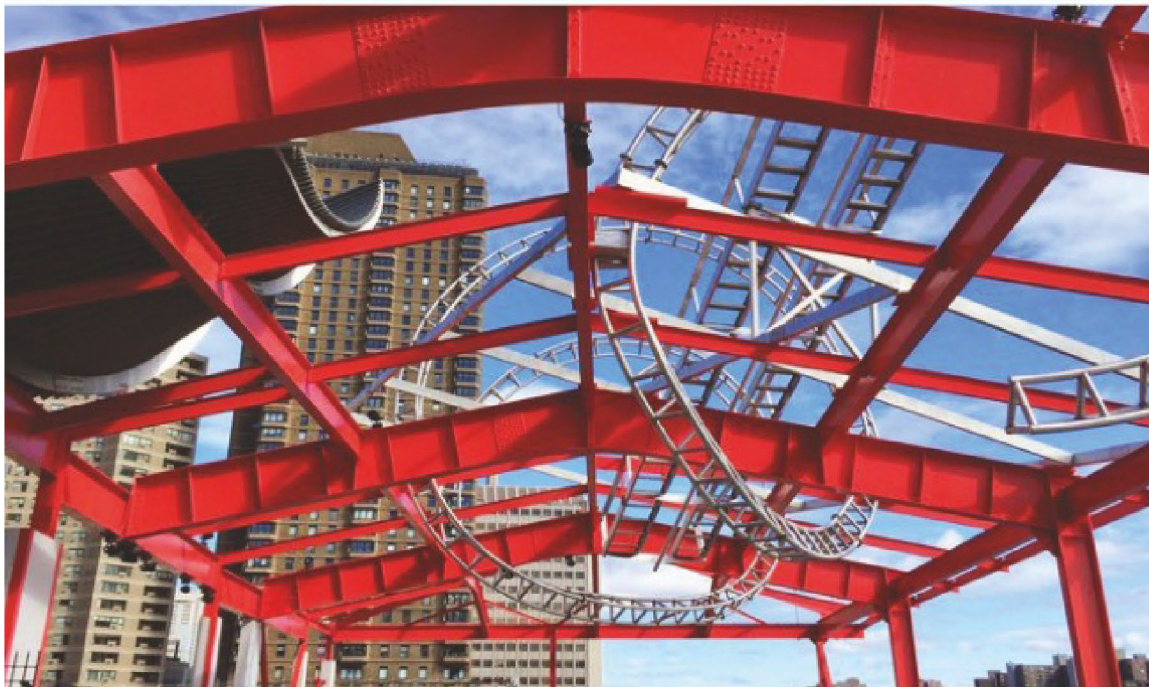
May 11, 1-4pm - French Cookin' Blues Band

June 11, 1-4 pm - Special Guest Band

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER

NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS

The Mammogram Bus



**American-Italian
CANCER FOUNDATION**

**will be at your District Office
1485 York Avenue**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024
9:30am to 4:30pm**

For an appointment please call

212-288-4607

Eligibility:

- Open to women age 40 to 79
- Living in New York City
- No Mammogram in the past 12 months
- All insurance plans are accepted
- Bring your insurance card with you
- Co-payments and deductibles are waived
- No-cost for uninsured women

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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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