



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Legislation was signed into law this week, strengthening New York's gun laws. I was pleased to cosponsor and strongly support these Assembly bills, now law, to reduce and prevent gun violence.

Our office is advocating for the return of the Roosevelt Island stop on the MTA Mobile Sales Bus schedule. I sent a letter in strong support of the senior citizens and people with disabilities who need support in refilling their reduced fare cards and other MTA services, especially during the MetroCard-to-OMNY transition.

As Chair of the Aging Committee, I am sponsoring legislation for the deaf and hard of hearing community to access more movie screenings offering "open captions." Having "open captions" at theaters statewide will ensure that all New Yorkers can enjoy the movie-going experience.

In this special report, you will find updates about our work in Albany, helpful resources, and upcoming events. Join us for an upcoming event we are sponsoring:

- Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **No-Cost Notary Public Service** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).
- Wednesday, April 9, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm: **Freeze Your Rent Enrollment Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). By appointment only. Please call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to sign up.
- Tuesday, April 9 at 3:30 pm: **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). To make a reservation, please call 212-288-4607.
- Thursday, April 10, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm: **No-Cost Screening Mammograms**. The Mammogram Bus will be at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). For an appointment, please call 212-288-4607.
- Wednesday, April 16, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **MetroCard Sales/OMNY Bus** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). Refill your MetroCard/OMNY card or apply for a reduced fare card.
- Wednesday, April 16 from 10:00am to 1:00pm: **The "Big Shred NY!"** no-cost community paper shredding with AARP at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70 Street.
- Tuesday, April 22 at 1 pm: **19th Precinct Senior Safety Seminar** at the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 343 East 70 Street (First/Second Avenues).
- Tuesday, April 22 at 6pm: **Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony** at The Rockefeller Research Laboratories Auditorium MSK Cancer Center, 430 East 67 Street (First/York Avenues).


As always, please consider our office your resource.

Phone: 212.288.4607

Email: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Sincerely,

Assembly Member **Rebecca Seawright**
Hosts



**the Eleventh
Annual Women of
Distinction Awards**

*Together, let's celebrate Women's History Month
by recognizing the extraordinary women who
are making our communities stronger.*

**Women of Distinction
Awards Ceremony**
Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00pm
The Rockefeller Research Laboratories Auditorium
MSK Cancer Center
430 East 67th Street
Between First and York Avenues

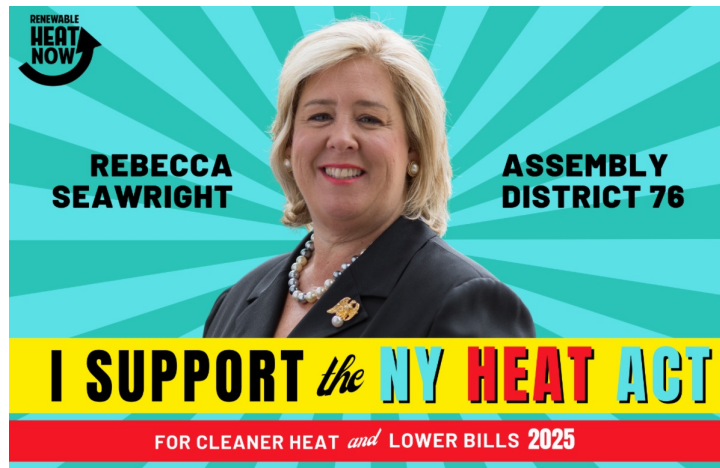
To RSVP or for more information about this free event or any other community or legislative issue,
please contact Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright by calling 212-288-4067 or emailing SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov.

[RSVP here](#)

Seawright Advocates for the Return of MTA Mobile Sales Bus for Roosevelt Island Seniors and People with Disabilities

A Mobile Sales Vehicle would provide reduced-fare OMNY info and other services for Roosevelt Island's older adults and people with disabilities. Whether it's the sales bus, the F train, or a modernized Tram, Assembly Member Seawright will always stand up for equitable, public transit access for Roosevelt Island. Read more on the Roosevelt Islander blog here: <http://tinyurl.com/pxvf6zw9>

Seawright Supports the New York Heat Act



Gas utilities keep hiking delivery charges on our utility bills because they are wasting billions replacing gas pipelines and passing the cost on to ratepayers. NY HEAT allows New York State to retire the most costly-to-replace pipelines and redirect those funds to electrify affected homes and buildings. This will save New Yorkers billions of dollars. Read more about the NY HEAT Act [here](#).

Seawright Sponsors Open Caption Legislation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing New Yorkers



Hear from citizens across New York State about why the deaf and hard of hearing want to require cinemas statewide to offer open captioned movie showtimes.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright is sponsoring legislation to increase the opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals to access movie screenings. On-screen closed captioning is necessary to ensure an equal viewing experience. The current closed captioning accommodation is inadequate because it requires viewers to read text from a handheld device that takes their attention away from the screen. This accommodation does not give viewers who use closed captioning equal access to movies. Improved accessibility at movie theaters will also benefit many community members, not just those who require the feature for accessibility. People with hearing loss, neurodiverse individuals, English-language learners, people who use ear protection, and many others use on-screen closed captioning.

Legislation Signed into Law Strengthening New York's Gun

Safety Laws

The following Assembly Bills cosponsored and strongly supported by Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright include:

- Assembly Bill 436 will ensure there are penalties for using “pistol converters,” which are rapid-fire modification devices that can be easily attached to semi-automatic pistols to make them even deadlier by allowing rapid fire with one pull of the trigger.
- Assembly Bill 439 will strengthen the law that the Governor signed last year that requires credit and debit card issuers to use the merchant category code (MCC) for firearms and ammunition retailers by ensuring that it captures retailers whose bulk sales come from firearms, ammunition, and firearms accessories.
- Assembly Bill 437 strengthens the law the Governor signed last year that requires firearms dealers and gunsmiths to post and distribute at the time of sale information about the availability of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and warnings about the dangers of gun ownership, including increased risk of suicide, death during domestic disputes and unintentional death of children, household members, and others. By providing consumers with this Surgeon General-style warning, the law aims to promote the health and safety of the general public by educating and informing gun owners and potential buyers of the risks the weapons pose.

Additionally, there has been a \$370 million investment to reduce and prevent gun violence and strengthen communities disproportionately impacted by crime that includes, but is not limited to, the following programs and initiatives administered by DCJS:

- \$50 million through the Law Enforcement Technology grant program, which provides funding so police departments and sheriffs' offices can purchase new equipment and technology to modernize their operations and more effectively solve and prevent crime.
- \$36 million for GIVE, which funds the 28 police departments and district attorneys' offices, probation departments, and sheriffs' offices in 21 counties outside of New York City.
- \$21 million for the SNUG Street Outreach Program, which operates in 14 communities across the state: Albany, the Bronx, Buffalo, Hempstead, Mount Vernon, Newburgh, Niagara Falls, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Wyandanch, and Yonkers. The program uses a public health approach to address gun violence by identifying the source, interrupting transmission, and treating individuals, families, and communities affected by the violence.
- \$18 million in continued support for the State's unique, nationally recognized Crime Analysis Center Network, and \$13 million in new funding to establish the New York State Crime Analysis and Joint Special Operations Command Headquarters, a strategic information, technical assistance, and training hub for 11 Centers in the State's network, and enhance existing partnerships and expand information sharing with the New York State Intelligence Center operated by the State Police, the locally run Nassau County Lead Development Center, and the State's Joint Security Operations Center, which focuses on protecting the State from cyber threats.
- \$20 million for Project RISE (Respond, Invest, Sustain, Empower) in 10 communities to support mentoring, mental health services, restorative practices, trust building, employment and education support, and youth development activities, among other programs and services.
- The New York State Police, the State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, and the State Office of Victim Services also will receive funding through that \$370 million allocation.

Vote in City Council's Participatory Budgeting by Sunday, April 6

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING



Voting is open until Sunday, April 6th. Residents across New York City will cast their ballot and vote for locally developed projects to improve schools, parks, libraries, and other public spaces in their community.

Voting is open to everyone ages 11 (or at least in 6th grade) and older who lives in or has a special connection to (i.e., goes to school or works) in one of the 25 participating Council Districts. Help shape the future of your community by casting your vote today.

Click on this link to read about the initiatives and vote: https://rnd.council.nyc.gov/PB_Voting/

Consider Our Office Your Resource!

Aging Spotlight On: Fraud Prevention

**A Message from
Assembly Aging
Committee Chair
Rebecca A. Seawright**



Identity theft is a serious issue, and thieves often target discarded documents containing personal information like bank statements, credit card offers, and medical records.

Shred documents containing your name, address, Social Security number, account numbers, and other personal details.

Join us for this special no-cost shredding event.

Register with our office to receive future shredding event dates!

Email
SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov
or call
212.288.4607



The Big Shred NY!

Help protect yourself against identity theft with AARP Fraud Watch Network™ and AARP New York.

Join us for a free community document-shredding event in Manhattan.

Your personal and confidential documents will be shredded on-site, **free of charge.**

Register now to receive event reminders!

For more information or to register, visit events.aarp.org/BigShredLenoxHillCtr

Each person can bring up to three small bags or three boxes of paper documents. No newspapers, magazines, binder clips, cardboard, books, or binders. The event may end early if the truck fills up.

FREE SHRED EVENT

Wed, April 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**The Center @ Lenox Hill
Neighborhood House**

343 E 70th Street
New York, NY 10021

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU



NYPD

19th Precinct

SAFETY SEMINAR

For Older Adults



Tuesday April 22nd | 1:00 pm

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
343 East 70th Street

Join **19th Precinct** Crime Prevention Officer,
Detective Anthony Nuccio, for a discussion on
Personal Safety, **Scams**, Mail & Check Fraud, & **ID Theft Prevention**

In Partnership with

**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLY MEMBER



LENOX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
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CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION



For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact Detective Anthony Nuccio
(212) 452-0630 or Anthony.Nuccio@nypd.org at least 72 hours prior to the event.

FREEZE YOUR RENT ENROLLMENT CLINIC

**WED. APRIL 9
WED. APRIL 23**

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

**1485 YORK AVENUE
(78/79 ST.)**

TO RSVP

CALL 212-288-4607

OR EMAIL

SEAWRIGHT@NYASSEMBLY.GOV



Who is eligible:

- Are 62 years old +
- Live in a rent regulated apartment
- Have a household income of \$50,000 or less
- Spend more than 1/3 of your income on rent

Document checklist:

- Government issued ID
- Federal or state income tax returns with all schedules and 1099s.
- Current and prior leases, signed by you and your landlord.

[Sign up here](#)



NO-COST NOTARY

Monday - Friday

10am-12pm

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 3:30 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**

**A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE SESSION
WITH ATTENDEES.**

**RSVP REQUIRED:
CALL: 212-288-4607**

EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV



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RSVP!**

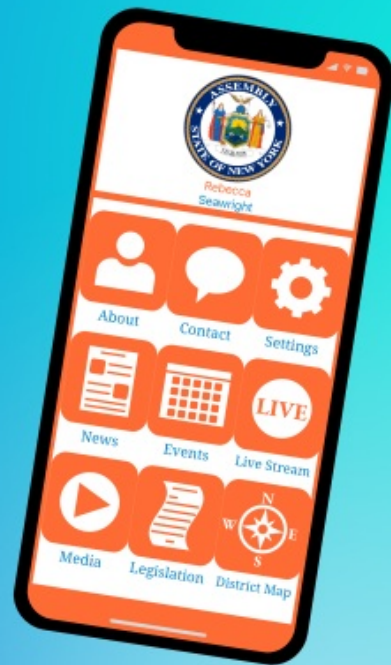
*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord- tenant law.
The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney- client relationship.
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise
constituents in any legal matters.*

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Resources

Cash Assistance Benefits Skimming Alert

Beware of attempts to steal your EBT benefits electronically through skimming or phishing. To learn more and file an online claim for stolen Cash Assistance benefits, go to <https://on.nyc.gov/on.nyc.gov/benefitreplacement>

New York's Paid Family Leave Program

Since first launching in 2018, New York State Paid Family Leave has provided critical benefits to improve the lives of tens of thousands of working New Yorkers and their families. In addition to ongoing enhancements, the wage replacement benefits continue to increase in line with the New York State Average Weekly Wage. Click here to learn how Paid Family Leave may be able to help you and your family in 2025. Visit: paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/2025

Empire State Child Credit

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is issuing supplemental Empire State Child Credit payments to over 1.5 million low- and moderate-income New Yorkers. The 2024–2025 New York State budget provides for an additional payment to eligible taxpayers based on the Empire State child credit. If you qualify for a payment, you don't need to do anything; we will automatically calculate and send you a check for the amount you're entitled to. For more details, visit [the Additional Empire State Child Credit Payments](#).

Energy Affordability Programs

The NYS Energy Affordability Program provides income-eligible consumers with a discount on their monthly electric and/or gas bills. You may be enrolled automatically if you receive benefits from a government assistance program. For more information, visit [this ConEd webpage](#) and click the "download form" button in the Energy Affordability Program box (or click [this link directly to download the pdf](#)). Or call 800-752-6633; the seniors-only direct line is 800-404-9097, M-F, 8:30 am–5 pm.

Regular HEAP Benefit

The 2024-25 Regular HEAP benefit reopened January 25, 2025. Find out if you may be eligible to apply for programs and services. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year to help you pay for heating your home. Visit: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/

Health Insurance

New Yorkers can enroll in a Qualified Health Plan by the 15th of the month for coverage starting the 1st of the following month and benefit from new cost-sharing reductions for additional savings. Visit nyc.gov/health/healthcoverage or call 347-665-0214 to connect with an enrollment counselor and get more information.

HIICAP

Approximately 500 trained HIICAP counselors located in local offices for the aging across the state are available to answer New Yorkers' questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage programs (managed care), Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medigap, and other health and long-term care insurance. Counseling is also available through a toll-free HIICAP helpline at 1-800-701-0501. Visit: <https://aging.ny.gov/health-insurance-information-counseling-and-assistance-program-hiicap>

Renters rights

In New York City, tenants have many rights relating to the safety and quality of their housing. Tenants should expect to live in safe, well-maintained buildings that are free from vermin, leaks, and hazardous conditions. [Laws protect tenants from harassment and discrimination](#). For more information on tenants' rights, please see the [Tenant Bill of Rights](#).

Homeowner Handbook

Homeowner Help NY offers a comprehensive guide to help New York homeowners navigate the responsibilities of homeownership and access available resources in their time of need. To view the handbook, visit <https://homeownerhelpny.org/handbook>.

Property Tax Exemptions

It's time to renew property tax exemptions, including SCHE, DHE, and the Clergy Exemption, for the 2025-26 tax year. The deadline to renew is March 15, 2025. Visit nyc.gov/contactdof or call 311 for details.

Mental Health Hotline

There's a three-digit phone hotline, 988, for mental health. Call 911 for mental health emergencies.

Mobile ID

Ever forget your wallet and wish you had your ID on you? Now you can with New York Mobile ID! Just download the app, and a highly secure digital version of a state-issued driver license, learner permit, or ID will be on your smartphone whenever you need it. [More info here](#).

NYCDOT Street Work Permit Maps

The NYC DOT provides a street work permit map for our district so New Yorkers can have access to any active street work information in real time. You can view the map here: <https://dmv.ny.gov/id-card/mobile-id-mid>

Attention MTA Reduced-Fare customers

Your half-fare benefit is moving to OMNY! Look for your new Reduced-Fare OMNY card in the mail soon and [check this page for updates](#). Continue to use your Reduced-Fare MetroCard in the meantime.

MTA Mobile Sales

Services offered at mobile sales vehicles

- Get help with a Reduced-Fare application
- Get more information about OMNY and sign up
- Transfer MetroCard balances (full-fare and Reduced-Fare to OMNY account)
- Report a lost/stolen Reduced-Fare MetroCard
- Ask our team about any OMNY-related issues

Note: Mobile sales buses and vans are making credit card transactions for OMNY only. You can still buy a MetroCard using cash. Check this site for the sales bus schedule: www.mta.info/fares/mobile-sales

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits

New changes include providing a simplified one-page application form, allowing older New Yorkers to recertify their benefits for 36 months instead of 24 months, and eliminating the interview requirement for recertification. To learn more about SNAP and apply for benefits, [click here](#).

Unclaimed Funds

Check to see if you or someone you know may have unclaimed funds via this tracker by NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli: <https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?fbclid=IwAR2JRsjGd4zt7CdT5aw5NQibqIoud2O141dOubqPWOjooIlaO8Qi7xxTFw>

COVID-19 resources

You can order four COVID tests (for free, including shipping!) at [this website](#)! To see the latest data and key metrics on COVID-19 in New York City, check out the [NYC Department](#)

[of Health's website](#). Vaccine shots are also available in pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, and doctors' offices.

Community Service Society of New York

Need healthcare assistance or an advocate on your side when dealing with a medical bill, insurance denial, or a confusing notice? Call the Community Health Advocates hotline at 1-888-614-5400 and receive help today!

Congestion Pricing discounts and exemptions

Vehicles entering Manhattan streets at or below 60th St will be tolled. Most E-ZPass users will pay \$9 during peak hours or \$2.25 overnight, once daily. Discounts and exemptions, such as the Low-Income Discount or Disability Exemption plans, are available—learn more at mta.info/discounts. Update your E-ZPass account to ensure accurate toll rates and credits. For details, visit congestionreliefzone.mta.info.

Animal Care Centers of NYC need your help!

Due to a temporary suspension of dog intake, they're calling on the community to step up and adopt. If you're ready to welcome a furry friend into your home, visit a local ACC Center or [check out their website for more details](#).

Emergency Preparedness

NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) will keep you informed and prepared during emergencies through the Notify NYC alert system. Sign up at nyc.gov/notify or by calling 311.

Curbside composting

Curbside Composting service is now available to ALL NYC residents citywide. Compost is picked up every week on your recycling day.

Visit: www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/curbside-composting.page

Upcoming Events

NO-COST MAMMOGRAMS

The Mammogram Bus



American-Italian
CANCER FOUNDATION

will be at our Community Office

1485 York Avenue

APRIL 10, 2025

9:00am to 4:30pm

For an appointment please call

212-288-4607

Eligibility:

Women age 40 to 75 currently living in New York City
No Mammogram in the past 12 months

No co-pays required and deductibles are waived
Uninsured patients also welcomed

Medical Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services

Funded by a grant from the NYS DOH Cancer Services Program
Additional funding provided by the generous support of the JALBCA, NBCF,
NYC Council, NYC DOHMH, NYS Senate, MCHF,
RAR Foundation, and individual patrons.

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Open Call for Spring Art Show on the Upper East Side



Show Date:

May 31, 2025

Rain date: June 1, 2025

Location:

James Cagney Place

E. 91st Street

between 2nd and 3rd. Ave

Submit a photo sample of your paintings, sculpture, photography, or crafts by **April 21st** to **info@cb8m.com** using “Art Show Submission”

FREE to apply and participate
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Construction Advisory

Reconstruction of York Ave. Combined Sewer and Water Main Project

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (NYC DDC) manages the Reconstruction of York Avenue, Combined Sewer and Water Main Project ID# SEN002169, upgrading existing infrastructure facilities along York Avenue, between East 61st Street and East 63rd Street and on E. 62nd Street between York Avenue and 1st Avenue in the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

The city's scope includes replacing combined sewers, water mains, catch basins, fire hydrants, new street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and full road restoration. Several of these operations have been delayed due to Con Edison's underground utility work, which requires extreme caution and hand-digging excavations. The anticipated completion date for this project is the summer of 2025.

Please find the latest report [here](#).

[Community Update: March 28, 2025](#)

[Community Update: March 21, 2025](#)

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