



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It was a pleasure to honor the 2025 Women of Distinction at the eleventh annual ceremony on Tuesday at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. I was honored to receive the MSK Champion Award from Hospital President Shelly Anderson in recognition of my work on cancer care and prevention, passing 3D mammogram breast cancer screening legislation.

We held the second in a series of rent freeze clinics with the New York City Department of Finance at the Community Office and a Senior Safety Seminar with the 19th Precinct at the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House.

Enclosed in this special report are legislative updates, upcoming events, and helpful resources, including the new “Good Cause NYC” portal open to screen tenants for protections against unreasonable eviction or extreme rent increases.

Please join us for a community event our office is pleased to sponsor:

- 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 (78th/79th Streets).
- Tuesday, May 6 at 3:30 pm: **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). To make a reservation, please call 212-288-4607.
- Wednesday, May 7, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **MetroCard Sales/OMNY Bus** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). Refill your MetroCard/OMNY card or apply for a reduced fare card.
- Thursday, May 29, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm: **No-Cost Community Shredding** at 1495 York Avenue (NW corner of York Ave. / 79 Street).

As always, please consider our office your resource.

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Sincerely,

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Awards Ceremony



From doctors to educators and small business owners to non-profit leaders, the women honored by Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright on Tuesday at Memorial Sloan Kettering are extraordinary.

Honorees for 2025 included: Beatrice Ajaero, Georgette Anagnostaras, Dr. Esther Babady, Dr. Rosalind Berlow, Elaine Blaustein, Elena Chersky, Dr. Sarah Chu, Dr. Dolly Chugh, Dr. Elizabeth Danto, Christina Delfico, Bianca Ellis, Principal Doreen Esposito, Verna FitzPatrick, Merle Hendricks, Stephanie Herlihy, Nancy Houghton, Ellen Karis, Susan Kaufman, Angela Lim, Patricia Mays, Rosanna McCoy, Adriana Mero, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Donna Sbriglia-DeChecchi, and Amy Setesak.

Check out the full event program [here](#).



Roosevelt Island honorees with Assembly Member Seawright.

Left to right: Christina Delfico, Stephanie Herlihy, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Verna FitzPatrick, and Beatrice Ajaero.



Community Board 8 Members joined the awards ceremony.

2025 honoree Sharon Pope-Marshall, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, former honoree Sahar Husain '24, and John McClement.



Ellen Polivy, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Linda Heimer, and Dr. Katherine T. Grimm joined in support of Roosevelt Island neighbors receiving the Woman of Distinction Award.

Senior Safety Seminar in Partnership with the 19th Precinct



Jacob Plottel, Seawright's Special Assistant for Community Relations, welcomes guests to the seminar and announces the upcoming no-cost community shredding on May 29 to protect against identity theft.



Detective Anthony Nuccio speaks to the crowd at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House regarding common scams.

Legislative Updates

While we are working to finalize a state budget that helps keep New York affordable, equitable, and safe, Seawright continues to press for the passage of legislation, and we welcome the opportunity to provide you with a legislative update.

The EPIC program helps more than 325,000 seniors afford prescription medications in New York. Seawright is introducing legislation to review the effectiveness of the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program. This report will identify trends in the utilization of the EPIC program as well as uncover areas where the state can improve the program.

As Chair of the Committee on Aging, Seawright is introducing legislation to establish dementia care navigators in each Area Agency on Aging to improve care and support for people in New York.

Finally, with the retrial of the disgraced Hollywood director Harvey Weinstein kicking off this week, Seawright renewed the push on her legislation to define consent as a “freely given, knowledgeable and informed agreement by a person with the capacity to reason.” New York currently does not define consent within its laws, and the definition of consent was even the subject of a jury question in the first Weinstein trial. We must seek justice for survivors by holding sexual predators accountable. Failing to define consent shields predators from culpability. From the New York State Equal Rights Amendment to defining consent; we will continue to fight for the protection and rights of New Yorkers.

Keeping kids safe at school



A new state law (Ch. 544 of 2024) allows schools to use existing grants to fund anti-gun violence education programs. By allowing schools further access to the resources they need, we can help ensure that students feel safe and secure in their learning environments.



**Trump Administration
cancels visas, threatening
the futures of NY students**

The Trump Administration is cancelling foreign student visas without notice at colleges across New York, sparking outrage and leaving students' futures in jeopardy. America has a long history of embracing bright and talented young people from across the globe, not turning them away.

www.nydailynews.com/2025/04/09/trump-administration-cancels-dozens-of-student-visas-at-nyu-cuny-other-ny-schools/

Consider Our Office Your Resource!

New Good Cause NYC Website Launched this Week

At GoodCauseNYC.org, a brand-new website launching this week, NYC tenants can enter their address and answer a short set of questions about their apartment to determine if their unit is eligible for protections and access resources to fight back against an unjust rent hike or lease nonrenewal. The site also includes a rent increase calculator to help renters determine if their rent hike is considered “unreasonable” by the law.

Rebecca
Seawright
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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**

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!



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RSVP!**

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

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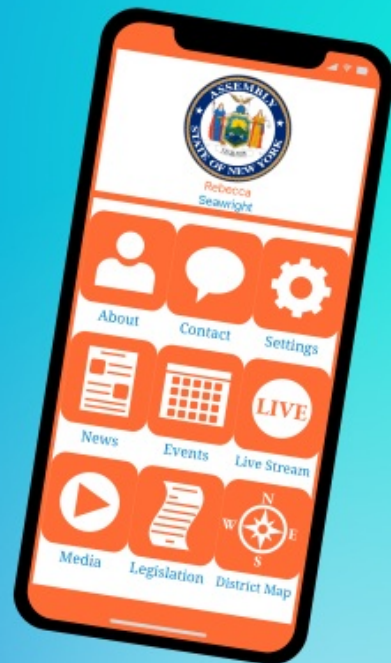
*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord- tenant law.
The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney- client relationship.
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal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

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's App is Live!

Stay Up-To-Date with the latest:

- News
- Events
- Legislation
- Livestream
- Media

Available on iPhone and iPad



Resources



Summer heat can be unbearable, but HEAP is here to help! **The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** can cover the cost of fans and air conditioners for eligible New Yorkers. To find out if you qualify, visit: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance.

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 nyc.gov/site/hra/help/benefitreplacement.page

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: 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 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's license, learner's 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: 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: 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



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NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING 2025

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH
9 AM - 12 PM

1495 YORK AVENUE
NW CORNER OF YORK AVE & 79TH ST

NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS

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Community Board 8 Veterans Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 - 6:30 PM

This meeting will be conducted hybrid in person and via Zoom
Marymount Manhattan College, Regina Peruggi Room
221 East 71st Street (Between Third and Second Avenues)

For access to the Zoom meeting, sign in by clicking this link.
< <https://forms.gle/ZVquzNoA3KjaBCJ68> >

AGENDA:

1. A presentation by Damia December of Veterans Rebuilding Life on veterans benefits available through the VA and other organizations.

- 2. Old Business
- 3. New Business

John McClement, Chair

SATURDAYS

04/26 1-4pm NOIZ Entertainment
05/03 1-4 pm Lillimure
06/07 1-4pm Samba with Itai Kriss

Andrew Haswell
Green Park at 60th St. &
the East River Waterfront
Esplanade

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Also enjoy FREE yoga in partnership with IronStrength on
Wednesday, May 21st at 6 PM at Andrew Haswell Green Park—
for more info and to RSVP email
ExecutiveDirector@EsplanadeFriends.org

Donations





free admission & popcorn!

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION



How can we prepare for our future, if we refuse to own up to the mistakes of our past?

Join us for a special screening of **Fire Through Dry Grass** followed by a Q+A with the film's protagonists. The award-winning documentary captures a group of disabled nursing home residents' fight to survive during the pandemic. With nursing homes emerging as a key issue in NYC's mayoral race, we invite you to hear directly from those living in one—what really happened and what's needed to keep them safe when the next disaster strikes.

May 7, 2025
4-6pm

DCTV FIREHOUSE CINEMA
87 Lafayette Street, NYC 10013



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Hosted by the Long Term Care Community Coalition
+ Gray Panthers NYC + OPEN DOORS NYC
+ Coalition of Institutionalized Aged and Disabled



Senior Fitness at John Jay Park



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New Classes Added to the Weekly Schedule:

Mondays at 12:00 PM – SAGE Brooklyn (4/7 - 6/30)

Tuesdays at 12:00 PM – Morningside Heights Library (4/1 - 6/17)

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM – Queens Public Library; Woodhaven Branch (4/1 - 4/29)

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM – John Jay Park (4/2 - 6/25)

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM – Grand Street Settlement NORC (4/23 - 6/11)

Fridays at 10:00 AM – John Jay Park (4/4 - 6/27)

To view the full schedule, visit movingforlife.org and sign up for your preferred classes. Have questions? Email info@movingforlife.org.

COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MANHATTAN presents



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
No drop-ins at the show!



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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: April 17, 2025](#)

[Community Update: April 11, 2025](#)

[Community Update: April 4, 2025](#)

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

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