



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Chair of the Aging Committee, I was pleased to sponsor and pass legislation reauthorizing a critical oversight tool, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, which passed the Assembly unanimously.

This weekend, New Yorkers will be volunteering to beautify our community at “It’s My Park Day.” Visit Ruppert Park or Andrew Haswell Green to support their clean-up and beautification efforts on Saturday, May 17.

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

- **No-Cost Notary Public Service** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets)
 - Mon, Wed, Fri from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 - Tues, Thurs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 20 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 21, 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

**Seawright Passed Bill Unanimously to Reauthorize Long-Term
Care Ombudsman Program to Advocate for Managed Care
Participants**



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced the unanimous passage of her legislation in the Assembly to reauthorize the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) in New York State. Under the federal Older Americans Act (OAA), the state ombudsman is charged with the duties to resolve problems individual residents face and to implement changes to improve the quality of life and care within Long-Term Care facilities.

"As Chair of the Aging Committee, I am pleased to renew our commitment to long-term care patients by reauthorizing a critical oversight tool, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program," said Assembly Member Seawright, who chairs the Assembly's Aging Committee.

Seawright Meets with Equality New York Advocates



There is active federal, state, and local legislation being pushed that aims to censor and erase the LGBTQ+ community. Equality New York advocated in Albany to ensure our state is a safe and supportive place for all LGBTQ+ New Yorkers. Seawright spoke to advocates about legislation to prohibit the State from banning books in schools and libraries, and to protect sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking.

Seawright Cosponsors MWBE Advocacy Day to Advance MWBE Opportunities and Advocate for the Extension and Expansion of Article 15-A

MWBE Advocacy Day

An invitation from



Senator
James Sanders, Jr.



Assemblymember
Crystal Peoples-Stokes



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Rodneyse
Bichotte Hermelyn



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Amanda Septimo



Assemblymember
Clyde Vanel



Assemblymember
Jenifer Rajkumar



Assemblymember
Rebecca Seawright



Assemblymember
Carrie Woerner



BEYOND THE DISPARITY

Article 15-A:
Advancing MWBE
Opportunities

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Well, Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York

PRESS CONFERENCE

12:00 pm: Million Dollar Staircase
Albany, New York

For more information about this free event
or any state or local issue, please contact the
Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse
Bichotte Hermelyn, ad42@nyassembly.gov,
(718) 940-0428 or (518) 455-5385.



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NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM

**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



**SCAN ME TO
RSVP!**

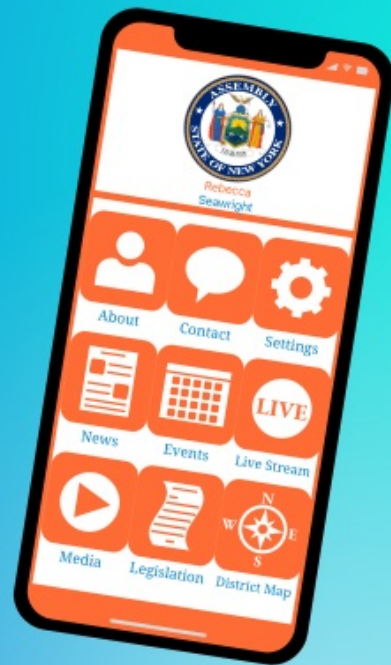
*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord- tenant law.
The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney- client relationship.
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise
constituents in any legal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

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

At GoodCauseNYC.org, a brand-new website, 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.

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: <https://nycdot.info/>

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

UNBANNED

Exploring Censorship in Books, Art & Media

ART CENSORSHIP IN AMERICA



**FREE
EVENT!**

ELIZABETH LARISON
DIRECTOR, ARTS &
CULTURE ADVOCACY
PROGRAM, NCAC



SATURDAY
MAY 17, 2025
1:00 PM



FDR Four
Freeds
State Park

**Explore recent cases of art
censorship in the U.S. and
gain insight into how
censorship is defined, how
it operates, and what
drives artists and
institutions to self-censor.**



Rebecca
Seawright
ASSEMBLY MEMBER



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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NYS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN TASK FORCE INVITES YOU TO THE

NEW YORK STATE AAPI SUMMIT

May 29th – 30th, 2025
Albany, NY

WELCOME RECEPTION

Thursday, May 29th
6:00pm – 9:00pm

Hudson Ballroom, Hilton Albany
40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY

WORKSHOP DAY

Friday, May 30th
9:00am – 4:00pm

Legislative Office Building
198 State Street, Albany, NY

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REGISTER: [NYSAAPISUMMIT.COM](https://nysaapisummit.com)

The [NYS AAPI Summit](#) returns for a second year on May 29th-30th, 2025!
Registration is now open and required in order to attend the event. Tickets are free, but space is limited so secure your ticket today!

Schedule of Events

Welcome Reception
Thursday, May 29th
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Hudson Ballroom,
40 Lodge Street, Albany NY

Workshop Day
Friday, May 30th
9:00am - 4:00pm

RSVP for Summit

Sign-up for FREE Round-Trip Transportation!

Complimentary buses are also being offered from Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn, leaving at 5:30am on Friday, May 30th, and returning in the evening. Buses will depart from the following locations:

- Lower Manhattan/Chinatown
- Bronx/Upper Manhattan
- South Brooklyn
- Queens

Seats are limited, so it is first come, first serve.

[Reserve Your Seat](#)

Coming to Albany the night before? ☐ Room Blocks are available.

There are discounted room rates available for Wednesday, May 29th at the following hotels in Albany. Use group code:1AAPI.

- Hilton Albany: \$169/night
 - Call to reserve: (518) 462-6611
- Hampton Inn & Suites: \$150/night
- Call to reserve: (518) 432-7000

Visit the [Summit website](#) for the most up-to-date information on the conference.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Liya Thachil at thachill@nyassembly.gov.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Saturday, May 31, 2025
11 am to 4 pm
Rain Date: June 01, 2025

ART SHOW
on the East Side

James Cagney Place
East 91st Street, Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues
Presented by Community Board 8 Manhattan



ROOSEVELT ISLAND DAY

Saturday,
June 7, 2025



**Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of
Residents Living on Roosevelt Island!**

Games | Inflatables | Kids Activities
Food | Music | Community Booths
Giveaways | And More!

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH



JUNE 7TH

Rain Date: June 8th



11AM-4PM



**FIREFIGHTERS
FIELD**



**Roosevelt Island
Operating Corporation**

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