



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This Sunday, June 29, is the New York City Heritage of Pride March. The march will kick off on 25th Street and 5th Avenue at 12 pm and proceed south to the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street. The grand marshals for this year's march include Karine Jean-Pierre, Marti Gould Cummings, DJ Lina, Elisa Crespo, and Trans-formative Schools.

As lead sponsor of the NYS LGBT curriculum bill, I am distressed by the Supreme Court's decision in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* to allow Maryland parents to opt their kids out of LGBTQ+ lessons in schools. I could not put it better than Justice Sotomayor, who said in her dissent that the ruling "threatened the very essence of public education." I am including my statement on this and the recent birthright ruling in this update.

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 our district office to receive a merit certificate from the Assembly. Let us know if you need a calendar mailed to your student. I would encourage students to check out the [banned books list for summer reads](#).

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, July 1, 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 RSVP, please call 212-288-4607.
- Wednesday, July 2, 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 reduced fare.

As always, please consider our office your resource.

Phone: 212.288.4607
Email: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Sincerely,



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



Statement on Supreme Court Rulings on Birthright Citizenship and LGBTQ Books in Classrooms

“These rulings coming from the Supreme Court are distressing and fly in the face of American values we hold so dear.

The Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that the district court injunctions temporarily blocking Trump’s order against birthright citizenship for children exceeded the District Court’s authority. This decision stokes fear in immigrant communities, threatening parents who are in the country temporarily or without legal authorization and their children. Further, the ruling did not address the constitutionality of the policy itself.

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The New York Child Data Protection Act Takes Effect

Keeping our kids safe online



In today's digital world, online safety is more important than ever, especially when it comes to our kids. A new state law, the New York Child Data Protection Act, is now in effect. It prohibits internet companies from collecting, using, sharing, processing, or selling children's data without parental consent (Ch. 121 of 2024). With stronger data privacy protections in place, we can help kids learn and stay connected safely.

TELL COMMUNITY BOARD 8 YOUR PRIORITIES

Take our survey and tell us what you think the Upper East Side's most pressing needs are and how you think the city should spend money in our neighborhood.

- Affordable Housing
- Senior Services
- Homelessness
- Parks and Open Space
- Traffic
- Transit
- Unemployment
- Trash removal and cleanliness
- Land use trends
- Healthcare services
- Quality of life issues
- Schools
- Cultural Facilities and Programs

Complete the survey online at:
<https://bit.ly/FY27CB8M>
Or scan the QR code below

The annual Community District Needs Statement is an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, with budget requests, they are intended to support communities and influence more informed decision-making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. Take the survey and let us know what is most important to you.

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 [@CB8Manhattan](https://www.instagram.com/CB8Manhattan)

 www.cb8m.com



Consider Our Office Your Resource

Spotlight on Aging: Senior Discounts

Seniors Discounts

You deserve it.

Museums

The Museum of Modern Art seniors pay \$14 instead of the typical \$20 entrance fee.

11 W 53rd St, New York, NY 10019

The Metropolitan Museum of Art seniors pay \$22 instead of the typical \$30 entrance fee.

1000 5th Ave, New York, NY 10028

The American Museum of Natural History seniors over 60 years old pay \$22 instead of the \$28 entrance fee.

200 Central Park W, New York, NY 10024

The Intrepid Museum has a small discount for seniors over 65 years old, allowing them to pay \$34 instead of \$36.

Pier 86, W 46th St, New York, NY 10036

The 9/11 Museum allows seniors over 65 years old to also receive a discount for general admission, costing \$27 instead of \$33.

420 W 14th St Fl 2, New York, NY 10014

Nature & Recreation

Seniors over 62 years old can purchase lifetime tickets to **national parks**, nature refuges, national historic sites, and national monuments for \$80.

Call 888-275-8747 for more information on this.

Hunting and fishing permits are discounted to only \$5 for seniors over 70 years old.

Contact 518-402-8013 for more information.

Seniors over 65 pay \$31 instead of \$35 for admission to the **New York Botanical Gardens**.

2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10458

Transportation

Amtrak gives senior discounts, offering 10% off most rail fares for seniors over 65. Amtrak also partners with VIA Rail Canada to offer 10% off most cross-border rail fares for seniors over 60 years old.

Call 800-872-7245 for more questions.

The **MTA** offers senior discounts for persons aged 65 and older.

Call 877-789-6669 for more information.

NYC Ferry offers reduced fare. Visit www.ferry.nyc/discount/

Contact the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright at 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov. Visit 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).



The Office of Assembly Member Seawright is a designated Cooling Center

1485 York Ave (79th St)
Monday to Friday

Resources

At [GoodCauseNYC.org](https://www.GoodCauseNYC.org), a brand-new website, NYC tenants can enter their address and answer a short set of questions to determine if their apartment 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

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 needs 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

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Mon, June 30 - Fri, July 25
7 AM - 3:30 PM

Corner Locations:
SE, NE, N Median E 72nd St.
& 1st Ave.

**No Parking & Limited
Crosswalk Access**

NYC Department of Transportation to Begin Resurfacing of the FDR North of 96th Street Throughout the Summer



New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez announced the resurfacing of the FDR Drive from 96th to 125th streets during weeknight, overnight periods beginning on Tuesday, June 24, and lasting through the summer. The milling and repaving of the nearly 7.5 lane mile roadway (counting both directions) will be completed in approximately six five-night segments throughout the summer, with the goal to complete the paving for each portion by the end of each week. All work will begin at 11 P.M. each weeknight and conclude at 5 A.M. the next morning, with only one travel lane

available during the milling/paving activity. The work, which will immediately follow recently announced resurfacing on the BQE in Brooklyn, is expected to be completed, weather permitting, in mid-August.

NYC DOT will first focus on milling and repaving in the northbound direction starting at 96th Street on Tuesday, June 24, at 11 P.M. and working until 5 A.M. with just one travel lane available. For the southbound direction, work is expected to begin in early August at 125th Street and progress in the southward direction. The anticipated FDR summer resurfacing schedule is as follows (subject to change, with future updates to follow):

June 24, 2025 – June 27, 2025 (northbound)
July 14, 2025 – July 18, 2025 (northbound)
July 21, 2025 – July 25, 2025 (northbound)
July 28, 2025 – August 1, 2025 (southbound)
August 4, 2025 – August 8, 2025 (southbound)
August 11, 2025 – August 15, 2025 (southbound)

Upcoming Events



2025 NYC Pride Parade This Weekend: What To Know

2025 NYC Pride Parade This Weekend: What To Know - New York City, NY - The march will begin on 26th St & 5th Ave. in Manhattan, officials said.

[Read More](#)



EsplanadeFriends 2025 Summer Events

Walking Tour with EsplanadeFriends X Sutton Place

Social

Wednesday, July 16th from 6PM-7PM

Clara Coffey Park Entrance 54th St. & Sutton Pl.

email emenoutis@bestversionmedia.com to RSVP

Ticket Price \$35

EsplanadeFriends X CPFPuppetMobile

#FREE production of *Pippi Longstocking* by City Parks Foundation
Puppet Mobile

at Andrew Haswell Green Park (60th St. and the East River
Waterfront) on Sunday, July 27th, 2025 at 11 am.

FREE Activities and FREE Treats!

EsplanadeFriends x NYCBirdAlliance Bird Walk

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM **KIDS BIRDING EVENT**

ANDREW HASWELL GREEN PARK/EAST MIDTOWN GREENWAY

FREE ICE CREAM PROVIDED

Sunday, September 21st: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM at Andrew Haswell
Green Park/East Midtown Greenway

RSVP REQUIRED Email ExecutiveDirector@EsplanadeFriends.org

Yoga at Aycock

Wednesday, July 9th and Wednesday, July 30th, 2025 from 6 PM-7PM

An IronStrength x EsplanadeFriends collaboration.

Raindate: September 10th

RSVP REQUIRED Email ExecutiveDirector@EsplanadeFriends.org

EsplanadeFriends X Billion Oyster Project

September 13th, 10 AM- 12 PM 90th and the East River Esplanade
Next to the Ferry

Rain Date: October 18th, 10 AM- 12 PM

RSVP REQUIRED

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OF
ESPLANADE**

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SENIORS FITNESS PROGRAM IN CARL SCHURZ PARK

AGES 60

APRIL - JUNE

YOGA - FITNESS WALKING

CARL SCHURZ PARK

E. 86th St. & East End Ave.

YOGA

Mon/Wed 10AM - 11AM

FITNESS WALKING

Wed/Fri 9:30AM - 10:30AM

REGISTER:



Register online at
CityParksFoundation.org/seniors-fitness
or call 718-760-6999 for information.

Generous private support for CityParks Seniors Fitness is provided by program founder David B. Pinter. Additional private support is provided by The Amazin' Mets Foundation, The Linda B. and Howard S. Stern Family Foundation, The New York Foundation for Eldercare, and The Venable Foundation. Generous public support is offered by the NYC Council under the leadership of Speaker Adrienne Adams, with special thanks to Council Member Julie Menin.

In partnership with NYC Parks



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PLAY



Support NYC Parks as an Aquatics Specialist!

We're hiring full-time and seasonal Aquatics Specialists. You'll teach swimming for all ages, in-water fitness classes, and adaptive programming to participants enrolled in these classes. Positions beginning in June 2025. You can expect to:

- Provide swim instruction to tots, children, adults, seniors, and people with special needs.
- Lead and coach youth swim programming.
- Coach swim teams, teach water exercise classes, and serve as Aquatics Directors at summer camps, as needed.
- Promote NYC Parks recreation center memberships and assist with events and special projects for New Yorkers of all ages.

The starting salary is \$24.37 per hour.

To learn more and apply, visit cityjobs.nyc.gov and search for

Job ID# 714780 for full-time positions

Job ID# 714789 for seasonal positions

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[Community Update: June 20, 2025](#)

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