



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Chair of the Assembly Aging Committee, I join Governor Kathy Hochul in celebrating the 90th anniversary of Social Security, a program that provides essential financial security to millions of New Yorkers, including older adults, individuals with disabilities, and families. Social Security is a cornerstone of our social safety net, and it is more important than ever to protect it amid ongoing federal efforts that threaten to limit access and weaken benefits. To mark this milestone, state landmarks across New York, from One World Trade Center to Niagara Falls, were illuminated in red, white, and blue. I remain committed to supporting programs and policies that ensure older New Yorkers can live with dignity, independence, and the security they deserve.

This week, I had the honor of being a judge for the Talent Is Timeless competition at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. The event celebrated the remarkable creativity and skill of older adult performers, proving that talent truly knows no age.

I am also proud to share that I have once again been named to City & State's 2025 Manhattan Power 100, recognizing my leadership as Chair of the Assembly's Aging Committee and my advocacy for seniors, people with disabilities, and equal rights.

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
- Wednesday, August 20, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **MetroCard Sales/OMNY Bus** (York Ave/79th Street). Refill your MetroCard/OMNY card or apply for reduced fare.
- Thursday, September 18 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm: **No-Cost Community Shredding on Roosevelt Island** at the Motorgate Turnaround (688 Main Street).
- Thursday, September 11 at 5:30 pm: **Lighting the Way with the East Side 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony** in Carl Schurz Park (at 86th Street).
- Save the Date! **Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC) Mobile Adoption Event** on Sunday, October 12 from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm at East 79 Street and York Ave.

As always, please consider our office your resource.

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Sincerely,

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Celebrating Timeless Talent at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright and Community Board 8 Chair Valerie Mason served as judges for the Talent Is Timeless competition at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. The event showcased the remarkable creativity and skill of older adult performers, proving that talent knows no age.

We congratulate this year's winners: Joshua Popenoe, First Prize; Thelma Ruffin Thomas, Second Prize; Susan Horowitz, Third Prize; and Lily Li, who received an Honorable Mention from the judges.



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright congratulated Joshua Popenoe, First Prize winner, at the Talent Is Timeless competition at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House.

[Watch the full competition here](#)

As Featured In...



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright held a town hall recently to address the recent rising tide of antisemitism in the city



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**The 2025 Manhattan Power 100
Names Seawright for Strong
Advocacy as Aging Chair**



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright has once again been named to City & State's 2025 Manhattan Power 100, recognizing her leadership as Chair of the Assembly's Aging Committee and her steadfast

advocacy for seniors, people with disabilities, and equal rights. Representing the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island, Seawright has secured significant funding for schools, senior centers, and community programs, while leading sponsorship of landmark legislation including the state Equal Rights Amendment and protections for vulnerable populations.

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OUR TOWN

The local paper for the Upper East Side

Seawright Said, “National Night Out is a vital reminder that public safety depends on strong community relationships.”



Kids, Politicos, and of Course Police, Mark National Night Out on the East Side

As the evening wore on, the politicians making the rounds stopped by, including Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, NY Senator Liz Krueger, and the recently appointed Parks commissioner, Iris Rodriguez-Rosa.

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News You Can Use



Cuts to Social Services Is Taking Aim at New York's Elderly

Poverty rates among New York's aging population are rising as the federal government pares back support for longstanding social service programs.

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Seawright Supports the Lighting of State Landmarks for 90th Anniversary of Social Security

Assemblymember Rebecca A. Seawright said, “As Chair of the Assembly Aging Committee, I know firsthand how vital Social Security is to the lives of millions of New Yorkers. For 90 years, it has provided economic stability, dignity, and independence to older adults, families, and individuals with disabilities. As we celebrate this milestone, we reaffirm our commitment to protecting and strengthening this essential program, ensuring that it continues to support the people who rely on it every day.”

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Consider Our Office Your Resource

Smart Back-to-School Shopping Tips from DCWP

As the new school year approaches, the NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) offers tips to help families save money and make smart financial choices.

- Plan and Budget: Use your child’s supply list to create a budget and stick to it.
- Compare Prices: Research products and look for deals online or in-store.
- Keep Receipts & Know Store Policies: Protect your information and be aware of payment and refund rules.
- Shop Online Safely: Use secure websites and avoid sharing personal info on unsecured sites.
- Teach Kids About Money: Discuss budgeting, credit cards, and smart spending habits.
- Free Financial Counseling: NYC residents 18+ can get confidential guidance at nyc.gov/TalkMoney.

For more tips on saving, budgeting, and student loans, visit nyc.gov/dcwp and follow @HelloDCWP on X using #BacktoSchoolNYC.

Did you know there are nearly 8,000 New Yorkers waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant? And that registering as an organ and tissue donor takes just minutes and saves up to eight lives? Visit here to learn more and register: <https://donatelifenys.org/>



METROCARD/OMNY BUS

STOPS HERE
(79/YORK):

WED. 8/20, 9/3

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

REFILL YOUR
METROCARD/OMNY
CARD

APPLY FOR
REDUCED FARE

Resources

Cash Assistance & Benefits Security

Cash Assistance Skimming Alert: Beware of electronic theft of EBT benefits via skimming or phishing. To learn more or file a claim for stolen Cash Assistance benefits, visit: nyc.gov/hra/benefitreplacement

Paid Family Leave

Since 2018, New York's Paid Family Leave program has supported thousands of working families. Benefits and wage replacements increase annually with the NY State Average Weekly Wage. Learn more about 2025 benefits at: paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/2025

Tax Credits & Financial Assistance

Empire State Child Credit: Over 1.5 million eligible New Yorkers will automatically receive supplemental payments based on this credit. No action needed. Details: [Additional Empire State Child Credit Payments](https://additional.empirestatechildcredit.com)
Unclaimed Funds: Check for unclaimed money you may be owed at: osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds

Energy & Heating Assistance

Energy Affordability Program: Income-eligible consumers may get discounts on electric/gas bills. Info and forms: [ConEd Energy Affordability Program PDF](https://coned.org/energy-affordability-program) or call 800-752-6633 (seniors: 800-404-9097).

Regular HEAP Benefit: The 2024–25 season is open. Eligible households can get help paying heating bills. Details: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap

Cooling Assistance: HEAP also covers fans and AC units for qualifying households: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance

Health Insurance & Counseling

Qualified Health Plans: Enroll by the 15th for coverage the following month with new cost-sharing savings. Info: nyc.gov/health/healthcoverage or call 347-665-0214.

HIICAP: Free counseling on Medicare, Medigap, and long-term care insurance. Call 1-800-701-0501 or

visit aging.ny.gov/hiicap.

Housing & Tenant Rights

Renters Rights: NYC tenants are protected against unsafe living conditions, harassment, and discrimination. See the [Tenant Bill of Rights](#).

Homeowner Handbook: A resource to help NY homeowners manage responsibilities and find assistance. View at homeownerhelpny.org/handbook.

Discrimination Reporting: File discrimination reports by phone at (844) NYS-DHR1 or (844) 697-3471.

Rent Protection & Resources: NYC tenants can check rent increase legality and get help at GoodCauseNYC.org.

Food Assistance

SNAP Benefits: Simplified one-page applications, longer recertification periods for seniors, and no interview needed for recertification. Learn more and apply online.

Health Bucks: At NYC farmers markets, spend \$2 in SNAP/EBT/Summer EBT and get \$2 bonus Health Bucks for fresh produce, up to \$10 per visit. Info: grownyc.org/greenmarket/ebt/nutritionprograms.

Transportation

MTA Reduced-Fare Program: Half-fare benefits are moving to OMNY. New cards should have arrived; continue using MetroCards meanwhile. Check updates at [MTA Reduced-Fare OMNY info](#).

MTA Mobile Sales: Services include reduced-fare applications, OMNY sign-ups, card balance transfers, and lost card reports. Schedule at mta.info/fares/mobile-sales.

Congestion Pricing: Tolls apply entering Manhattan south of 60th St. Discounts and exemptions available. Details: mta.info/discounts and congestionreliefzone.mta.info.

Emergency & Community Resources

Mental Health Hotline: Call 988 for mental health support; call 911 for emergencies.

Community Health Advocates: Help with medical bills and insurance issues at 1-888-614-5400.

NYC Emergency Alerts: Sign up for Notify NYC at nyc.gov/notify or call 311.

Animal Care Centers: Due to temporary dog intake suspension, ACC urges adoption. Visit local centers or website for info.

Curbside Composting: Available citywide weekly on recycling day. Details: nyc.gov/curbside-composting.

Identification

New York Mobile ID: Carry a secure digital ID or driver's license on your phone. Learn more and download the app.

NYC Infrastructure

NYCDOT Street Work Permit Maps: View active street work permits for your district at nycdot.info.

Upcoming Events



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU



NYPD 19th Precinct World Senior Citizen's Day Lunch and Learn



Thursday
August 21st
12:30-2pm

19th Precinct
153 East 67th Street
3rd Avenue- Lexington Avenue

Space is Very Limited! You Must RSVP by 8/15/25
Email: Anthony.Nuccio@NYPD.org to secure your seat.

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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.



Rebecca
Seawright
ASSEMBLY MEMBER



NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
ROOSEVELT ISLAND MOTORGATE
TURNAROUND (688 MAIN STREET)**

9AM TO 12PM

NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS

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Construction Updates

WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

08/18/25 – 08/22/25

PEDESTRIAN RAMP REHABILITATION | PROJECT #: HWPR23MQ | BOROUGH: MANHATTAN + QUEENS | DATE ISSUED: 08/15/25

The following is an anticipated work schedule for the upcoming week. However, due to unforeseen field and weather conditions, it may become necessary to change some scheduled work locations, operations and dates.

DATE	WORK HOURS	LOCATION	OPERATION
Intersections of:			
08/18/25 – 08/22/25	7:00 am – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100th St & 24th Ave 100th St & McIntosh St 100th St & Astoria Blvd 101st St & Astoria Blvd 	Sawcut & excavate ramps; place concrete forms & base; Place concrete.
08/19/25 – 08/22/25	7:00 am – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27th Ave & Kearney St 27th Ave & McIntosh St 106th St & 32nd Ave 106th St & Northern Blvd 	Sawcut & excavate ramps; place concrete forms & base; Place concrete.
08/20/25 – 08/22/25	7:00 am – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48th St & Ditmars Blvd 48th St & 20th Ave 48th St & 21st Ave 	Sawcut & excavate ramps; place concrete forms & base; Place concrete.
08/20/25 – 08/22/25	7:00 am – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st Ave & 72nd St 21st Ave & 74th St 21st Ave & 75th St 	Sawcut & excavate ramps; place concrete forms & base; Place concrete.
08/22/25 – 08/22/25	7:00 am – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st Ave & 20th Ave 21st Ave & 78th St 21st Ave & 80th St 	Sawcut & excavate ramps; place concrete forms & base; Place concrete.

WATER SHUT-OFF NOTIFICATIONS: In addition to a 72-hour Advisory, a prior 24-hour notification will be distributed / posted to any / all affected location(s).

NO PARKING SIGNS: Will be distributed / posted 72 hours prior to the temporary elimination of street parking. Please observe posted parking regulations in construction areas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Alexandra Givis, the Community Construction Liaison at 929-598-7249 or HWPR23MQ.CCL@gmail.com

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Mayor

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Commissioner

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