Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER





Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Today marks 25 years since the September 11 attacks, a day that forever changed our city. We remember the lives stolen, hold their families and loved ones in our hearts, and honor the first responders who answered unimaginable tragedy with extraordinary courage. We stand with those who continue to live with the health consequences of that day. Our responsibility to remember does not diminish with time.

As the school year gets underway, I wish our students and teachers a safe and successful year filled with learning and discovery. Returning to the classroom brings both excitement and questions, and this week's newsletter includes information about screens and artificial intelligence in schools, along with child care resources to help families navigate the year ahead.

The start of the NFL season also gives New York fans something to look forward to. Wishing both the Giants and the Jets a healthy and successful season!

Tonight, as Rosh Hashanah begins, I extend my warmest wishes to our Jewish families, friends, and neighbors celebrating the New Year. May this season of reflection and renewal bring health and happiness to you and your loved ones. Shana tova—wishing you a sweet and meaningful New Year.

I invite you to join us at our upcoming events:

- Monday, October 5 at 2:00 pm - **Planning Ahead for Your Pet** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to RSVP.

- Wednesday, October 7, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – **Benefits Screening with LiveOn NY** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email **SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov** to schedule.

- Friday, October 23, at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm -- **No-Cost Community Shredding Event** at Motorgate Turnaround 688 Main St, Roosevelt Island, NY 10044

Our office is always just a phone call, email, or visit away.

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25th Anniversary of September 11th: Lighting the Way Upper East Side Remembrance Event



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright delivered remarks at East Side: Lighting the Way in Carl Schurz Park. She joined neighbors, first responders, and community leaders to honor the 2,977 lives lost and thanked the event's co-chairs and community partners. Seawright recognized the first responders and New Yorkers who risked their lives to help others, as well as the rescue and recovery workers who served in the months that followed. She also honored those who have died from 9/11-related illnesses, those who continue to suffer, and the families who carry the loss every day. She closed by renewing New York's promise to never forget.

Seawright Tours Mary Manning Walsh Home Meets With Leadership Team



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright met with the Mary Manning Walsh leadership team to hear about legislative concerns for the upcoming session.

Among those attending the meeting were Executive Director Michael Monahan, ArchCare Chief Medical Director Dr. Taimur Mirza, Chief Clinical Officer Helen Verceles, and Director of Rehabilitation Kelly Hugh. Together, they toured the facility and discussed legislative priorities.

Part of ArchCare, Mary Manning Walsh Home provides short-term rehabilitation, long-term nursing care, palliative care, and hospice services. The facility also works with the Hospital for Special Surgery and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center on specialized programs that help patients continue their care and recovery following hospitalization.

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, Seawright thanked the staff for welcoming her and for their continued service to older New Yorkers and their families.

Seawright Meets With Sokol New York Non-Profit on the Upper East Side





Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright met with Sokol leaders on East 71st Street at its historic headquarters to discuss the non-profit's plans for the upcoming year.

Meeting with Sokol New York President David Wax, Social Chair Pauline Reenock, Library Chair George Danos, and other members of the organization, Seawright discussed Sokol's upcoming projects. Founded in 1867 and rooted in New York's Czech and Slovak communities, Sokol promotes fitness, education, culture, and fellowship for individuals and families.

Back to School: What Families Should Know About Screens and AI

As students return to the classroom, New York City schools are implementing new rules and recommendations governing cell phones, classroom devices, screen time, and artificial intelligence.

Cell phones will not be permitted during school hours, and schools may no longer provide individual devices for instruction to students from 2K through second grade. For older students, the city recommends limiting daily screen time to 30 minutes in grades three through five and 45 minutes in grades six through eight.

Students below the high school level are also prohibited from using generative artificial intelligence, including programs that create text or images and AI-powered chatbots. High school students may use AI only through approved programs and assignments.

These policies also apply to early childhood programs operating in public school buildings or under contract with New York City. Exceptions remain available when technology is required under a student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan, as well as for English-language learners who need approved devices to support their education. Families with questions about how the policies will be implemented should contact their child's school.

Advisories and Announcements

NYC Bin Requirements Now Being Enforced

New York City has begun full enforcement of its residential trash containerization requirements. Properties with one to nine residential units must place non-recyclable trash in official NYC Bins with secure lids for collection.

The official NYC Bin requirement applies to trash. Recycling and compost must still be properly separated and placed out for collection, but official NYC-branded bins are not required for those materials.

Residents of affected buildings should check with their property owner or building management regarding their building's trash procedures. More information about purchasing bins, setting out waste, and collection requirements is available through NYC 311.

Protecting Mail-In Voting and Free and Fair Elections

Attorney General Letitia James is challenging new federal restrictions that could disrupt mail-in voting ahead of the midterm elections. As these legal challenges continue, constituents are encouraged to join two virtual town halls sponsored by State Senator Liz Krueger and featuring experts from the Brennan Center for Justice.

Election Security: What's the State of Play?

- Thursday, September 24, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- **Register for the September 24 town hall**

The Role of Big Money in Politics

- Tuesday, September 29, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- **Register for the September 29 town hall**

Both programs will include a question-and-answer session. Every eligible voter deserves convenient access to the ballot and confidence that their vote will be counted.

Learn more about New York's legal action to protect mail-in voting

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Protect Yourself From Student Loan Scams

Attorney General Letitia James is warning New Yorkers about scammers attempting to exploit confusion surrounding recent changes to federal student-loan repayment programs. Borrowers should never pay upfront fees for student-loan assistance, share their Federal Student Aid login information, or trust promises of immediate loan forgiveness.

Read the Attorney General's alert and safety tips

Expanding Access to Free Pre-K Across New York

New York State is making its largest investment in pre-K expansion to date, with more than 400 school districts increasing their free pre-K offerings this year. Working with the State Legislature, New York is investing $550 million in this expansion as part of the effort to provide every four-year-old with access to high-quality pre-K by 2028.

Learn more about New York's pre-K expansion

Update on Proposed Changes to Public Charge

The federal government has proposed changes to the "public charge" policy, which may affect how the use of certain public benefits is considered in some applications for a green card or visa.

As of September 11, these changes are not in effect. The earliest they could take effect is September 18, although that date may change as a result of court action. New Yorkers should not stop using public benefits or City services they need without first speaking with a trusted immigration legal provider.

Free immigration legal assistance is available through the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, regardless of immigration status. New Yorkers can call 1-800-354-0365 or call 311 and say "Immigration Legal" for assistance. Additional information is available through the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.

Consider Our Office Your Resource



Help Is Available for Hospital Bills



As federal cuts threaten health coverage and drive up costs for New Yorkers, it is more important than ever to know what assistance is available. Newly released guidance from the New York State Attorney General explains how eligible New Yorkers can access free or discounted hospital care and receive help with medical bills and payment plans.
Learn more and see if you qualify.

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NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING PHOTO ID AND YOUR WITNESSES IF YOUR DOCUMENT REQUIRES THEM





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WED. 9/16, 10/7

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Met Council's project ***SenioRepair*** enables New Yorkers 60 years and older stay safe at home

Services include installing and repairing:

- BATHTUB GRAB BARS
- LIGHT BULBS
- SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR
- SINKS AND FAUCETS
- DOOR LOCKS, CHAINS AND DOORBELLS
- HANDHELD SHOWERS
- WINDOW LOCKS AND SCREENS
- SINK AND TUB DRAINS
- WOOD RAILINGS
- HOLES, CRACKS AND DENTS IN WALL
- BROKEN TILES
- WATERPROOFING TUBS AND SHOWERS
- ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND SWITCHES
- WINTERIZING WINDOWS, DOORS AND A/C UNITS



... and much, much more!

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- Be 60 years or older
- Reside in NYC
- Show financial need

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL US AT:

Phone ..... *(646) 630-6832*
Fax ..... *(212) 202-5019*
Email: *cmacal@metcouncil.org*

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Upcoming Events

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Search and Care

PLANNING AHEAD FOR YOUR PET

PRESENTED BY ROBIN STRASHUN

Outreach, PET, Medical Escort and Volunteer Coordinator | Search and Care



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Create an Advance Pet Plan and an alert wallet card
- Organize essential veterinary and caregiving information
- Identify trusted helpers and emergency backup arrangements
- Explore PET resources and eligibility-based financial support

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 | 2:00 PM

District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075

Between East 78th and East 79th Streets

RSVP

seawrightr@nyassembly.gov | 212-288-4607

Pet owners of all ages are welcome.

Search and Care: 212-289-5300 | SandC@searchandcare.org | searchandcare.org

BATTLE IN THE MARGINS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th 3pm-6pm
FDR Four Freedoms State Park, Roosevelt Island


"Get Ya Get Ya Get Ya" by Cyrus Aaron


"No Neutral Ground" by Steven Sapp


"The Loyalists" by Lauren Marissa Smith

three ten-minute plays explore Black life in New York City during the American Revolution - directed by Devin E. Haqq; sound by DJ Jahmedicine

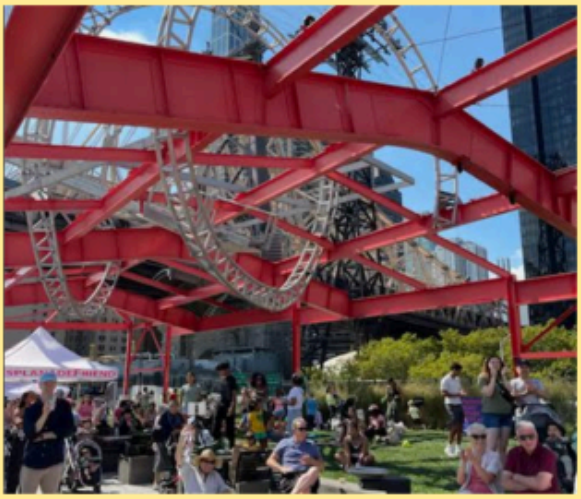
Scan the code to find out more. Free Event.
RSVP is encouraged.

Seating @ 2:30pm **Plays @ 3:20pm**
Drum Set @ 3:00pm **Talk Back @ 5:00pm**

Black Gotham Experience · SYN TAX · Enslavement to Freedom 1627 - 1827 - 2027 · New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation · New York State Commission on African American History · New York State Department of State · Four Freedoms Park Conservancy

EsplanadeFriends

September Events



Andrew Haswell Green Park (E. 60th and the East River)

Live Music Event

Latin Rhythms 9/26 1-4PM

FREE
Ice treats and FUN kids activities

Other FREE Events

See Website for sign-up and location

Yoga (IronStrength NEW YORK CITY)	9/9 6PM
Birding (NYC BIRD ALLIANCE, FORMERLY NYC AUDUBON)	9/13 10AM
Fishing Clinic	9/28 5-7PM

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