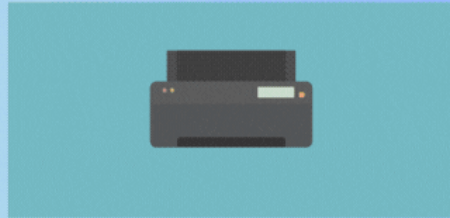


**SEAWRIGHT NO-COST  
PAPER SHREDDING**

**SUNDAY, JULY 23  
10 AM - 2 PM @ 68/FIRST**



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990. As we approach the ADA Anniversary on July 26, we recognize this landmark event and the important work to promote equal opportunity for people with disabilities. As Chair of the Assembly People With Disabilities Committee, I will be a responder at a symposium hosted by AHRC NYC on Tuesday, July 11 from 10am to 1:30pm, on the topic of Supreme Court rulings for disability rights and protections. On Wednesday, July 26 from 1pm to 3pm, I will serve as a panelist for the Center for Independence of the Disabled of New York. I invite you to join these no-cost programs on zoom to celebrate the anniversary of the ADA.

Save the date for our next no-cost shred-a-thon on Sunday, July 23 from 10am-2pm at 68<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

**Phone:** 212.288.4607

**Email:** [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R".

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

**Assembly Member Seawright to be a panel responder for AHRC Symposium**

July 11, 2023

AHRC New York City Invites You  
To The First Michael Goldfarb  
Memorial Symposium

## Join the Conversation

The Broader Implications of  
Recent U.S. Supreme Court Rulings  
for Disability Rights and Protections

**Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Click Here to RSVP**

Space is limited, registration is required.



**Moderator**

**Jasmine E. Harris**

Professor of Law  
University of Pennsylvania  
Penn Carey Law

Click here for the full agenda  
and details on our panelists  
and speakers.

## Panelists



**Natalie Chin**

Associate Professor of Law &  
Co-Director of the Disability  
& Aging Justice Clinic  
City University of NY



**Rebecca Cokley**

Program Officer for  
United States  
Disability Rights  
Ford Foundation



**Britney Wilson**

Associate Professor of Law  
& Director of the Civil Rights  
Disability Justice Clinic  
New York Law School



**Shira Wakschlag**

Senior Director of  
Legal Advocacy &  
General Counsel  
The Arc of the U.S.

## Panel Responders



**Marco Damiani**

Chief Executive Officer  
AHRC New York City



**Rebecca A. Seawright**

Assemblymember  
NY's 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
& Chair of the People With  
Disabilities Committee of  
the New York State Assembly

## Planning Committee



**Chair**

**Laura J. Kennedy**

AHRC New York City  
Board Member &  
President of the Arc of the U.S.



**Raymond Ferrigno**

President  
AHRC New York City  
Board of Directors



**Shirley Berenstein**

Vice President  
Public Information & External Affairs  
AHRC New York City

## ADA Celebration

**Topic: Empowering our advocacy in City and State legislations**



**With: Senator Cordell Cleare, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Council Member Linda Lee, Alex Thompson, Advocacy Director of NYAIL and Dr Sharon McLennon-Wier, Executive Director of CIDNY**

Join us in coming together and celebrating 33 years of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) while seeking ways to advocate for people with disabilities and the elderly in local, city and state legislations.

**What:** ADA Celebration

**When:** Wednesday, July 26th, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:** 1010 Avenue of Americas, Suite 301, New York, NY 10018

You can also join us online via Zoom. Please, RSVP in advance at:

[www.tinyurl.com/advocacy4cidny](http://www.tinyurl.com/advocacy4cidny) or email **Mbacke Thiam**

at [mthiam@cidny.org](mailto:mthiam@cidny.org). For more info, please call 212-674-2300.



Join us in celebrating 33 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as we discuss accessibility, our advocacy efforts, and more!

Assembly Member Seawright will be a featured guest speaker. [Click here to RSVP](#)

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**Seawright cosponsored and supported the passage key legislation for homeowners and consumers**



## Passed

- ✓ **A.6275-A: Prohibits medical debt information from being provided to credit reporting agencies.**
- ✓ **A.7165: Provides organizations representing residential and small-business utility customers reimbursement for reasonable costs associated with their participation in Public Service Commission proceedings.**
- ✓ **A.7763: Implements a temporary foreclosure moratorium to prohibit tax districts from foreclosing on tax-delinquent properties while a new foreclosure process that better protects the rights of former owners is established.**

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright proudly cosponsored and supported legislation that passed both houses this session to protect and support our fixed-income seniors and lay the groundwork for a brighter future for all New Yorkers as they continue to deal with inflation and increased costs of everyday necessities.

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**In a cruel blow to college graduates, U.S. Supreme Court strikes down Biden's student debt relief plan**

# I stand with our students!

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against President Joe Biden's student debt forgiveness plan is an outrageous blow to people across our nation. The court's far-right supermajority has displayed no compassion or care for the countless Americans strangled by student loan debt through deceitful and predatory banking practices. This cruel decision by the court robs us of the progress made to address educational debt in our society.

President Biden's plan would have forgiven up to \$20,000 in student loans for more than 40 million Americans. The Supreme Court's decision demonstrates once again that our system prioritizes making a profit over the borrower's well-being. Many Americans are still recovering from the effects of the pandemic and the lack of empathy from the Supreme Court is devastating.

The average federal student loan debt balance is \$37,717. For many graduates, income from their job is not nearly enough to cover their monthly payments.

Seawright said, *"I am committed to ensuring that every individual seeking higher education in New York can do so at an affordable cost. This year, I helped pass a state budget that rejected increased tuition at our SUNY and CUNY schools for New Yorkers. I recognize the importance of providing educational opportunities to individuals regardless of their financial status. That is why I will continue doing everything possible to ensure our education system stays accessible for all."*

## News You Can Use



### UES Community Board Split On E-Bikes

E-bikes have thoroughly infiltrated their way into New York City's transportation networks. They've become a recreational mainstay with the uptake of CitiBikes, all the while serving as a primary way of getting around for delivery service work alongside mopeds. Yet they have not been without their fair share of controversy.

## Consider Our Office A Resource!



### Check for your unclaimed funds!

New York State has over \$17 billion in lost money and wants to give it back.

[Click here to start your search.](#)

### Affordable Connectivity Program

As part of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) reduces the cost of high-speed internet. Eligible households can save on their internet bill each month and can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 on the purchase of a qualifying device. For more information and to check eligibility, visit: [www.affordableconnectivity.gov](http://www.affordableconnectivity.gov).



### Participate in the Annual Summer Reading Challenge!

Assembly Member Seawright is sponsoring a reading challenge, in coordination with New York State Libraries Summer Reading Program, to inspire kids to read regularly throughout the summer break. Return the completed form to our district office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) and we will award your child a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate.

[Download and print the calendar here or pick one up at our district office.](#)

### Free Summer Meals

The City is serving nutritious free meals to all New Yorkers ages 18 years and younger through the Summer Meals program. [Click here for more information.](#)



**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
 **ASSEMBLYMEMBER**



# WEEKLY E-NEWS

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Roosevelt Island Library

**FREE  
PROGRAMS**



# Summer Jazz Concert at the Library with Island Krewe

**July 8th, 3 PM**

Join us Saturday, July 8th at 3 PM for a free jazz concert with Island Krewe.


Location: Library Plaza. Rain Location: Library Community Room.

**No Registration Required**



New York  
Public  
Library

Roosevelt Island Library  
504 Main Street, New York, NY 10044  
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# Summer in the Park

Summer  
Sounds  
Concerts

Sunset  
Film  
Festival

**7:00-8:30 pm**

*John Finley Walk  
East 86th Street Staircase*

**Jazz and Swing!**

Wednesday, July 12th  
Daniel Bennett Jazz Group

Wednesday, July 19th  
Steve Shaiman and  
Swingtime Big Band

**8:30 pm**

*On the Basketball,  
Hockey, Pickleball Courts*

**The "Dog Days" of Summer!**

Wednesday, August 2nd  
The Incredible Journey

Wednesday, August 9th  
Oliver & Company

*Free Popcorn at both movies!*



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# LHH BLOOD DRIVE

## ***Donate blood. Save Lives.***

*Help us reach our goal of 85 donations!*

***\*\*Receive a box of Girl Scout cookies when you give!\*\****  
*(while supplies last)*

Use the following link or QR code to schedule an appointment. Walk ins also welcome!

[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/306935](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/306935)

### **To qualify to donate:**

- Be in good health
- Between ages of 16 and 75
- Weigh at least 110 lbs
- Bring a form of ID

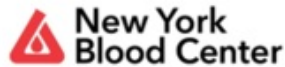
### **On the day of donation:**

- Eat a nutritious meal before you donate
- Drink plenty of fluids before and after

***Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>***  
***11:00am – 5:00pm***

**Lenox Hill Hospital**  
**Einhorn Auditorium**  
**131 E 76th Street**  
**Between Park & Lex Aves**

**For medical eligibility, please call**  
**800-688-0900**





**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



# NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

SHREDDING TRUCK WILL BE PARKED ON

FIRST AVE.  
BET. 67TH & 68TH STREETS

SUNDAY, JULY 23

10AM TO 2PM

NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS

OFFICE OF NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT  
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## Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday  
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday  
Street Life - 1st Tuesday  
Transportation - 1st Wednesday  
Housing - 1st Thursday  
Parks - 2nd Thursday  
Landmarks - 3rd Monday  
Social Justice - 4th Monday  
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday  
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

[Read More](#)

## Construction Updates

**68 Street Hunter College Station Project**



Metropolitan  
Transportation  
Authority

[Click here for the 68th St - Two Week Lookahead](#)

## Reconstruction of York Ave. Combined Sewer and Water Main

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 winter 2024.*

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