



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

First, from my family to yours, wishing all who celebrate a sweet and prosperous New Year! L'Shanah Tovah!

This past week we remembered the heroes of 9/11, and those who we have lost since then of 9/11-related illnesses. I was honored to participate in a commemoration in Carl Schurz Park remembering the solemn day and what it means to New Yorkers.

As Chair of the People with Disabilities Committee, I am proud to report that this week two of my bills have been signed by Governor Hochul to support people with disabilities. Assembly Bill 6543 renames the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council to be the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and provides substantially more appointments of members with disabilities to the council and A.5879 which will replace outdated and harmful terminology in reference to people living with intellectual disabilities. By substituting outdated and degrading phrases with people-first language, "developmentally disabled" and "developmental disability" will be used throughout our laws, New York will take a meaningful step toward encouraging inclusion, acceptance, and respect for people living with intellectual disabilities across our state and nation.

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

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Sincerely,

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



Rebecca
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ASSEMBLYMEMBER



NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

UPCOMING DATES:

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 - ROOSEVELT ISLAND
MOTORGATE TURNAROUND**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 - FIRST AVE/ 92ND ST

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - ROOSEVELT ISLAND
MOTORGATE TURNAROUND**

10AM TO 2PM

NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS

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Seawright Bills To Support People With Disabilities Signed by Governor Hochul

New Laws Focus on People-First Policy

Chair of the People with Disabilities Committee, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced that Governor Kathy Hochul has signed two of her pieces of legislation. The first bill increases representation of people with disabilities on our State's planning council and changes the name of the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, updating the language in the law to comply with federal requirements for "person-first" language (A6543). The second bill amends our state statutes by updating the outdated and offensive language "mentally retarded" to "developmental disability" (A5879A).

"It is important to all of us and the State of New York that we remain up to date and

respectful of individuals at all times,” Governor Hochul said. “This legislative package will allow changes to outdated language in our State laws and continues our efforts to help strengthen the rights of all New Yorkers.”

“I commend Governor Hochul for signing our bills to promote inclusion, dignity, and respect for New Yorkers living with disabilities. Through the governor’s action, together with the State Legislature, we are most substantially increasing representation of people with disabilities on our State’s planning council and renaming the ‘Disabilities Planning Council’ to the ‘State Council on Developmental Disabilities,’ implementing person-first language to put the person before their disability,” said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Chair of the People with Disabilities Committee.

“We are also updating the outdated and offensive language “mentally retarded” to “developmental disability.” These changes are a huge step in the right direction for achieving full equality for New Yorkers with disabilities,” continued Chair Seawright.

In Our Community

Seawright Speaks at the Manhattan Jewish Historical Initiative, The Battery Conservancy & The New York Board of Rabbis Presentation of The Landing Day Celebration



The gathering on Wednesday was the 369th anniversary of an event most New Yorkers don’t know about, let alone celebrate: the arrival of the first Jewish community to the United States in 1654. Read more [here](#).

September 11, 2001 Commemoration In Carl Schurz Park



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright (76th AD), a Knickerbocker Grey, and Assembly Member Alex Bores (73rd AD) in Carl Schurz Park for the remembrance.

Roosevelt Island's 460 Main Street Resident Committee Meet and Greet



(Left to right) Audrey Tannen, Office of Senator Krueger; Tenant organizers Anastasia von Raison, Barbara Parker, Darrell Brown and Melissa Wade; Jacob Plottel, Office of Assembly Member Seawright; and Harry Gale, Office of Council Member Menin.

Third Avenue Street Fair Mobile Office



Carl Schurz Park Gracie Square Art Show



Seawright with one of the artists and his work.

Seawright Urges DOT Commissioner To Scrap Cargo Bike Proposal

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright wrote to the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation Ydanis Rodriguez, expressing concern about the proposal to allow larger and potentially more dangerous vehicles onto our bike lanes without addressing more pressing issues surrounding enforcement of existing traffic laws. ***"I implore you to maintain the current rules, to not allow the addition of 'Pedal-Assist Commercial Bicycles' and to increase enforcement in the bike lanes"*** urged the Assembly Member in her letter.

Read the [full letter here](#).



MTA Announces OMNY Launched at Roosevelt Island Tramway

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced that the Authority's tap and go fare payment system, OMNY, has now launched on the Roosevelt Island Tramway with stations located at 59 St and 2 Av in Manhattan and Tramway Plaza on Roosevelt Island.

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Steuben Parade And Oktoberfest Returns To The Upper East Side

Steuben Parade And Oktoberfest Returns To The Upper East Side - Upper East Side, NY - The beloved German-American Steuben Parade returns to Fifth Avenue this Saturday - as well as the Central Park Oktoberfest.

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C.D.C. Recommends New Covid Vaccines for All Americans

Everyone aged 6 months and older should get at least one dose, the agency said.

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Accused UES Stroller Menace, Subway Shower Arrested: Cops

Accused UES Stroller Menace, Subway Shower Arrested: Cops - Upper East Side, NY - The two arrests both came on Thursday, and both were charged with assault, officials said.

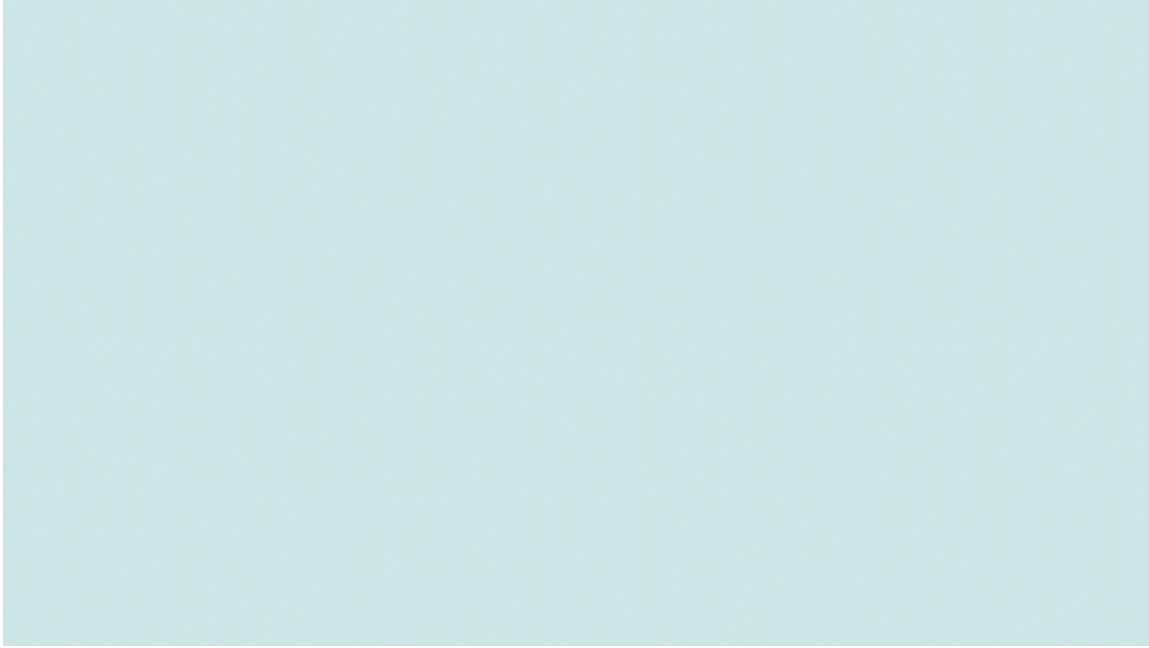
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Consider Our Office A Resource!



The Annual Summer Reading Challenge has concluded!

We have already received many completed forms! Those participating can 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.



Upcoming Events





ROOSEVELT HOUSE
PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE
AT HUNTER COLLEGE

Ms.

Roosevelt House and *Ms. Magazine* invite you to a panel discussion celebrating the new book:

50 Years of *Ms.*

The Best of The Pathfinding Magazine That Ignited a Revolution

Monday, September 18 at 11 AM

Join us at Roosevelt House to celebrate the extraordinary new anthology ***50 Years of Ms.: The Best of The Pathfinding Magazine That Ignited a Revolution*** (Knopf, Sept. 2023). Panelists will reflect not only on the history of *Ms.*, but how lessons from the past 50 years create a roadmap for a path forward— with particular focus on the urgent need for the **Equal Rights Amendment**. From protecting abortion rights to enacting tougher laws against gender-based violence, securing the ERA in our Constitution is more urgent than ever.

Panelists



Hon. Carolyn Maloney
Roosevelt House Eleanor Roosevelt
Distinguished Leader in Residence



Zakiya Thomas
President and CEO
of the ERA Coalition



Carol Jenkins
Prominent Journalist and Former
President of the ERA Coalition



Eleanor Smeal
President and Co-Founder,
the Feminist Majority Foundation



Ting Ting Cheng
Director of the Equal Rights Amendment
Project at Columbia Law School



Bella Ramirez
Sign4ERA Petition Leader and
Recent Hunter College Graduate

Moderated by Kathy Spillar, Executive Editor of *Ms.* and
Executive Director, Feminist Majority Foundation

[RSVP at bit.ly/ERA-0918](https://bit.ly/ERA-0918)

SATURDAY

September 9, 1-4 pm - *Cuarteto Guataca*
Latin Jazz Band with *FREE Salsa Lessons*

October 14, 1-4 pm



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center *Co-sponsor*

Gene Casey & the Lone Sharks Band

October 28, 1-4 pm - *Noiz R & B Band*

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**Rebecca
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No-Cost Flu Shot Clinics

Friday, September 29 - 11 am - 6 pm

Friday, October 13 - 10 am - 5 pm

**Community Office, 1485 York Avenue
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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**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.**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!



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RSVP!**

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WILL *AI* TAKE YOUR JOB?

**A public forum on artificial intelligence's
impact on employment**

**Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 pm
on Zoom**

Expert Speakers:

Dr. John Hausknecht, Professor of Human Resource Studies, Cornell University

Dr. Juliet Schor, Economist and Professor of Sociology, Boston College

Dr. Robert Seamans, Associate Professor, Stern School of Business, NYU

Dr. Julia Stoyanovich, Associate Professor, School of Engineering, NYU

Sponsored by the Women & Families and Technology Committees
of Community Board 8 Manhattan

This virtual program will be free and open to the public.

**To attend, click the attached QR code or visit cb8m.com and click
Women & Families Committee.**



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

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Construction Advisory

Memorial Sloan Kettering - 425 East 67 Street

Please be advised that there will be a crane lift in operation on Saturday, September, 16, 2023, at the Memorial Sloan Kettering entrance on 425 E 67th Street. This will require a full street closure with sidewalk restrictions as explained below.

- The full street closure is scheduled for 6:00 AM to no later than 6:00 PM.
- 67th Street will be closed to thru traffic and no parking will be allowed on either side of 67th Street.
- “No parking” signs are posted along 67th Street.
- Parked cars will be moved if in the way of crane setup operations.
- Flag personnel will safely direct/stop pedestrian traffic as activity requires.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience and thank you all for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please email communityaffairs@mskcc.org.

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