



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With gratitude for their service and sacrifice, thank you to veterans and their families this Veterans Day and always. We held our Fifth Annual Ceremony in Central Park on Wednesday to pay tribute to the women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

I am proud to announce that the Governor signed legislation I was lead sponsor on to require the New York State Department of Health to conduct a public information and outreach campaign on medically unnecessary treatments on persons born with intersex traits or variations in sex characteristics.

This week on Monday marked one month since the Hamas attack. Hundreds gathered in solidarity at a vigil on the Upper West Side. New Yorkers must support each other through this challenging time. If you or someone you know has experienced discrimination or hate, we encourage you to call the new anti-hate hotline at 844-NO2-HATE or visit [DHR.NY.GOV](http://DHR.NY.GOV).

We continue to monitor the proposals of 5G towers and this week protested with Carnegie Hill Neighbors at City Hall against the proposal by City Bridge to bring additional infrastructure to the area despite having ample broadband connectivity.

Enclosed in this report you will find more community updates, resources and upcoming events. Please note that the Roosevelt Island shredding event has been rescheduled to take place on Thursday, November 16 from 9am-12pm at the Motorgate Turnaround.

As a reminder, our office is closed tomorrow, Friday, November 10 in observation of the legal State holiday Veterans Day.

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Sincerely,

*Rebecca A. Seawright*

## REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

### Lead Sponsor Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Announces Intersex Education Bill Signed on Intersex Day of Solidarity By Governor Hochul Protecting Bodily Autonomy



Lead Sponsor Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright on November 8, Intersex Day of Solidarity, announced that Governor Hochul signed her legislation to require the New York State Department of Health to conduct a public information and outreach campaign on medically unnecessary treatments on persons born with intersex traits or variations in sex characteristics. This is the first statewide law of its kind in the United States.

*"I commend Governor Hochul for signing the legislation I sponsored to educate parents of the unnecessary and often harmful surgeries performed on infants and young children born intersex. This education will be key to helping parents understand that surgery is permanent and can cause irreversible physical and psychological effects. We are proud to have closely worked with impacted communities and advocates using innovative strategies to advocate for the legal and human rights of children with intersex traits. The NYS Health Department will be required to consult with intersex people and advocates in developing these important health outreach materials,"* said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

*"As we recognize Intersex Day of Solidarity, I'm proud to sign new legislation that supports and uplifts this community,"* Governor Hochul said. *"Every individual in New York deserves to be treated with dignity and respect by our medical system, especially our kids. This new law is a significant step forward to raise awareness of the intersex community and ensure they get informed and compassionate medical care."*

Intersex is an umbrella term for differences in sex traits and/or reproductive anatomy. There are over 30 intersex variations, and intersex traits occur in up to 1.7% of the population. This means being intersex is as common as being born with red hair. Intersex is most importantly about biology, not sexuality or gender. Although some intersex people may identify as LGBTQ+, this is additional to their intersexuality. Many intersex youths around the globe are subjected to non-consensual surgeries, including sterilization, to make them fit into a binary. These irreversible harms include scarring, chronic pain, urinary incontinence, loss of sexual sensation and function, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicidality, and incorrect gender assignment. These surgeries are classified as human rights violations by the UN.

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### Office of Assembly Member Seawright Cochairs Fifth Annual Women Who Serve America Ceremony in Central Park In Recognition of Veterans Day



*Christina Farrell, First Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Emergency Management Department, one of the awardees for her decades of service to New York City.*

Assembly Member Seawright takes pride in co-chairing the committee that started this tradition with Howard Teich. In 1932, a Central Park memorial grove of 24 trees and flagstaff opened in tribute to the American women who died overseas during World War I. Over time, memories of these heroic women and others who served sadly faded. Today, this grove—almost lost to history—remains the only memorial to women veterans in Manhattan.

Harley Neiditz, Special Assistant for Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright delivered remarks on her behalf. Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11, marking the end of World War I, to honor the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. In keeping with this solemn occasion, our organizing committee revived a special tribute five years ago to spotlight the brave women who have served our country.

**The 2023 Women in Service Awards ceremony recipients included:**

Anne Williams-Isom — Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, NYC

Christina Farrell — First Deputy Commissioner of NYC Emergency Management Department

Kathy Roth-Douquet — Co-Founder and CEO, Blue Star Families

Tania Kinsella — First Deputy Commissioner, NYPD

Mercedes Elias — US Marine Corps Veteran, CEO of AmeriVet Securities

Alison Bergman — American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces Volunteer, Founder of Operation Cookie Drop

Ginger Kelley — Marine Corps Veteran, USO New York Advisory Board Member, Partner EY

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**Seawright Stands with Advocates at City Hall to Protest Plans for Sidewalk Cell Towers**



Assembly Member Seawright stood beside her colleagues, advocates with Carnegie Hill Neighbors and residents at City Hall to protest a plan to install numerous 32-foot-tall sidewalk cell towers in Carnegie Hill. Multiple sidewalk cell towers are planned for residential, historic districts in all five boroughs. The current proposed cell towers are redundant, out of scale, and especially unnecessary in Carnegie Hill - which is already saturated in broadband.

Featured in the Patch: <https://patch.com/new-york/upper-east-side-nyc/amp/31594247/ues-electeds-say-city-needs-to-rethink-5g-towers>

NY1: <https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/news/2023/11/06/lawmakers-and-residents-rally-against-linknyc-5g-kiosks#>

## Consider Our Office A Resource!

### The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

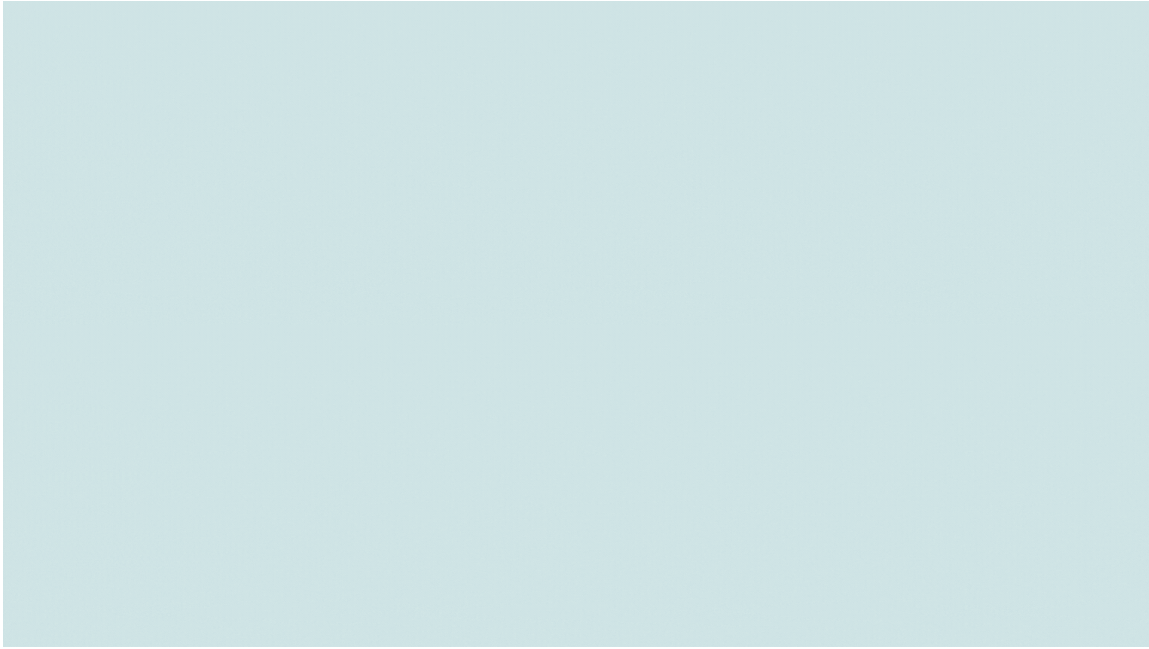


The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help you save money on heating and cooling your homes. Eligible households can also recoup some of the cost of repairing or replacing essential heating equipment. To apply or to see if you're eligible visit: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

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**New York State Hotline To Report Hate and Bias Incidents**

Hate has no place in New York! In the wake of the conflict in Israel and Gaza, New York has launched a new hotline and online form to combat hate and bias and keep our communities safe. New Yorkers impacted by hate or bias are encouraged to call 844-NO-2-HATE hotline or fill out the online form at [forms.ny.gov/s3/DHR-Bias-Incident-Form](https://forms.ny.gov/s3/DHR-Bias-Incident-Form).



## Upcoming Events





**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



# NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
ROOSEVELT ISLAND MOTORGATE  
TURNAROUND (688 MAIN STREET)**

**9AM TO 12PM**

**NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS**

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Please enter  
**556 Main St.**

# STOP'N' SWAP<sup>®</sup>

**FREE  
Community  
Reuse Event**

**Saturday, November 11 • 12pm – 3pm**

*Donations Accepted: 11am-2pm*

**Roosevelt Island Older Adult Center**

**556** ~~546~~ Main Street, Roosevelt Island, NY, 10044

Our Community Reuse events invite the public to take home something new-to-you or add items to the swap for others! You don't have to bring something to take something.

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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](#)

## Holiday Service Notices



# sanitation

**NYC Sanitation WILL collect on Veterans Day 2023**

The New York City Department of Sanitation **will** collect trash, curbside composting and recycling on Veterans Day, (Observed) Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11, 2023.



Residents who normally receive **Friday or Saturday trash, curbside composting or recycling** collection may place their material at the curb as they normally would. For questions about Sanitation services and holiday schedules contact 311 or visit [nyc.gov/sanitation](http://nyc.gov/sanitation).

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