



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our resolution to declare February 4, 2024 as World Cancer Day in the State of New York was adopted by the Assembly. I dedicated my vote to my constituent Elana Koenig, a childhood cancer survivor who is giving back to her community through her non-profit, the Koenig Childhood Cancer Foundation.

During the hearing on local governments, I questioned Mayor Eric Adams on the proliferation of 5G towers in our neighborhood. In a related story covered by the Patch, The State Historic Preservation Office stated the 32-Foot sidewalk cell towers are incompatible in historic districts.

I joined services last Friday at Park Avenue Synagogue featuring Governor Kathy Hochul in solidarity with Israel. A video of her remarks is included in this report.

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

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*Sincerely,*

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

**Assembly Member Seawright Attended Services in Solidarity With Israel at the Park Avenue Synagogue Featuring Governor Kathy Hochul**



During Kabbalat Shabbat, Governor Kathy Hochul remarked on her trip to Israel, the importance of allyship, and the steps she's taken to protect citizens from the current rise in antisemitism.

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## Seawright's World Cancer Day Resolution Honoring Childhood Cancer Survivor Elana Koenig Adopted By New York State Assembly



Assembly Member Seawright said, *"Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise today in support to proclaim February 4, 2024 as Cancer Day in the State of New York to align our state with World Cancer Day. World Cancer Day was created on February 4, 2000, at the World Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium in Paris. Since then, World Cancer Day has grown into a positive movement for everyone, everywhere to unite under one voice to face one of our oldest and greatest challenges. The theme for this year's World Cancer Day, "Close the Care Gap," is all about ensuring our leaders know that we demand a commitment to prioritizing cancer, to creating innovative strategies designed to confront inequity, and to investing our resources to achieve a just and cancer-free world."*

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## Welcoming Elana and Rena Koenig, Founders of the Koenig



Elana Koenig started KCCF in 2020 with just \$900, after being diagnosed with cancer at 7 years old and experiencing 15 grueling months in the hospital, enduring 9 cycles of chemotherapy, and undergoing 15 surgeries. Fortunately, she was not alone. Her mother Rena, her father Scott Koenig, and her sister and KCCF co-founder Sabrina were with her every step of the way. Now Elana fights to give families the support and care that was so important for her during those grueling 15 months and continues to fight for children and families experiencing the same struggle against cancer.



Rena Koenig, Elana Koenig and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

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**Seawright Questioned Mayor Adams on 5G Tower, Housing Affordability for People with Disabilities at Local Governments Hearing**



Assembly Member Seawright said, *“I would like to focus my question on the 5G towers being placed throughout the neighborhood. I had sent a letter to you back in 2022 calling for a moratorium until a study could be done on the health and environmental impacts of the towers. Have you considered parks or alternative locations further away from residential areas?”*



## **As State Historic Preservation Office Scraps Final Plans, Carnegie Hill Neighbors and Local Elected Officials Win Battle Against 32-Foot Sidewalk Cell Towers**

*“I commend the SHPO’s comment stating the 5G tower proposed for 1190 Madison Ave is incompatible with the historical setting. Just this week, I questioned Mayor Adams about the unknown health and environmental impacts of 5G technology and the proliferation of towers in our neighborhoods during a budget hearing at the Capitol. I continue this advocacy because New Yorkers deserve to know how 5G technology could impact their lives, especially using their tax dollars,”* said Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright.

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**Communications Workers of America (CWA) Fighting for Graduate Student Tuition Assistance and Operating Support for Campuses**



CWA Business Agent Bradley Hershenson, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Masoud Salari, and Marla Hasin from CWA Local 1104 Graduate Student Employees Union.

## Seawright Snapshots

Jennifer Glick, Executive Associate of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) with Assembly Member Seawright at the Annual Legislative conference on Sunday, February 4 at the UJA-Federation of NY in midtown Manhattan.



Assembly Members Rebecca Seawright, Manny De Los Santos and Yudelka Tapia discussing the state budget and need for more funding for transportation in New York City.



## Consider Our Office A Resource

### Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers

Need help doing your taxes? The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation for seniors and other qualifying taxpayers. For more information or to see if you are eligible for these services, please visit [www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-)

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**Tax Filing Assistance is Available for Qualifying New Yorkers!**



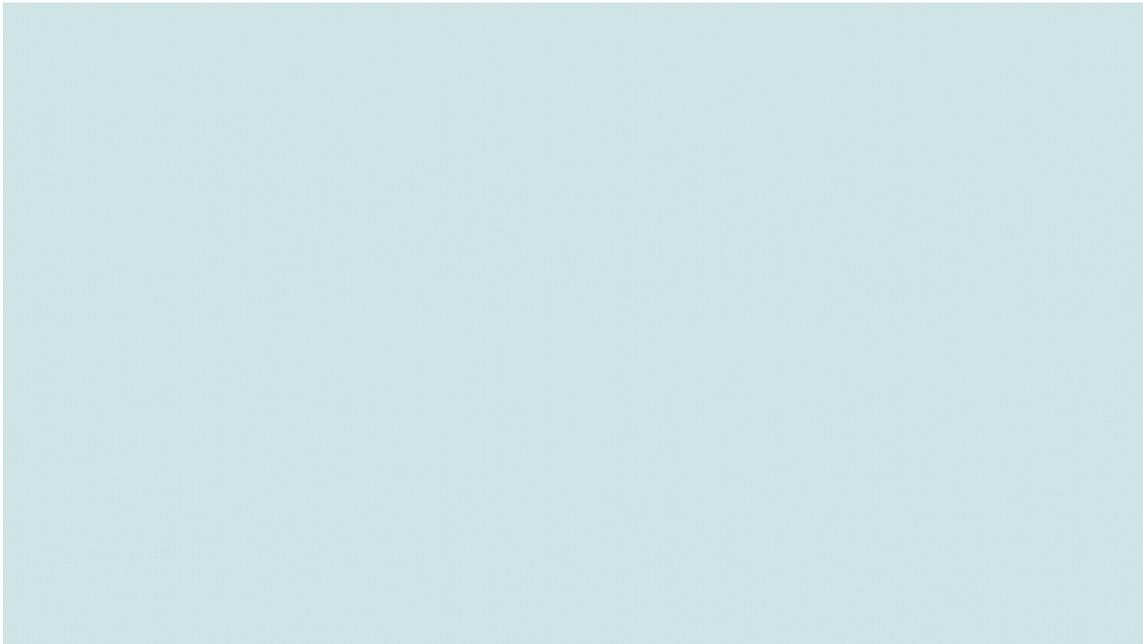
## STATE WIDE

**New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc**  
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[www.nysenior.org](http://www.nysenior.org)

### Patient's Rights Helpline

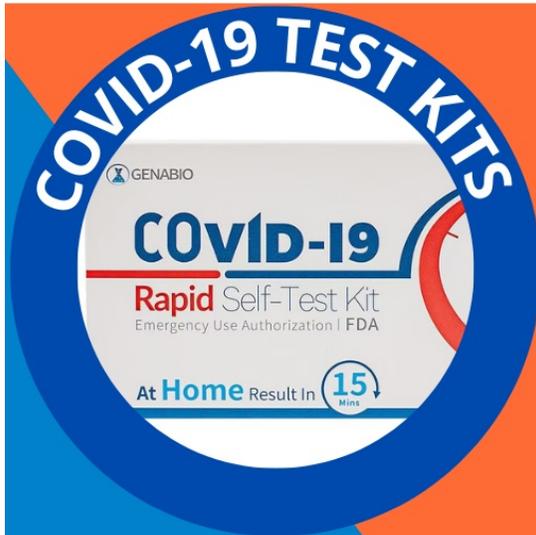
StateWide has a toll-free number to assist patients and their families with their rights. This valuable service was established forty years ago when hospital payment policies began seeing patients discharged quicker and sicker to maximize reimbursement.

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**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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**12:00PM-2:00PM**

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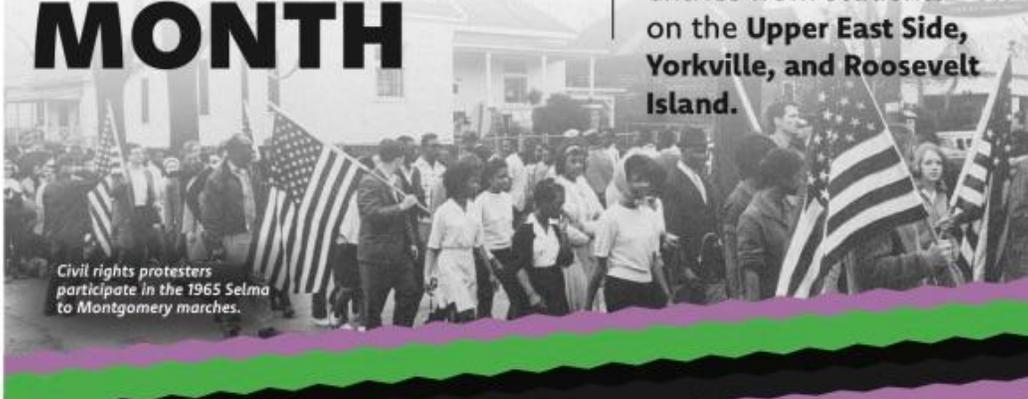
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FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Assembly Member  
Rebecca A. Seawright**

is sponsoring a National Black History Month essay contest, with awards going to the top entries from students on the **Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island.**



Civil rights protesters participate in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches.

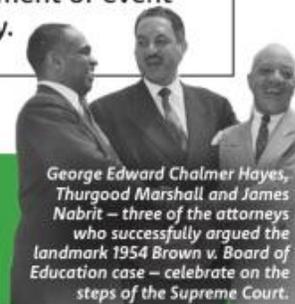
## ESSAY CONTEST

Tell us about a Black American who stood up to injustice or broke down barriers. Or tell us about a significant moment or event that helped shape American history.



Send your essay by 02/29/24 to:

**Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright**  
1485 York Avenue  
New York, NY 10075  
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George Edward Chalmer Hayes, Thurgood Marshall and James Nabrit – three of the attorneys who successfully argued the landmark 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* case – celebrate on the steps of the Supreme Court.

## Community Board Applications Are Now Open!

Prospective members must submit a biography or resume and complete a comprehensive online application explaining why they want to join the board, what skills they offer, and their relationship to their districts. These applications are reviewed and evaluated by an independent screening panel. Qualified applicants are interviewed on the panel's recommendation by staff members of the Manhattan Borough President's office. [Click here to apply!](#)

## Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MANHATTAN presents

# Winter Crafts Show

featuring

## LOCAL NYC CRAFTERS



Please Join us on:  
February 10, 2024

Free Admission!  
11am to 4pm

Location: Robert F. Wagner  
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# ARE YOU A CAREGIVER TO SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA?



Researchers in the Memory & Aging Lab at Fordham University are recruiting participants for an anonymous online research study examining aggressive behaviors in dementia patients



To participate, you must be:

- Over the age of 18
- Fluent in reading and writing English
- A resident of the United States
- A primary caregiver to a person with dementia

Participants will be asked to:

Complete an anonymous survey on aggressive behaviors observed in the person with dementia and themselves, as well as providing demographic information. They will then have the opportunity to enter a raffle for one of three \$100 Amazon.com giftcards.

To participate, please scan the QR code below



For more information contact us at [elerolland@fordham.edu](mailto:elerolland@fordham.edu) or visit [memoryandaginglab.com](http://memoryandaginglab.com)





## 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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## In Case You Missed It: Past Editions Of Our Community Update

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