



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Today is International Women's Day! In 1975, during the International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating March 8th as International Women's Day, a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. As lead sponsor of the Equality Amendment in the Assembly, I encourage all who have a stake in equality to learn about the statewide referendum coming before New Yorker voters this November.

This week in the Assembly we passed a Women's History Month resolution and a package of legislation to address the scourge of Lithium-Ion battery fires in New York City.

Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 10 at 2am. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour and check your smoke detector batteries.

In celebration of Women's History Month, please consider nominating a woman in your community to receive special recognition from the New York State Assembly for their contributions to our neighborhood, city and state. Nominations can be submitted here through Wednesday, March 20.

Please join us for any of the upcoming events our office is pleased to sponsor:

- **iDig2Learn's Bellies, Bins, and Beauty food series on Roosevelt Island, featuring local resident and chef Beatrice Ajaero** on Saturday, March 9, and 16, from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Location provided upon RSVP. RSVP by emailing idig2learn@gmail.com.
- **No-Cost Thursday Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Giveaway**- Thursday, March 14, from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).
- **Freeze Your Rent Enrollment Clinic**- Wednesday, March 20, from 10:30am to 1:30pm at the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). RSVP by calling 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov.
- **No-Cost Screening Mammograms**- Wednesday, April 10, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The mammogram bus in partnership with the American

Italian Cancer Foundation will be in front of the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).

More information on upcoming events, my work in Albany and our community is enclosed in this report. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

Phone: 212.288.4607

Email: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Sincerely,



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Nominate a Woman of Distinction



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright
is seeking nominations for the

2024 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS



Nominations must be submitted by **03/20/24**.

To request a nomination form, contact my office at **212-288-4607**
or seawrightR@nyassembly.gov.

[Click here to nominate a Woman of Distinction](#)

Seawright Remarks in Support of Women's History Month Resolution



Assembly Passed Legislative Package Cosponsored by Seawright to Protect Consumers from Rechargeable Lithium-Ion Batteries After Concerning Rise in Fires



Seawright cosponsored and strongly supported a package of legislation passed in the Assembly to strengthen consumer protections against rechargeable lithium-ion batteries found in many popular electric vehicles and devices. This set of bills comes as fire departments across the state have reported a concerning rise in fires caused by the batteries, with New York City reporting 250 battery-related fires and 18 deaths last year alone.

This legislative package bills to:

- prohibit retailers from selling lithium-ion batteries or chargers until certain safety standards are met.
- require the chargers be affixed with a tag that provides consumers with additional safety information and asks them to unplug the device when not in use.
- direct the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to establish a lithium-ion battery rebate program to encourage and facilitate the replacement of old and possibly unsafe batteries with properly certified ones.
- require the Department of State, in collaboration with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and NYSERDA, to develop safety resources and post information and protocols designed to educate the public on how to respond and deal with emergencies involving lithium-ion batteries.

Seawright Spoke at Families Together in NYS Developmental Disabilities Town Hall



Seawright Co-Hosted the Assembly's Youth In Crisis Roundtable



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright co-hosted a Youth in Crisis Roundtable to review the support services the state provides to youth in crisis and what measures can be taken to improve those services. [According to data](#) released in 2022 by the National Center for Education Statistics, more than 70% of schools reported an increase in students seeking mental health services at schools.

"As Chair of the Assembly People with Disabilities Committee, I am proud to have co-hosted the Youth in Crisis Roundtable to uplift the critical concerns raised by advocates and professionals

who work in the field to protect our youth. Youth who are struggling must be met with resources. I am proud to cosponsor and strongly support legislation sponsored by my colleague Assembly Member Buttenschon to ensure that state agencies work together to promptly place children in treatment facilities,” said Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright.

Hundreds of Books Collected for Project Cicero!



Project Cicero's Amy Schrader and Jacob Plattel, Special Assistant to Assembly Member Seawright with the packed boxes of books for Project Cicero to be distributed to under-resourced New York City Schools. Thank you to all who contributed to the book drive!

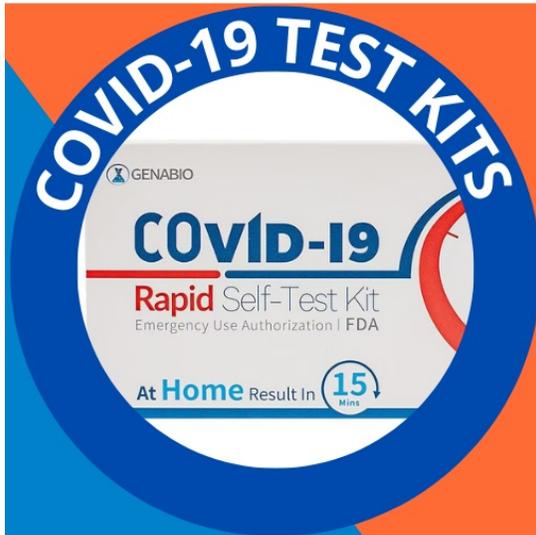
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Memorial Sloan Kettering Senior Vice President Cynthia McCollum Advocating for Improvements to Cancer Care



Consider Our Office A Resource

**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**NO-COST
THURSDAY
PPE
GIVEAWAY**



12:00PM-2:00PM

**COMMUNITY OFFICE
1485 YORK AVENUE
(78/79 STREETS)**

212-288-4607

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Upcoming Events

150 DAYS IN HELL.

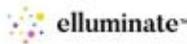
BRING THEM HOME NOW

SUNDAY | MARCH 10 | 11 AM

THE MAIN EVENT TO MARK
150 DAYS IN CAPTIVITY

RALLY + MARCH

NEW LOCATION: NAUMBURG BANDSHELL
TERRACE DR. NEAR, W 72ND ST, NEW YORK



**FREEZE YOUR RENT
ENROLLMENT CLINIC**

WED. MARCH 20

10:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

**1485 YORK AVENUE
(78/79 ST.)
TO RSVP**

**CALL 212-288-4607
OR EMAIL**

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Who is eligible:

- Are 62 years old +
- Live in a rent regulated apartment
- Have a household income of \$50,000 or less
- Spend more than 1/3 of your income on rent

Document checklist:

- Government issued ID
- Federal or state income tax returns with all schedules and 1099s.
- Current and prior leases, signed by you and your landlord.

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER

NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS

The Mammogram Bus



American-Italian
CANCER FOUNDATION

will be at your District Office
1485 York Avenue 10075

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024
9:00am to 5:00pm

For an appointment please call 212-288-4369

Eligibility:

- Open to women age 40 to 79
- Living in New York City
- No Mammogram in the past 12 months
- No pregnant or breastfeeding
- All insurance plans are accepted
- Bring your insurance card with you
- Co-payments and deductibles are waived
- No-cost for uninsured women



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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](#)

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

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[Community Update: February 23, 2024](#)

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