



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

To those who are observing on Sunday, I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Easter!

As the lead sponsor of legislation to combat "grandparent scams," I was proud to kick off the AARP Big Shred in my district at the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House on Wednesday. Paper shredding is a reliable method to help protect against financial scams, particularly those targeting aging adults. Save the date for our next no-cost paper shredding on Thursday, May 29, from 9am-12pm at 79th Street and York Avenue in front of Chase Bank.



In case you missed it, in this special report I am including our recent episode of Rise Up With Rebecca Seawright featuring the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens.

Our district office is closed on Friday, April 18, for an Assembly legal holiday in observance of Good Friday. We will reopen on Monday, April 21, at 9:30am.

- Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **No-Cost Notary Public Service** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets).
- Tuesday, April 22 at 1 pm: **19th Precinct Senior Safety Seminar** at the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 343 East 70th Street (First/Second Avenues). There is an option to join virtually. [Click here to register.](#)
- Tuesday, April 22 at 6pm: **Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony** at The Rockefeller Research Laboratories Auditorium, MSK Cancer Center, 430 East 67th Street (First/York Avenues).
- Wednesday, April 23, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm: **Freeze Your Rent Enrollment Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Please call 212-288-4607 or email [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) to sign up.
- Thursday, April 24 at 3:30 pm: **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). To make a reservation, please call 212-288-4607.
- Wednesday, May 7, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **MetroCard Sales/OMNY Bus** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). Refill your MetroCard/OMNY card or apply for a reduced fare card.

As always, please consider our office your resource.

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

Sincerely,

*Rebecca A. Seawright*

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

*Assembly Member* **Rebecca Seawright**

*Hosts*



# the Eleventh Annual Women of Distinction Awards

*Together, let's celebrate Women's History Month  
by recognizing the extraordinary women who  
are making our communities stronger.*

**Women of Distinction  
Awards Ceremony**

**Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00pm**

**The Rockefeller Research Laboratories Auditorium**

**MSK Cancer Center**

**430 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street**

*Between First and York Avenues*

To RSVP or for more information about this free event or any other community or legislative issue,  
please contact Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright by calling 212-288-4607 or emailing [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov).

[RSVP here](#)

**Seawright Teams Up with The Big Shred NY! Kicked Off at Lenox Hill**

## Neighborhood House to Empower New Yorkers to Fight Identity Theft as Fraud Losses Nationwide Soar to \$12.5 Billion



***"I am proud to team up with AARP-NY on this important shredding event,"*** said Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, Chair of the Aging Committee and lead sponsor of the elder fraud bill. ***"Shredding is a reliable method to help protect against financial scams, particularly those targeting aging adults. I find it unconscionable that so many of our aging neighbors are left vulnerable to devastating financial fraud. That's why I was the lead sponsor of the Elder Fraud bill to enact more robust fraud protection mechanisms. As Aging chair and as Assembly Member of the largest concentration of older adults in Manhattan, I will continue to marshal every resource to protect aging New Yorkers and their hard-earned finances."***

### Aging Committee Updates

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright has introduced the following legislation impacting senior citizens:

- Assembly Bill A.7907 would modify the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program to eliminate the cost-share requirement for services and eliminate any requirement for the Area Agencies On Aging to obtain a physician's order to provide non-medical support.
- Assembly Bill A.7847 would modify how the New York State Office for the Aging prioritizes allocations to counties by taking into account the proportionality of a county's share of elderly individuals living in the State. This would ensure New York City gets its fair share of funding for



the population.

- Our work continues on our Elder Fraud bill, Assembly Bill A.7019. A recent AARP Survey found that 88% of New Yorkers 45 and older support this common-sense measure to protect our seniors from malicious scams.
- Assembly Bill A.4628 would require motion picture theatres to provide showings with open motion picture captioning, a common-sense measure to make our movie theatres more accessible statewide to all New Yorkers.

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**Rise Up With Rebecca Seawright Featuring: New York Foundation for Senior Citizens President Linda Hoffman and Program Director Barbara Baer**



**Consider Our Office Your Resource!**



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU



# NYPD 19th Precinct SAFETY SEMINAR

*For Older Adults*



Tuesday **April 22nd** | 1:00 pm

[Click here to join virtually with our online form](#)

*In Partnership with*

**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



LENOX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE  
SINCE 1894



CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION



For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact Detective Anthony Nuccio (212) 452-0630 or Anthony.Nuccio@nypd.org at least 72 hours prior to the event.

**FREEZE YOUR RENT  
ENROLLMENT CLINIC  
WED. APRIL 23**

**10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

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

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

**SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**



**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.

[Sign up here](#)

**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

# **NO-COST NOTARY**

Monday - Friday

10am-12pm

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY**

**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**

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!



**SCAN ME TO  
RSVP!**

**RSVP REQUIRED:  
CALL: 212-288-4607**

**EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord- tenant law.  
The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney- client relationship.  
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

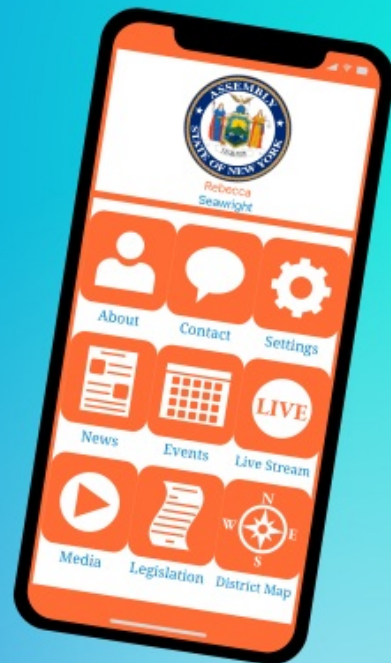


# Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's App is Live!

Stay Up-To-Date with the latest:

- News
- Events
- Legislation
- Livestream
- Media

Available on iPhone and iPad



## Resources



Summer heat can be unbearable, but HEAP is here to help! **The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** can cover the cost of fans and air conditioners for eligible New Yorkers. To find out if you qualify, visit: [otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance).

### Cash Assistance Benefits Skimming Alert

Beware of attempts to steal your EBT benefits electronically through skimming or phishing. To learn more and file an online claim for stolen Cash Assistance benefits, go to [nyc.gov/site/hra/help/benefitreplacement.page](https://nyc.gov/site/hra/help/benefitreplacement.page)

### New York's Paid Family Leave Program

Since first launching in 2018, New York State Paid Family Leave has provided critical benefits to improve the lives of tens of thousands of working New Yorkers and their families. In addition to ongoing enhancements, the wage replacement benefits continue to increase in line with the New York State Average Weekly Wage. Click here to learn how Paid Family Leave may be able to help you and your family in 2025. Visit: [paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/2025](https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/2025)

### Empire State Child Credit

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is issuing supplemental Empire State Child Credit payments to over 1.5 million low- and moderate-income New Yorkers. The 2024–2025 New York State budget provides for an additional payment to eligible taxpayers based on the Empire State child credit. If you qualify for a payment, you don't need to do anything; we will automatically calculate and send you a check for the amount you're entitled to. For more details, visit [the Additional Empire State Child Credit Payments](#).

### Energy Affordability Programs

The NYS Energy Affordability Program provides income-eligible consumers with a discount on their monthly electric and/or gas bills. You may be enrolled automatically if you receive benefits from a government assistance program. For more information, visit [this ConEd webpage](#) and click the “download form” button in the Energy Affordability Program box (or click [this link directly to download the pdf](#)). Or call 800-752-6633; the seniors-only direct line is 800-404-9097, M-F, 8:30 am–5 pm.

### **Regular HEAP Benefit**

The 2024-25 Regular HEAP benefit reopened January 25, 2025. Find out if you may be eligible to apply for programs and services. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year to help you pay for heating your home. Visit: [otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/)

### **Health Insurance**

New Yorkers can enroll in a Qualified Health Plan by the 15th of the month for coverage starting the 1st of the following month and benefit from new cost-sharing reductions for additional savings. Visit [nyc.gov/health/healthcoverage](https://nyc.gov/health/healthcoverage) or call 347-665-0214 to connect with an enrollment counselor and get more information.

### **HIICAP**

Approximately 500 trained HIICAP counselors located in local offices for the aging across the state are available to answer New Yorkers’ questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage programs (managed care), Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medigap, and other health and long-term care insurance. Counseling is also available through a toll-free HIICAP helpline at 1-800-701-0501. Visit: [aging.ny.gov/health-insurance-information-counseling-and-assistance-program-hiicap](https://aging.ny.gov/health-insurance-information-counseling-and-assistance-program-hiicap)

### **Renters Rights**

In New York City, tenants have many rights relating to the safety and quality of their housing. Tenants should expect to live in safe, well-maintained buildings that are free from vermin, leaks, and hazardous conditions. [Laws protect tenants from harassment and discrimination](#). For more information on tenants’ rights, please see the [Tenant Bill of Rights](#).

### **Homeowner Handbook**

Homeowner Help NY offers a comprehensive guide to help New York homeowners navigate the responsibilities of homeownership and access available resources in their time of need. To view the handbook, visit [homeownerhelpny.org/handbook](https://homeownerhelpny.org/handbook).

### **Property Tax Exemptions**

It's time to renew property tax exemptions, including SCHE, DHE, and the Clergy Exemption, for the 2025-26 tax year. The deadline to renew is March 15, 2025. Visit [nyc.gov/contactdof](https://nyc.gov/contactdof) or call 311 for details.

### **Mental Health Hotline**

There’s a three-digit phone hotline, 988, for mental health. Call 911 for mental health emergencies.

### **Mobile ID**

Ever forget your wallet and wish you had your ID on you? Now you can with New York Mobile ID! Just download the app, and a highly secure digital version of a state-issued driver's license, learner's permit, or ID will be on your smartphone whenever you need it. [More info here](#).

### **NYCDOT Street Work Permit Maps**

The NYC DOT provides a street work permit map for our district so New Yorkers can have access to any active street work information in real time. You can view the map here: [dmv.ny.gov/id-card/mobile-id-mid](https://dmv.ny.gov/id-card/mobile-id-mid)

### **Attention MTA Reduced-Fare customers**

Your half-fare benefit is moving to OMNY! Look for your new Reduced-Fare OMNY card in the mail soon, and [check this page for updates](#). Continue to use your Reduced-Fare MetroCard in the meantime.

### **MTA Mobile Sales**

Services offered at mobile sales vehicles

- Get help with a Reduced-Fare application
- Get more information about OMNY and sign up
- Transfer MetroCard balances (full-fare and Reduced-Fare to OMNY account)
- Report a lost/stolen Reduced-Fare MetroCard

- Ask our team about any OMNY-related issues

Note: Mobile sales buses and vans are making credit card transactions for OMNY only. You can still buy a MetroCard using cash. Check this site for the sales bus schedule:

[www.mta.info/fares/mobile-sales](http://www.mta.info/fares/mobile-sales)

### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits**

New changes include providing a simplified one-page application form, allowing older New Yorkers to recertify their benefits for 36 months instead of 24 months, and eliminating the interview requirement for recertification. To learn more about SNAP and apply for benefits, [click here](#).

### **Unclaimed Funds**

Check to see if you or someone you know may have unclaimed funds via this tracker by NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli: [osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?fbclid=IwAR2JRsjGd4zt7CdT5aw5NQibqIoud2O141dOUbqPWOjooIlaO8Qi7xxTFw](https://osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?fbclid=IwAR2JRsjGd4zt7CdT5aw5NQibqIoud2O141dOUbqPWOjooIlaO8Qi7xxTFw)

### **COVID-19 Resources**

You can order four COVID tests (for free, including shipping!) at [this website](#)! To see the latest data and key metrics on COVID-19 in New York City, check out the [NYC Department of Health's website](#). Vaccine shots are also available in pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, and doctors' offices.

### **Community Service Society of New York**

Need healthcare assistance or an advocate on your side when dealing with a medical bill, insurance denial, or a confusing notice? Call the Community Health Advocates hotline at 1-888-614-5400 and receive help today!

### **Congestion Pricing Discounts and Exemptions**

Vehicles entering Manhattan streets at or below 60th St. will be tolled. Most E-ZPass users will pay \$9 during peak hours or \$2.25 overnight, once daily. Discounts and exemptions, such as the Low-Income Discount or Disability Exemption plans, are available—learn more at [mta.info/discounts](http://mta.info/discounts). Update your E-ZPass account to ensure accurate toll rates and credits. For details, visit [congestionreliefzone.mta.info](http://congestionreliefzone.mta.info).

### **Animal Care Centers of NYC need your help!**

Due to a temporary suspension of dog intake, they're calling on the community to step up and adopt. If you're ready to welcome a furry friend into your home, visit a local ACC Center or [check out their website for more details](#).

### **Emergency Preparedness**

NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) will keep you informed and prepared during emergencies through the Notify NYC alert system. Sign up at [nyc.gov/notify](http://nyc.gov/notify) or by calling 311.

### **Curbside Composting**

Curbside Composting service is now available to ALL NYC residents citywide. Compost is picked up every week on your recycling day.

Visit: [www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/curbside-composting.page](http://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/curbside-composting.page)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Senior Fitness at John Jay Park**





**New Classes Added to the Weekly Schedule:**

**Mondays at 12:00 PM – SAGE Brooklyn (4/7 - 6/30)**

**Tuesdays at 12:00 PM – Morningside Heights Library (4/1 - 6/17)**

**Tuesdays at 1:30 PM – Queens Public Library; Woodhaven Branch (4/1 - 4/29)**

**Wednesdays at 10:00 AM – John Jay Park (4/2 - 6/25)**

**Wednesdays at 1:00 PM – Grand Street Settlement NORC (4/23 - 6/11)**

**Fridays at 10:00 AM – John Jay Park (4/4 - 6/27)**

To view the full schedule, visit [movingforlife.org](http://movingforlife.org) and sign up for your preferred classes. Have questions? Email [info@movingforlife.org](mailto:info@movingforlife.org).



# EVERY DAY Carl Schurz PARK Conservancy

# IS EARTH DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH**

**CARL SCHURZ PARK**  
**FREE FAMILY FUN!**

**1:00pm to 3:00pm**  
**Meet the Experts**  
*86th Street*  
*- and -*  
**Children's Crafts**  
*87th Street*

**1:30pm and 2:30pm**  
**Puppet Show**  
*84th Street Playground*

[www.carlschurzparknyc.org/earthday](http://www.carlschurzparknyc.org/earthday)



COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MANHATTAN presents



**Open Call**  
**for**



**Spring Art Show**  
**on the Upper East Side**

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**Show Date:**

**May 31, 2025**

*Rain date: June 1, 2025*

**Location:**

**James Cagney Place**

**E. 91st Street**

**between 2nd and 3rd. Ave**

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Submit a photo sample of your paintings, sculpture, photography, or crafts by **April 21st** to **info@cb8m.com** using “Art Show Submission”

**FREE to apply and participate**  
**No drop-ins at the show!**



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**Construction Advisory**

# COMMUNITY ADVISORY

PROJECT NAME: Rehabilitation of Pedestrian Ramps at Designated Locations

PROJECT#: HWPR23MQ

BOROUGH: MANHATTAN

ADVISORY ISSUED: April 17, 2025

## No Parking & Limited Crosswalk Access

**Beginning on/about Wed 4/23/25**

**Work hours 7:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

**At the following corner locations:**

NW, SW, SE, NE, Median East 72 St & 1 Ave

NE, SE East 72 St & 3 Ave

SW East 72 St & Lexington Ave

NW, SE East 72 St & Madison Ave

**There will be limited parking and crosswalk/sidewalk access at these times to upgrade existing pedestrian ramps. Driveway and loading dock access may also be impacted.**

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about this DDC Project, please call the Community Construction Liaison:

**Alexandra Girgis**  
Field Office: 36-16 13th Street  
Astoria, New York 11106  
C: 929-598-7249 | O: 646-658-3056  
HWPR23MQ.CCL@gmail.com

During non-construction hours please contact 311 for non-emergency city services.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to unforeseen conditions (weather, field conditions, etc) it may become necessary to change some scheduled work locations and operations.

The NYC Department of Design and Construction is managing this project on behalf of the NYC Department of Transportation.

Eric Adams  
Mayor

Thomas Foley, P.E.  
Commissioner

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

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 the summer of 2025.

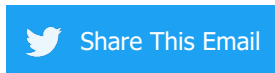
Please find the latest report [here](#).

[Community Update: April 4, 2025](#)

[Community Update: March 28, 2025](#)

[Community Update: March 21, 2025](#)

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