



This Labor Day we celebrate the strength, resilience, and solidarity of working people across our city and nation—those who tirelessly advocate for fair wages, safe workplaces, and economic security. I stand proudly with organized labor in defending these hard-won rights and renew our commitment to ensuring that every worker is treated with the dignity, respect, and fairness they deserve.

To our students, teachers, and school staff: best wishes for a fantastic first day of school on Thursday, September 4! May this year be filled with curiosity, growth, inspiration, and joy. And don't forget—there's still time to soak up the summer sun! Beaches and pools remain open through Sunday, September 7. Find a nearby beach or free outdoor pool and make the most of these final days of summer fun.

Please note that our office will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day, a federal holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 2, at 10:00 am.

Please join us for a community event that our office is pleased to sponsor:

- No-Cost Notary Public Service at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets)
 - Mon, Wed, & Fri from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 - Tues, Thurs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 3, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: MetroCard Sales/OMNY Bus (York Ave/79th Street). Refill your MetroCard/OMNY card or apply for reduced fare.
- Thursday, September 11 at 5:30 pm: Lighting the Way Eastside 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Carl Schurz Park, East 86 th Street and East End Avenue.
- Thursday, September 18, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm: **No-Cost Community Shredding on Roosevelt Island** at the Motorgate Turnaround (688 Main Street).
- Friday, September 19, from 10 am to 5 pm: **No-Cost Flu Shot Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).
- Save the Date! **Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC) Mobile Adoption Event** on Sunday, October 12 from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm at East 79 Street and York Ave.

As always, please consider our office your resource.

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Sincerely,

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

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Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright Applauds Landmark Title VI Legislation

Assemblymember Rebecca A. Seawright celebrates Governor Hochul's signing of legislation requiring a Title VI anti-discrimination coordinator on every New York college campus. As a cosponsor in the Assembly, she strongly supported the bill's passage to ensure that students have a dedicated resource to report and address discrimination based on race, color, or national origin, including antisemitism. This important issue was highlighted during Assemblymember Seawright's recent Town Hall on Combating Antisemitism, where students, advocates, and community members emphasized the urgent need for stronger protections on campus. Assemblymember Seawright has long championed legislation combating bias, hate crimes, and discrimination in schools, and applauds this critical step toward protecting students, promoting equity, and holding colleges accountable for maintaining safe and inclusive campuses.

Seawright Supports Double Up Food Bucks NY Expansion to Reach More New Yorkers

Thanks to Assemblymember Rebecca A. Seawright's support in securing \$2 million in the 2026 NY State Budget, Double Up Food Bucks NY (DUFBNY) unlocked an additional \$2 million in federal funding through USDA's GusNIP program. This funding is helping SNAP shoppers stretch their food dollars while supporting local farmers and small retailers.

This month, DUFBNY completed its largest program expansion to date, partnering with Northeast Grocery (Market 32, Price Chopper, and Tops Friendly Markets) to bring the program to 48 more grocery stores across 34 counties, including 16 newly added rural counties—reaching over 107,000 SNAP shoppers who previously didn't have access.

Additionally, the daily SNAP match at farm-direct sites increased from \$20 to \$50, allowing families to purchase 150% more fresh produce while boosting income for local farmers.





The NYPD is expanding its Quality of Life Division "Q-Teams" to every precinct in Manhattan! These specialized teams focus on everyday issues that affect neighborhood safety and well-being—towing abandoned vehicles, addressing noise complaints, curbing illegal e-bikes and scooters, cleaning up encampments, and more.

Since their pilot launch earlier this year, Q-Teams have responded to over 31,500 911 and 311 calls,

significantly improving non-emergency response times and helping keep our streets safer and cleaner.

Residents can expect more visible support in their communities as the program continues borough-wide. For non-emergency issues, remember to use NYC311 to request city services and report local concerns.

The first day of NYC Public Schools is almost here—September 4!

Get your young New Yorkers ready by:

- Visiting the official back-to-school hub
- Checking out the week's lunch menu □□
- Reviewing the new cell phone & electronics policy for the school year

Let's start the year off prepared and excited for learning! \Box

Consider Our Office Your Resource

Attention CDPAP Personal Assistants: Health Assessment Deadline Approaching

To remain eligible to work in New York's Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), all personal assistants (PAs) who transitioned to PPL must complete a health assessment by October 1, 2025. Health assessments are available free of charge through PPL's partner, Mobile Health. However, appointments must be scheduled by September 17 to ensure timely completion.

PAs who have not completed their health assessment can:

- Schedule an In-Person or Telehealth Appointment
- Upload Medical Documentation from Your Physician
- Visit a Pop-Up Clinic Near You

Schedule your assessment today at: mobilehealth.com/ny-cdpap-ppl-medical-screenings

For more information, contact Mobile Health's PPL Hotline at 646-680-0450, email ppl@mobilehealth.com, or visit the website above.

Don't wait—ensure your eligibility by scheduling your health assessment today!

Quick funding opportunities for community projects, STEM programs, research, and education:

- State Grants: Adirondack & Catskill Park Smart Growth Deadline Oct 1
- Federal Grants: National Archives, NSF SBIR/STTR, HHS Occupational Safety Deadlines Nov 5–17
- Private Grants: Musicians Foundation, GWB STEM, T.E.A.L. Ovarian Cancer Rolling / Nov 15
- Scholarships: Jack Kent Cooke, Elks MVS, Sport Clips Help a Hero, Soroptimist Live Your Dream, Dell Scholars – Deadlines Nov 12–Dec 1

Learn & Apply: State Grants | Federal Grants



NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

10AM-1PM

10AM-12PM

10AM-1PM

10AM-12PM

10AM-1PM







METROCARD/OMNY BUS

STOPS HERE (79/YORK):

WED. 9/3, 9/17

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

REFILL YOUR
METROCARD/OMNY
CARD

APPLY FOR REDUCED FARE

Spotlight on Aging: Community Companion Program at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House



Community Companion Program

The Older Adult Centers at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House offer free community transportation and escort services to members unable to independently travel for pre-planned medical appointments, grocery shopping or other essential errands.

Program Details

- Companion Assistance: Our dedicated team pairs you with a volunteer who will accompany you for a safe and socially assisted trip via a private taxi service or other pre-determined mode of transport
- · Free Transportation: Private taxi services if needed, are free of charge through this program

Eligibility

- Travel Support: Must be unable to travel independently due to mobility, vision, hearing or cognitive impairments
- · Location: Pick-up and drop-off locations must be in Manhattan
- Purpose: The trip must be for a medical appointment or essential errand
- Membership: You must be a member of the Older Adult Centers at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- Age Requirement: 60 years of age and older
- · Notice Requirement: To request community companion services, you must provide a two-week notice.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Please call our Community Companion Intake Line at 212-218-0508 to learn more and see if you are eligible.



LENOX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House 331 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021 www.lenoxhill.org

Resources

Cash Assistance & Benefits Security

Cash Assistance Skimming Alert: Beware of electronic theft of EBT benefits via skimming or phishing. To learn more or file a claim for stolen Cash Assistance benefits, visit: nyc.gov/hra/benefitreplacement

Paid Family Leave

Since 2018, New York's Paid Family Leave program has supported thousands of working families. Benefits and wage replacements increase annually with the NY State Average Weekly Wage. Learn more about 2025 benefits at: paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/2025

Tax Credits & Financial Assistance

Empire State Child Credit: Over 1.5 million eligible New Yorkers will automatically receive supplemental payments based on this credit. No action needed. Details: Additional Empire State Child Credit Payments Unclaimed Funds: Check for unclaimed money you may be owed at: Osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds

Energy & Heating Assistance

Energy Affordability Program: Income-eligible consumers may get discounts on electric/gas bills. Info and forms: ConEd Energy Affordability Program PDF or call 800-752-6633 (seniors: 800-404-9097). Regular HEAP Benefit: The 2024–25 season is open. Eligible households can get help paying heating

bills. Details: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap

Cooling Assistance: HEAP also covers fans and AC units for qualifying households:

otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance

Health Insurance & Counseling

Qualified Health Plans: Enroll by the 15th for coverage the following month with new cost-sharing savings. Info: nyc.gov/health/healthcoverage or call 347-665-0214.

HIICAP: Free counseling on Medicare, Medigap, and long-term care insurance. Call 1-800-701-0501 or visit <u>aging.ny.gov/hiicap</u>.

Housing & Tenant Rights

Renters Rights: NYC tenants are protected against unsafe living conditions, harassment, and discrimination. See the <u>Tenant Bill of Rights</u>.

Homeowner Handbook: A resource to help NY homeowners manage responsibilities and find assistance. View at homeownerhelpny.org/handbook.

Discrimination Reporting: File discrimination reports by phone at (844) NYS-DHR1 or (844) 697-3471.

Rent Protection & Resources: NYC tenants can check rent increase legality and get help at GoodCauseNYC.org.

Food Assistance

SNAP Benefits: Simplified one-page applications, longer recertification periods for seniors, and no interview needed for recertification. Learn more and apply online.

Health Bucks: At NYC farmers markets, spend \$2 in SNAP/EBT/Summer EBT and get \$2 bonus Health Bucks for fresh produce, up to \$10 per visit. Info: grownyc.org/greenmarket/ebt/nutritionprograms.

Transportation

MTA Reduced-Fare Program: Half-fare benefits are moving to OMNY. New cards should have arrived; continue using MetroCards meanwhile. Check updates at MTA Reduced-Fare OMNY info.

MTA Mobile Sales: Services include reduced-fare applications, OMNY sign-ups, card balance transfers, and lost card reports. Schedule at mta.info/fares/mobile-sales.

Congestion Pricing: Tolls apply entering Manhattan south of 60th St. Discounts and exemptions available. Details: mta.info/discounts and congestionreliefzone.mta.info.

Emergency & Community Resources

Mental Health Hotline: Call 988 for mental health support; call 911 for emergencies.

Community Health Advocates: Help with medical bills and insurance issues at 1-888-614-5400.

NYC Emergency Alerts: Sign up for Notify NYC atnyc.gov/notify or call 311.

Animal Care Centers: Due to temporary dog intake suspension, ACC urges adoption. Visit local centers or website for info.

Curbside Composting: Available citywide weekly on recycling day. Details: nyc.gov/curbside-composting.

Identification

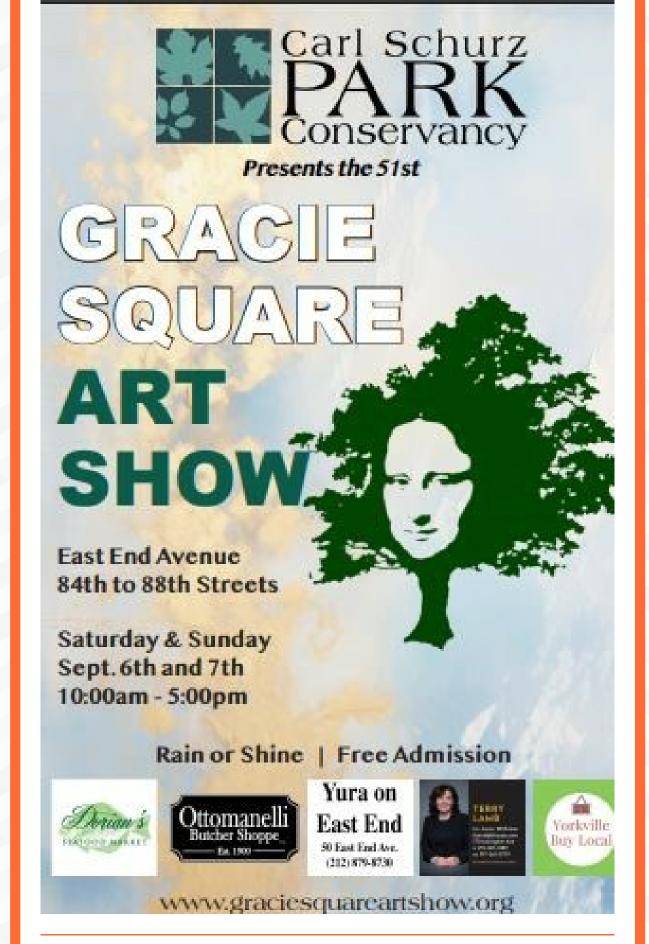
New York Mobile ID: Carry a secure digital ID or driver's license on your phone. Learn more and download the app.

NYC Infrastructure

NYCDOT Street Work Permit Maps: View active street work permits for your district atnycdot.info.

Upcoming Events









On Saturday, September 6, the street fair runs for 20 blocks -- from 66th Street to 86th Street on 3rd Avenue -- and is intended to help local small businesses connect with customers and thrive.

The street fair takes place all day, running from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday (rain or shine). Stroll the avenue and support small businesses!

Movies Under the Stars: Toy Story 3



Movies Under the Stars: Toy Story 3 Saturday, September 6 7:15–11:00 p.m. Carl Schurz Park

Bring a blanket and enjoy a free family-friendly outdoor screening! Watch Woody, Buzz, and the gang navigate a day-care adventure in this heartwarming tale. Rated G.

Movies begin at dusk. Rain or extreme weather may cancel the event.

For info: nyc.gov/parks or call 311.



LIGHTING THE WAY EASTSIDE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

John Finley Walk at Carl Schurz Park Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM

All Community Members are Invited - FREE (rain or shine)

Carl Schurz Park entrance, 86th St & East End Ave. // Wheelchair access 84th & 87th St



A community commemorative event showcasing music, poetry and reflections on September 11th. The Ceremony continues a tradition from the first years after 9/11 that drew together people from across the community and city.

9-11 CEREMONY COMMITTEE:

Chairs: Howard Teich, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Council Member Julie Menin

Partners: UES CommunityUnity Initiative, The Carl Schurz Park Conservancy, Manhattan Community Board #8, Borough President Mark Levine, Senator Liz Krueger, Assemblymember Alex Bores, Councilmember Keith Powers, Virginia Maloney, Commandant David Menegon and the Knickerbocker Greys, The Reverend Matthew Dayton-Welch, Rabbi Joel Mosbacher, Friends of the East River Esplanade, NYPD, FDNY, John Phillips and The Mansion Restaurant, Greater New York Chamber of Commerce, Patrick McCluskey, Ann Meschery, Valerie Mason, Alida Camp, Arlene Kayatt, Russell M Squire, Vanessa Aronson, Faith Bondy, Gavilan Longino.

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NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 ROOSEVELT ISLAND MOTORGATE TURNAROUND (688 MAIN STREET)

9AM TO 12PM

NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS

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QUEER VOICES: NEW YORK CITY FILM FESTIVAL

☐ Exciting news! The Queer Voices NYC Film Festival is partnering with Reel Works to launch their brand-new Queer Youth Sector, amplifying the voices of emerging LGBTQIA+ filmmakers.

Free panels and workshops will help young artists build skills, share their stories, and advance their careers. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate creativity and community! \Box

☐ Festival: Sept 26–28, 2025 ☐ NYC LGBT Center, Chelsea

queervoicesnyc2025.eventive.org/welcome

Carl Schurz Park Harvest Festival



Harvest Festival Sunday, October 12, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

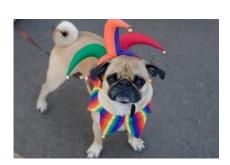
Carl Schurz Park's annual Harvest Fest packs a punch with plenty of exciting fall activities for the whole family.

Visit the pumpkin patch on Gracie Oval at East End Avenue and East 88th Street. Pick your own pumpkin and decorate it. While supplies last.

Enjoy arts and crafts, tattoos, and take a stroll through the Spooky Trail.

Don't miss a family concert in the playground with Patrick and the Rock-a-Silly Band.

Halloween Howl & Healthy Hound Fair



Halloween Howl & Healthy Hound Fair Sunday, October 19, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Location: basketball/hockey court and John Finley Walk

Not to be missed! The HOWL is the Conservancy's annual dog costume event. Over 200 creatively costumed pups strut their stuff before a blue-chip fashion industry coven of judges!

Community Update: August 22, 2025

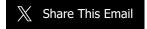
Community Update: August 15, 2025

Community Update: August 8, 2025

Community Update: August 1, 2025

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