



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This past week has been filled with many community events across the 76th Assembly District.

This Sunday, we joined neighbors at the Lexington Avenue Fair, where so many members of our community came together. It was a wonderful day of connection, and I was grateful to see so many of you stop by our table.

As Chair of the New York State Aging Committee, it was a pleasure this past Wednesday to speak at the DFTA Healthy Aging Fair at Asphalt Green. It was an incredible celebration of services, screenings, and resources for older New Yorkers, caregivers, and their families.

This past Wednesday, we also proudly recognized Ottomanelli Brothers for 125 years of family-owned excellence. From Joseph Ottomanelli's roots in Italy to the thriving business Nick and Jojo established here in New York, the Ottomanelli family has carried forward authentic Italian cuisine, a spirit of community, and treasured traditions for generations.

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, October 1, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **OMNY Bus** (York Ave/79th Street). Refill your OMNY card or apply for reduced fare.

- Save the Date! **Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC) Mobile Adoption Event** on Sunday, October 12 from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

As always, please consider our office your resource.

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Sincerely,

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

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## Seawright Snapshots

Lexington Avenue Fair, Sunday September 14th!



On Sunday, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined neighbors and friends at the Lexington Avenue Fair for a day full of energy, food, and fun.

Seawright welcomed visitors at her table along the avenue, where the community gathered to enjoy live music, shop from local vendors, and celebrate the Upper East Side together. She was joined by dedicated community members, small business owners, and volunteers who helped make the fair such a lively and memorable event.

Throughout the afternoon, Seawright emphasized the importance of supporting neighborhood businesses and creating opportunities for neighbors to connect. The fair captured the spirit of New York—vibrant, welcoming, and always full of life.

From delicious bites to great entertainment, the Lexington Avenue Fair brought people of all ages together in joy and celebration. This year's fair was a reminder of the strength and warmth of our community.

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## Healthy Aging Fair: Celebration and Support



This past Wednesday, the DFTA Healthy Aging Fair at Asphalt Green brought together older New Yorkers, caregivers, families, and community partners for a vibrant day of connection and support. The event featured health screenings, resources, and services designed to help seniors live healthier, more active, and more independent lives.

As Chair of the New York State Aging Committee, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined in celebrating the wide range of programs and providers who are making a difference every day. From wellness checks to engaging activities, the fair underscored the importance of investing in older adults and ensuring caregivers have the tools they need.





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**Mommy's Heart Reception**



On Thursday night, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright was honored with the Champion of Families and Justice Award by Mommy's Heart, Inc. Founded by Julianne Michelle Reeves, Mommy's Heart is a non-profit dedicated to offering free legal and mental health support to parents and children who have survived domestic abuse.

Joined by Reeves and co-hosts Sophie and Malcolm Kanter, the evening spotlighted her efforts to protect family rights, stand up for those navigating complex legal challenges, and support the people who often go unheard.

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## Flu Shot Clinic comes to the Office



Today, neighbors gathered at Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's district office for a free flu shot clinic. Residents stopped by throughout the day to get vaccinated, connect with staff, and take simple steps to stay healthy this season.

The event brought together community members of all ages in a welcoming and supportive setting, highlighting how small actions, like getting a flu shot, can help keep the entire neighborhood safe and strong.

## Consider Our Office Your Resource

### Spotlight On Aging: Senior Discounts!

A red square graphic with the text "Seniors Discounts" in large white bold font, and "You deserve it." in smaller orange font below it.

#### Museums

**The Museum of Modern Art** seniors pay \$14 instead of the typical \$20 entrance fee.

11 W 53rd St, New York, NY 10019

**The Metropolitan Museum of Art** seniors pay \$22 instead of the typical \$30 entrance fee. (Payment Optional)

1000 5th Ave, New York, NY 10028

**The American Museum of Natural History** seniors over 60 years old pay \$22 instead of the \$28 entrance fee.

200 Central Park W, New York, NY 10024

**The Intrepid Museum** has a small discount for seniors over 65 years old, allowing them to pay \$34 instead of \$36.

Pier 86, W 46th St, New York, NY 10036

**The 9/11 Museum** allows seniors over 65 years old to also receive a discount for general admission, costing \$27 instead of \$33.

420 W 14th St Fl 2, New York, NY 10014

#### Nature & Recreation

Seniors over 62 years old can purchase lifetime tickets to **national parks**, nature refuges, national historic sites, and national monuments for \$80.

Call 888-275-8747 for more information on this.

**Hunting and fishing permits** are discounted to only \$5 for seniors over 70 years old.

Contact 518-402-8013 for more information.

Seniors over 65 pay \$31 instead of \$35 for admission to the **New York Botanical Gardens**.

2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10458

#### Transportation



**Amtrak** gives senior discounts, offering 10% off most rail fares for seniors over 65. Amtrak also partners with VIA Rail Canada to offer 10% off most cross-border rail fares for seniors over 60 years old. Call 800-872-7245 for more questions.

The **MTA** offers senior discounts for persons aged 65 and older. Call 877-789-6669 for more information.

**NYC Ferry** offers reduced fare. Visit [www.ferry.nyc/discount/](http://www.ferry.nyc/discount/)

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## AARP Fraud Watch Network



### Learn More About the AARP Fraud Watch Network

The AARP fraud helpline, 877-908-3360, is free and available to anyone. We also offer online support sessions for further emotional support.



## 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. 10/1, 10/15**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**REFILL YOUR  
METROCARD/OMNY  
CARD**

**APPLY FOR  
REDUCED FARE**



## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap)

Cooling Assistance: HEAP also covers fans and AC units for qualifying households: [otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance](https://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](https://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 [aging.ny.gov/hiicap](https://aging.ny.gov/hiicap).

## Housing & Tenant Rights

Renters Rights: NYC tenants are protected against unsafe living conditions, harassment, and discrimination. See the [Tenant Bill of Rights](#).

Homeowner Handbook: A resource to help NY homeowners manage responsibilities and find assistance. View at [homeownerhelpny.org/handbook](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://mta.info/fares/mobile-sales).

Congestion Pricing: Tolls apply entering Manhattan south of 60th St. Discounts and exemptions available. Details: [mta.info/discounts](https://mta.info/discounts) and [congestionreliefzone.mta.info](https://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 at [nyc.gov/notify](https://nyc.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](https://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 at [nycdot.info](https://nycdot.info).

## Upcoming Events



# Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party

Manhattan Healing Forest / Tekenink atàm



Saturday, September 20th  
Southpoint Park, Roosevelt Island

- 1:00 PM – 1:15 PM** **Welcome** to NYC's 1<sup>st</sup> Miyawaki Method Pocket Forest  
**1:15 PM – 1:45 PM** **Lenape Center Leaders** Welcome, Song and Show & Tell  
**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM** Forest Photo **Exhibit**, Tour, Compost **Giveaway** & Art Activities

Event funding provided by the NYC Green Fund, City Parks Foundation, Partnership for Parks, RIOC Public Purpose Fund, TRIBA, The City Gardens Club of NYC and individual donors like you.

iDig2Learn is a project of Open Space Institute a nonprofit 501c3 public charity





**Community Board 8  
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# **ART SHOW**

**on the East Side**

**Saturday, October 04, 2025**

**11 am to 4 pm**

**Rain Date: October 05, 2025**

**James Cagney Place**

**East 91st Street, Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues**



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## **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.



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## 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!

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