

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week, I had the distinct honor of recognizing Vietnam veteran and Community Board 8 member John McClement at the State Capitol for his dedicated service and ongoing contributions to our neighborhood. His lifelong commitment to service is a powerful example of the values we strive to uphold.

We also celebrated an incredible milestone on Roosevelt Island with Carmen Augustin's 112th birthday. Her life story reflects resilience, joy, and the rich cultural fabric that defines New York City. Happy Birthday, Ms. Augustin!



In Albany, I met with leaders from the American Folk Art Museum to discuss their continued impact in our community, and I joined colleagues in welcoming NYC Schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels for a productive conversation about strengthening our public education system.

We are actively advocating for improved transit service for Roosevelt Island residents, urging the MTA to address increased wait times and ensure reliable service for commuters. I also supported the passage of a legislative package to combat problem gambling, strengthen consumer protections, and promote responsible practices statewide.

I invite you to join us at our upcoming events:

- Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – **MTA OMNY Service Bus** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). Ask questions or refill your OMNY account.
- Thursday, April 2, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – **AARP's Fight Fraud: Shred It! No-Cost Paper Shredding** at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street (First/Second Avenues). Event will conclude early if the truck fills up.
- Tuesday, April 7, 3:30 pm – **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to schedule.
- Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – **Benefits Screening with LiveOn NY** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to schedule.
- Thursday, April 16, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm – **No-Cost Screening Mammograms** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call

212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to schedule.

- Sunday, April 19, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm- **Spring on the Esplanade! Andrew Haswell Green Park at 60th Street and the East River.** Free concert with live music by Noiz! Kids activities and free ice treats *while supplies last. Subject to weather cancellation. Rain date: Saturday, May 30.
- Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm – **AARP’s Fight Fraud: Shred It! No-Cost Paper Shredding.** Location to be determined. Event will conclude early if the truck fills up.

Our office is always just a phone call, email, or visit away.

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REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Honoring Community Board 8 Member John McClement for Vietnam Veterans Day at the Capitol



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright was proud to honor John McClement during the Assembly's annual Vietnam Veterans Day at the Capitol, recognizing the service and sacrifice of those who served during the Vietnam War.

This year, Assembly Member Seawright honored Upper East Side resident John McClement for his distinguished military and community service. Mr. McClement served in the U.S. Army as an Operating Technician stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, where he supported care for over 10,000 troops, their families, and local residents. He assisted with the administration

of surgeries and managed the hospital's recovery ward.

Following his military service, Mr. McClement built a decades-long career connecting firms with executive talent. He has remained deeply committed to public service, volunteering in Assembly Member Seawright's office and serving on Manhattan Community Board 8, where he chairs the Veterans Committee and contributes to several other committees.

Assembly Member Seawright thanks Mr. McClement for his lifelong dedication to service, both in uniform and in our community.

Carmen Augustin Celebrates 112th Birthday on Roosevelt Island!



Grandnephew Joseph Baron and Grandniece Marie Baron presented a birthday cake to Carmen Augustin.



As part of the celebration, Ms. Augustin received a special message from the Office of the New York City Mayor recognizing her as one of the City's oldest living New Yorkers and proclaiming March 24, 2026, as "Carmen Augustin Day."

"Celebrating Carmen Augustin's remarkable 112th birthday is a powerful reminder of the strength, resilience, and rich life experiences that define our communities. From her early years in Haiti to building a life here in New York, Carmen's story reflects the enduring spirit of generations who have shaped our city. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, I am deeply committed to ensuring that every older New

Yorker is treated with dignity, respect, and the highest quality of care. I am especially grateful to the dedicated staff at NYC Health + Hospitals/Coler for providing compassionate, person-centered care that allows residents like Carmen to continue to thrive, connect, and celebrate life's milestones. We honor Carmen today not only for her longevity, but for the joy, culture, and legacy she shares with all of us," said New York State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging.

Assembly Member Seawright Joins Inaugural Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund Collective



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Jennifer Allsop, Co-Founder of Francesco's Foundation, Chanel Lopez, Deputy Director of LGBTQ+ Affairs for Governor Kathy Hochul, and Diana Cochran, Co-Founder of Francesco's Foundation, at the NYS Executive Chamber.

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright was pleased to participate in the inaugural Transgender Wellness & Equity Fund Convening in Albany, a two-day gathering bringing together advocates, providers, organizers, and community leaders from across New York. Hosted in partnership with the New Pride Agenda, the Hetrick-Martin Institute, and CAI, the convening focused on advancing transgender wellness, equity, and collective care. Assembly Member Seawright attended the evening reception and networking events, joining fellow leaders and honorees—including Letitia James, Catalina Cruz, and Elisa Crespo—to celebrate progress and reaffirm a shared commitment to uplifting transgender New Yorkers.

American Folk Art Museum Visit in Albany



Dr. Emelie Gavault, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Executive Director Jason Busch, and Assembly Member Ron Kim.

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright recently met with leadership from the American Folk Art Museum during their visit to Albany. Executive Director Jason Busch was joined

by Curator Dr. Emelie Gavault to discuss the museum's role in enriching the Lincoln Square community and its continued engagement with New Yorkers.

Meet and Greet with NYC Schools Chancellor



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright joined colleagues for a meet and greet with NYC Schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels, hosted by Education Committee Chair Michael Benedetto in Albany. The gathering provided an opportunity for members to connect directly with the Chancellor, discuss priorities for New York City's public school system, and hear updates on ongoing initiatives impacting students, families, and educators.

The meeting fostered a productive exchange on key issues including educational equity, school resources, and support for students across the five boroughs. Assembly Member Seawright remains committed to advocating for strong public schools and ensuring that every student has access to a high-quality education.



New York City Schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels

New York Jewish Agenda Albany Lobby Day



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright participated in the second annual Albany lobby day hosted by New York Jewish Agenda, joining advocates, community leaders, and fellow legislators for a luncheon and policy discussion. The event provided an opportunity to engage with NYJA's staff, Board, and Young Leaders Network on key legislative priorities and to help elevate the voices of liberal Jewish New Yorkers in Albany. Assembly Member Seawright values the continued partnership with advocacy organizations and remains committed to advancing policies that reflect the needs and perspectives of diverse communities across New York.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Urges MTA Action on Roosevelt Island Service Delays

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined State Senator Liz Krueger and Council Member Julie Menin in sending a letter on March 26, 2026 to Jano Lieber, Chair and CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), calling for immediate action to address increased wait times impacting Roosevelt Island commuters.

The letter highlights significant service concerns at the Roosevelt Island subway station following the December 2025 F/M line service swap. According to constituent reports and data compiled using publicly available MTA information, median wait times have risen by approximately three minutes during morning rush hours and nearly four minutes in the evening. Riders are also experiencing more frequent gaps between trains throughout the day.

The letter specifically notes that when the MTA initially proposed the service change, the anticipated increase in wait times was estimated at roughly one minute. However, current conditions appear to far exceed those projections—adding up to nearly two hours and twenty minutes of additional commuting time per month for the average rider.

While acknowledging that the F/M swap may benefit the broader transit system, Assembly Member Seawright and her colleagues expressed concern about the disproportionate



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impact on Roosevelt Island residents. The letter underscores ongoing feedback from constituents and Manhattan Community Board 8, both prior to and following the service change.

We are urging the MTA to clearly outline a plan to improve service reliability at the Roosevelt Island station and to bring wait times in line with the original commitment.

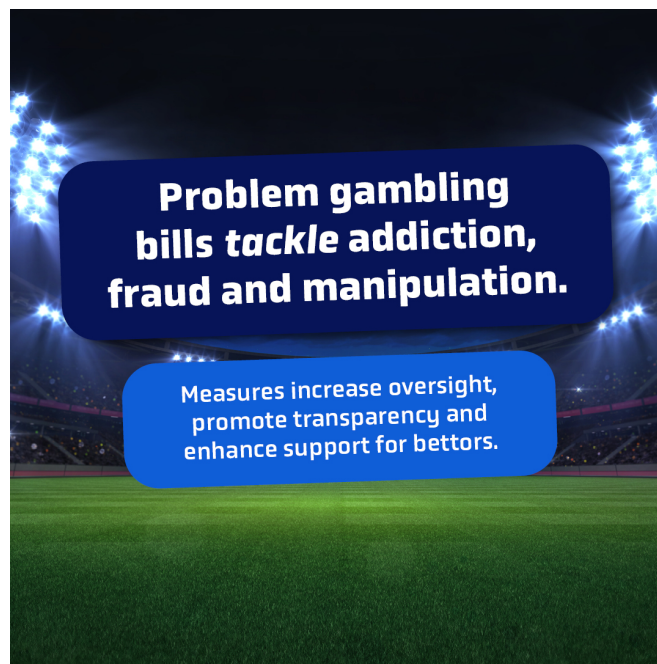
Virtual Rat Academy Held in Partnership with NYC Department of Health

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright hosted a successful Virtual Rat Academy in partnership with the New York City Department of Health. The training brought together residents, building superintendents, tenants, homeowners, and business owners to learn effective strategies for preventing and controlling rodent activity in our neighborhoods. Participants received practical tools and education on rat prevention, highlighting that addressing rodents is not only a quality-of-life issue but also a critical public health and sanitation priority. The session emphasized the importance of community-wide action—block by block and building by building.

Free Trash Can Raffle!

Residents, building superintendents, tenants, homeowners, and business owners interested in receiving a free trash can to help combat rodent activity can still enter the raffle. To participate, fill out our [entry form](#). Must be able to pick up the trash can from our district office at 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets).

Assembly Member Seawright Cosponsored and Strongly Supported Passage of Problem Gambling Package Tackling Addiction, Fraud, and Manipulation



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright announced passage of a legislative package to address problem gambling by strengthening protections against fraud and promoting responsible betting.

"New Yorkers have more legal gambling options than ever before," said Assembly Member Seawright. *"While it can be harmless entertainment for many, for others it can lead to serious harm. That's why we must strengthen protections and support responsible gambling."*

The package includes legislation to enhance ID verification and prevent underage betting (A.9584-A), examine high-risk prop bets through a task force (A.10538), and require monthly statements for mobile betting users (A.10329). Additional measures align advertising standards for mobile sports wagering (A.382-A), require insurance coverage for problem gambling treatment (A.8518), and streamline self-exclusion from gambling platforms (A.9113-B).

“When the U.S. Supreme Court expanded legal gambling in 2018, the industry grew rapidly with limited oversight,” Assembly Member Seawright added. “This package takes important steps to reduce harm and ensure gambling remains responsible and safe.”

Cherry Blossom Petal Protectors Volunteer Opportunity



The Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) is inviting community members to take part in its Cherry Blossom Petal Protectors volunteer initiative, returning this spring following last year’s success.

During peak cherry blossom season in April and early May, [volunteers can sign up for 2-hour shifts](#), particularly on weekends, to help preserve Roosevelt Island’s iconic cherry trees while welcoming visitors from across the region.

Volunteer responsibilities include:

- Greeting visitors and encouraging respectful enjoyment of the blossoms
- Reminding guests not to climb or pick from the trees
- Helping direct visitors to parks, promenades, and public spaces across the Island
- Supporting local businesses along Main Street

Volunteers will be stationed along the East and West Promenades, where foot traffic is highest. All participants must register online, review program guidelines, and complete a waiver in advance.

On the day of their shift, volunteers will check in at Sportspark (250 Main Street) to receive materials, including a vest and informational cards.

This initiative is a great opportunity to help protect one of the community’s most cherished seasonal traditions while enhancing the visitor experience.

[For more information and to sign up, please visit RIOC’s website.](#)

**Assembly Member
Rebecca A. Seawright**
is seeking nominations for the

**2026
WOMEN OF
DISTINCTION
AWARDS**



Thursday, May 14
from 6 pm to 8 pm

David H. Koch Center at MSKCC
530 E 74th Street (York / FDR Dr.)

*TOGETHER, LET'S RECOGNIZE
THE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN
WHO ARE MAKING OUR
COMMUNITIES STRONGER.*

Nominations must be submitted by 03/27/2026.
Nominees must live or work in the 76th Assembly District, which includes Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island.



Please visit nyassembly.gov/Seawright or scan the QR code to nominate a woman you know who has made a difference in your life or the lives of others.



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RSVP for the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony Here

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SPOTLIGHT ON AGING:

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Free Recipe-Ready Fresh Food Distribution!



On Thursday, April 23rd, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House will be distributing FREE recipe-ready bags containing assorted ingredients—farm-fresh seasonal produce and shelf-stable items—to prepare a healthy and delicious recipe curated by our Teaching Kitchen chefs!

Pre-registration is required and must be completed by April 14th on the [Plentiful App](#). Limit one bag per household.

WHEN: Thursday, April 23rd, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
WHERE: Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
331 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021

How to register:

1. [Click here](#) or go to <https://app.plentifulapp.com/a/pantries>
2. Search for "Lenox Hill" and select "Lenox Hill Neighborhood House - Farm-Fresh Bag"
3. Press "Schedule a Visit" at the bottom of the page to reserve your spot

For questions, please email communityfood@lenoxhill.org.

Consider Our Office Your Resource

Fair Fares Expanded Eligibility



Fair Fares has expanded access by increasing the income threshold to qualify for the program. Eligibility requirements are that you:

- Are from age 18 to 64
- Live in New York City
- Are not receiving or eligible for a discounted fare from another program AND
- Your household income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. In 2025 for a household of 4, the maximum income is \$48,225. For a single person, it's \$23,475.

See if you qualify today! Visit nyc.gov/fairfares or call 311 for more information.



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**OMNY BUS
STOPS HERE
(79/YORK):**

WED. 4/1, 4/15

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**REFILL YOUR
OMNY CARD**

**APPLY FOR
REDUCED FARE**

Thursday, April 16, 2026

9:00am to 4:30pm

The Office of Assembly Member

Rebecca Seawright

1485 York Avenue

New York, NY 10075



Call to schedule a no-cost mammogram!

212-288-4607

ELIGIBILITY:

Women ages 40- 75

Currently living in NYC

- No mammogram in the past 12 months



Our services are at no-cost

- No co-pays or deductibles required. Uninsured patients are welcome
- Please bring a photo ID and insurance card (if insured)
- Medical services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services

Funded by a grant from New York State Department of Health **Cancer Services Program** Your partner for cancer screening, support and education Additional funding provided by the generous support of the JALBCA, NBCF, NYC Council, NYC DOHMH, NYS Senate, RAR Foundation, and individual patrons.



NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING PHOTO ID
AND YOUR WITNESSES IF YOUR
DOCUMENT REQUIRES THEM

COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MANHATTAN presents

Submission
deadline
April 20

Open Call for Spring Art Show on the Upper East Side



Show Date:

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Rain date: Sunday, June 7, 2026

Location:

James Cagney Place

E. 91st Street

Between 2nd and 3rd Ave.

Submit photo samples of your visual artwork by **April 20th** to go.cb8m.com/artshow or use the QR code on this flyer



FREE to apply and participate
No drop-in vendors at the show!



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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

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!

**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**

**A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE SESSION
WITH ATTENDEES.**



**SCAN ME TO
RSVP!**

**RSVP REQUIRED:
CALL: 212-288-4607
EMAIL: SEAWRIGHT@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.

Community Food Drive at Immanuel Lutheran Church

MOST WANTED ITEMS

DONATE TO SUPPORT WELLBEING

SHELF-STABLE ITEMS

1 CANNED OR DRY BEANS

15oz or 1LB PLANT-BASED PROTEIN



2 CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES

VEGETABLES- LOW SODIUM, NO SALT
FRUIT - IN ITS OWN JUICE



3 CANNED TUNA, SALMON, OR CHICKEN

PACKED IN WATER



4 GRAINS

BROWN OR WHITE RICE, PASTAS, BARLEY, QUINOA



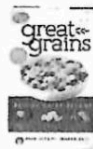
5 PEANUT BUTTER

NATURAL WITH ONLY PEANUTS AND OILS IN INGREDIENT LISTS



6 SHELF-STABLE MILK

LOW FAT MILK, ALMOND, NUT OR OAT MILKS



7 SUGAR-FREE HOT & COLD CEREALS

OATS, CORN FLAKES, FARINA, OR GRITS



LOW SODIUM, LOW SUGAR, HIGH FIBER, WHOLE GRAINS PREFERRED

Collect and Donate Items From the List Above or Send a Food Donation
(https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/FF57M7VHQ67R/ref=smi_cl_ls_lol_ls)

For more information about food donations email foodrescue@nycommonpantry.org or visit our website at www.nycommonpantry.org.

Immanuel Lutheran Church is currently collecting donations to support the Common Food Pantry through April 5.

- Drop-off Location: 124 East 88th Street (at Lexington Avenue)
- Hours: Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Note: Please call ahead to ensure someone is available: 212-289-8128

Your generosity can make a meaningful difference for families across our community.

Upcoming Events

ALL EVENTS@:
Andrew Haswell
Green Park at 60th St. &
the East River Waterfront
Esplanade

Spring on the Esplanade! All FREE



Live Music 🎵 by NOIZ!

SUNDAY, April 19th | 1-4 PM

Kids Activities and FREE ice treats*

Subject to weather cancellation.

Rain date: Saturday, May 30 *While supplies last

Live **SALSA** Music!

SATURDAY, May 16th | 1-4 PM

Music by Lulada Club

an all-women Salsa orchestra!

Fun for Kids and Family-friendly

Activities and FREE ice treats*

Subject to weather cancellation.

Rain date: Saturday, June 6. *While supplies last

Upcoming Events:

All upcoming events Require Registration
Sign-up at EsplanadeFriends.org/events

SATURDAY, May 2nd | 10 AM-1 PM

Clean-up: A Riverkeeper Sweep and I Love My Park day VOLUNTEERS needed!

SATURDAY, May 2nd | 2-3 PM

Jane's Walk! "Secrets of the Esplanade: History-ish Walk Along the East Midtown Greenway!"

SATURDAY, May 9th | 2-3PM

Esplanade YOGA! with IronStrengthNYC

SUNDAY, May 17th | - 10-11:30 AM

EsplanadeFriends x NYC Bird Alliance - KID-FRIENDLY* **Bird Walk**


*Adults will have fun too


TUESDAY, June 2nd | 6:30-8:30 PM

EsplanadeFriends **Annual Benefit** Lycée Français de New York, 505 East 75th Street. This is a ticketed event to support our advocacy and programming.

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Weill Cornell Medicine, Cornell Tech and the Good Life on Roosevelt Island Association Present:

Incontinence & Bladder Weakness

While occasional urine leakage, a frequent or urgent need to urinate, waking multiple times at night to use the bathroom, or difficulty fully emptying the bladder can be common changes with aging, a variety of health, hormonal, and lifestyle factors can contribute to or worsen bladder weakness and incontinence over time. Importantly, untreated bladder control issues can affect sleep, confidence, physical activity, and social engagement, and may increase the risk of falls and other health complications.

Join Weill Cornell Medicine, Cornell Tech and the Good Life on Roosevelt Island Association (GLORIA) for a virtual session exploring bladder health and incontinence, including what it is, what causes it, how it is diagnosed, and practical strategies to manage symptoms through lifestyle changes and medical treatment options.

This event is FREE and open to the public

We hope you will join us virtually!

Tuesday, March 31 || 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Presented by:

Unwanaobong Nseyo, M.D., MHS
Assistant Professor of Urology
Weill Cornell Medicine

Register Online HERE or at bit.ly/WCMBBladderWeakness
You can also register by scanning the QR code on this flyer.

Zoom information provided following registration.

For assistance via email, please email: communityaffairs@med.cornell.edu or Jane.Swanson@cornell.edu

For assistance via the phone, please call: Andrea Jackson at 646-342-6251.



Construction Advisory

MSK Construction Update – East 67th Street

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) has advised that on Saturday, March 28th, from 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM, East 67th Street between York Avenue and First Avenue will be partially closed to accommodate a steel delivery to the Haupt building.

A crane will be in operation during this time, and trained flag personnel will be on site to safely direct pedestrian and ambulance traffic. Advance signage will be posted in the area to notify neighbors of the planned work.

MSK will provide updates if there are any changes to the schedule.

For questions or concerns, community members are encouraged to reach out to MSK Community Engagement.

In Case You Missed It: Past Editions of the Community Report

[Community Update: March 20, 2026](#)

[Community Update: March 13, 2026](#)

[Community Update: March 6, 2026](#)

[Community Update: February 27, 2026](#)

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