

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Roosevelt Island residents are invited to attend the April 15 town hall on the steam plant demolition to hear updates from city and state agencies and ask questions directly.

The Assembly has passed legislation I supported to expand insurance coverage for acupuncture services, helping make this effective, non-invasive treatment more accessible and affordable when prescribed by a health care provider. New York State is also investing \$50 million in clean energy workforce programs that will expand training opportunities and create pathways to high-quality jobs in the growing green economy.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) will soon open its Cooling Assistance benefit on April 15, providing support to help eligible households stay safe during the warmer months. Also included in this special community report are updates on OMNY fare collection, an important deadline for SUNY students to apply for a public service opportunity, and New York City Small Business Services resources.

I invite you to join us at our upcoming events:

- Wednesday, April 15, 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 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.
- Tuesday, April 21, 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.
- 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.
- Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - **MWBE Advocacy Day at the New York State Capitol**. 3rd Floor Terrace, Legislative Office Building Albany, New York. [RSVP here.](#)

- Wednesday, May 6, 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.

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

Phone: 212-288-4607

Email: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Seawright to Cosponsor MWBE Advocacy Day at the Capitol!

MWBE Advocacy Day

An invitation from



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Article-15A

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

3rd Floor Terrace, Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York

PRESS CONFERENCE

12:00 pm: Million Dollar Staircase
Albany, New York

For more information about this free event
or any state or local issue, please contact the
Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse
Bichotte Hermelyn, ad42@nyassembly.gov,
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Assembly Passes Legislation Expanding Insurance Coverage for Acupuncture Services

The New York State Assembly has passed legislation to expand access to acupuncture services across New York State.

The bill, cosponsored by Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, requires large group health insurance policies to provide coverage for acupuncture services when prescribed by a health care provider acting within their scope of practice.

The legislation aims to improve access to this proven, non-invasive treatment option, which is used to address conditions such as chronic pain and other health concerns, and to increase affordability and access to care for New Yorkers.

STEAM PLANT DEMOLITION TOWNHALL

Join representatives from the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), New York City Department of Buildings (DOB), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and RIOC for a townhall discussion on the demolition of the city's old steam plant building.

If you'd like to submit questions in advance for the Q&A, please email them to Rldemolition@hpd.nyc.gov with the subject line "Steam Plant Townhall".



WEDNESDAY
APRIL 15, 2026



TIME
6:00PM-7:30PM



GOOD SHEPHERD CHAPEL 543 MAIN STREET



Apply for the **SUNY Empire State Service Corps (ESSC)**

Make a real difference in your community with the *Empire State Service Corps!*



**The priority
deadline is April 17.**

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright strongly encourages eligible SUNY students to take advantage of this impactful opportunity through the Empire State Service Corps (ESSC), a program designed to empower students to serve their communities while gaining meaningful, hands-on experience in public service.

The ESSC connects students across New York State with service opportunities that address real community needs—helping to strengthen neighborhoods, support local organizations, and foster the next generation of civic leaders. It is an excellent way to build skills, give back, and be part of something larger than oneself.

The April 17 priority deadline is approaching fast—don't miss your opportunity to get involved.

Step up and apply today: www.suny.edu/student-life/engagement/essc/

Expanding Clean Energy Jobs & Workforce Opportunities

Growing New York's *clean energy* workforce



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

With a \$50 million investment, New York is taking bold action to grow its clean energy economy and create high-quality jobs for the future. Two new initiatives—the Clean Energy Career Pathways Training Program and the Technical Skills Training and Upskilling Program—will equip New Yorkers with the skills needed to succeed in fast-growing, sustainable industries.

Rebecca A. Seawright proudly supports these investments, which not only strengthen our workforce but also advance New York's commitment to a cleaner, more resilient future. These programs will open doors for job seekers, support career advancement, and help ensure our communities are prepared to lead in the green economy.

Applications are now open. Eligible participants can access training opportunities designed to build in-demand skills and connect New Yorkers to meaningful career pathways in clean energy.

Learn more and apply today:

nyscrda.ny.gov/wfd-pathways
nyscrda.ny.gov/wfd-upskilling

New York City Council Participatory Budgeting Vote Returns April 11–19

Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island constituents will have the opportunity to decide how to spend \$1 million in local capital funding through New York City's Participatory Budgeting process.

Voting runs from April 11 through April 19 and is open to residents ages 11 and up, who can participate either in person at neighborhood sites such as libraries, schools, and community centers, or [online](#).

This year's ballot includes 13 community-proposed projects, ranging from improvements such as new tree guards and public school bathroom upgrades to the purchase of a firefighting robot and other neighborhood enhancements focused on parks, schools, and public spaces.

The winning projects will be incorporated into the City's FY2026 budget.

For a full list of voting locations and project proposals, residents can visit the Council Member's office resources or [Participatory Budgeting NYC website](#).



SPOTLIGHT ON AGING:

April 2026 Health Advocates for Older People Healthy Aging Calendar Available for Download or Pickup from Our Community Office



HEALTH ADVOCATES
FOR OLDER PEOPLE

APRIL 2026 CALENDAR

Weekly Class Schedule: Check the Health Advocates Daily and Weekly Schedule for Zoom links, other details, and updates on closures.
All classes are 1 hour unless otherwise noted. See below for holiday closures.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00am Qi Gong with Charlene Zoom *NEW CLASS* *Starts 4/19*	9:30am-2:30pm Regis Tech & Errand Help 341 E. 87 th St., CHT By appointment Regis students off 4/6	10:00am Alexander Technique with Kim 341 E. 87 th St., CHT and on Zoom	9:00am Chair Yoga with Stephanie on Zoom 9:30-11am Regis Tech & Errand Help 341 E. 87 th St., CHT By appointment Regis students off 4/8, 4/22	10:15-11:00am Strength & Tone with Reggie 921 Madison Ave, MAPC	10:00am Chair Yoga with Stephanie 341 E. 87 th St., CHT and on Zoom Zoom only 4/10	11:00am -1:00pm Tech Help 404 E. 87 th St., SJC By appointment No tech help 4/4
12:00pm Exercise with Stephanie Zoom	10:30am Central Park Walk *Weather permitting* with Deborah 5 th and 81 st , MET	11:45am Strength & Tone with Reggie 241 W. 72 nd St. 3rd floor, NCJW *NEW CLASS* *Starts 4/14*	11:00am Chair Yoga for Strength & Balance with Jana 7 W. 55 th St., FAPC	11:00am Tai Chi with Luc 2 E. 90 th St., CHR No class 4/2	12:00-4:00pm Scrabble and Rummikub 341 E. 87 th St., CHT No games 4/3	11:00am Chair Yoga with Carol 404 E. 87 th St., SJC No class 4/4
	12:00 pm Bone Health: Exercises and Information for Healthy Aging with Lynn on Zoom	1:30pm Chair Yoga with Eve Zoom	1:00pm Writing Workshop with Kathleen 341 E. 87 th St., CHT	12:00pm Essential Movement for Healthy Aging with Lynn on Zoom	3:00-3:50pm Tai Chi with Thuha 49 E. 73 rd St., JLH	11:00am Chair Yoga with Stephanie Zoom
	2:00pm Reiki Self-Healing with Wendy Zoom	3:00pm Tai Chi with Thuha Zoom	1:00pm Tai Chi with Luc 2 E. 90 th St., CHR No class 4/1	12:30pm Strength & Tone with Reggie 50 West 131 st , AT	3:00pm Advanced Harmonica with Jiayi on Zoom	1:00pm Movie (see pg. 2) 404 E. 87 th St., SJC No movie 4/4
	4:30pm Dance with Alex 316 E. 88 th St., CHT		2:30 – 4:30pm Poker No poker 4/1 341 E. 87 th St., CHT	2:30 – 4:30pm BAKG Open Knitting	4:00pm Beginner Harmonica with Jiayi on Zoom	

LOCATION GUIDE: AT: Abyssinian Towers, 50 West 131st; CHT: Church of the Holy Trinity, 341 East 87th or 316 East 88th Lower Level; CHR: Church of the Heavenly Rest, 2 East 90th; FAPC: Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 West 55th; JLH: James Lenox House Hupper Room, 49 East 73rd; MAPC: Madison Ave Presbyterian Church, 921 Madison Ave; MET: Met accessible entrance, 5th and 81st; NCJW: National Council of Jewish Women, 241 W. 72nd; and SJC: St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th

Consider Our Office Your Resource

HEAP Update: Cooling Assistance Opening Soon

The Cooling Assistance benefit will open on April 15, 2026. This program helps eligible New Yorkers stay safe during the warmer months by providing financial assistance for cooling equipment. Households may receive up to \$800 for the purchase and installation of a fan or window air conditioner, or up to \$1,000 for a wall sleeve unit. If installation is not feasible, a fan will be provided. Please note that benefits are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and eligible households may receive this benefit once every five years.

Applications can be submitted online through [ACCESS HRA](#), by mail, in person, or by phone.

For more information or assistance with applying, please contact our office.

Funding Opportunities for Small Businesses & Community Organizations

The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) is now accepting applications for its Commercial Revitalization Grants, offering critical funding to support small businesses and strengthen neighborhood commercial corridors.

These grants are available to community-based organizations (CBOs) working to boost local economic activity, increase foot traffic, and enhance public spaces. Available opportunities include:

- Merchant Organizing Grants to help form or revitalize merchant associations
- Business Improvement District (BID) Development Grants to support planning and implementation of new or expanding BIDs
- Small BID Support Grants to address resource gaps and promote equity
- Avenue NYC Commercial Revitalization Grants to fund commercial district needs assessments and targeted programming in low- and moderate-income communities
- Public Realm Grants to support streetscape improvements such as lighting, public art, and wayfinding

We encourage eligible organizations to apply and take advantage of these resources to support our local small business community. To learn more and apply, visit:

<https://nyc.gov/sbsgrants>

For questions, please contact: intergov@sbs.nyc.gov

OMNY Transition & Upcoming Changes to Bus Fare Payment

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has fully transitioned to OMNY, its contactless “Tap and Ride” fare system. As of December 31, 2025, MetroCard sales have ended. Riders may continue to use any remaining MetroCard balance until the card expires, but new purchases and refills are no longer available.

All Reduced Fare MetroCard users have been issued replacement OMNY cards by mail. Riders can also transfer remaining balances from MetroCards to OMNY and manage their accounts at Customer Service Centers, which are staffed 24/7 throughout the transit system.

Looking ahead, the MTA has announced that in 2026, buses will no longer accept coins for fare payment. While a specific date has not yet been announced, riders are encouraged to prepare by using OMNY-compatible payment methods, including contactless debit or credit cards, smartphones, or OMNY cards. OMNY cards can be purchased and reloaded with cash at subway station vending machines and participating retail locations such as Walgreens and CVS.

To support a smooth transition, the MTA is conducting outreach across the five boroughs, including presentations at senior centers, community organizations, and other local hubs. Mobile sales buses and vans are also being deployed to assist riders with enrollment, account management, and general questions.

For more information or assistance, riders can contact OMNY Customer Service at 877-789-6669, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or visit OMNY.info.



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

WED. 4/15, 5/6

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**REFILL YOUR
OMNY CARD**

**APPLY FOR
REDUCED FARE**

**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLY MEMBER

**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**

ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



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
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**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.

Upcoming Events

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



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Election Security Virtual Town Hall

Join Liz Krueger for a Virtual Town Hall on election security on Monday, April 13 from 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM. This timely discussion will focus on protecting free and fair elections and what New Yorkers can do ahead of the upcoming midterm elections.

The event will feature a presentation by Derek Tisler of the Brennan Center for Justice, who will provide insight into federal actions impacting election security and outline steps states and individuals can take to safeguard voting rights.

The town hall will be held via Zoom, with options to watch online or listen by phone. A live Q&A session will follow the presentation, and participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance.

To attend, **please RSVP in advance to receive the Zoom link** and call-in details. A recording of the event will be shared with all registrants following the program.

Roosevelt Island Farmers Market Returns

The Roosevelt Island Farmers Market is back for the season! The market returns to its spring location at Good Shepherd Plaza.

Residents are also encouraged to take part in local composting efforts. The volunteer-led Haki Compost Collective operates year-round at Motorgate Plaza every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, collecting food scraps to support community composting in partnership with Big Reuse and the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation.

Bring your fruit and vegetable scraps to help nourish local green spaces and support a more sustainable community.

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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COMMUNITY ADVISORY

PROJECT NAME: Rehabilitation of Standard Pedestrian Ramps at Designated Locations

PROJECT#: HWPR23MQ

BOROUGH: MANHATTAN

ADVISORY ISSUED: April 2, 2026

No Parking & Limited Crosswalk Access

Begins on/about Fri 4/10/26 - Fri 5/8/26

Work hours 7:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

At the following corner locations:

NW, SW, NE, SE East End Ave & East 82 St

NW, SW, NE, SE East End Ave & East 83 St

For construction to upgrade existing pedestrian ramps. Driveway & loading dock, bike lane access may be impacted. Businesses and buildings may be asked to temporarily remove outdoor seating & sidewalk furnitures.

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
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.

Zohran K. Mamdani
Mayor

Eduardo N. del Valle
Acting Commissioner

Pedestrian Ramps

Improved pedestrian ramps help to make New York City's pedestrian space safe and accessible for everyone, including aging residents and persons with disabilities.

Slopes and landings of the ramps will help people using wheelchairs, walkers, and scooters.

Detectable warning domes are felt with canes and feet, making the street corner safer for blind and low-vision pedestrians.

Contrasting colors, including red and white, are easier to see.

These pedestrian ramps will be designed and built to serve the community for approximately twenty-five years.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We will inform you of all construction impacts, including any temporary parking restrictions, 72 hours ahead of time. Underground utilities and infrastructure may complicate the work. [This project is specific to accessibility needs, and therefore done at different times than the roadway projects.]

To learn more about the program, please visit nycpedramps.info or contact the project's CCL.

Alexandra Girgis
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Astoria, New York 11106
C: 929-598-7249
HWPR23MQ.CCL@gmail.com

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

[Community Update: April 1, 2026](#)

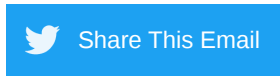
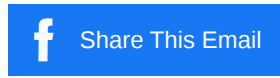
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