



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Today, August 7, we recognize National Purple Heart Day and honor the courageous members of our Armed Forces who were wounded or made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. The Purple Heart is a lasting symbol of courage, sacrifice, and devotion to country, and we extend our deepest gratitude to all Purple Heart recipients, their families, and all who have served our nation.

This week, many neighbors contacted my office after receiving confusing pied-à-terre tax notices from the New York City Department of Finance, including residents whose apartments are their primary homes and who should not be subject to this surcharge. The City's rollout has caused unnecessary concern and confusion, and I want to make sure constituents know what steps to take. The Department of Finance has now extended the deadline to September 18 for affected property owners to apply for an exemption. If you received a notice in error, please do not ignore it. Our office is available to help you navigate the process and communicate with the City.

Also in this week's update, I joined our community for National Night Out, presenting a proclamation to Inspector Lazarus and the officers of the 19th Precinct for their work keeping our neighborhood safe.

In this community report, you will find updates on my continued advocacy as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging to protect older New Yorkers from rising prescription drug costs, information on a health care proxy clinic sponsored by Carter Burden Network, a new State resource for Minority and Women-owned businesses, and more!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

I invite you to join us at our upcoming events:

- Wednesday, August 19, 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.
- Wednesday, August 26, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm – **No-Cost Mobile Mammography Screening** at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 543 Main Street, Roosevelt Island. Women ages 40–75 who live in New York City and have not had a mammogram in the past 12



months may be eligible. By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 to schedule. Please bring a photo ID and insurance card (if applicable).

- Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 am – 2:00 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



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Presenting Assembly Proclamation to the 19th Precinct's Inspector Lazarus, and Community Council at National Night Out



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright joined neighbors, community leaders, and members of the NYPD 19th Precinct at St. Catherine's Park for National Night Out, an annual celebration that brings residents and law enforcement together to strengthen relationships and promote safer communities.

She recognized Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Noreen E. Lazarus, Detective Anthony Nuccio, Community Council President Nick Viest, the officers and professional staff of the 19th Precinct, Auxiliary Police, and members of the 19th Precinct Community Council for their dedicated service.



The Assembly Member also thanked the many neighbors who stopped by her office's table to meet the team, discuss community issues, and learn more about constituent services and resources. National Night Out is an important opportunity to strengthen the partnerships among residents, law enforcement, and community organizations that help keep the Upper East Side safe.

Protecting Older New Yorkers from Rising Prescription Drug Costs



SPOTLIGHT ON AGING:

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright is speaking out against proposed federal changes that could increase prescription drug costs for older New Yorkers.

Governor Kathy Hochul recently warned that the Trump Administration's plan to end Medicare Part D subsidies could lead to higher monthly premiums beginning in 2027 for approximately 1.3 million seniors across New York State. The Governor also highlighted steps New York has taken to lower health care costs, including expanding the Medicare Savings Program and eliminating insulin co-pays.

"Even small increases in prescription drug costs can have devastating consequences for older adults living on fixed incomes," said Assembly Member Seawright. "Seniors should never be forced to choose between filling a prescription

and paying for groceries, rent, or other necessities. New York has made meaningful progress by expanding access to affordable health care and lowering out-of-pocket costs for older adults, and we cannot allow that progress to be undermined. I thank Governor Hochul for standing up for New York's seniors and fighting to protect affordable access to the medications they depend on every day."

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, Assembly Member Seawright will continue working to protect older New Yorkers from rising costs and ensure seniors can access the health care and prescription medications they need.

Health Care Proxy Clinic at Carter Burden Network



HEALTH CARE PROXY CLINIC

Every Wednesday | 10:00 AM– 4:00 PM

Creating a Health Care Proxy and living will is an important way to ensure your wishes are honored and to support those who may need to make decisions on your behalf.

Our team will guide you through the process, help you complete and witness the required documents, discuss choosing a health care proxy, clarify your wishes, and prepare you for conversations with your loved ones.

**Carter Burden Network - Social Service Unit
445 East 85th Street, Ground Floor
Call 212-879-7400,
Ext. 310 to schedule an appointment.**

Partially funded by NYC Department for the Aging

**Received a NYC Pied-à-Terre Tax Notice?
What You Need to Know and How to Respond**

The New York City Department of Finance (DOF) recently mailed notices regarding the City Surcharge on Property That Does Not Serve as a Primary Residence, commonly referred to as the pied-à-terre tax. Many New Yorkers have raised concerns about receiving these notices even though their apartment or home is their primary residence.

Important: Receiving a notice does not necessarily mean that you owe the tax. However, you should not ignore the letter. If you believe the notice was sent to you in error or your property qualifies for an exemption, you should respond to DOF.

Deadline Extended to September 18, 2026

The New York City Department of Finance has extended the deadline to September 18, 2026 for affected property owners to apply for an exemption.

The notices generally include:

DOF's determination regarding whether the property is a primary residence;
DOF's market value for the property;
The amount of the potential surcharge; and
A personal security code that can be used to apply for an exemption through the DOF website.

Why Did I Receive This Notice?

The pied-à-terre tax took effect on July 1, 2026.

For the 2026–2027 tax year, DOF is using January 5, 2026 as the date for determining whether a property was being used as a primary residence. Going forward, January 5 will continue to be the relevant date for determining primary-residence status for the following tax year.

During the first phase of the law, the surcharge generally applies to qualifying:

One- to three-family homes with a DOF market value of \$5 million or more; and
Condominium and cooperative apartments with a DOF-determined market value of \$1 million or more that do not qualify as a primary residence.

If This Is Your Primary Residence

If you received a notice but the property is your primary residence, you should apply for an exemption by September 18, 2026.

A property may qualify as a primary residence when it is occupied by:

- A qualifying owner;
- The owner's spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent, or grandchild;
- A qualifying tenant or, in the case of a co-op, subtenant with a bona fide arm's-length lease of at least one year; or
- In certain circumstances involving a trust, qualifying beneficiaries.

How to Respond

1. Keep Your DOF Letter

Do not throw the notice away, even if you are certain it was sent in error.

The notice contains important information, including a personal security code that may be needed to apply for an exemption.

2. Go to the Department of Finance Website

Visit: nyc.gov/npsurcharge

Use the City's online tool and follow the instructions for applying for an exemption from the surcharge.

3. Gather Proof of Primary Residence

DOF may require documentation showing that the property was being used as a primary residence.

Depending on your circumstances, relevant evidence may include:

- Your most recently filed federal or New York State tax return;
- Driver's license or other government-issued identification;

- Voter registration records;
- Deed or other ownership documentation;
- Cooperative records; and
- Other documentation demonstrating that the property is your primary residence.

Submit the documentation requested by DOF for your particular circumstances.

4. Submit Your Exemption Request by September 18

Do not assume that DOF will automatically correct its records.

If you believe your property was incorrectly identified as a non-primary residence, respond to the notice and apply for the appropriate exemption by September 18, 2026.

Keep copies of everything you submit, including any confirmation from DOF.

What If the Market Value Is Wrong?

There are two different issues that may appear on your notice:

Primary residence:

If the property is your primary residence or otherwise qualifies for an exemption, follow DOF's exemption process at: nyc.gov/npsurcharge

Property valuation:

If you believe the DOF-determined market value listed for your property is incorrect, that is a separate issue that may need to be challenged through the New York City Tax Commission. Visit: nyc.gov/taxcommission

Challenging the property's market value is different from demonstrating that the property is your primary residence.

Special Information for Co-op Owners

Co-op shareholders should pay particular attention to these notices.

If you received a notice for a co-op apartment that is your primary residence, do not assume that you owe the surcharge simply because your apartment appeared on the City's list. Apply for an exemption and provide documentation establishing your primary residence.

Under the new law, the cooperative corporation is responsible for paying any surcharge ultimately imposed on a cooperative apartment and then collecting that amount from the affected shareholder.

Because of this structure, co-op shareholders should also communicate promptly with their managing agent or co-op board if they receive a notice or learn that their apartment has been identified as potentially subject to the surcharge.

Co-op boards and managing agents that receive notices affecting individual apartments should make sure affected shareholders receive the notices promptly so they have sufficient time to seek an exemption before the September 18 deadline.

Before You Submit — Checklist

- ☐ Locate your DOF notice and personal security code.
- ☐ Confirm whether the property was your primary residence as of January 5, 2026.
- ☐ Gather documentation demonstrating primary residence.
- ☐ Use nyc.gov/npsurcharge to determine your eligibility and submit the appropriate information.
- ☐ If the City's market value is incorrect, review the separate Tax Commission process.
- ☐ Submit your exemption request by September 18, 2026.
- ☐ Save copies of your application, supporting documents, and submission confirmation.

Need Assistance? Our Office Is Here to Help.

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright's office is available as a resource for constituents who received these notices.

If you:

- Believe you received a notice in error;
- Live full-time in the property identified by DOF;
- Are unsure how to respond to the notice;
- Have submitted documentation but are experiencing difficulty with DOF; or
- Need assistance communicating with the New York City Department of Finance, please contact our office:

Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright
1485 York Avenue
New York, NY 10075
212-288-4607

When contacting our office, please have your Department of Finance notice available so our constituent services team can better assist you.

Important Resources:

- **NYC Department of Finance** — Pied-à-Terre / Non-Primary Residence Surcharge
nyc.gov/npsurcharge
- **NYC Tax Commission** — Property Valuation Challenges
nyc.gov/taxcommission
- **NYC Information and Assistance**
Call 311

Applications Opening Soon: No Hate NYS Youth Council



The New York State Division of Human Rights is accepting applications for the 2026–27 No Hate NYS Youth Council, a seven-month program empowering young New Yorkers to combat hate and bias through education, advocacy, and community engagement.

Participants will receive mentorship, take part in workshops, develop community-based projects, and receive a \$2,000 stipend for their service.

Eligible applicants must be New York State residents between the ages of 18 and 22, or up to age 26 if enrolled in an undergraduate program, with an interest in human rights and community advocacy.

Applications open August 14 and will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early applications are encouraged. The final deadline is Friday, August 28, unless all positions are filled sooner.

Learn more and apply at dhr.ny.gov/youthinitiatives.

Consider Our Office Your Resource

New Empire State MWBE Hub



Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs) are an important part of New York's economy. The State has launched a new, modernized Empire State MWBE Hub to make it easier for MWBEs to access resources, opportunities, and support.

Visit [the Empire State MWBE Hub](#) to learn more and get started.

American-Italian **CANCER FOUNDATION**

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

9:00am to 4:30pm

Church of the Good Shepherd

543 Main Street
Roosevelt Island, NY 10044



**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



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)
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Give a **little** time.
Make a **BIG** impact.



Deliver Joy to an Older Neighbor!

Volunteer for DOROT's Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

When you volunteer to deliver a holiday package and connect with an older neighbor for an in-person or phone visit, you can make their day—and yours!

Pre-registration and valid U.S. government-issued photo ID are required.

How it works:

- 1 Register at dorotusa.org/RoshHashanah
- 2 Pick up a package and get matched with an older adult
- 3 Deliver the package to the home of an older adult
- 4 Connect for an in-person or phone visit!

Wednesday, September 16
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM



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DOROT's Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery was generously endowed by Mrs. Bella Wexner to honor her parents Lena and Harry Cabakoff.
Thank you to Moise Safra Center for hosting DOROT's East Side Package Delivery.

Health Bucks

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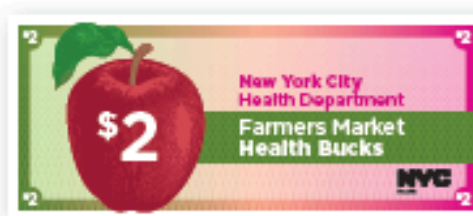
Health Bucks are \$2 coupons good for fresh fruits and vegetables at all New York City farmers markets.

At participating markets, for every \$2 spent with SNAP benefits (EBT), get \$2 in Health Bucks up to \$10 per day.

Swipe your EBT card at the farmers market manager tent.



Get Health Bucks.



Buy more fresh fruits and vegetables with Health Bucks.



Text "So Good" to 55676, visit nyc.gov/health/map or scan the QR code to find a farmers market near you.



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



**OMNY BUS
STOPS HERE
(79/YORK):
WED. 8/19, 9/2**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Upcoming Events



Health Advocates for Older People

invites you to our upcoming

Equipment Fair

Monday, August 10th, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Church of the Holy Trinity

316 East 88 St. (bet 1st & 2nd Ave.), Lower Level

Increase your mobility and comfort!

Stop by for a selection of useful items, all free of charge such as:

Canes

Crutches

Shower chairs

Raised toilet seats & commodes

Post surgical boots

Rollators

Wheelchairs

Chucks disposable bed covers, and more!

All items are subject to availability and are in as is condition.

For more information, or to inquire about a specific item, contact info@hafop.org or 212-980-1700, ext. 201 or 212-831-1700.

Health Advocates for Older People promotes safe and healthy aging for New Yorkers.

Health Advocates Equipment Donation is supported through public and private grants and donations.

Visit www.hafop.org to learn more and get involved.

Health Advocates for Older People

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