



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am pleased to share an update on state funding I secured for Lenox Hill Neighborhood House to strengthen its efforts to combat food insecurity. Recent improvements to its kitchen—including a new walk-in freezer, a more efficient dishwasher, and upgraded equipment—will help expand grab-and-go meals and fresh food distributions for older New Yorkers and neighbors in need.

In this community report, you will also 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 our office's eyeglass recycling program, free Broadway tickets for high school students, an opportunity to participate in the Community Board 8 art show, important information on West Nile virus prevention, and more.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright".

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Seawright Secures Food Security Funding for Lenox Hill Neighborhood House



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright is proud to have secured state funding for Lenox Hill Neighborhood House to make critical improvements to the institutional kitchen at its historic East 70th Street headquarters. **The funding supported a new walk-in freezer, a more efficient dishwasher, and additional equipment upgrades that are helping the organization expand its efforts to combat food insecurity.**

These improvements are already making an impact. Since expanding its grab-and-go meal program in January, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House has distributed more than 7,000 additional meals and 1,000 Fresh Food Bags, helping strengthen food security for more than 700 low-income households.

The new kitchen equipment will help Lenox Hill Neighborhood House continue growing these programs, **with a goal of providing grab-and-go meals and Fresh Food Bags to at least 2,000 low-income New Yorkers in the coming year.**

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, Assembly Member Seawright is committed to bringing state resources back to the district and supporting trusted community organizations that provide nutritious meals and essential services to older adults, families, and neighbors in need.

Give Your Old Eyeglasses a New Life!



Thanks to Upper Green Side's Sarah Gallagher, who helps collect eyeglasses for Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital, our district office is proud to serve as a local collection site for used eyeglasses. Donating old glasses is an easy way to keep them out of the waste stream and give them a new purpose through recycling.

And our neighbors are delivering! **Our most recent collection included an incredible 239 pairs of eyeglasses. Way to go, neighbors — and keep them coming!** Have old prescription glasses, readers, or other eyewear you no longer use? Drop them off at:

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright's District Office
1485 York Avenue

Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM–4:30 PM

Thank you to Sarah, Upper Green Side, and everyone who has donated. Together, we are putting hundreds of old pairs of glasses to good use while reducing waste in our community.

Free Broadway Tickets for NYC High School Students

New York City high school students have a chance to experience Broadway for free! More than 2,000 free tickets to seven Broadway productions are available through a special lottery for students in grades 9–12. **Students may enter through Monday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m., and those selected can claim up to two tickets.**

Participating productions include **Buena Vista Social Club, In the Heights at New York City Center, School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play, Stranger Things: The First Shadow, The Lost Boys, The Great Gatsby, and Two Strangers (Carry a Cake Across New York).**

Every student who enters the lottery will also receive a free two-month TDF membership, providing access to discounted Broadway, Off-Broadway, and Off-Off Broadway tickets—typically ranging from \$20 to \$40—as well as free or discounted admission to participating cultural institutions across the city. The free memberships remain available through September 13.

[Enter the Broadway Ticket Lottery](#)

COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MANHATTAN presents

Submission
deadline
Sept. 8

Open Call for Fall Art Show on the Upper East Side



Show Date:

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026

Location:

James Cagney Place

E. 91st Street

Between 2nd and 3rd Ave.

Submit photo samples of your visual artwork by **Sept. 8th** 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!



www.cb8m.com



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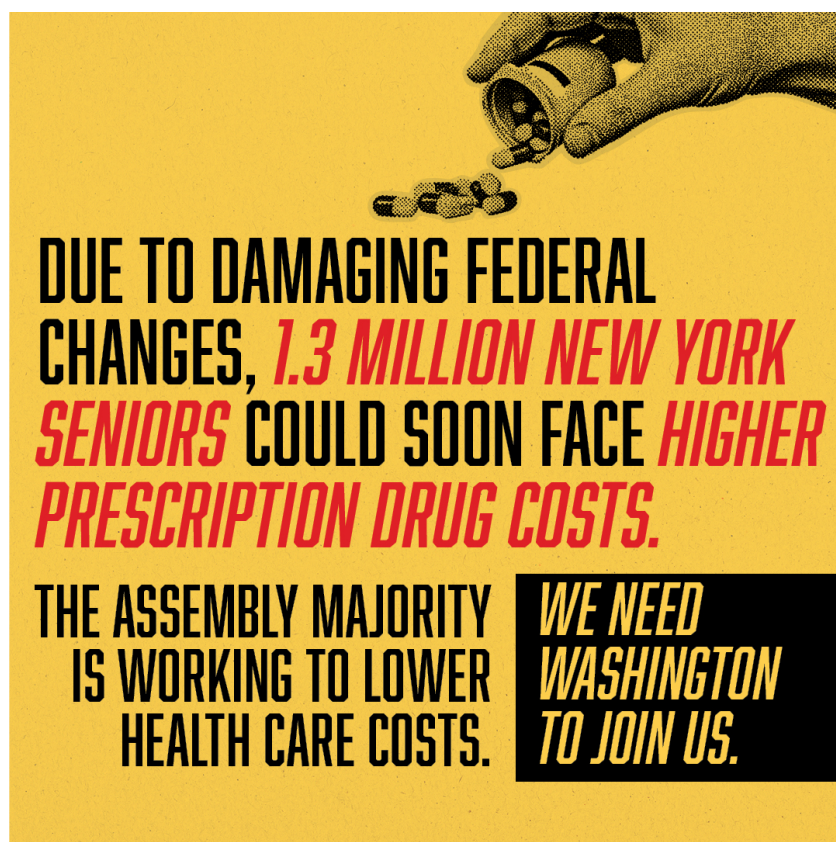


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**Rebecca
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 **ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

SPOTLIGHT ON AGING:

Federal Changes Could Increase Prescription Drug Costs for Seniors



With everyday costs already straining household budgets, approximately 1.3 million New York seniors could face higher prescription drug costs following a federal government decision to end a Medicare Part D subsidy program designed to help keep premiums affordable.

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright remains committed to protecting older New Yorkers from rising health care and prescription drug costs and ensuring residents have access to the benefits and assistance for which they are eligible.

Need help with Medicare or prescription drug coverage? New York's Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) provides free, confidential and unbiased assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers. Trained counselors can help with Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, Medigap coverage, the Medicare Savings Program, Extra Help and other health insurance questions.

New York City residents can reach HIICAP through the NYC Department for the Aging by calling 311 and asking for "HIICAP," or by calling the Aging Connect hotline at 212-AGING-NYC (212-244-6469). Constituents may also contact Assembly Member Seawright's district office at 212-288-4607 for assistance connecting with available resources.

Learn more about the federal Medicare Part D change: [Read the State of Politics report](#)

Consider Our Office Your Resource

Mosquito Alert: Protect Yourself Against West Nile Virus



It only takes one bite. Protect yourself:

- Limit outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active, especially in the evening and at dusk and dawn.
- Use an EPA-approved insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
 - Always follow instructions on the product label.
 - Keep repellent near the front door or in your bag so you remember to use it.
- Do not wear colognes, perfumes, or scented body lotions.
- Wear protective clothing, such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks. Avoid wearing dark-colored clothing.
- During the day, avoid shaded bushy areas, which are where mosquitoes rest.
- Make sure windows have screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Remove standing water from your property to prevent mosquito breeding.

Protect yourself when:



On a walk



Going outside



In the garden



At the park



Working outdoors

If you are 60 or older or have a weakened immune system, you are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.



Talk to your friends, family, and older community members about how to protect themselves from mosquitoes and West Nile virus.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/mosquito.



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[For additional information about mosquito and West Nile virus prevention, visit the NYC Health Department's mosquito prevention website.](https://nyc.gov/mosquito)

Making College More Affordable for New Yorkers

Do you know about the state's **FREE TUITION PROGRAMS?**



Assembly Member Seawright is committed to making life more affordable and building a stronger future through education. As part of that commitment, she wants to make sure families know about New York State's two tuition-free programs for eligible New Yorkers. For information on the Excelsior Scholarship and SUNY or CUNY Reconnect, visit the links below.

Visit www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships/excelsior-scholarship-program and www.ny.gov/services/apply-free-community-college-suny-or-cuny.

SUNY Reconnect Expands Tuition-Free College Opportunities

SUNY Reconnect is expanding for Fall 2026, providing more opportunities for eligible New Yorkers ages 25–55 to earn an associate degree in a high-demand field with tuition, fees, books, and supplies covered.

Newly eligible degree programs include air traffic control and aviation management, emergency management, and supply chain/logistics. Eligible adults who already hold a college degree may also now participate in SUNY Reconnect if they are pursuing a degree in nursing.

The program is also expanding to additional SUNY campuses, including Alfred State, SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Canton, SUNY Delhi, SUNY ESF, Farmingdale State College, SUNY Maritime College, and SUNY Morrisville.

Since SUNY Reconnect launched in Fall 2025, more than 5,600 New Yorkers have enrolled.

[**Learn more about SUNY Reconnect and eligibility.**](#)

Child Support Awareness Month: Resources for New York City Families

August is Child Support Awareness Month, and Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright is sharing resources available through the NYC Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) to help parents and guardians support their children and strengthen their families.

OCSS offers free services and assistance to New York City families, including:

- Establishing Parentage & Child Support — Assistance establishing parentage and obtaining a child support order. [Learn more and enroll](#)
- Child Support Agreements — Parents may be able to establish or modify a child support order by jointly developing an agreement before going to court. [Learn about agreements](#)
- Debt Reduction — Programs may be available to help eligible parents reduce child support debt owed to the NYC Department of Social Services. [Explore debt reduction programs](#)
- Jobs & Training — OCSS can connect parents with child support cases to employment services, training opportunities, and resources for finding higher-paying jobs and career pathways. [Explore jobs and training resources](#)
- HRA Child Support Mobile App — The free app allows New Yorkers to apply for services, complete and download forms, and make child support payments online without additional fees. [Learn about the Child Support Mobile App](#)

Assembly Member Seawright encourages families who may benefit from these programs to learn more about the assistance available through OCSS.

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)
- Medical services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services

Funded by a grant from  **Cancer Services Program** Additional funding provided by the generous support of the JALBCA, NBCF, NYC Council, NYC DOHMH, NYS Senate, NYS Assembly, 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



**OMNY BUS
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WED. 8/19, 9/2**

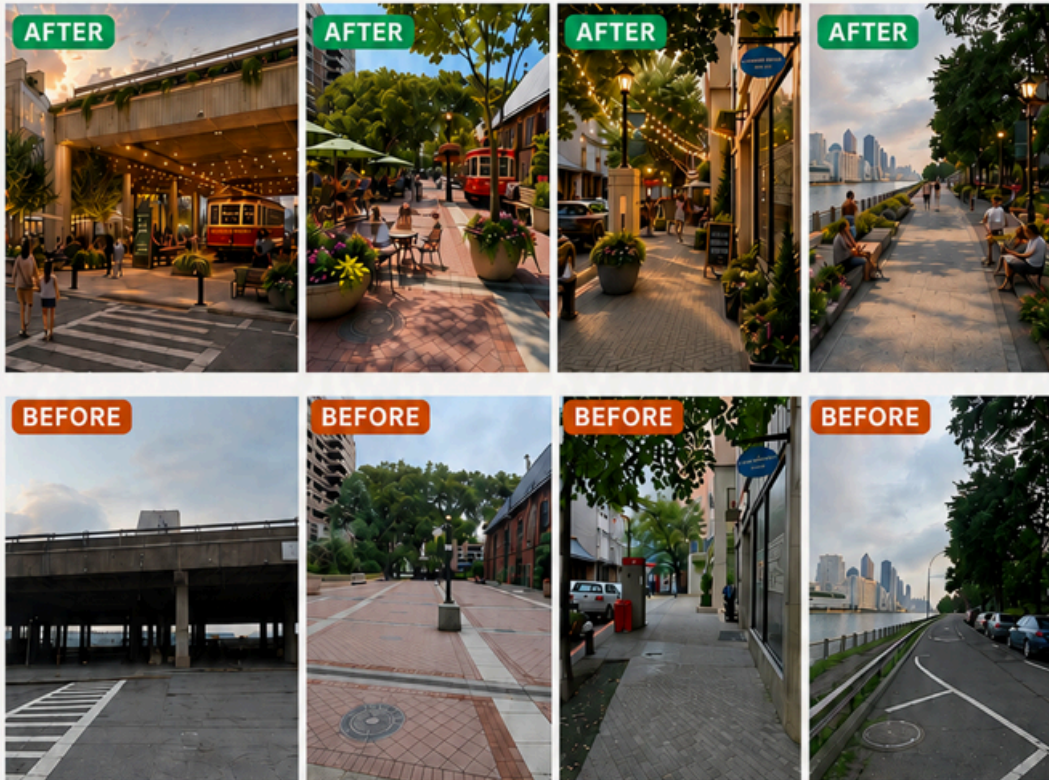
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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REDUCED FARE

Upcoming Events

The Roosevelt Island *Refresh*



Join us for an island walk and share your ideas on how this island could be even more welcoming and inviting.

Please sign up for the walk here



DATE

Sunday,
August 16th



TIME

3:00 PM



MEET
AT

Outside Motorgate
605 Main St,
Roosevelt Island, NY 10044

*These images are concepts. We are looking for ideas from the community.
This campaign is not affiliated with RIOC*

[Sign up here.](#)

It's My Park at Andrew Haswell Green Park

Andrew Haswell Green Park

Friday, August 14 | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Volunteer with Green Park Gardeners NYC for a general cleanup, pruning, weeding & planting. Free and open to all.

Kids In Motion: Carl Schurz Park

Catbird Playground (in Carl Schurz Park)

Friday, August 14 & Saturday, August 15 | 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Join NYC Parks staff for free activities including organized sports, games, fitness demos, board games, water games, and more!

Yoga in the Park

East River Picnic Area (Randall's Island Park)

Saturday, August 15 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Guided by a local yoga instructor. Flow through a calming and grounding sequence against the backdrop of the uptown skyline. Free.

RIDA Flea Market

Good Shepherd Plaza, Roosevelt Island

Saturday, August 15 | Starting ~7:00 AM

Free to browse. Supports the Roosevelt Island Disabled Association.

RI Farmers Market

Good Shepherd Plaza, Roosevelt Island

Saturday, August 15 | From ~8:00 AM

Fresh produce and local goods. Free to visit.

RI Food Scrap Drop-Off

Motorgate Plaza, Roosevelt Island

Saturday, August 15 | Morning hours

Community composting drop-off.

RI Crochet Club

Roosevelt Island Library

Saturday, August 15 | 2:00 PM

Free for adults, tweens & teens.

Bring your own supplies or use the limited ones provided.

Grass Fed at Little Island

Friday–Sunday, August 14–16 | 5:00 PM

Seating begins at 4:30 PM

Head to Little Island's The Glade at Pier 55 in Hudson River Park for Grass Fed, a free live experience featuring Radiolab senior correspondent Molly Webster.

Travel around the world and through all five senses to discover the surprising story of grass and its role as one of the world's most important food sources. Before or after the performance, visitors can also enjoy a special pop-up food pairing from Gracie Baked at The Play Ground.

Location: Little Island, entrances between West 12th and West 14th Streets

[Admission: Free](#)

Late Shift at the Guggenheim: Free Block Party

Thursday, August 20 | 6:30–9:00 PM

The Guggenheim's monthly Late Shift is turning into a free block party featuring local musicians, games, puzzle tables, and special exhibition-inspired art-making activities. Mocktails and classic block party snacks will also be available for purchase.

[Admission is free.](#)

Back-to-School Giveaway

Thursday, August 20 | 3:00–6:00 PM

Stanley Isaacs Center, 415 East 93rd Street

[Goddard Riverside is hosting a Back-to-School Giveaway with free backpacks, notebooks, pens, and other school supplies. Supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last, with one backpack per person present at the event.](#)

CityCamp NYC at Hunter College

Saturday, September 19 | 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Hunter College

CityCamp NYC brings together neighbors, public servants, civic leaders, technologists, and advocates for a full-day “unconference” focused on the intersection of democracy, civil society, and government operations.

Unlike a traditional conference, CityCamp encourages participants to help shape the day's conversations, exchange ideas, and explore ways to strengthen civic life and government. Early-bird tickets are \$40 through August 17.

[Learn More & Purchase Tickets](#)

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