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A Special Report for Older Adults

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Seawright Honored
by Lenox Hill
Neighborhood House



Lenox Hill Neighborhood House honored NYS Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright at their “Once Upon a Dream” Spring Gala on April 30, 2026, at Cipriani 42nd Street. The celebration recognized her advocacy for older adults in Manhattan’s 76th Assembly District.

Supporting Older New
Yorkers Through Information
and Action



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, Chair of the New York State Assembly Committee on Aging, welcomed New York State Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen to Carter Burden Network for a Senior Services Forum connecting older adults with trusted information and essential resources. The forum featured discussions on fraud prevention, caregiving, housing, healthcare, and aging services, while providing direct assistance with programs including SCRIE and DRIE rent freezes, Reduced-Fare OMNY, SNAP, EPIC, HEAP, property tax exemptions, and housing and legal services. Assembly Member Seawright also highlighted New York’s Master Plan for Aging and her ongoing efforts to strengthen protections and expand services that help older New Yorkers age with dignity, independence, and security.

Scam Alert: Protect Yourself from
Cryptocurrency Kiosk Scams

Cryptocurrency kiosk scams are on the rise. Scammers often contact victims by phone, text message, email, or social media, pretending to be a government agency, utility company, bank, or even a family member in distress. They create a false sense of urgency and instruct victims to withdraw cash and deposit it into a cryptocurrency kiosk (sometimes called a Bitcoin ATM), claiming it is the only way to protect their money or resolve an emergency. Once the funds are deposited, they are transferred to the scammer and are nearly impossible to recover.

According to AARP, in 2024 alone, adults age 60 and older accounted for more than 85% of reported cryptocurrency kiosk scam losses, totaling more than \$107 million. To combat this growing threat, Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright joined Assembly Member Clyde Vanel, Senator James Sanders Jr., Senate Aging Committee Chair Cordell Cleare, and AARP in supporting legislation (A.10899) to strengthen consumer protections and help prevent cryptocurrency kiosk fraud.

Protect Yourself:

- Never deposit cash into a cryptocurrency kiosk because someone contacted you unexpectedly.
- Remember that government agencies, banks, law enforcement, and utility companies will never require payment through cryptocurrency.
- Take your time—scammers rely on fear and urgency to pressure victims into acting quickly.
- If you are unsure whether a request is legitimate, speak with a trusted family member, friend, or financial institution before sending money.
- If you believe you have been targeted by a scam, report it immediately to local law enforcement and the appropriate consumer protection agencies.

If you have questions or believe you or a loved one may have been the target of a scam, Assembly Member Seawright’s office is here to help connect you with available resources.



Help Navigating Medicare Enrollment
and Health Coverage

- **Medicare Rights Center**
Phone Number: (800) 333-4114
Email: info@medicarerights.org
Address: 266 West 37th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10018 ■ <https://www.medicarerights.org/learn-medicare>

■ **Community Health Advocates (CHA)**
Phone number: (888) 614-5400
Email: cha@cssny.org ■ <https://communityhealthadvocates.org/>
- **HIICAP**
(Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program)
Phone number: (800) 701-0501
<https://aging.ny.gov/health-insurance-information-counseling-and-assistance-program-hiicap>

■ **LiveOn NY**
Phone number: (212) 398-6565
Address: 49 W 45th St 7th Floor, New York, NY 10036 ■ <https://www.liveon-ny.org/>

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. 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.



STAR Property Tax Relief Checks Are on the Way

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, Chair of the New York State Assembly Committee on Aging, proudly supported continued funding for the STAR program in this year’s State Budget. Homeowners can track the status of their STAR check, enroll in direct deposit, and learn more about eligibility by visiting the New York State STAR program website. Most eligible homeowners will receive between \$350 and \$600, while most Enhanced STAR recipients—older adults with qualifying incomes—will receive between \$700 and \$1,500. STAR checks are already being mailed and will continue to arrive throughout the summer and fall.

Local Older Adult Programs

- **New York Foundation for Senior Citizens (NYFSC)**
Phone number: (212) 962-7559
Email: nyfscinc@aol.com
Address: 11 Park Pl #1416, New York, NY 10007 ▪ <https://www.nyfsc.org/>
- **Carter Burden Luncheon Club & Older Adult Program**
Phone number: 212-203-3541
Email: contactus@carterburdennetwork.org
Address: 351 East 74th Street (between 1st and 2nd Aves.) New York, NY 10021
<https://www.carterburdennetwork.org/cblc>
- **Carter Burden Roosevelt Island Older Adult Program**
Phone number: 212-980-1888
Email: fernandezl@carterburdennetwork.org
Address: 546 Main Street, Roosevelt Island, New York, NY 10044 ▪ <https://www.carterburdennetwork.org/risc>
- **Carter Burden Social Service Unit**
Phone number: 212-879-7400 x310
Email: pykonj@carterburdennetwork.org
Address: 445 East 85th Street (between 1st & York Aves.) New York, NY 10028
<https://www.carterburdennetwork.org/socialserviceunit>
- **Center @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House**
Phone number: 212-218-0319
Address: 343 E 70th Street, New York, NY 10021 ▪ <https://www.lenoxhill.org/center-lenox-hill-neighborhood-house>
- **Search and Care**
Phone number: (212) 289-5300
Email: SandC@searchandcare.org
Address: 207 E 94th St, New York, NY 10128 ▪ <https://www.searchandcare.org/about-search-and-care/>
- **Health Advocates for Older People**
Phone number: (212) 980-1700
Email: info@hafop.org
Address: 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1402 New York, NY 10170
▪ <https://www.hafop.org/>

Advocacy Organizations

- **Aging Connect**
Phone Number: (212) 244-6469
Address: 2 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10007
▪ <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dfta/index.page>
- **American Association for Retired Persons (AARP)**
Phone number: (866) 227-7442
Email: nyaarp@aarp.org
Address: 780 3rd Avenue, 5th floor, New York, NY 10017
▪ <https://www.aarp.org/states/new-york/>
- **Alzheimer’s Foundation of America**
Phone number: (866) 232-8484
Email: info@alzfdn.org
Address: 322 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10001
▪ <https://alzfdn.org/>
- **CIDNY, New York State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program**
Phone number: 888-855-9807
Email: ltcop@cidny.org
Address: 1010 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 301, NY, NY 10018
▪ <https://www.cidny.org/ltcop/>
- **Community Service Society (CSS)**
Phone number: (212) 254-8900
Address: 633 3rd Ave 10th floor, New York, NY 10017
▪ <https://www.cssny.org/>
- **DOROT**
Phone number: (212) 769-2850
Email: info@dorotusa.org
Address: 171 W 85th Street, New York, NY 10024 ▪ <https://www.dorotusa.org/>
- **NYC Department of Veterans’ Services**
Phone number: (212) 416-5250
Address: 1 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007 ▪ <https://www.nyc.gov/site/veterans/index.page>



Alberto Roldan, Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations for New York City Transit; Sharon Zeisel, Director of the Carter Burden Luncheon Club; and Ethan Nachmani, Special Assistant for Community Relations in the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright.

Helping Older Adults Navigate OMNY with Confidence

Our office was proud to partner with Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Carter Burden Network and New York City Transit to host a series of presentations helping residents navigate the transition to OMNY and better understand the new fare payment system.

Spotlight on Programs for Older Adults

- **MTA Reduced-Fare OMNY**
Phone number: (877) 789-6669 ▪ <https://www.mta.info/fares-tolls/subway-bus/reduced-fare>
- **OMNY Mobile Sales Bus**
Phone number: 511 ▪ <https://www.mta.info/fares-tolls/subway-bus/mobile-sales>

SCHEDULE

LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Lenox Hill at 68 St. & First Ave. (Near Memorial Sloan Kettering)	1st & 3rd Tuesday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Upper East Side at 79 St & York Ave. (On York between 78 St. & 79 St.)	1st & 3rd Wednesday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Lenox Hill at 72 St. & York Ave. (In front of Manning Nursing Home)	1st & 3rd Wednesday	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Carnegie Hill at 92nd St. Y	1st Thursday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Yorkville at 86 St. & Lexington Ave.	2nd & 4th Tuesday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Lenox Hill at 68 St. & Lexington Ave.	2nd & 4th Tuesday	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

- **New York City Rent Freeze Program for seniors and people with disabilities (SCRIE/DRIE)**
Phone number: 311 ▪ <https://www.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page>

- **New York City Property Tax Exemptions: SCHE & DHE**
Phone number: 311 ▪ <https://www.nyc.gov/site/finance/property/landlords-sche.page> and <https://www.nyc.gov/site/finance/property/landlords-dhe.page>
- The **STAR Program (School Tax Relief)**
Phone number: (518) 457-2036 ▪ <https://www.nyc.gov/site/finance/property/landlords-star.page>
- **Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)**
Phone number: (800) 332-3742 ▪ https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/
- The **Lifeline Program**
Phone number: (800) 234-9473
Email: LifelineSupport@usac.org ▪ <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/>
- **Citymeals on Wheels**
Phone number: (212) 687-1234
Email: info@citymeals.org
Address: 360 Lexington Ave 9th Floor, New York, NY 10017 ▪ <https://www.citymeals.org/>
- **Food Help NYC**
Phone number: 311 ▪ <https://finder.nyc.gov/foodhelp/>
- **The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**
Phone number: (800) 342-3009
Email: Questions regarding the HEAP program should be directed to your HEAP Local District Contact ▪ otda.ny.gov/programs/heap

Assembly Member Seawright Speaks at 2026 Aging Summit



As Chair of the New York State Assembly Committee on Aging, Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright participated in the 2026 City & State New York Aging Summit, joining leaders from government, healthcare, and advocacy to discuss the future of aging in New York. She highlighted the importance of supporting family caregivers, expanding community-based services, and investing in policies that help older New Yorkers age with dignity, independence, and security.



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, and Dr. Lisa Scott-McKenzie, Commissioner of the New York City Department for the Aging.

Legal Resources

- **New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)**
Phone Number: (212) 613-6514
Email: lifepanning@nylag.org
Address: 100 Pearl Street 19th Floor, New York, NY 10004 ▪ <https://nylag.org/>
- **City Bar Justice Center’s Elderlaw Project**
Phone Number: (212) 382-6658
Address: 42 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036 ▪ <https://www.citybarjusticecenter.org/projects/elderlaw-project/>
- **VOLS Senior Law Project**
Phone Number: (347) 521-5704
Email: seniorlaw@volsprobono.org
Address: 40 Worth Street, Suite 829, New York, NY 10013-2904 ▪ <https://volsprobono.org/projects/seniorlaw/>
- **NYC Financial Empowerment Centers**
Phone Number: 311 and say “financial counseling” or call hotline 212-487-4583
Address: Multiple locations; call or book online to find one nearest to you ▪ <https://access.nyc.gov/programs/nyc-financial-empowerment-centers/>

Continuing Education

- Hunter College**
Phone Number: (212) 772-4000
Email: gradadmissions@hunter.cuny.edu
Address: Hunter College, 695 Park Ave NY, NY 10065 ▪ <https://www.hunter.cuny.edu/students/>
- CUNY Lifelong**
Phone Number: (212) 817-2474
Email: lp2@gc.cuny.edu
Address: CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016 ▪ <https://www.gc.cuny.edu/lifelong-peer-learning-program>
- NYU SPS Academy of Lifelong Learning**
Phone Number: 212-998-7100
Email: sps.admissions@nyu.edu
Address: NYU School of Professional Studies Office of Admissions
7 East 12th Street, Suite 921, NY, NY 10003 ▪ <https://www.sps.nyu.edu/join/continuing-education.html>
- Columbia University Lifelong Learners Auditing Program**
Phone Number: 212-854-9666
Email: auditing@sps.columbia.edu
Address: 203 Lewisohn Hall, 2970 Broadway, MC 4119, New York, NY, 10027 ▪ <https://sps.columbia.edu/academics>

Seawright Honors Carter Burden Luncheon Club Director Sharon Zeisel



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright was pleased to honor Sharon Zeisel, Director of the Carter Burden Luncheon Club, at the 12th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony in recognition of her exceptional leadership and longstanding commitment to serving older adults on the Upper East Side. Sharon’s enthusiastic cheering section at the ceremony was a testament to the deep admiration and appreciation she has earned from colleagues, friends, and community members through her years of dedicated service.

Do you know an exceptional woman making a difference on the Upper East Side, in Yorkville, or on Roosevelt Island? Contact our office to nominate her for a future Women of Distinction Award and help us recognize the inspiring women who enrich our community every day.

Aging Chair Budget Priorities Adopted!



- Secured expanded eligibility for the SCRIE and DRIE rent freeze programs by raising the income threshold from \$50,000 to \$75,000, helping more older adults and New Yorkers with disabilities remain in their homes.
- Increased funding for Independent Living Centers and Adult Literacy Education, expanding community-based supports that promote independence and lifelong learning.
- Strengthened retirement security for public employees by lowering retirement ages for eligible workers, reducing pension contribution rates, and expanding pension credit opportunities.
- Invested billions of dollars in health care, including funding for hospitals, nursing homes, home care, assisted living, hospice services, community health centers, and a 2.7% Human Services Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for essential workers.
- Enhanced consumer health care protections by increasing transparency in insurance approvals and extending transitional health coverage to reduce interruptions in care.
- Provided \$1 billion in utility rebate checks for eligible taxpayers while creating a new commission to address rising energy costs and strengthen utility oversight.
- Invested in transportation and infrastructure, including state and local roads, bridges, transit systems, and capital improvements to keep New Yorkers moving safely and affordably.
- Expanded investments in affordable housing, including funding for NYCHA, Mitchell-Lama developments, affordable housing construction and preservation, Access to Home, vacant unit repairs, and the Housing Opportunities Program for the Elderly (HOPE/RESTORE).
- Continued to prioritize policies and investments that help older New Yorkers age with dignity, independence, financial security, and access to quality services in the communities they call home.

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Your Community Office is Here to Help!
No-Cost Notary Public
Housing Legal Clinic
Help with State agencies, benefits, and entitlements
Apply for City and State programs like the City’s rent freeze program (SCRIE/DRIE)
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets), New York, NY 10075
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2026 Legislative Highlights

- Seawright legislation passed both houses to establish a statewide public awareness campaign to combat elder financial exploitation and educate older adults, caregivers, and families about scams and fraud (A.8447-A).
- Seawright legislation, the Independent Senior Housing Resident Freedom of Choice Act (A.3601), passed the Assembly to protect older adults’ right to choose their own home care, personal care, and supportive service providers.
- Seawright legislation passed both houses to require the New York State Office for the Aging to publish an annual report on family caregivers to better inform future aging policies and support services (A.3602).