

**SEAWRIGHT NO-COST
PAPER SHREDDING
THIS WEEKEND!
SATURDAY, APRIL 14
10 AM - 2 PM @ 79/YORK**



**Rebecca
Seawright**
 **ASSEMBLYMEMBER**



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

High among the improvements we are seeking in the state budget is the adoption of an 8.5% COLA for direct support agencies and their workers. The New York State budget negotiations continue as the April 1 deadline has passed. In this report, we included coverage by AMNY of the workforce crisis facing people with disabilities. The Assembly and Senate passed a second extender bill this week to ensure there will be no disruption to state operations and essential services. We will keep you updated on the final budget when it is adopted.

We joined "City Pickle" last weekend as they cut the ribbon on their pop-up courts at Wollman Rink in Central Park. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation for all ages. "City Pickle" was founded as the first Pickleball Club in New York City and gives back to the New York City community with partnerships for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

Do join us for upcoming events our office sponsors:

No-Cost Community Paper Shredding- Saturday, April 15 from 10am-2pm in front of Chase Bank (79/York). No books, bindings or x-rays are permitted.

2023 Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony - Wednesday, May 10 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Zuckerman Auditorium, 417 East 68 Street (York/First Ave.).

Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Seawright Presents Joint Proclamation to "City Pickle" Co-Founders At Ribbon Cutting For Pop-Up Courts At Central Park's Wollman Rink



Manhattan Borough Parks Commissioner Anthony Perez, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, City Pickle Co-Founders Erica Desai and Mary Cannon.

The proclamation Seawright presented was jointly authored by Assembly Members Rebecca Seawright and Alex Bores.

Our office is facilitating no-cost clinics and partnerships with veterans, senior citizen non-profits, Health Advocates for Older People, the Boys' Club, and the Adaptive Sports programs for people with disabilities. City Pickle is inclusive and supports the underserved communities in New York City. The Challenged Athletes Foundation will have weekly, two-hour sessions this spring, including a CityPickle coach to help facilitate play among athletes in wheelchairs or with other physical challenges

Co-founders of City Pickle Erica Desai and Mary Cannon have been friends for over a decade and first became partners on the tennis court. They independently fell in love with pickleball but together knew they wanted to share their passion for the sport with New York City.

[Read More here](#)

Seawright Authors Op-Ed Calling Attention To The Critical Need For An Increased Wage For Workers Caring For People With Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities

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As we approach the final days of budget negotiations, we are at a critical fork in the road in determining whether New York effectively provides for those we are responsible for or fails them.

We must act now.

-Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



[Read the Op-Ed in AMNY here](#)

As Featured In...

“Many are leaving to take jobs at, say, Target and the agencies across the state are hemorrhaging staff. There’s simply no incentive for these direct support professions to provide the physically taxing work around the clock.”

-Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



[Read the full article here](#)

Friends Of The Upper East Side Hosts 41st Awards Ceremony Celebrating Fine Restoration, Renovation, And Advocacy Work Completed On The Upper East Side & Roosevelt Island



Madison Thomas, Seawright's Special Assistant presented an Assembly Citation to each Friends of the Upper East Side Honoree. She presented a citation to Ryan's Daughter owners and their family, the recipients of the Good Neighbor Award.



The Roosevelt Island Lighthouse received the Rehabilitation Award. Madison presented an Assembly Citation to the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) team for receiving this honor.



Former Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney received the Distinguished Leadership Award. She is pictured here receiving a citation from Madison on behalf of Assembly Member Seawright.

Congratulations to all of the 2023 Award Recipients!

REHABILITATION AWARD
Roosevelt Island Lighthouse

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD
Ryan's Daughter

RENAISSANCE AWARD
Hermès Maison Madison

PUBLICATION AWARD
Duke House and the Making of Modern New York

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD
Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney

Statement from the NYS Bipartisan Pro-Choice Legislative Caucus In Response to the Initial Ruling on AHM v. FDA

Over 20 years ago, Mifepristone underwent stringent testing requirements before the FDA approved the medication for distribution on the marketplace. Since then Mifepristone has been used safely and effectively, along with Misoprostol, for medication abortion. It is less invasive than procedural abortion, and studies conducted around the world have found Mifepristone to be safe - and it can be lifesaving for those whose health would be greatly compromised by undergoing pregnancy.

On Friday, April 7, a U.S. District Judge in Texas issued a sweeping decision on Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA to suspend FDA approval of Mifepristone, which flies in the face of more than 20 years of robust testing and real-world data. This ruling is an unprecedented and egregious use of judicial activism that, if upheld, would put women in peril across the country. The FDA has been in charge of determining whether pharmaceuticals are safe since 1938, using evidence-based protocols. It is deeply concerning that one extreme right-wing activist judge seeks to challenge the FDA's 85-

year record of expertise and authority in this area.

Medication abortion is a reproductive healthcare option that affords individuals the ability to have an abortion in the privacy of their own home and with the support of friends or loved ones if they choose. It increases accessibility of care for individuals who have lower incomes and who live in areas with fewer healthcare providers. Over 50% of abortions are done using medication. Women should not have their reproductive healthcare options restricted based on their zip code.

The New York State Bipartisan Pro-Choice Legislative Caucus (BPCLC) works to protect reproductive rights and access to reproductive healthcare services across the state. During this unfounded onslaught of attacks on reproductive rights, we have fought to protect abortion providers, those who provide support, and those who seek abortion care, as well as strengthen resources and healthcare infrastructure across New York.

Consider Our Office A Resource!



Rebecca
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ASSEMBLY MEMBER



NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15
10 AM - 2 PM**

**1495 YORK AVENUE
(IN FRONT OF CHASE BANK
80/79 STREETS)**

**NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS,
OR X-RAYS**

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Barbara Mandel is a longtime Upper East Sider and attorney volunteering as a Notary Public at the District Office.



Pawsitively perfect constituents. Prince Mickey and his brother Walter White visited the district office for a treat!

Upcoming Events



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright
invites you to the

2023 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS CEREMONY

Co-sponsored by:



Wednesday, May 10, 2023

6:00pm-8:00pm

MSK Zuckerman Auditorium
417 East 68 Street (York/First Ave.)

Together, let's celebrate **Women's History Month**
by recognizing the extraordinary women of the 76th District
who are making our community stronger.



To RSVP, or more information about this free event or any other
community issue, contact Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright at
212-288-4607 or seawrightr@nyassembly.gov.

EPIPHANY ARTS PRESENTS

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en NUEVA YORK

MARILYN CASTILLO, VOCALS,
GUITAR & HER 4-PIECE BAND
SUNDAY APRIL 16 AT 5PM



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New 2023 Exhibit!

EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd

Carl Schurz
PARK
Conservancy

CARL SCHURZ PARK

Self Guided Exhibit & Family Fun

1:00 PM

Opening Ceremony

86th Street & East End Ave.

1:15 PM to 3:30 PM

Explore and Learn with Experts

Throughout the Park

Dig deeper with our experts! Learn how you can protect the nature that surrounds us and reduce the impact of climate change.

- and -

Childrens Nature Craft Center

Gracie Oval (btw. 87th and 88th Streets)

Engage with your children in nature craft activities!

Rain or Shine!

Learn more at www.carlschurzparknyc.org/earthday



OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE & ROOSEVELT ISLAND!



**Community Board 8 Manhattan
Presents**

SPRING OUTDOOR ART SHOW!

June 17, 2023

Rain Date: June 18, 2022

James Cagney Place
(East 91st Street between Second and Third Avenues)

**Featuring paintings,
photography and crafts!**

Please submit an image of your artwork to
info@cb8m.com by **May 5** using
"Art Submission" in the subject line.

All sale proceeds go directly to artists.



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Construction Updates

MSK Partial Street Closure Advisory: 425 East 67th Street

There will be a crane lift in operation on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Memorial Sloan Kettering 425 East 67th Street entrance which requires a partial street closure and sidewalk restrictions as explained in detail below:

- The partial street closure is scheduled for 6:00 am to approximately 5:00 pm.
- 67th Street will be closed to thru traffic, access will be granted to the Icon Parking garage located at 400 East 67th Street.
- 'No Parking' will be strictly enforced around the crane location, cars will be moved if in the way of crane setup operations.
- Pedestrian traffic will be restricted on the North side of the street.
- Signs will be posted accordingly.

Reconstruction of York Ave. Combined Sewers and Water Mains Project



[Click here for the Weekly Construction Bulletin for the week ending on Friday, April 21, 2022.](#)

- All significant operations include heavy construction machinery, jackhammering, saw cutting, etc.
- Pedestrian access to sidewalks and entryways will always be maintained.
- Water, gas, electric, telephone, and cable services WILL NOT be interrupted.
- As per city regulations, the garbage can be placed and picked up anywhere on the sidewalk while construction is in progress and where it is feasible for your private carting.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact (646) 838-7942

For questions or inquiries regarding Con Edison's work, please contact: ManhattanRCA@coned.com

Sanitation Update



SEND RATS PACKING!

Setout times for waste
are changing **April 1***



*No joke!



6 PM



8 PM

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