



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

In a big win for New York State voters, the highest court in New York, the State Court of Appeals has allowed the Equal Rights Amendment to stay on the ballot this November. I am pleased that New Yorkers will be able to decide their own future at the ballot box this November.

In July, we celebrate Disability Pride Month and the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). On July 26, 1990, the ADA was signed into law. It provides civil rights protection for people with disabilities and allows for access to state and local government services, public transportation, public accommodations, employment, and telecommunications relay services. We recognize and honor people with disabilities and the advocates who continue to fight for their rights. Included in this special report is a presentation on Neurodiversity at Work by Dr. Susanne M. Bruyère, Ph.D., CRC, Professor of Disability Studies and the Academic Director of the Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability, ILR School at Cornell University.

I am proud to announce that legislation I cosponsored and strongly supported to protect New Yorkers from the harms of E-bikes and lithium-ion batteries has been signed into law by Governor Hochul. Lithium-ion battery fires and careless e-vehicle usage pose deadly threats to our communities. With the enactment of this legislative package, we secure these growing technologies and require accountable use for all New Yorkers. No one should fear navigating their own neighborhoods.

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

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**New York's Top Court Confirms the State Equal Rights Amendment
will be on the Ballot in November**



The voters won! They will get to decide and vote on Prop 1 - The Equal Rights Amendment this November

New Yorkers will have the opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment to prohibit discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, disability, age, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Cosponsored and Strongly Supported Legislation Signed into Law By Governor Hochul to Protect New Yorkers from Lithium -Ion Batteries and E-bikes



Governor Hochul signed into law a legislative package to raise awareness about the safe use of e-bikes and products that contain lithium-ion batteries and protect New Yorkers. In response to recent accidents and deaths involving poorly manufactured batteries in e-bikes and scooters, this bill promotes safer methods of manufacturing, selling, and operating e-bikes and scooters, protecting New Yorkers from battery fires and collisions.

No one should fear navigating their own neighborhoods. The enactment of this

legislative package, which Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright cosponsored, will secure these growing technologies and require accountable use for all New Yorkers:

A.4938-D to prohibit the sale of lithium-ion batteries (used in many electronic devices like phones, tablets and e-bikes) that do not meet specific industry standards established by this law. These standards were designed to greatly increase the safety of lithium-ion batteries, and prevent more accidents involving e-bikes exploding due to poorly manufactured and unregulated batteries.

A.9338 to require the Department of State (DOS) to work with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to develop and maintain safety resources information, and protocols in regard to fire hazard prevention relating to lithium-ion batteries, second-use lithium-ion batteries, bicycles with electric assist, mopeds, and micro-mobility devices. This information aims to teach consumers and sellers how to safely handle and charge their devices, and dispose of the batteries.

A.9337 to require the State Fire Administrator within the Office of Fire Prevention and Control of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to provide training materials for first responders regarding emergency response to incidents involving lithium-ion batteries. This training will help to reduce the danger caused by lithium-ion fires by educating first responders on how to respond properly.

A.01910-B to require retailers of items containing lithium-ion batteries to provide consumers with operating manuals to educate consumers on how to best prevent lithium-ion battery explosions.

A.7628-A to require police and judicial officers investigating an accident with an e-bike or e-scooter that results in death or injury to make a report to the Department of Motor Vehicles, consistent with current requirements for motor vehicles and motorcycles. The bill amends the makeup of accident reports to mention whether accidents are related to e-bikes or e-scooters. Since the recent legalization of e-bikes in NYC, the government is not yet informed on the details surrounding e-bike accidents, such as where, when, and how often they occur. Now, accident reports will mention if the accident was related to e-bikes in order to collect the necessary data to work towards promoting safer e-bike usage.

A.8450-B to amend traffic and vehicle law to require limited-use motorcycles, also known as mopeds, to be registered at the point of sale. Unregistered mopeds can ride with impunity and have been the cause of various pedestrian and cyclist injuries, and this bill now ensures that riders of these vehicles are held accountable.

A.8102-A to require e-bikes and e-scooters to have a red tag attached to the charging cord which states "UNPLUG WHEN NOT IN USE". By making sure e-bike and e-scooter owners know to stop charging their vehicle once it is fully charged, this bill adds another layer of safety in an effort to prevent more fires caused by the lithium batteries.

A.8310-C to require retailers to affix a notice on any bicycles with electric assist and micro-mobility devices which states that drivers must always yield to pedestrians and follow traffic laws. This bill aims to protect pedestrians and address the increasing number of electric bicycle and scooter incidents.

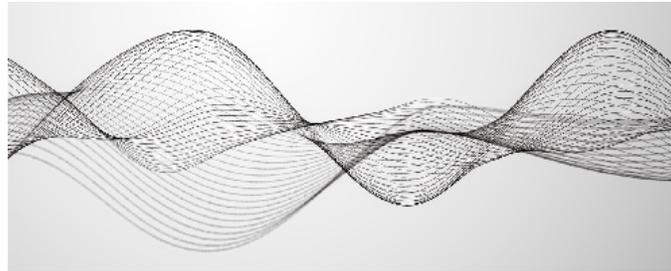
Assembly Member Seawright Gave the Following



“Careless e-vehicle usage pose[s] deadly threats to our communities,” she said. “No one should fear navigating their own neighborhoods.”

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Cornell University's Dr. Susanne Bruyere: Neurodiversity at Work, Inclusion, Policies and Practices



Neurodiversity at Work

Finding the right talent for the job has always been a high priority for any business - perhaps now more than ever. A growing number of companies are designing and implementing affirmative hiring programs to recruit individuals who are neurodivergent, including those with autism.

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New York State Grant Opportunities



U.S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT

This funding will help increase the number of disadvantaged students who successfully complete a program of study at the post secondary level, including low-income college students, first generation college students and college students with disabilities.

Eligible applicants:

Private institutions of higher education; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; institutions of higher education (IHEs) or combinations of IHEs

APPLY BY: 7/15/24



Visit grants.gov/search-results-detail/353567 or contact Lavelle Wright at Lavelle.Wright@ed.gov for more details.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Apply for the



Pedro Zamora Young Leaders Scholarship



These scholarships support the academic efforts of young **activists** engaged in **health and social justice issues**, demonstrating an active commitment to **community justice**, and taking on **public service and leadership roles**.

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U.S. Dept. of Justice Grant

the Kevin Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities

Eligible Applicants:

- 501(c)(3) Non-Profits
- Native American tribal governments
- private institutions of higher education
- public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Health care agencies
- State or local law enforcement
- Tribal law enforcement
- other public safety agencies

Apply By: **7/18/24**

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Visit grants.gov/search-results-detail/354430. This program funds law enforcement and other public safety agencies to implement location tracking technologies, develop and operate programs to prevent wandering, increase vulnerable individuals' safety, and facilitate rescues. Apply by July 18, 2024.



For-Profits and Non-for-Profits!

Apply for the

NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH GRANT

This funding is for Community Oriented Recovery and Empowerment (CORE) Services providers that provide Psychosocial Rehabilitation for individual placement and support.

Eligible Applicants: for-profit and non-for-profit entities

Apply by: **7/24/24**



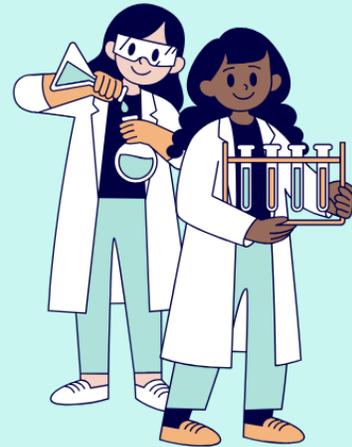
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THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION'S
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Eligible Applicants:

- **Institutions of higher educations (IHEs) and non-profit two- and four-year IHEs**
- **Non-profit, non-academic organizations: independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies and similar organizations located in the U.S. that are directly associated with educational or research activities**

APPLY BY: 8/2/24



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Seawright
ASSEMBLY MEMBER

With an award floor of \$300,000 and a ceiling of \$3 million, and 36 expected awards, we encourage educational institutions and non-profit organizations to apply by [August 2, 2024](#). Visit grants.gov/search-results-detail/325201 or email grantsgovsupport@nsf.gov.

NYS DEPT. OF HEALTH GRANT

FOR HIV, STI, AND HCV PREVENTION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



The funding will identify service providers to develop and enhance comprehensive HIV/STI/hepatitis C programs through the implementation of proven high impact prevention strategies and innovative interventions for women and girls, with a focus on communities of color.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: NON-FOR-PROFITS AND GOV. ENTITIES

APPLY BY: 8/7/24

Non-for-profit and government entities should apply by [August 7, 2024](#). Email Nkechi Oguagha at womensrfa@health.ny.gov for details.

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Did your driver license expire during the pandemic?

IMPORTANT DMV ALERT



**MAKE SURE YOUR
DRIVER LICENSE
IS STILL VALID!**

For more information, visit dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/vision-information.

**Attention Businesses Outdoor Dining Program Application Deadline is
August 3**

Do you know someone who owns a business with outdoor dining?
Send this to them!



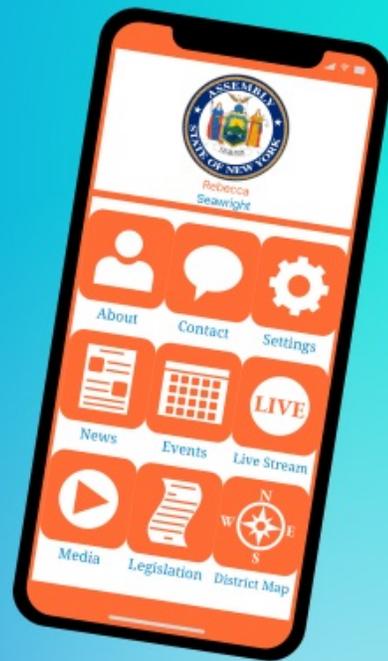
Businesses with outdoor dining setups must apply to the new outdoor dining program by 8/3 or remove their setup. Apply now at nyc.gov/DiningOut

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TIME
3:00 PM

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Take our survey and tell us what you think the Upper East Side's most pressing needs are and how you think the city should spend money in our neighborhood.

- Affordable Housing
 - Senior Services
 - Homelessness
- Parks and Open Space
 - Traffic
 - Transit
- Unemployment
- Trash removal and cleanliness
 - Land use trends
- Healthcare services
- Quality of life issues
 - Schools
- Cultural Facilities and Programs

Complete the survey online:
<https://bit.ly/FY26CB8M>

The annual Community District Needs Statement is an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, with budget requests, they are intended to support communities and influence more informed decision-making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. Take the survey and let us know what is most important to you.

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JULY 19TH

**SOUTHPOINT PARK
EVENT START: 6:00PM
MOVIE START: SUNSET**



**Roosevelt Island
Operating Corporation**



Carl Schurz
PARK
Conservancy

Summer in the Park

Summer Sounds Concerts

Sunset Film Festival

7:00-8:30 pm

*John Finley Walk
East 86th Street Staircase*

Wednesday, July 17th
Steve Shaiman and
Swingtime Big Band

Wednesday, July 24th
Steel Impressions
Caribbean Band

Free Ices!

8:30 pm

*On the Basketball,
Hockey, Pickleball Courts*

Life's Journeys!

Wednesday, August 7th
Migration

Wednesday, August 14th
Finding Nemo

Free Popcorn!



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Animal Care Centers of NYC FOSTER ORIENTATION

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Virtual Large Dog Foster Orientation

Sunday, July 14 @ 11am

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Anyone 18+ can foster, and all supplies are provided!



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