



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Father's Day to those who are celebrating with their loved ones this weekend.

Today, I was honored to attend the funeral of the Honorable Congressman Charlie Rangel. Known as the "Lion of Lenox Avenue," he served 46 years in the U.S. House of Representatives with devotion and courage. I was able to secure funding to rename the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens' Home Sharing and Respite Care Program in honor of former Congressman Rangel and his wife, Alma, who served as a board member.

June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month. I was proud to cast my vote on a bill I co-sponsor called Francesco's Law to require safe and secure storage of rifles, shotguns, and other firearms. I dedicated my vote on the floor to Francesco, a brilliant, kind, and talented young man who grew up on Long Island. In October 2021, he took his life with a family member's unsecured firearm after experiencing relentless bullying over his bisexuality. He was just 17 years old.

I cosigned a letter with Assembly colleagues to the Chair of the Rent Guidelines Board to advocate for the Board to freeze rents in one- and two-year leases. With homelessness and housing evictions dramatically increasing and the cost-of-living soaring, rent hikes harm tenants and threaten our economy by driving out low- and middle-income New Yorkers. We urge the Rent Guidelines Board to propose a rent freeze rather than risk sending more families into homelessness and poverty.

The City Primary Election is on Tuesday, June 24, in New York, and in-person Early Voting begins Saturday, June 14. Eligible voters can register to vote in the Primary Election until June 14. You can check your voter registration status [here](#). More information on the deadlines for the Mayoral Primary is enclosed in this report.

Please join us for a community event our office is pleased to sponsor:

- **No-Cost Notary Public Service** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets)
 - Mon, Wed, Fri from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 - Tues, Thurs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 17, at 3:30 pm: **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). To make a reservation, please call 212-288-4607.
- Wednesday, June 18, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **MetroCard Sales/OMNY Bus** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). Refill your MetroCard/OMNY card or apply for reduced fare.

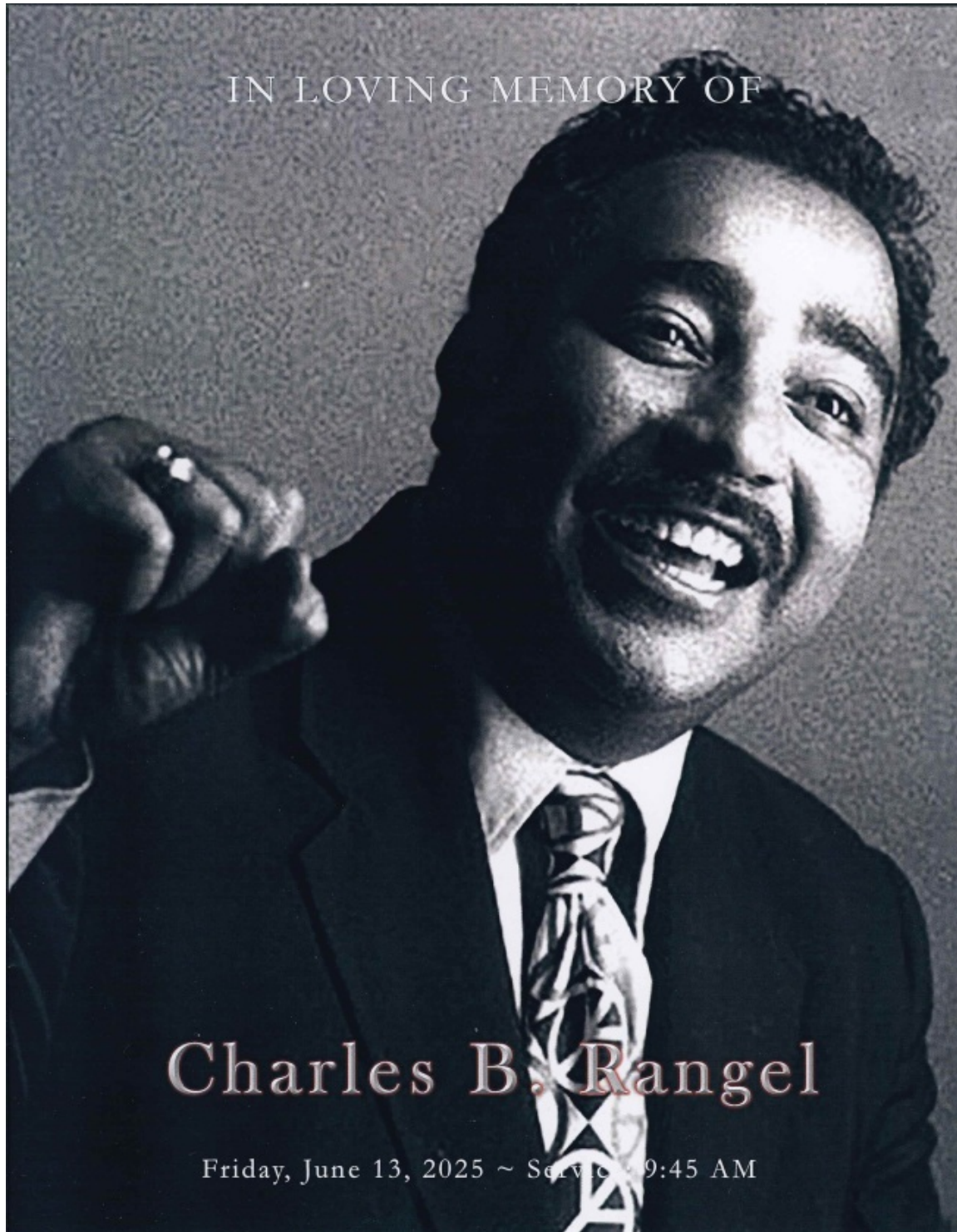
As a reminder, Juneteenth is a federal holiday celebrated annually on June 19, and our community office will be closed. We will reopen on Friday, June 20, at 9:30am. As always, please consider our office your resource.

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Sincerely,



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



Seawright Speaks in Support of Francesco's Law on the Assembly Floor





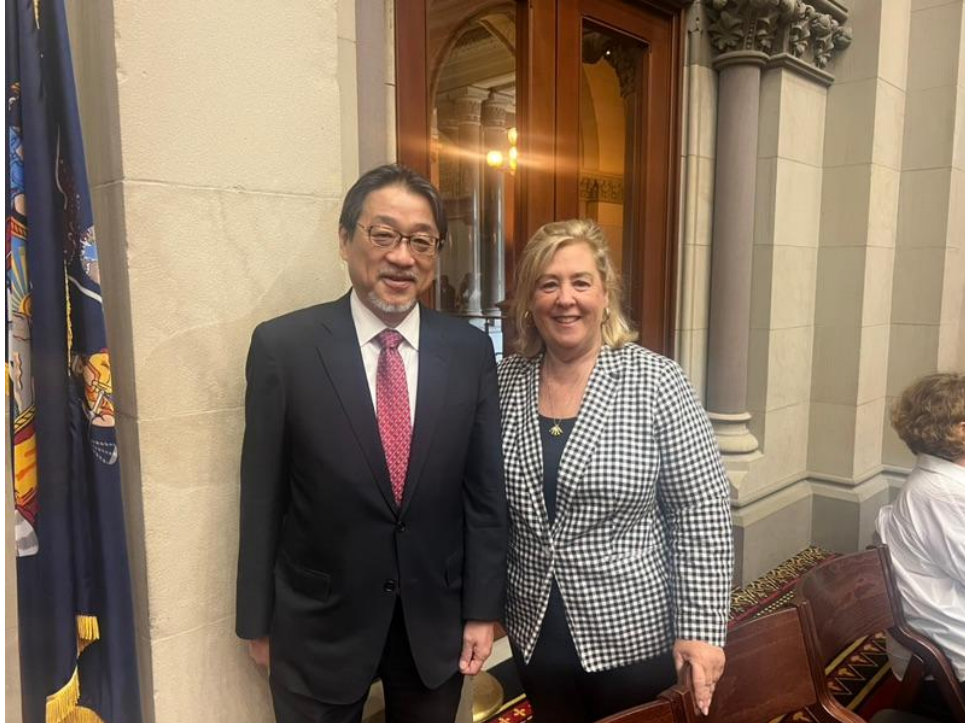
Diana Cochran, Francesco's mother, holding a photograph of her son.



Cosponsors of Francesco's Law on the floor of the Assembly after its passage on Wednesday, June 11.



Seawright Meets with Ambassador Mikio Mori, the Consul-General of Japan



Rebecca
Seawright
ASSEMBLY MEMBER

**EARLY
VOTING**

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**Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Celebrates the
50th Anniversary of Roosevelt Island Residents**



Volunteer John McClement, intern Aidan Eisen, and District Office Liaison Harley Neiditz provide mobile constituent services at Roosevelt Island Day, including information on early voting and ranked choice voting.



Seawright presents Dhruvika Patel Amin, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC), with an Assembly resolution she passed to acknowledge the 50th Anniversary of the inhabitation of Roosevelt Island. She also presented Judy Berdy with a proclamation for the Roosevelt Island Historical Society.

Seawright Cosponsors Penny's Law to Hold Negligent Pet Owners Criminally Accountable



Penny, the Chihuahua who was attacked by two dogs on the Upper West Side, visits Albany with her owner to advocate for a new law she inspired. It establishes offenses related to negligent and reckless handling of a dog. Currently, a handler allowing a dog to attack or even kill another dog is generally not a crime unless humans are directly involved, as the dogs are considered "property." Tragically, dog owners often do not learn this until after their beloved pet is injured or killed, adding to their pain when they realize they may have no legal recourse. Penny's Law seeks to correct this injustice.

Legislative Women's Caucus Celebrates Productive Session



Seawright Cosponsors Legislation Passed by Both Houses to Create a Reproductive Health Education and Outreach Program

**Increasing access
to reproductive
health care**



At a time when reproductive rights are under attack nationwide, we are working hard to ensure New Yorkers have access to much-needed treatment and care. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright cosponsored and strongly supported legislation passed by both houses to create a reproductive health education and outreach program. This would spread awareness and connect individuals with vital information and affordable resources close to home (A.2581-B).

This Gun Violence Awareness Month, Seawright Strengthens Protections for Domestic Violence Victims

*Keeping
guns out of
the hands of
domestic
abusers*

No one should live in fear in their own home. Each month, an average of 76 women are shot and killed by an intimate partner. Possession of firearms within the home increases the risk of a domestic violence homicide by 500%, making it five times more likely that an abuser with a firearm will kill their partner. Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored legislation that passed both houses and requires police to remove all firearms in plain sight from a household for at least 5 days when responding to reports of family violence, like an arrest for the commission of a family offense (A.544-B). Immediately removing guns from dangerous situations can help prevent tragedies and save lives.

Making Insurance Policies Easier to Understand

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easier to understand.



Insurance policies can often be complex and difficult to understand, whether we're talking about homeowners, renters, or automobile insurance. That's why Assembly Member Seawright supported legislation passed by the Assembly requiring insurance companies to provide customers with a policy summary containing clear, understandable language—including coverage limits, terms, costs, and any exclusions (A.536-A). This bill would empower New Yorkers to make more informed decisions about their coverage.

Strengthening and Expanding NY's Pay Transparency Laws



Assembly Member Seawright cosponsors and strongly supports Assembly Bill 5906 to strengthen and expand NY's salary range law. This bill will reinforce NY's groundbreaking law and create real pay transparency by requiring employers to:

- Disclose all forms of compensation, including benefits and bonuses, in job postings
- Provide compensation information to current employees upon request
- Provide job descriptions for all positions
- Stop overly broad salary ranges

Voter Registration Deadlines and Important Information for the Upcoming Primary

Last Day to Register to Vote	June 14
First Day of Early Voting	June 14
Last Day of Early Voting	June 22
Election Day	June 24 (Polls are open from 6am to 9pm)

Deadline to request an absentee or early mail ballot (online)	June 14
Deadline to request an absentee or early mail ballot (in person)	June 23
Deadline to return an absentee or early mail ballot	June 24

[Check your voter registration](#)

[Request a mail-in ballot](#)

[Track your mail-in ballot](#)

[Find your poll site and see a sample ballot](#)

Consider Our Office Your Resource



Spotlight on

Aging:

Medicare

Savings

Program

Get Help With Your Medicare costs

Medicare Savings Program (MSP) income limits are now higher in New York. MSPs can help you save over \$7,000 per year in health care costs.

- 1 Individual**
\$2,280 per month
- 2 Couple**
\$3,077 per month

Think you might qualify?



Call the Medicare Rights Center

800-333-4114



NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 3:30 PM ATTORNEYS FROM
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-
COST FOR CONSTITUENTS OF
THE 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!



**SCAN ME TO
RSVP!**

**A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE SESSION
WITH ATTENDEES.**

**RSVP REQUIRED:
CALL: 212-288-4607**

EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV

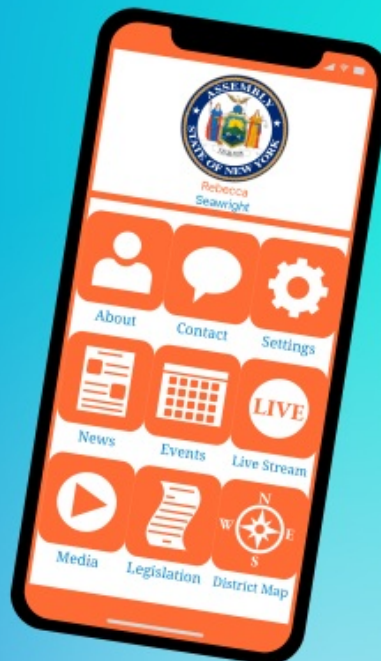
*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord- tenant law.
The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney- client relationship.
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise
constituents in any legal matters.*

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's App is Live!

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Available on iPhone and iPad



Resources

At GoodCauseNYC.org, a brand-new website, NYC tenants can enter their address and answer a short set of questions to determine if their apartment unit is eligible for protections, and access resources to fight back against an unjust rent hike or lease nonrenewal. The site also includes a rent increase calculator to help renters determine if their rent hike is considered "unreasonable" by the law.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can cover the cost of fans and air conditioners for eligible New Yorkers. To find out if you qualify, visit: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance.

Cash Assistance Benefits Skimming Alert

Beware of attempts to steal your EBT benefits electronically through skimming or phishing. To learn more and file an online claim for stolen Cash Assistance benefits, go to nyc.gov/site/hra/help/benefitreplacement.page

New York's Paid Family Leave Program

Since first launching in 2018, New York State Paid Family Leave has provided critical benefits to improve the lives of tens of thousands of working New Yorkers and their families. In addition to ongoing enhancements, the wage replacement benefits continue to increase in line with the New York State Average Weekly Wage. Click here to learn how Paid Family Leave may be able to help you and your family in 2025. Visit: paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/2025

Empire State Child Credit

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is issuing supplemental Empire State Child Credit payments to over 1.5 million low- and moderate-income New Yorkers. The 2024–2025 New York State budget provides for an additional payment to eligible taxpayers based on the Empire State child credit. If you qualify for a payment, you don't need to do anything; we will automatically calculate and send you a check for the amount you're entitled to. For more details, visit [the Additional Empire State Child Credit Payments](#).

Energy Affordability Programs

The NYS Energy Affordability Program provides income-eligible consumers with a discount on their monthly electric and/or gas bills. You may be enrolled automatically if you receive benefits from a government assistance program. For more information, visit [this ConEd webpage](#) and click the "download form" button in the Energy Affordability Program box (or click [this link directly to download the pdf](#)). Or call 800-752-6633; the seniors-only direct line is 800-404-9097, M-F, 8:30 am–5 pm.

Regular HEAP Benefit

The 2024-25 Regular HEAP benefit reopened January 25, 2025. Find out if you may be

eligible to apply for programs and services. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year to help you pay for heating your home. Visit: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/

Health Insurance

New Yorkers can enroll in a Qualified Health Plan by the 15th of the month for coverage starting the 1st of the following month and benefit from new cost-sharing reductions for additional savings. Visit nyc.gov/health/healthcoverage or call 347-665-0214 to connect with an enrollment counselor and get more information.

HIICAP

Approximately 500 trained HIICAP counselors located in local offices for the aging across the state are available to answer New Yorkers' questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage programs (managed care), Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medigap, and other health and long-term care insurance. Counseling is also available through a toll-free HIICAP helpline at 1-800-701-0501. Visit: aging.ny.gov/health-insurance-information-counseling-and-assistance-program-hiicap

Renters Rights

In New York City, tenants have many rights relating to the safety and quality of their housing. Tenants should expect to live in safe, well-maintained buildings that are free from vermin, leaks, and hazardous conditions. [Laws protect tenants from harassment and discrimination](#). For more information on tenants' rights, please see the [Tenant Bill of Rights](#).

Homeowner Handbook

Homeowner Help NY offers a comprehensive guide to help New York homeowners navigate the responsibilities of homeownership and access available resources in their time of need. To view the handbook, visit homeownerhelpny.org/handbook.

Property Tax Exemptions

It's time to renew property tax exemptions, including SCHE, DHE, and the Clergy Exemption, for the 2025-26 tax year. The deadline to renew is March 15, 2025. Visit nyc.gov/contactdof or call 311 for details.

Mental Health Hotline

There's a three-digit phone hotline, 988, for mental health. Call 911 for mental health emergencies.

Mobile ID

Ever forget your wallet and wish you had your ID on you? Now you can with New York Mobile ID! Just download the app, and a highly secure digital version of a state-issued driver's license, learner's permit, or ID will be on your smartphone whenever you need it. [More info here](#).

NYCDOT Street Work Permit Maps

The NYC DOT provides a street work permit map for our district so New Yorkers can have access to any active street work information in real time. You can view the map here: <https://nycdot.info/>

Attention MTA Reduced-Fare customers

Your half-fare benefit is moving to OMNY! Look for your new Reduced-Fare OMNY card in the mail soon, and [check this page for updates](#). Continue to use your Reduced-Fare MetroCard in the meantime.

MTA Mobile Sales

Services offered at mobile sales vehicles

- Get help with a Reduced-Fare application
- Get more information about OMNY and sign up
- Transfer MetroCard balances (full-fare and Reduced-Fare to OMNY account)
- Report a lost/stolen Reduced-Fare MetroCard
- Ask our team about any OMNY-related issues

Note: Mobile sales buses and vans are making credit card transactions for OMNY only. You can still buy a MetroCard using cash. Check this site for the sales bus schedule:

www.mta.info/fares/mobile-sales

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits

New changes include providing a simplified one-page application form, allowing older New Yorkers to recertify their benefits for 36 months instead of 24 months, and eliminating the interview requirement for recertification. To learn more about SNAP and apply for benefits,

[click here.](#)

Unclaimed Funds

Check to see if you or someone you know may have unclaimed funds via this tracker by NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli: osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?fbclid=IwAR2JRsjGd4zt7CdT5aw5NQIBqIoud2O141dOUbqPWOjooIlaO8Qi7xxTFw

Community Service Society of New York

Need healthcare assistance or an advocate on your side when dealing with a medical bill, insurance denial, or a confusing notice? Call the Community Health Advocates hotline at 1-888-614-5400 and receive help today!

Congestion Pricing Discounts and Exemptions

Vehicles entering Manhattan streets at or below 60th St. will be tolled. Most E-ZPass users will pay \$9 during peak hours or \$2.25 overnight, once daily. Discounts and exemptions, such as the Low-Income Discount or Disability Exemption plans, are available—learn more at mta.info/discounts. Update your E-ZPass account to ensure accurate toll rates and credits. For details, visit congestionreliefzone.mta.info.

Animal Care Centers of NYC need your help!

Due to a temporary suspension of dog intake, they're calling on the community to step up and adopt. If you're ready to welcome a furry friend into your home, visit a local ACC Center or [check out their website for more details](#).

Emergency Preparedness

NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) will keep you informed and prepared during emergencies through the Notify NYC alert system. Sign up at nyc.gov/notify or by calling 311.

Curbside Composting

Curbside Composting service is now available to ALL NYC residents citywide. Compost is picked up every week on your recycling day.

Visit: www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/curbside-composting.page

Upcoming Events



Register today!

Program is free of charge.

**Greenberg Academy
for Successful Aging**

Protecting Your Health: Aging & Your Eyes

Thursday, June 26, 2025
10:30–11:30 am

WEBINAR



An Online Event

Register online at: bit.ly/hss-aging-and-your-eyes

For more information: call **212.774.7622** or email us at communityed@hss.edu

As we age, our eyes naturally change, which can affect vision and quality of life. Join us to:

- Learn about common eye conditions like cataracts, glaucoma and floaters
- Recognize key warning signs and when to get screened
- Get tips to protect and maintain healthy vision

Join our print mailing list to be notified of future programming by calling **212.774.7622**.

Or sign up for our email list at hss.edu/registration.

This program is designed to give general information and does not provide individual medical advice.

INSTRUCTOR

Weijie Violet Lin, MD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
Weill Cornell Medicine

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