



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I was proud to host a Senior Services Forum at the Carter Burden Network with Acting State Aging Director Greg Olsen and community partners, connecting older New Yorkers with trusted information, fraud prevention tools, housing protections, and vital benefits. As Chair of the Assembly Aging Committee, I am committed to ensuring that seniors have access to the services and protections they deserve. My office is always here to help with questions about senior services, benefits, or housing.

As you may have heard, a major winter storm is expected to impact New York City beginning early Sunday, January 25, through Monday, January 26, bringing heavy snowfall, strong winds, and dangerous travel conditions. To keep our staff safe and maintain services, our district office will be open and fully operational remotely on Monday, January 26, and we plan to reopen in person on Tuesday, January 27. Please prepare in advance, limit travel during the storm, and check on elderly or vulnerable neighbors.

Stay safe and warm, and remember that our office is always a phone call, email, or visit away.

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Sincerely,

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

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# WINTER WEATHER ALERT



## Winter Storm Advisory – Please Prepare Now

New York City is expected to be hit by a major winter storm beginning early Sunday, January 25 through Monday, January 26, with 10–14 inches of snow, strong winds, extreme cold, and hazardous travel conditions. Governor Hochul has declared a State of Emergency.

### What to Know

- Winter Storm Warning in effect from 3:00 AM Sunday through 6:00 PM Monday
- Avoid unnecessary travel and allow sanitation crews to clear streets safely
- A DSNY Snow Alert begins Sunday at 1:00 AM with plowing and salting citywide
- Early voting for the February 3 NYC Special Election is suspended Sunday and Monday

### Roosevelt Island Parking

- No parking on 501–645 Main Street from Saturday 7:00 PM through Tuesday 7:00 PM
- Free snow parking for residents at Motorgate Garage (vacate by Tuesday at noon)
- Helix parking for disabled placards only; non-placard vehicles will be towed

### Prepare Before the Storm

- Stock groceries and essential supplies
- Charge phones and have flashlights ready
- Address heating issues now: contact your landlord, call 311, or reach our office
- Check on elderly and vulnerable neighbors

### NYCHA Residents

- Report heat or hot water issues immediately through MyNYCHA or call 718-707-7771
- NYCHA heating teams and snow crews are on standby throughout the storm

### Safety Reminders

- Limit time outdoors and dress in layers
- Check transit before traveling: [mta.info](https://www.mta.info)
- If you rely on life-sustaining equipment and lose power, call 911

### Stay Informed

- NYC updates: [nyc.gov/snow](https://nyc.gov/snow) or call 311
- Sign up for alerts: Text NOTIFYNYC to 692-692

**Our office will continue to share updates as conditions change. Please stay safe.**

**Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Hosts Senior Services Forum at Carter Burden Network with State Aging Director Greg Olsen**

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Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, recently hosted a packed senior services forum at the Carter Burden Network with Greg Olsen, Acting Director of the New York State Office for the Aging. The event brought together community leaders, advocates, and older New Yorkers to discuss aging services, fraud prevention, housing security, and state initiatives supporting seniors.

Seawright said, ***"We need to match the pride that we feel for the numerous contributions of older adults to New York State with the high-quality services that they so urgently deserve."*** She highlighted rising elder fraud, new programs like NYSOFA's SilverShield, and updates to rent freeze eligibility, while Olsen shared statewide efforts to expand caregiver support, elder abuse prevention, and aging-in-place services.

The forum also offered residents access to resources, including rent freeze enrollment, SNAP, HEAP, and other benefits.

Linda Hoffman, President of the New York Foundation for Seniors; Charlie Anderson, Director of Government Affairs for the New York City Department for the Aging; and Bill Dionne, Executive Director of the Carter Burden Network, each spoke and provided updates.



Carter Burden Network Executive Director Bill Dionne, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Acting Director of the New York State Office for the Aging Greg Olsen.





Carter Burden Network Board Member Susan L. Burden, MSW, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Bill Dionne.



Questions were asked by the audience about new legislation to support families who are serving as caregivers to their loved ones.

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# YOUR BLIZZARD BUDDY IS WAITING!

*Looking for a cozy companion during the blizzard?  
Take a large shelter dog on a Straycation!*

## SHORT-TERM FOSTERS NEEDED!

Turn a snowy weekend into a cozy break for a shelter dog! First-time fosters are welcome - a quick online orientation is all it takes. Pick up your Blizzard Buddy Friday or Saturday, return Tuesday or later, and we'll make sure you have the supplies you need!



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# BENEFITS SCREENING & APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

**LiveOn NY**

Making New York a better place to age

**Rebecca  
Seawright**

 ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**Wednesday, February 11th, 2026**

**10:00am-1:00pm**

**at**

**The Office of AM Rebecca Seawright**

**1485 York Avenue**

**By appointment only!**

**Please call 212-288-4607 or**

**seawright@nyassembly.gov to register**

**In order to be screened for benefits,**

**please bring the following**

**documents, if possible:**

- ID, Social Security card & Medicare card
- Proof of current monthly income (2026 Social Security award letter, pension statement, paystubs)
- Rent/maintenance/mortgage statement
- Current and previous leases (for SCRIE/DRIE)
- Utility bills
- Medical bills within the last 3 months (if applicable)



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**ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



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## Upcoming Events

### In Case You Missed It: Past Editions of the Community Report

[Community Update: January 16, 2026](#)

[Community Update: January 9, 2026](#)

[Community Update: A year in Review](#)

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