

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It was my honor to present OTTY Awards to NYPD's Manhattan Borough Chief Aaron Edwards, Michael Monahan of Mary Manning Walsh, and Mary Silva of Maz Mezcal. Congratulations to all the 2026 honorees for your outstanding contributions to our community. Thank you to Our Town for continuing this meaningful community tradition that celebrates the heroes right here in our neighborhoods.

I was proud to join the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center to support its vital work advancing dignity, safety, and opportunity for LGBTQ+ New Yorkers, alongside fellow supporters including Dr. Jill Biden. It was an inspiring reminder of the power of community, compassion, and collective action in driving meaningful change.

The cooling assistance application is open which helps eligible New Yorkers stay safe and cool during the warmer months. The program offers assistance to cover the cost of fans or air conditioners, helping to ensure health and safety during periods of high heat.

I invite you to join us at our upcoming events:

- Sunday, April 19, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm- **Spring on the Esplanade! Andrew Haswell Green Park at 60th Street and the East River.** Free concert with live music by Noiz! Kids activities and free ice treats *while supplies last. Subject to weather cancellation. Rain date: Saturday, May 30.
- Tuesday, April 21, 3:30 pm – **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to schedule.
- Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm – **AARP's Fight Fraud: Shred It! No-Cost Paper Shredding.** 1495 York Avenue (79/York in front of Chase Bank). Event will conclude early if the truck fills up. Registration required. [Click here.](#)
- Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - **MWBE Advocacy Day at the New York State Capitol.** 3rd Floor Terrace, Legislative Office Building Albany, New York. [RSVP here.](#)
- Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – **MTA OMNY Service Bus** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). Ask questions or refill your OMNY account.
- Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – **Benefits Screening with LiveOn NY** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to schedule.
- Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - **Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony** at MSK Rockefeller Research Laboratory Auditorium, 430 East 67 Street (York/First

Avenues). RSVP required for security. [Click here.](#)

Our office is always just a phone call, email, or visit away.

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**A Message from
Assembly Aging
Committee Chair
Rebecca A. Seawright**

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New York



Identity theft is a serious issue, and thieves often target discarded documents containing personal information like bank statements, credit card offers, and medical records.

Shred documents containing your name, address, Social Security number, account numbers, and other personal details.

Join us for this special no-cost shredding event.

Register with our office to receive future shredding event dates!

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The Big Shred NY!

Help protect yourself against identity theft with AARP Fraud Watch Network™ and AARP New York.

Join us for a free community document-shredding event in Manhattan.

Your personal and confidential documents will be shredded on-site, **free of charge.**

Sign up now for event reminders at the link or scan the QR below!

Register now online:
events.aarp.org/Manhattan

PAPER ONLY: Each person can bring up to three small bags or three boxes of paper documents. No newspapers, magazines, binder clips, cardboard, books, or binders. The event may end early if the truck fills up.

**Sat., April 25, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Manhattan
1495 York Avenue
(West side of York Ave)
New York, NY 10075

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Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Presents Three Community Leaders with the "Our Town Thanks You" "OTTY" Award



NYPD Assistant Chief Aaron Edwards was recognized for his decisive leadership, rapid response, and years of dedicated service to public safety and community policing in Manhattan, including his recent actions outside Gracie Mansion.



Michael Monahan, Executive Director of Mary Manning Walsh Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, was recognized for his leadership in expanding innovative rehabilitation, recovery, and hospice care programs that have transformed care for Upper East Side older adults.



Seawright presented an OTTY Award to Mary Silva, owner of the Upper East Side's Maz Mezcal, honoring her leadership of a beloved three-generation family restaurant. After closing its longtime 86th Street location, Maz Mezcal is preparing to reopen on East 78th Street in the coming months, continuing its decades-long legacy of community service and hospitality.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Dr. Jill Biden Support The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright proudly joined advocates, community leaders, and allies in celebrating the Center's vital work advancing dignity, safety, and opportunity for LGBTQ+ New Yorkers. At the event, Assembly Member Seawright had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Jill Biden about the importance of supporting organizations like The Center, which provide life-saving services and foster inclusive, resilient communities. The Assembly Member reaffirmed her ongoing commitment to championing equality and ensuring that all New Yorkers are protected, supported, and empowered.



David Hochberg, an LGBTQ activist, and Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright.

Roosevelt Island Petal Protectors Preserve the Cherry Blossoms for Future Generations



Roosevelt Island's Cherry Blossom Petal Protectors were recently featured in a CBS New York segment highlighting their volunteer efforts, organized through the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp (RIOC), to safeguard the island's iconic cherry trees during peak bloom season. Volunteers have been helping protect the blossoms by discouraging harmful behavior such as breaking branches, stepping on roots, or attempting to reach flowers with tools, while encouraging visitors to "look, don't touch" so the blooms can be preserved for the entire community to enjoy.

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SPOTLIGHT ON AGING:



**MY AGE ISN'T
A PROBLEM,
AGEISM
IS!**

CALL OUT AGEISM!

“When you label me **‘TOO OLD’**
instead of recognizing my skills,
that’s **AGEISM!**”

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Department for
the Aging

The New York City Department for the Aging has launched its Ageism Stops With You campaign to raise awareness about age-based discrimination and promote respect across generations. The initiative highlights how ageism impacts both younger and older New Yorkers and encourages everyone to recognize and challenge these biases in everyday life. Through education, intergenerational programs, and workplace resources, NYC Aging is working to build a more inclusive city for all. To learn more about your protections and how to take action, view the Know Your Rights pamphlet [here](#).

Consider Our Office Your Resource

HEAP Cooling Assistance Applications Now Open

Get the support you need to stay safe and cool this summer. Applications for HEAP cooling assistance are now open!



Applications are now open for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Cooling Assistance benefit, which helps eligible New Yorkers stay safe and cool during the warmer months. Through this state program, qualifying households may receive assistance to cover the cost of fans or air conditioners, helping to ensure health and safety during periods of high heat.

Check eligibility and apply by visiting: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance>. As temperatures rise, this important resource provides critical support for households in need of cooling assistance.

New MTA Mobile App

The MTA recently released a new mobile app, which makes it easier than ever to get real-time subway or bus information straight from the source.

The official MTA app is the best way to:

- Get the most accurate arrival info for every subway and bus stop.
- Track your bus in real time.
- Get up-to-minute service updates, plus planned service changes and information about elevator and escalator outages.
- Save a subway line or bus route for quick access to arrival info and status updates for your frequently used stops and stations.

You can also get help from the MTA's customer care team 24/7 using the chat feature in the app. The app is available for iOS and Android in English and Spanish.

<https://www.mta.info/guides/apps>



NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING PHOTO ID
AND YOUR WITNESSES IF YOUR
DOCUMENT REQUIRES THEM

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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

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!

**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**

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



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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.

Upcoming Events

World Cancer Day



Monday, April 20th | 9 am–3 pm

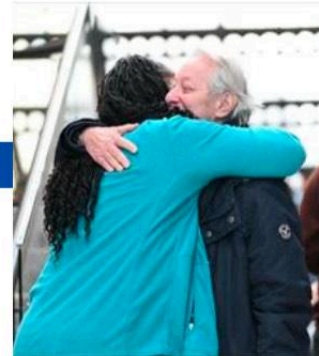
Guggenheim Pavilion Lobby, The Mount Sinai Hospital
1468 Madison Avenue | New York, NY 10029

Join us for a day of learning, dialogue, and community connection as we come together to confront cancer disparities and celebrate the power of collaboration.

9–11:30 am: Breakfast and Science Symposium

Located in Hatch Auditorium

- Navigator-led care strategies
- Science partnerships in cancer research
- Community engagement approaches



11:30 am–3 pm: Screenings, Health Education, and Tabling

Located in Guggenheim Lobby

- **Screenings**
 - Prostate Screening: Walk-ins welcome!
 - Mammography Van:
 - By appointment only
 - Call 1-844-396-2666 to reserve your spot
- **Distinguished Speakers**
- **Awards and Recognitions**
- **Community Partner Tabling:** Connect with local organizations, resources, and support networks.

American Cancer Society

Cancer Care

SHARE Cancer Support

National Cervical Cancer Coalition

Saved 4 Life Cancer Corporation

Unite for HER

Love House Foundation

Blood Cancer United

The Creative Center

Rema Hort Mann Foundation

Ms. Allen's Patty Cake

Cancer and Careers

Red Door Community

Lymphoma Research Foundation

Center to Advance Palliative Care

National Marrow Donor Program

Harlem Strong

Bone Marrow & Cancer Foundation

This event places community at the heart of cancer care, fostering dialogue between researchers, clinicians, advocates, and residents.



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**Women and Families Committee
Public Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 6:30 PM
on Zoom**

**Affordable Child Care
NYC's Newest Options**

Featured Speakers:

- **Julie Menin**, Speaker, NYC Council, Councilmember for 5th Council District
- **Elliot Haspel**, Author and Senior Fellow at family policy think tank Capita
- **Kellan Calder**, Community Organizer for New Yorkers United for Child Care



To attend, scan the QR code or visit cb8m.com.

Sponsored by Community Board 8, Manhattan, this virtual forum is free and open to the public.

**Community Volunteer Day
Esplanade & Four Freedoms Park Cleanups**



Residents are invited to join two upcoming volunteer cleanup and beautification efforts along the East River waterfront on Saturday, May 2, as part of the 15th Annual “I Love My Park Day”, a statewide initiative celebrating New York’s public lands through hands-on stewardship and community service.

Registration is now open for “I Love My Park Day,” which takes place at state parks, historic sites, and public lands across New York State in partnership with Parks & Trails New York, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the Department of Environmental Conservation. The annual event brings together thousands of volunteers to help clean, restore, and enhance public spaces statewide, reinforcing the importance of preserving New York’s parks and natural resources for future generations.

At Andrew Haswell Green Park (10:00 AM–1:00 PM), volunteers will help clean the park and surrounding Esplanade area as part of Esplanade Friends’ participation in Riverkeeper Sweep and I Love My Park Day. Gloves, grabbers, and trash bags will be provided. Volunteers should meet at the ramp at 60th Street and East End Avenue, where participants will be directed to the park. Attendees are encouraged to bring water, snacks, sunscreen, and wear weather-appropriate clothing, as conditions along the Esplanade can be windy.

At Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms State Park (10:30 AM–2:00 PM), volunteers will assist with a range of stewardship projects including tree care and weeding, mulching, refurbishing Adirondack chairs for the Great Lawn, and preparing seating for an upcoming artist talk. Tools and gloves will be provided, and volunteers should wear comfortable closed-toe shoes and dress for the weather. This event will take place rain or shine, with some activities appropriate for families.

“I Love My Park Day” highlights the power of community stewardship in maintaining and enhancing New York’s public lands, while also encouraging residents to get outside and take part in hands-on environmental care. Volunteers across the state will be participating in cleanup, planting, trail restoration, habitat improvement, and other site enhancement projects at more than 120 locations.

ALL EVENTS@:
Andrew Haswell
Green Park at 60th St. &
the East River Waterfront
Esplanade

Spring on the Esplanade! All FREE



Live Music 🎵 by NOIZ!

SUNDAY, April 19th | 1-4 PM

Kids Activities and FREE ice treats*

Subject to weather cancellation.

Rain date: Saturday, May 30 *While supplies last

Live **SALSA** Music!

SATURDAY, May 16th | 1-4 PM

Music by Lulada Club

an all-women Salsa orchestra!

Fun for Kids and Family-friendly

Activities and FREE ice treats*

Subject to weather cancellation.

Rain date: Saturday, June 6. *While supplies last

Upcoming Events:

All upcoming events Require Registration
Sign-up at EsplanadeFriends.org/events

SATURDAY, May 2nd | 10 AM-1 PM

Clean-up: A Riverkeeper Sweep and I Love My Park day VOLUNTEERS needed!

SATURDAY, May 2nd | 2-3 PM

Jane's Walk! "Secrets of the Esplanade: History-ish Walk Along the East Midtown Greenway!"

SATURDAY, May 9th | 2-3PM

Esplanade YOGA! with IronStrengthNYC

SUNDAY, May 17th | - 10-11:30 AM

EsplanadeFriends x NYC Bird Alliance - KID-FRIENDLY* **Bird Walk**


*Adults will have fun too


TUESDAY, June 2nd | 6:30-8:30 PM

EsplanadeFriends **Annual Benefit** Lycée Français de New York, 505 East 75th Street. This is a ticketed event to support our advocacy and programming.

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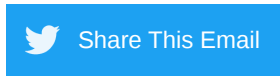
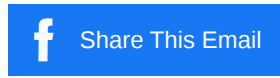
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