

# Rebecca Seawright

 ASSEMBLYMEMBER



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*As we are seeing a slight rise in COVID-19 cases, please take the opportunity to pick up no-cost testing kits, masks and hand sanitizer every Thursday from 12pm-2pm.*

*Beware of a new scam involving COVID-19 test kits by mail-- being billed for kits that were never requested! Information on this scam is enclosed, but the main tip is to not pay for anything you did not request.*

*Every year, New York City's 59 local Community Boards prepare a "Community District Needs" (CD Needs) statement identifying the funding priorities for their districts. These statements are key to informing the City of neighborhood and infrastructure planning and the equitable and efficient delivery of services to communities citywide. Community Board 8 (CB8) is drafting its district needs statement and is asking for all CB8 residents feedback.*

*We have received many inquiries concerning how reduced-fare customers can use the new OMNY fare collection system. You may have seen the new OMNY readers on buses and train stations. It is the new fare payment system that lets you pay your subway or local bus fare with a smartphone, wearable device, or contactless credit or debit card and reduced-fare customers may need support transitioning to the new system. More information is in the report.*

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

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*Sincerely,*



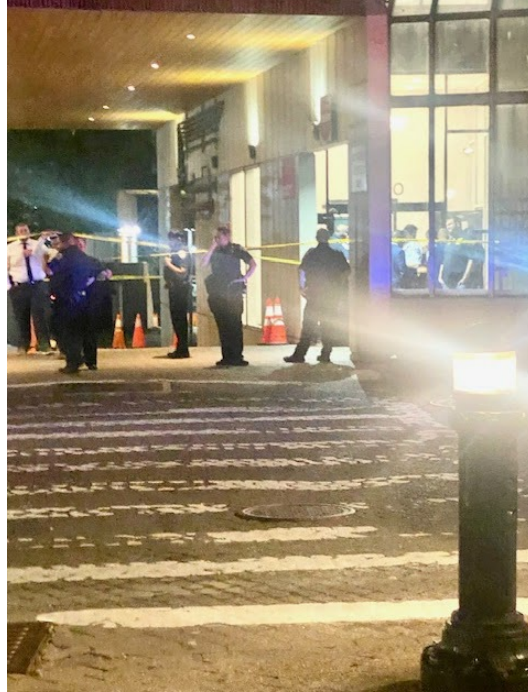
**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

## Attorney General's Office of Special Investigation Opens Investigation into Roosevelt Island Death

On the evening of Friday, August 4 there was an NYPD officer- involved shooting on Roosevelt Island. We were and continue to be in contact with the appropriate officials to receive updates on the incident and the circumstances that contributed to the 911 call.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

We would encourage Roosevelt Islanders to attend the next Roosevelt Island Public Safety Meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 6pm at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.



**21 Year Old Roosevelt Island Male Wielding A Large Knife Fatally Shot By NYPD Officers In Lobby Of 540 Main Street Responding To 911 Distress Calls By Family Member - Investigation Ongoing**

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Office of the  
New York State  
Attorney General  
**Letitia James**

**Attorney General's Office of Special Investigation Opens Investigation into Civilian Death in New York**

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## Stay Safe! COVID-19 Cases On The Rise



Stop by between 12pm and 2pm every Thursday at the District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) for your no-cost COVID-19 testing kits, masks and hand sanitizer.

## Got COVID-19 tests you didn't order? Don't pay

**Don't pay for COVID-19 tests you didn't order.**

Report it:

[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud)



Unordered COVID-19 tests — and bills — are arriving on doorsteps around the country. What's

going on? It's another scam targeting people with Medicare. Here's what to do if you get billed for tests you didn't order.

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more

## Let Community Board 8 Know About Your Needs and Priorities

### Tell Community Board 8 Your Priorities

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:**  
**[bit.ly/CB8SurveyFY25](https://bit.ly/CB8SurveyFY25)**

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.



What You Need To Know About...

Tap and Go With Reduced-Fare OMNY





**OMNY is a fare payment system that lets you pay your subway or local bus fare with a smartphone, wearable device, or contactless credit or debit card.**

**How to link your Reduced-Fare benefit to OMNY:** Visit the OMNY website and follow the prompts in the Digital Assistant, found in the bottom right corner of the homepage.

Follow the step-by-step process and have your Reduced-Fare MetroCard and your credit or debit card handy. Linking to OMNY will not immediately deactivate your Reduced-Fare MetroCard. You can keep your card to:

- Spend down any remaining value before expiration
- Receive reduced fares on Long Island Road Rail and Metro-North Railroad

#### **Reduced-Fare OMNY cards**

If you want to wait for a Reduced-Fare OMNY card, they will be issued soon. They will have similar functionality to today's MetroCards, along with the ability to reload value online, at retail locations, or in subway stations using OMNY vending machines (coming soon).

**Switch from EasyPay to Reduced-Fare OMNY:** With OMNY, you never need to add value to your card— the half-priced cost of your trip will automatically be charged each time you ride, when you use your designated Reduced-Fare OMNY payment method. Reduced-Fare OMNY cards will be issued in 2023 and if you wait for a card, you will be able to set up automatic reloads on that card with an optional online OMNY account, then close your EasyPay account.

#### **To close your EasyPay account:**

- Email [easy pay@conduent.com](mailto:easy pay@conduent.com)
- Call EasyPay Account Service Center at 1-877-323-7433
- Visit MTA Customer Service Center at 3 Stone Street

#### **Benefits of OMNY for Reduced-Fare customers:**

- Reduced-Fare OMNY offers the same half-price fare that customers receive today, with free transfers.
- You can pay with your smartphone, wearable device, or contactless credit or debit card— there's no need to carry or find an MTA-issued card.
- Track your trip history and manage your payments with a free, optional OMNY account
- Earn free rides with fare capping: Starting on Monday, take 12 OMNY trips with the same device or credit or debit card and you automatically ride free through Sunday.

**News You Can Use**



## **Insufficient Funding and Overcrowding in NYC Shelters Contribute to Spike in Euthanizing**

Animal Care Centers of New York City are experiencing a spike in euthanizing due to the overcrowding of shelters and a lack of adopters.

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# ANIMAL CARE CENTERS OF NYC

**NO VACANCY**

**ADOPT AN ADULT CAT OR LARGE DOG  
FOR ONLY \$5 ALL SUMMER LONG!**

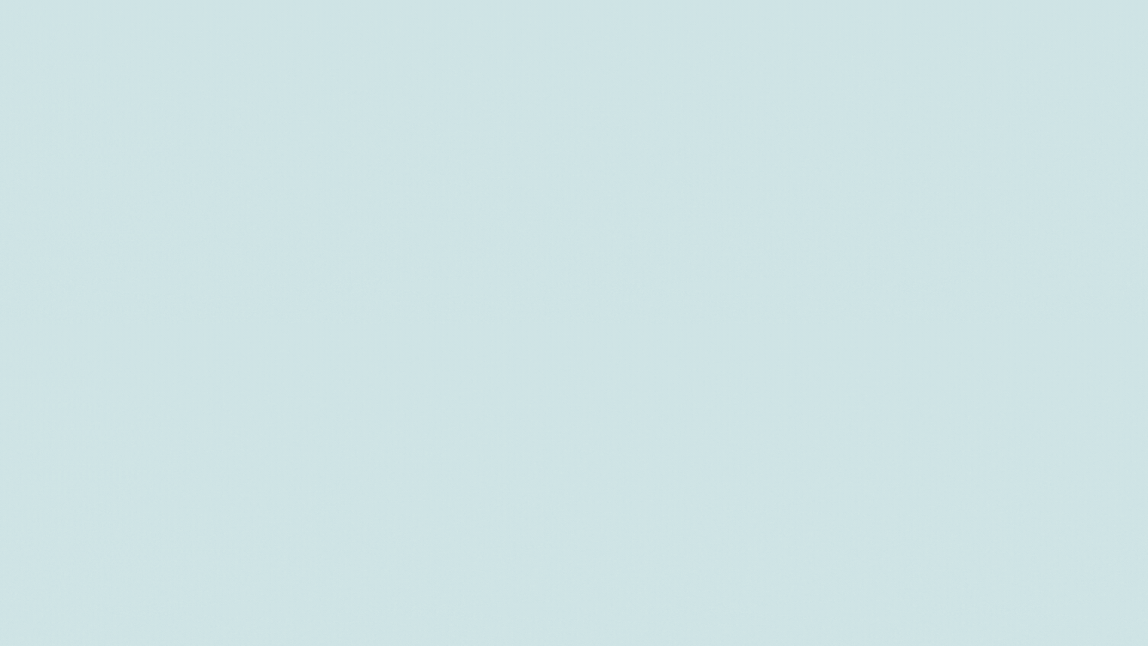
**NYCACC.APP**




Adopt a large dog (40lbs +) or an adult cat (5 years and older) for just \$5!  
\*Does not include spay/neuter deposit or NYC dog licensing fee\*

**Consider Our Office A Resource!**





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The deadline to apply for  
the Excelsior Scholarship is

*Aug. 31!*

Most New Yorkers in households earning under \$125,000 qualify to attend SUNY or CUNY colleges tuition-free thanks to the Excelsior Scholarship. If you're pursuing a college degree, this scholarship can help you chart a course to a brighter future! Visit [www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior](http://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior) to learn more and apply today.



**Rebecca**  
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ASSEMBLYMEMBER



# WEEKLY E-NEWS

S I G N U P T O  
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U P D A T E S

Share this email with your friends and neighbors.  
The link to sign up for our updates can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 6-8pm  
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

Lulada Club Salsa Band



# Evenings ON THE Esplanade

ANDREW HASWELL GREEN PARK  
60TH ST & THE EAST RIVER WATERFRONT

*Live Music*  
**AUGUST 10**

**CANCELED  
DUE TO RAIN**



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**NEW in 2023**



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
CITY OF NEW YORK

# Build the Block

Meet your Neighborhood Coordination Officers & discuss your public safety concerns.

Precinct: <b>19th Precinct</b>	Sector: <b>"A" ADAM</b>	Date and Time: <b>Thursday, August 10th - 7:00 PM</b>
Hosted By: <b>Neighborhood Coordination Officers Michael Haigh &amp; Christian Andrade</b>	Location: <b>IN-PERSON: St. Vincent Ferrer Church 869 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10065</b>	<b>ZOOM: Meeting ID: 854 3683 1332</b>

For Accommodations Contact: **NCO OFFICE (212) 452-0602**



Map labels: D CARNegie HILL, C YORKVILLE, B UPPER EAST SIDE, A

**If you live or work in Sector A, join your Neighborhood Coordination Officers for their Build The Block Safety Meeting, Thursday, August 10th at 7 PM  
St. Vincent Ferrer Church, 869 Lexington Avenue  
between E. 65th & E. 66th Street**





# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SIXTIES?



**Barry Schnieder**

President, ESNA



**Judy Schneider**

Vice President, ESNA  
and CB8 Member



**Lori Bores**

Journalist and  
CB8 Member

**East Sixties  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Heads Tell All**

A Webinar with  
**Barry and Judy  
Schneider,**

in conversation with  
Community Board 8's

**Lori Bores**

**Friday, August 18, 2023**

**| 3 PM**

**on Zoom**

Register at [bit.ly/CB8ZoomsESNA](https://bit.ly/CB8ZoomsESNA)

For more information, visit [www.cb8m.com](http://www.cb8m.com) or scan the QR code





## Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday  
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday  
Street Life - 1st Tuesday  
Transportation - 1st Wednesday  
Housing - 1st Thursday  
Parks - 2nd Thursday  
Landmarks - 3rd Monday  
Social Justice - 4th Monday  
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday  
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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## Transportation Updates

### Changes to F-Train Service



# We're rebuilding tracks on the 63 St Line

## **F** will be rerouted between Manhattan and Queens with **M** partially suspended

All times, beginning Aug 28, Mon 5 AM through the first quarter of 2024

### Most-affected stations:

- 57 St
- Lexington Av/63 St
- Roosevelt Island
- 21 St-Queensbridge



Prep work will affect **F** service ahead of Aug 28. Visit [mta.info/63stline](https://www.mta.info/63stline) to see how your ride might change, and learn about the new **F** shuttle.

Post Upon receipt along F and M lines, full route, C/Es, hi-viz walls facing customers at top of stairs, stairway landings, transfer passageways at mezzanine and platform levels.  
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### Aug. 11-14

There will be no Manhattan Bound F-Train Service from 9:45PM Friday 8/11 to 5:00 AM Monday 8/14

RIOC will be providing a free weekend (8/12-8/13) Manhattan Tram Shuttle starting Saturday 8/12 at 3 PM. The shuttle will depart hourly from the Tramway, making all northbound local stops to Capobianco Field (Opposite PS/IS 217). Return Red Bus service from Manhattan to Roosevelt Island will start at 3:30 PM. This bus will depart on the half hour from the Southwest side of 2nd Avenue, between 58th & 59th Street, and will make all southbound local bus stops (starting with 591 Main Street) to the Tram. The last trip will depart from the Roosevelt Island Tramway at 7:00 PM. The last trip will depart Manhattan at 7:30 PM.



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