



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*Wishing those who are observing Yom Kippur an easy and meaningful fast. G'mar chatima tova, may you be sealed in the Book of Life.*

*New laws have been signed to register voters and make accessing the ballot easier with a new system giving New Yorkers the option to vote by mail. Enclosed in this report is an update on new laws signed and laws taking effect in New York that I cosponsored and strongly supported.*

*The CDC is recommending a COVID-19 vaccine updated for 2023-2024 for everyone aged 6 months and older to protect against serious illness. According to the CDC, the reason to get vaccinated against COVID-19 is to protect yourself against severe illness, hospitalization, and even death. COVID-19 vaccines also reduce the chance of having Long COVID. This vaccine is expected to provide better protection against variants that are currently making people sick. [Visit the "Vaccine Finder" online to make an appointment.](#)*

*Every Thursday our office hosts a no-cost PPE giveaway from 12pm-2pm at the district community office, 1485 York Avenue (between 78 and 79 Streets). Surgical masks and COVID-19 testing kits are available.*

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# Legislative Package Cosponsored and Strongly Supported by Assembly Member Seawright to Strengthen Democracy and Protect Voting Rights Signed into Law

This legislative package builds upon New York State's ongoing efforts to improve and protect access to the ballot box for all New Yorkers, including last year's enactment of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York, the most expansive state level voting rights act in the country.



## Strengthening Early Voting Practices

**A1177-** allows absentee ballots to be counted if they have been taped and show no signs of tampering.

**A6132A-** creates a “Golden Day” on the first day of the early voting period when New Yorkers can register to vote and cast their ballots at their polling place all on the same day.

**A1565A-** establishes a deadline for changing location of a polling place for an early voting period.

**A7632A-** establishes a system for early voting by mail. This legislation will create a process allowing all eligible, registered New York State voters the opportunity to vote early by mail in advance of an election.

## Enhancing Electoral Education

**A4009A-** requires local jails to provide voter registration information to individuals of voting age being released from a local correctional facility.

**A268-** requires the New York State Board of Elections to develop and provide a training program for poll workers.

**A5180A-** requires local boards of education, BOCES, charter schools and non-public schools to adopt policies to promote student voter registration and pre-registration.

**A7690-** schedules the Presidential Primary Election for April 2, 2024.

## Protecting New Yorkers' Vote

**A5874-** prohibits “forum shopping” in constitutional challenges for election cases. Currently, it is far too easy for those seeking to destabilize the elections process to do so through frivolous litigation. This bill aims to reduce that and prevent the forum shopping seen recently by designating one court in each judicial department in the state as the appropriate venue for challenges to the election law.

**A928-** prohibits “faithless electors” from impacting the outcome of a presidential election. New York has 29 electoral votes that go to the presidential candidate who receives the highest number of votes within the state. However, individuals chosen as members of the Electoral College can – and do – subvert democracy by people by casting their electoral votes for a candidate who did not win the highest number of votes. Under this new law, rogue electors who try to disregard the will of the people will be forced to resign.

**New Laws Signed and Taking Effect In New York State  
Cosponsored and Strongly Supported by Assembly Member  
Rebecca Seawright**



## PROTECTING OUR WORKFORCE

NEW LAWS EXPAND WORKER RIGHTS,  
ENSURING A MORE EMPLOYEE-FRIENDLY NEW YORK

A thriving workforce equals a thriving New York! Assembly Member Seawright helped to champion new employee-friendly laws that increase workers' compensation benefits, include wage theft in the definition of larceny, and prohibit disciplinary actions against employees who opt out of meetings regarding an employer's political or religious views (Chs. 352, 353 and 354 of 2023).



We have the right to safe and secure neighborhoods where our families can grow and prosper. Commonsense gun laws have helped curb crime throughout our state, and the implementation of background checks on ammunition purchases will further lower the crime rate (Ch. 371 of 2022).



As of September 17, 2023, New York State employers with four or more employees must include a salary or salary range in their job postings for all jobs to be performed, at least in part, in the state of New York. The job posting must advertise the salary or salary range the employer believes, in good faith, to be true at the time of posting and should give the prospective applicant a legitimate idea of the expected pay.



To help curb the number of unsolicited calls New Yorkers receive, a new law Assembly Member Seawright cosponsored and strongly supported has been signed, setting a \$20,000 penalty every time a telemarketer violates the Do Not Call registry rules (Ch. 365 of 2023). If your number is registered on the Do Not Call Registry and you continue to receive telemarketing calls after 31 days, file a report here: <https://www.donotcall.gov/report.html>.

## Seawright Snapshots



Assembly Member Seawright and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden at a reception for the United Nations General Assembly at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



President Biden and the First Lady take the stage at the Met to address world leaders during UN General Assembly week.



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Author Brooke Kroeger, Clare Coss, Dr. Blanche Wiesen Cook, Eleanor Roosevelt author, at reading of Kroeger's new book on women journalists.



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Jessica Neuwirth, Senator Liz Krueger, Tennessee Rep. Gloria Johnson, and former Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Eleanor Roosevelt Distinguished Leader in Residence at Hunter College's Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute.

Founded in 1972, feminist "bible" Ms. Magazine demonstrated the untapped potential for news and analysis on women. The panel discussed feminism's past 50 years of struggle and provided a roadmap for the future.



Gloria Steinem, feminist icon and cofounder of Ms. Magazine speaks with Assembly Member Seawright about the campaign to pass the Equal Rights Amendment on the state level.



Helene Goldfarb, President Emerita of the Feminist Press Board of Directors and Hunter College Alumni with Eleanor Smeal, President and Co-Founder of the Feminist Majority Foundation.



Alexandra Nicklas, President and Founder of Different and Able and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright at an event to support its mission to empower people with physical, learning, speech, emotional, and medical differences.

## Seawright Shredding Success on Roosevelt Island! Save the Dates for Future No-Cost Paper Shredding



Shredding day was a success on Roosevelt Island! Mark your calendar for the next no-cost shredding events Saturday, October 14 on the UES (92/First) and Sunday, November 19 on Roosevelt Island at the Motorgate turnaround from 10am-2pm.



Madison and Courtney from Team Rebecca were on Roosevelt Island providing constituents with resources at the shred-a-thon.

## Cutting the Ribbon on Grand Re-Opening of Active Studios on York Avenue



Active Studios NYC / Tiger Strong NYC Is New York Upper East Side's Premier Boutique Activity Center for adults and kids offering a wide range of classes and programs to improve the body and the mind. For more information visit their website: [activestudiosnyc.com](http://activestudiosnyc.com)

## Seawright Supported Gracie Square Hospital Nurses Contract Negotiations



# VICTORY!

## GRACIE SQUARE HOSPITAL NURSES RATIFY NEW CONTRACT



Assembly Member Seawright cosigned a letter in support of Gracie Square Hospital's nursing staff who just won a fair contract that delivers safe staffing and protects mental health services for their patients! The contract wins include:

- Wage increases of 7%, 6%, 5%
- Improved staffing standards
- Established a grievance and arbitration process

### Transportation Advisories

#### MTA Track Replacement Project - F Train



# Weekday RIOC Red Shuttle Bus to Queens Plaza

EVERY WEEKDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

CAPACITY LIMIT PER BUS: 55

## ROOSEVELT ISLAND SHUTTLE BUS TO QUEENS PLAZA

7:00 AM  
8:00 AM  
9:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
11:00 AM

This free shuttle will depart every hour from the Graduate Hotel, making all northbound local stops to the Main Street Bridge stop.

**Local Stops:**

- 1) Graduate Hotel
- 2) RI Subway Station
- 3) 502 Main Street/Youth Center
- 4) 546 Main Street/Senior Center
- 5) Capobianco Field
- 6) Main Street Bridge Stop

## QUEENS PLAZA SHUTTLE BUS TO ROOSEVELT ISLAND

7:30 AM  
8:30 AM  
9:30 AM  
10:30 AM  
11:30 AM

This shuttle bus will depart thirty minutes after the hour from Queens Plaza and will make all southbound local bus stops on Roosevelt Island.

Scan for more info:



### An Update from the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) Transportation Department:

To help Roosevelt Island commuters during the MTA Track Replacement Project, RIOC is providing a free Red Bus Shuttle to Queens Plaza during weekday morning rush hours.

#### Roosevelt Island to Queens Plaza South:

Departs hourly from the Graduate Hotel starting at 7:00 AM, making all Northbound local stops to the Roosevelt Island Bridge before continuing to Queens Plaza South and 27th Street.

#### Queens Plaza South to Roosevelt Island:

Departs on the half hour from Queens Plaza South and 27th Street starting at 7:30 AM, making all Southbound local stops upon returning to Roosevelt Island.

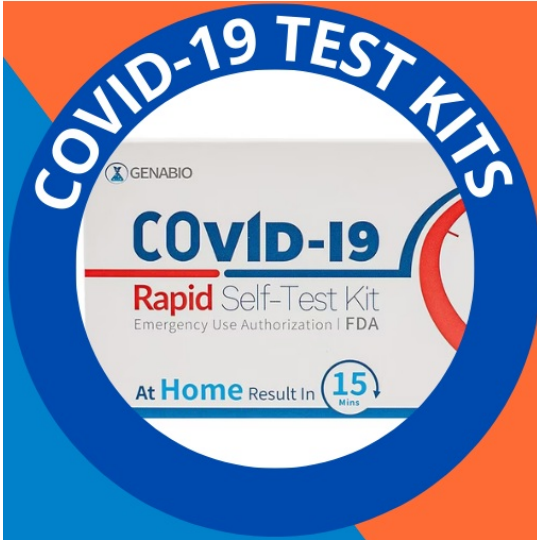
The first trip from the Graduate Hotel is 7:00 AM and the last trip from Queens Plaza South

is 11:30 AM. Please note that regular Red Bus service may run on an adjusted schedule to accommodate the additional shuttle service (we are also currently down two buses for repairs).

Consider Our Office A Resource!

**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**NO-COST  
THURSDAY  
PPE  
GIVEAWAY**



**12:00PM-2:00PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE  
1485 YORK AVENUE  
(78/79 STREETS)**

**212-288-4607**

**SEAWRIGHTR  
@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

# SCRIE / DRIE

## *The New York City Rent Freeze Program for senior citizens and people with disabilities*

**What is SCRIE/DRIE?** This program is for Senior Citizen tenants and people with disabilities who qualify to have their rent frozen at their current level and be exempt from future rent increases. The program will pay for rent increases by applying credits to the landlord's property tax bill.

**Who Can Apply?** You may qualify if you are over 62 or you are an individual with a disability; you live in and are on the lease of a rent-controlled, rent-regulated, or rent-stabilized apartment; the combined income of everyone living in your apartment is less than \$50,000; and you spend more than 1/3 of your combined household income on rent.

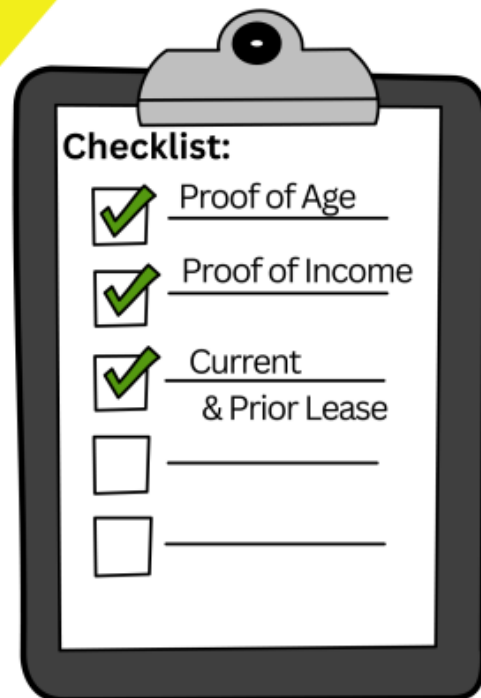
**How To Apply?** Mail your completed and signed application, along with the supporting documents described in section 6, to:

New York City Department of Finance  
Rent Freeze Program - SCRIE  
P.O. Box 3179  
Union, NJ 07083

If you need help, call 311 or send us a message by visiting [www.nyc.gov/contactscrie](http://www.nyc.gov/contactscrie).

**Contact the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright** at 212.288.4607 or email [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov). Visit 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).

**Fast Fact: The rent freeze program considers gross income in determining eligibility.**





## NYC School Bus Strike Averted With Tentative Deal

City Hall's agreement with ATU Local 1181 covers five years of contracts with the city's largest school bus companies responsible for roughly 4,000 routes, according to City Hall spokesperson Jonah Allon and a Daily News report.

[Read More](#)



## A Game Plan for Timing Your Flu, Covid and RSV Shots This Fall

Here's what to consider to maximize your protection.

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## Upcoming Events

# DOB IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**DOB IS COMING TO YOU!**

**WE WILL BE ABLE TO  
PROVIDE ASSISTANCE  
WITH:**

- Construction project consultation for small properties (1-4 family homes) and small businesses;
- Providing general guidance about construction and building maintenance regulations;
- Resolving open violations, including DOB violations and OATH summonses; and
- Resolving Stop Work Orders.

**SEPTEMBER. 23<sup>RD</sup>. 2023**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Hunter College, West Lobby  
904 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10065

To RSVP for this event, please scan the QR code or  
visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/711415050567>



Representatives from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the New York City Loft Board will also be in attendance.

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**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.**

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!**

**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.*



**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



## No-Cost Flu Shot Clinics

**Friday, September 29 - 11 am - 6 pm**

**Friday, October 13 - 10 am - 5 pm**

**Community Office, 1485 York Avenue  
(78/79 Streets)**

**Appointment required:**

**Call 212-288-4607 or email**

**[SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)**

**to reserve your flu shot.**



**Drug Mart**

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[RSVP Here](#)





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## METROCARD BUS

STOPS HERE (79/York):

WED. 10/4, 10/18

10:00AM- 12:00PM

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CASH ONLY



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*Celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> Walk Year!*

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[ckwalk.org](http://ckwalk.org)

CaringKind Helpline: 646-744-2900

[walk@cknyc.org](mailto:walk@cknyc.org)

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**Manhattan**

**Central Park Bandshell** (between 66 & 72 Streets)

10 am - Registration   11 am - Opening Ceremony   12 pm - Walk Begins

CaringKind is New York City's central resource for dementia care, providing free programs and services for over forty years for individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's or other dementias. *Serving: Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island...and beyond!*



CaringKind  
360 Lexington Ave., 3rd Fl. NYC 10017  
Helpline: 646-744-2900 [caringkindnyc.org](http://caringkindnyc.org)

## 2023 CaringKind New York City Walk

We're walking to support Alzheimer's and dementia caregiving! Our CaringKind New York City Walk is at the Bandshell area in Central Park on October 22!

[Read More](#)



## 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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