



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Earlier this morning, New York City and surrounding regions experienced a 4.8 magnitude earthquake. While officials are still assessing the impact, there are currently no reports of major impacts.

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. To safely view the eclipse, you will need special glasses to protect your eyes. You can pick up free glasses at any public library while supplies last. The eclipse will last about an hour, and the sky will be darkest around 3:25 PM. [Check out the NASA website here for more information on total solar eclipse safety.](#)

We rallied at the Capitol this week to fully fund services for people with disabilities in the New York State budget. Hundreds of advocates joined us to demand a cost-of-living increase for non-profit service providers.

Please join us for any of the upcoming events our office is pleased to sponsor:

- **No-Cost Screening Mammograms:** Wednesday, April 10, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The mammogram bus, in partnership with the American Italian Cancer Foundation, will be in front of the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).
- **No-Cost Thursday Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Giveaway:** Thursday, April 4, from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).
- **No-Cost Community Shredding Event:** Tuesday, May 7 from 9:00am-5:00pm. A shredding truck will park on York Avenue and 79 Street. No notebooks, bindings or x-rays.
- **Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony:** Thursday, May 30 at 6:30pm at the Zuckerman Auditorium, MSK Cancer Center, 417 East 68 Street (First/ York Avenues).

More information on upcoming events, my work in Albany, and our community is enclosed in this report. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Seawright Rallies with Disability Advocates for Full Funding in the NYS Budget for I/DD Support Services



"Disability advocates filled the Capitol because we are on the precipice of a crisis. Not-for-profit providers are hemorrhaging workers because of unfair wages and a soaring cost of living. We are renewing our fight for these Direct Support Professional workers who are a lifeline for people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Without them, people would be in danger and lose their right to autonomy. Together, we will fight for a 3.2% unrestricted COLA and the Direct Support Wage Enhancement to support the recruitment and retention of this vital workforce," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.



NYC Fair's Meri Krassner, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Mary McGuire Weafer.



Seawright stands with advocates to demand an unrestricted 3.2% COLA, an investment in people with disabilities and those who care for them.



Seawright Passes Assembly Resolution Proclaiming April 2024 as Autism & Neurodivergence Awareness Month in New York State



As Featured In...



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Authors Op-Ed | Don't leave our most vulnerable New Yorkers behind in budget negotiations. We need a COLA without contingencies! | amNewYork

Direct Support Professionals and non-profit provider agencies are the backbone of our state's care service sector with over 85% of the responsibility for

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As Seen In Arlene Kayatt's Column...



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Celebrating Amy-Upper East Sider Amy Schwartz was honored by Gov. Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislative Women's Caucus during Women's Histor...



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Roosevelt Island Transportation Updates



TRAMWAY INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

The Department of Labor is currently investigating incidents of sudden stoppage or swaying of this Tramway.

**If you experience such an event you are encouraged to report the incident to us at:
Labor.sm.industry.dosh@labor.ny.gov**



**Scan QR Code
To report an incident**

WE ARE YOUR DOL



Roosevelt Island Tram swaying is still under investigation. Please contact Labor.sm.industry.dosh@labor.ny.gov to make any reports of stoppage or swaying of the tram.

Riders Welcomed Back to Fully Restored F and M Train Service

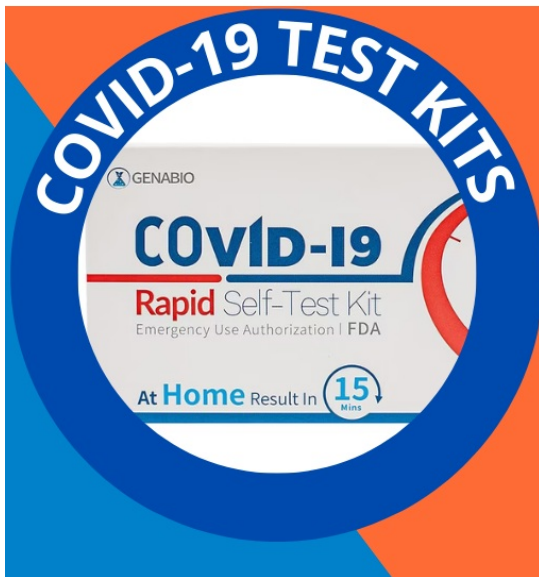
The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) leadership greeted customers at 21 St-Queensbridge and Roosevelt Island stations as trains returned to regular service following an eight-month track replacement project and other repairs on the 63 St line. That will result in improved reliability for the 149,000 riders who travel through this area every day. The return of regular service came after repairs between 47-50 Sts-Rockefeller Center in Manhattan and 36 St in Queens, and trains resumed regular service in Queens and Manhattan at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1.

"Roosevelt Islanders who rely on the F Train are relieved for the successful

completion of the 63 Street Direct Track Fixation project," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright. "I commend MTA leadership and crews for keeping this project on schedule and making these critical repairs for the reliability of service and the safety of straphangers."

**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**NO-COST
THURSDAY
PPE
GIVEAWAY**



12:00PM - 2:00PM

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

212-288-4607

**SEAWRIGHTR
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Expanded-Medicaid

A new health coverage option is available for many immigrants aged 65 and older in New York!

Undocumented immigrants 65 and older who meet income and other eligibility requirements can now enroll in Medicaid.

Medicaid insurance covers critical preventive and primary care benefits such as routine doctor visits, screenings, lab tests, wellness services, prescription drugs, and more.

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Upcoming Events

SATURDAYS

April 27, 1-4 pm - Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks

May 11, 1-4pm - French Cookin' Blues Band

June 11, 1-4 pm - Special Guest Band

FREE ICE CREAM

Esplanade Friends Spring 2024 Concerts!

Live Music



Kids Activities by Craft Studio



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Rain Date: June 10



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**Rebecca
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ASSEMBLYMEMBER

NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS

The Mammogram Bus



American-Italian
CANCER FOUNDATION

**will be at your District Office
1485 York Avenue**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024
9:30am to 4:30pm**

For an appointment please call
212-288-4607

Eligibility:

- Open to women age 40 to 79
- Living in New York City
- No Mammogram in the past 12 months
- All insurance plans are accepted
- Bring your insurance card with you
- Co-payments and deductibles are waived
- No-cost for uninsured women

**Funded by a grant from NYS Cancer Services Program
Additional funding provided by the generous support of the NBCF, NYC Council,
NYC DOHMH, NYS Senate, RAR Foundation,
and individual patrons**

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

2024 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Together, let's celebrate **Women's History Month** by recognizing the extraordinary women who are making our communities stronger.

Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony

Thursday
May 30 at 6:30 PM
Zuckerman Auditorium
MSK Cancer Center
417 E 68 Street
Between 1st and York



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For more information about this or any other community issue,
contact **Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright** at 212-288-4607
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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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9/11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM 5K RUNWALK

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SPACE IS LIMITED

Register now at
runwalk.911memorial.org
or by scanning the QR code below.

This free opportunity is made possible by support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York through The Never Forget Fund.



REGISTER NOW

On Sunday, April 28, 2024,

students ages 13-18 can participate for free in the 12th annual 9/11 Memorial & Museum 5K Run/Walk in lower Manhattan with educational activities to help a new generation learn the stories of 9/11.



Educational opportunities include:

- Free 5K registration for students ages 13-18
- Free Museum admission with race bib on Sunday, April 28, 2024
- Creating tissue-paper rose tributes for placement on the Memorial pools and Memorial Glade
- Engagement with 9/11 Memorial & Museum docents
- ...and more!



For more information, please contact runwalk@911memorial.org.

NAMI Walks + *NYC* **MENTAL HEALTH STREETFEST**



Join us at The Seaport for

NAMI Walks NYC + Mental Health Street Fest!

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Register now. Visit www.namiwalksnyc.org
or scan the QR code.

Start a team. Recruit your friends
and family to join our effort.

Fundraise. Can't attend?
You can still sign up as
a virtual participant or
give to an existing walker
or team.



For questions, contact Emma Schorr,
eschorr@naminyc.org

All proceeds support programs and services for thousands of
New Yorkers impacted by mental illness and their families.



National Alliance on Mental Illness

New York City Metro
307 W. 38th St, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10018





We look forward to seeing you at our free virtual child support webinars. Each session starts with a presentation that is followed by a question-and-answer period.

HRA's Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) Training Institute presents an ongoing free series of webinars designed to shed light on the sometimes complicated aspects of child support. The webinars are designed for staff at city agencies and community-based organizations, as well as parents – and professionals that work with those parents. Each session starts with a presentation that is followed by a question-and-answer period.

If you have trouble registering for any session, please email us immediately at OCSS.TrainingInstitute@dfa.state.ny.us.

Upcoming Presentations

Tuesday, April
2nd at 10:00 –
11:00 AM

Best Suited For:



Child Support Agreements and Mediation Options

This session is open to all noncustodial and custodial parents seeking a child support order – to explore the ways that agreements -either for a new order or modification of an existing order - can be used to simplify and expedite the child support process by limiting visits to family court. This session will also cover how mediation can be used to address child support debt that is owed to the custodial parent. Register at <https://bit.ly/49ZcteK>.



Best suited for: Parents Attorneys Agencies & organizations assisting parents

All webinars are in English. Email ocss.traininginstitute@dfa.state.ny.us to request an interpreter at least 48 hours before the session date.

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