



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Today we celebrate the 34th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ADA was signed on July 26th, 1990 and prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications. Unfortunately, even after 34 years of the ADA, implicit and explicit discrimination against People with Disabilities is still commonplace in our city, state, and nation. As Chair of the Assembly People with Disabilities Committee, I am maintaining the fight for the promise of the ADA and take inspiration from the tireless advocates who refuse to compromise on the full enjoyment of their unalienable rights.

We continue to celebrate Disability Pride in July. I am pleased to report that on Thursday, July 25th, Governor Hochul signed three bills into law to help support New Yorkers with Disabilities. The bills, which I supported, ease costs for home repairs that include accessibility modifications, expand tax exemptions for people with disabilities, and make it easier for People with Disabilities to renew their parking permits.

In honor of Disability Pride Month, I would like to highlight some stories from around New York State. More job opportunities for People with Disabilities, the tenacity of individual advocates, and a celebration of 34 years of the ADA at Queens College round out a joyous month of Disability Pride. Even though Disability Pride Month is coming to an end, New Yorkers' dedication to equal rights will shine throughout our great city and state all year long.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

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Assembly Member Seawright Honors 34 Years of the Americans with Disabilities Act



On July 26, 1990, the
Americans with Disabilities Act
was signed into law, outlawing discrimination
based on disability. Every American deserves
the right to live free of barriers and prejudice.

Assembly Member Seawright gave the following statement in celebration of the ADA

"Today, we celebrate 34 years of the ADA. As Chair of the Assembly People With Disabilities Committee, I am dedicated to ensuring all People with Disabilities can access vital services and live without limitations."

**Assembly Member Seawright Honored by Schneps Media for her Work
for Disability Rights**



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and fellow honoree Frederico Azevedo.

Queens College Committee for Disabled Students (CDS) hosts Annual ADA celebration at Queens College



Pictured left to right, Leonard Blades, CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities Chairperson, Jay Hershenson, Queens College Vice President for Communications and Marketing and Sr. Advisor to the President, and Jacob Plottel, Special Assistant in the Office of Assembly Member Seawright, presenting a proclamation delivered on behalf of the Assembly Member.

On Thursday, July 25th, the Queens College Committee for Disabled Students (CDS) hosted their annual ADA celebration at Queens College. New York State elected officials and students from throughout the CUNY system joined CDS and the CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities (CCSD) to celebrate 34 years of the ADA.

CDS has been hosting the event since 2000 and marked the occasion by honoring the student advocates, university administrators, and faculty for their tireless work in support of students with disabilities. Assembly Member Seawright honored CDS and CCSD for their achievements and advocacy on behalf of students with disabilities.



Jay Hershenson receiving a CUNY award for service and dedication to students with disabilities at Queens College alongside Leonard Blades and Arturo Soto, President of the Queens College Committee for Students with Disabilities.



On Thursday, July 25th, Governor Hochul signed the following legislation to support New Yorkers with disabilities:

Bill A.10457 allows the Access to Home and Access to Home for Heroes programs to cover the cost of important home repairs that accompany accessibility modifications for low- and moderate-income households with disabilities.

Bill A.9948 expands the real property tax exemption for people with disabilities.

Bill A.2487A makes it easier for New Yorkers with disabilities to apply for parking permit renewals.

Stories for Disability Pride Month in the News

Black, proud, and living with a disability in July

"Disability Pride Month in July now represents self-love and validation for Dustin Jones, but it took discovering his strength through advocacy and witnessing other people with disabilities living "amazing" lives to get there..."

[Read the full article in the Amsterdam News](#)

Nonprofit touts Price Chopper, Tops deal for new disabled worker jobs

"The parent company of Price Chopper/Market 32 and Tops Friendly Markets supermarket chains has announced a partnership with the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) nonprofit to expand janitorial and mail handling opportunities for people with disabilities..."

[Read the full article at the Times Union](#)

Consider Our Office A Resource

NYC VOTES

Check your Voter Registration Before the October 26 Deadline

With the 2024 General Election only 101 days away, make sure to check your voter registration before the deadline to register on October 26th.

Be sure to stop by Assembly Member Seawright's District Office at 1485 York Avenue (between 78th and 79th Streets) to pick up a voter registration form or an absentee ballot application.

[Click here to check on your registration status](#)

The Thruway Authority has advised of an uptick in fraudulent phishing text scams regarding E-ZPass and Tolls by Mail. Scammers are sending text messages claiming the recipient owes money to tolling authorities in New York.

E-ZPass NY or Tolls By Mail **WILL NEVER** send an email or contact customers requesting sensitive personal information such as a credit card number, social security number, user names, passwords, etc. Real communications from E-ZPass **WILL ONLY** refer customers to the following official websites: e-zpassny.com and tollsbymailny.com.

For more information on how to avoid phishing scams, please visit thruway.ny.gov/cashless.

Customers are encouraged to frequently check their accounts online at e-zpassny.com or tollsbymailny.com, and on the Tolls NY mobile app.

If anyone receives a scam message, please have them file a complaint with their service provider and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

The Thruway Authority remains vigilant against these scams and will continue informing our customers to be alert and cautious when they receive questionable looking text messages.

Visit the Thruway Authority's webpage for more information on how to avoid scams: thruway.ny.gov



Join us as we celebrate our annual
BACK TO SCHOOL
Health Fest!

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 | 10AM - 2PM
(Rain Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024)

NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan
First Avenue Parking Lot (97th and First Avenue)

- ★ Health Screenings
- ★ Health Education
- ★ Health Insurance Eligibility
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Music
- ★ Raffles
- ★ Giveaways and much more!

Rebecca
Seawright
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

NO-COST NOTARY

Monday - Friday

10am-12pm

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



Upcoming Events

Summer Sounds Concerts

Sunset Film Festival

7:00-8:30 pm

*John Finley Walk
East 86th Street Staircase*

Wednesday, July 17th
Steve Shaiman and
Swingtime Big Band

Wednesday, July 24th
Steel Impressions
Caribbean Band

Free Ices!

8:30 pm

*On the Basketball,
Hockey, Pickleball Courts*

Life's Journeys!

Wednesday, August 7th
Migration

Wednesday, August 14th
Finding Nemo

Free Popcorn!



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