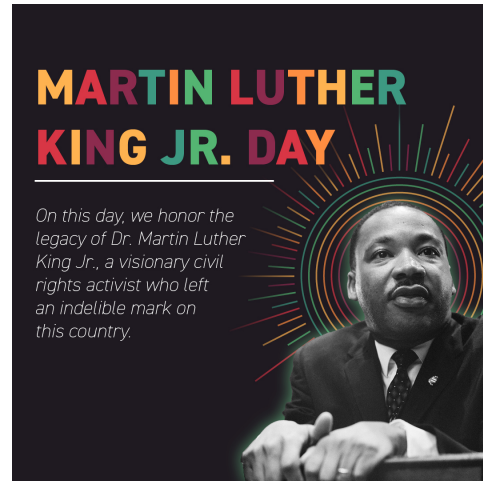




Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On January 20, we celebrate one of the greatest activists and advocates for social justice in our nation's history: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His movement resulted in the passage of monumental legislation, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964, outlawing discrimination in public places such as schools, businesses, and places of employment; and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, outlawing racial discrimination in the process of voting and registering to vote. We can all celebrate his life and legacy by considering what we can do to extend a compassionate hand to our neighbors today and throughout the year.



This week in Albany we joined the Governor for the State of the State address outlining our state's priorities. Notably, Governor Hochul announced legislation to protect seniors against financial fraud and to expand energy affordability programs to reduce the financial burden of energy costs. Special guests including the New York Liberty performed in The Egg at the Empire State Plaza.

As a reminder, our office will be closed this Monday, January 20, in observance of the legal federal holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Our district office will reopen on Tuesday, January 21, at 9:30 am.

As always, please consider our office your resource.

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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

Introducing Jennifer Allsop & Diana Cochran, Co-Founders of Francescos Foundation, to Prevent Teen Suicide



Assembly Member Seawright, cosponsor of “Francesco’s Law,” introduced Francesco’s Foundation co-founders Jennifer and Diana to establish penalties for failure to safely store rifles, shotguns, and firearms in the presence of a minor resulting in injury.

Seawright Joins Call for Federal Administration to Publish the Equal Rights Amendment

Assembly Member Seawright is a Member of the Bipartisan Pro-Choice Legislative Caucus and signed onto the letter sent to President Biden to add strong support to the broad coalition to add the federal Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Part of the letter reads, ***“By allowing the ERA to take its rightful place, as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution, we would be guaranteeing countless Americans with access to the care and freedom that they need and deserve. This bold step would inspire legal challenges and could potentially be subject to action by the courts, especially the U.S. Supreme Court. We must do all that we can to assert our rights as they come under attack.”***

News You Can Use



DiNapoli: More Older Adults Calling NYC Home Than Ever Before, Comptroller’s Report Finds

New York City’s 65 and older population grew by nearly half a million seniors in the last two decades, an increase of 53%, according to a new report by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Much of the growth was led by Asian, Hispanic and Black seniors calling the city home, along with more seniors

born outside the U.S.

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New York sues to recover \$2 million in crypto stolen in remote job scams

The funds are linked to a widespread scheme in which fraudsters promised to pay victims if they opened a cryptocurrency account, deposited funds and reviewed products on fictitious websites mimicking legitimate brands.

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Consider Our Office Your Resource!

CUNY Announces New Online Application Management Portal to Provide Real-Time Admissions and TAP Updates for High School Counselors



The City University of New York announced that high school counselors can access the CUNY Counselor Portal, an online platform that offers real-time application updates for aspiring CUNY students. The free tool was unveiled last spring and has been adopted by more than 600 high schools in New York City and around the country. This is the first full application season that the tool is available and it includes new features such as the ability to request application fee waivers and find out if students applied for the state's Tuition Assistance Plan. Click here to access the portal: <https://www.cuny.edu/admissions/undergraduate/new-counselor-corner/>

Alert from the New York State Department of Financial Services on Rapidly Proliferating "Meme Coin" Virtual Currencies

The New York State Department of Financial Services ("Department") is closely monitoring the recent and rapid proliferation of sentiment-based virtual currencies commonly referred to as "meme coins." The platforms that enable the creation of these coins are not licensed by the Department and therefore are not subject to the

rigorous virtual currency standards in place to protect consumers in the State. In addition, these coins often are owned by a few individuals or groups of individuals associated with the creator and are not broadly traded. Moreover, sentiment-based coins tend to be subject to significant price volatility. New Yorkers should be aware that these coins present an exceptional risk of fraud and loss of funds.

New Yorkers are advised that the coins described above may be part of schemes in which the creators or their associates artificially inflate the price of the coins and then sell their coins rapidly at an inflated price, reaping substantial profits while causing the price to crash (often called “pump-and-dump schemes” or “rug pulls”). As part of these schemes, creators or insiders may engage in manipulative “wash trades” that create the false appearance of market activity at higher prices. It may often be difficult for the public to tell which coins are being manipulated. Consumers should be especially wary of the recent proliferation of sentiment-based coins that are created through unlicensed platforms that enable coin creation with a few clicks by individuals with no technical expertise. New Yorkers are further advised that even on regulated platforms, the prices of these coins are volatile and unpredictable and may experience significant decreases over a short period.

The list of licensed or chartered Virtual Currency Business Entities can be found here in the “Regulated Entities” section of the New York State Department of Financial Services website: https://www.dfs.ny.gov/virtual_currency_businesses

Service Alert: No Trash, Curbside Composting, or Recycling Collection on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 20, 2025



sanitation

Residents who normally receive Monday trash, curbside composting, or recycling collection may place their material at the curb Monday evening for collection beginning Tuesday, January 21. Residents should understand collection delays may be common after holidays. For questions about Sanitation services and holiday schedules, contact 311 or visit nyc.gov/sanitation.

FREE PAINT RECYCLING!



Neighborhood Drop-Off Sites

For those with smaller amounts of leftover paint

Large Volume Pickup

For those with 100+ gallons of leftover paint

Learn more at [paintcare.org](https://www.paintcare.org) or visit these nearby sites:

Rainbow Ace Hardware 1449 1st Ave (212) 517-7500

Sherwin-Williams 155 E 55th St (212) 317-5965

All PaintCare sites accept up to 5 gallons per visit. Please call ahead to confirm business hours and ask if they can accept the type and amount of paint you would like to recycle. Sites do not accept aerosol coatings, leaking, unlabeled, or empty containers.

**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

NO-COST SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS

The Mammogram Bus



American-Italian
CANCER FOUNDATION

**will be at our Community Office
1485 York Avenue**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025
9:00am to 4:30pm**

For an appointment please call
212-288-4607

Eligibility:

Women age 40 to 75
Currently living in New York City
No Mammogram in the past 12 months

- No co-pays required and deductibles are waived
- Uninsured patients also welcomed
- Medical Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services

**Funded by a grant from the NYS DOH Cancer Services Program
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RAR Foundation, and individual patrons.**



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WED. 02/05 & 02/19

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Monday - Friday

10am-12pm

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REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

**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**

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!

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



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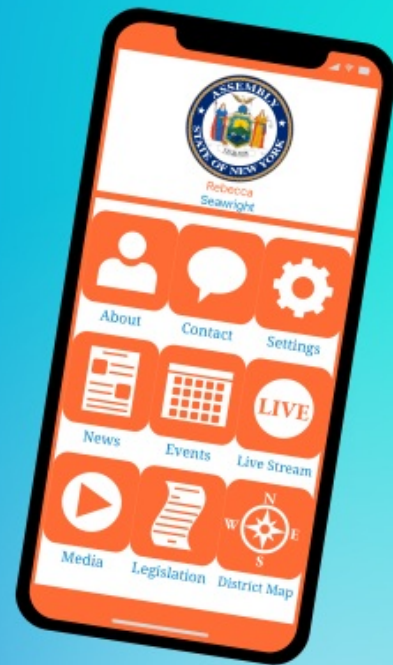
*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord- tenant law.
The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney- client relationship.
Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

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Upcoming Events

The Hope Count



experiencing street homelessness. Just one night of your time will help us collect information critical to efforts to move New Yorkers from the streets and into safe, stable environments. We encourage you and your team to sign up and join us. Reach out to your friends, family, coworkers, and networks to encourage them to help make us a difference at nyc.gov/hope.

In just a few weeks, the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will be conducting its annual survey of New Yorkers experiencing street homelessness – and we need your help. We depend on partners like you in the fight against homelessness, poverty, and income inequality to ensure we can get help to all New Yorkers who need it. Please ask anyone in your network who is willing to join on the evening of **Tuesday, January 28, 2025**, for the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) survey. Your help in conducting this survey is essential to strengthening our ability to deliver effective and efficient services to this group of particularly vulnerable New Yorkers. Here's how it works – from approximately 10:00 PM to 4:00 AM the night of the 28th, volunteers will fan out across the five boroughs to canvass neighborhoods to observe the number of people



Give a **little** time.
Make a **BIG** impact.

Deliver Joy to an Older Neighbor!

Volunteer for DOROT's Winter Package Delivery

Sunday, January 26, 2025

When you volunteer to deliver a care package and connect with an older neighbor for a visit or call, you can make their day -- and yours!

Pre-registration and valid U.S. government-issued photo ID are required.

How it works:

- 1 Register at dorotusa.org/package-delivery
- 2 Pick up a package and get matched with an older adult
- 3 Deliver the package to the home of an older adult
- 4 Connect for a visit or friendly call!

Sunday, January 26, 2025
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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We are grateful to the estate of Sanford H. Goldstein, the Sunshine Foundation, and Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York for their support of DOROT's Holiday Package Delivery programs. Thank you to Moise Safra Center for hosting DOROT's East Side Package Delivery.

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