



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

To all veterans and their families, we extend our heartfelt gratitude on Veterans Day and every day. Your commitment and bravery inspire our community and our nation. I invite you to join the 2025 Women of Service for America Awards Ceremony on Monday, November 10 at 11:00 am at the NYC Women's Veterans Grove in Central Park (entry at 69th Street and Fifth Avenue) — a living tribute celebrating women who serve America.

In this special report is news on the recently expanded financial support for crime victims and survivors, increasing reimbursement for funeral costs, crime scene cleanup, and financial scams. These commonsense changes provide meaningful relief for families during difficult times. We also celebrate the signing of the “Jack Reid Law: Protect All Students Act,” which strengthens anti-bullying protections for all New York students, including those in private schools. For consumers, the new “Click to Cancel” law I was proud to cosponsor makes it easier to end unwanted subscriptions and avoid surprise charges.

In our Spotlight on Aging we feature a one-to-one tech support for older adults through the Cornell Tech Community Service Club, and ways to stretch your grocery dollars and support food banks through Instacart's SNAP programs.

As a reminder our office is closed in observance of the federal holiday Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11. We will re-open on Wednesday, November 12 at 9:30am.

Please join us for a community event that our office is pleased to sponsor :

- **No-Cost Notary Public Service** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets)
 - Mon, Wed, & Fri from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 - Tues, Thurs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Monday, November 10 at 11:00 am at the NYC Women's Veterans Grove (Central Park, entry at 69 Street and Fifth Avenue): **2025 Women of Service for America Awards Ceremony: A Living Tribute Celebrating Women Who Serve America**
- Tuesday, November 18 (at a time to be announced) at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets): **Holiday Turkey Giveaway**. Sign up required at this [form](#).
- Tuesday, November 18 at 3:30pm at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets): **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic**
- Wednesday, November 19, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **OMNY Bus** (York Ave/79th Street). Refill your OMNY card or apply for a reduced fare
- Friday, December 12 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on zoom is a **Virtual Rat Academy** for building supers, homeowners, tenants and business owners. Registration is required to receive the zoom link. Register at bit.ly/ratacademy1212

As always, please consider our office your resource.

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Sincerely,



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLY MEMBER

Join Us

*"A Living Tribute Celebrating Women
Who Serve America"*

Monday, November 10, 2025
11:00 a.m.

NYC Women's Veterans Grove
(Central Park, entry at 69th Street and 5th Avenue)
Master of Ceremony James Hendon, Commissioner
of the New York City Department of Veterans' Services

2025 Women of Service for America Honorees

Kirsten Gillibrand
U.S. Senator

Heather Goodchild
American Red Cross in Greater New York Board Member

Mona Dexter
Vice President, Military and Veteran Affairs,
Comcast NBC Universal

Phyllis Wilson
President, National Military Women's Memorial

Jessica Scarcella-Spanton
NYS Senator, Chair of the Veterans Committee

Suzanne Miles-Gustave
NYC Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

Major Monday Price
United States Military Academy, 3rd Regiment Executive Officer

Michelle DellaFave
Decades of Service to the Vietnam Troops

**With Special Thanks to Council Member Gale Brewer & Central
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Assembly Member Seawright Applauds New "Jack Reid Law"

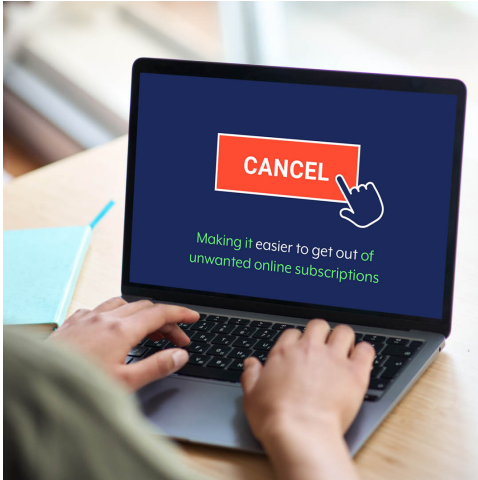
Governor Hochul has signed the "Jack Reid Law: Protect All Students Act", extending anti-bullying protections to private school students.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, a co-sponsor, said:

"I am honored to co-sponsor the Jack Reid Law to ensure that every New York student—whether in public or private school—is protected from bullying, harassment, and violence. No family should suffer the tragic loss that Jack Reid's family endured."

The signing coincides with the International Day Against Violence and Bullying at School, highlighting New York's commitment to safe, supportive learning environments for all children.

New "Click to Cancel" Law Protects Consumers from Surprise Charges



Too many New Yorkers have faced costly, unwanted subscription fees because companies made it confusing to cancel. The new "Click to Cancel" law (Ch. 58 of 2025, Part W), cosponsored and strongly supported by Assembly Member Seawright, is now in effect.

The law requires businesses to provide simple, clear instructions for ending automatic renewals, helping consumers avoid unexpected charges.

If you experience difficulty canceling a subscription, you can contact the company directly or file a complaint with the New York State Attorney General at <https://ag.ny.gov/file-complaint/consumer>

Expanded Support for Victims of Crime Now in Effect

Governor Hochul has announced significant expansions to compensation for victims and survivors of crime, effective November 5, 2025. Key changes include:

- Funeral and burial expense caps doubled from \$6,000 to \$12,000, ensuring families are not burdened during difficult times.
- Crime scene cleanup costs expanded—anyone who pays out-of-pocket can now seek reimbursement.
- Increased support for victims of financial scams, with eligible individuals now able to receive up to \$2,500 (previously \$100).
- Elimination of contributory conduct in homicide cases, so survivors are not penalized financially if a loved one's death involved violence.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright said:

"I applaud Governor Hochul and the Office of Victim Services for expanding financial support for crime victims and their families. Increasing reimbursement for funeral costs, financial scams, and crime scene cleanup ensures survivors are not burdened by unexpected expenses during times of trauma. These commonsense measures provide meaningful relief and strengthen our commitment to supporting New Yorkers when they need it most."

These updates are part of the FY26 Enacted Budget, which also strengthens services for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes, including increased funding for rape crisis centers and expanded access to forensic exams and HIV prophylaxis medication.

The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) continues to provide a safety net for individuals facing out-of-pocket, crime-related expenses, funded entirely through fines, fees, and surcharges—not tax dollars. In FY25, OVS provided nearly \$20 million in assistance.

For more information, visit ovs.ny.gov

Consider Our Office Your Resource

Spotlight on Aging: Cornell Tech Community Service Club One-to-One Tech Support for Older Adults



Are you an older adult—or know someone who is—who could use help with a cell phone, iPad, or laptop?

Join the Community Service Club at Cornell Tech for one-to-one tech assistance on Sunday, November 16th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Twice a year, student volunteers offer personalized support, helping bridge the digital gap while connecting with the local community.

What: One-to-One Tech Support for Older Adults

When: Sunday, November 16th, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Where: Tata Innovation Center, Cornell Tech Campus, 11 East Loop Road

Devices Supported: Cell phones, iPads, laptops



sanitation

No Trash, Curbside Composting, or Recycling Collection on Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11, 2025

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that in observance of Veterans Day, there will be no trash, curbside composting, or recycling collection on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

Residents who normally receive Tuesday collection may place their trash, compost, or recycling at the curb Tuesday evening for pickup starting Wednesday, November 12.

For questions about sanitation services or holiday schedules, contact 311 or visit nyc.gov/sanitation.

Instacart Supports Families on SNAP and Local Food Banks

Instacart is helping families stretch their grocery dollars and supporting food banks during a critical time. Active SNAP customers can receive 50% off their next grocery order (up to \$50), providing immediate relief as funding uncertainties affect millions. Eligible customers who used SNAP on Instacart in October will receive a discount code via email.

<https://www.instacart.com/company/updates/instacart-launches-support-for-snap-families-food-banks>

In addition, Instacart is expanding its Community Carts program, launching online donation drives for over 300 Feeding America food banks nationwide. Donations go directly to food banks, helping them stock up for rising demand this holiday season.

https://www.instacart.com/store/hub/community_carts

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
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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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.



NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM	10AM-12PM	10AM-1PM

Upcoming Events

Rat Academy Training

Sponsored by NYS Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



Friday,
December 12, 2025

10 a.m. to noon

Join online from anywhere!

Join us to learn about rat prevention methods.

Free training for:

- Building superintendents and staff
- Homeowners and tenants
- Managing companies
- Business owners

To register for this virtual event, visit bit.ly/ratacademy1212 or email ratportal@health.nyc.gov specifying the training date.



For more information, contact ratportal@health.nyc.gov. This virtual training is offered in English, but for interpretation or ASL, contact us at least 72 hours in advance.

For more information about rats, visit nyc.gov/rats.



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Weekly Greenmarkets

Every Saturday – 82nd Street / St. Stephen's Greenmarket
82nd Street between First & York Avenues, 9am–2:30pm

A year-round favorite where the church courtyard and sidewalk bustle with shoppers. Shop fruits, vegetables, baked goods, cheese, fish, chicken, grass-fed beef, goat meat, and more from:

American Pride Seafood, Sikking Flowers, Bread Alone, Tivoli Mushrooms, Hudson Valley Duck, Walnut Ridge, Haywood's Fresh, Samascott & Nine Pin Ciderworks, Gayeski Produce, Valley Shepherd, Hawthorne Valley, and Cherry Lane Farms.

Every Sunday – Ruppert Park Greenmarket
Second Avenue & 91st Street, 9am–3pm

A lively market with neighbors gathering over an abundant array of produce and goods. Vendors include:

American Pride Seafood, Meredith's Country Bakery, Tivoli Mushrooms, Riverine Ranch & Halal Pastures, Norwich Meadows, Grandpa's Farm, and Phillips Farms.

Every Thursday – Lenox Hill Farmstand

NW Corner of First Avenue & 70th Street, 11am–4pm

Stock up on 100% local, mostly organic fruits, veggies, honey, jams, grains, maple syrup, eggs, flour, and salsas. Plus—weekly food demos and a must-read Farmstand newsletter!

Resources

Cash Assistance & Benefits Security

Cash Assistance Skimming Alert: Beware of electronic theft of EBT benefits via skimming or phishing. To learn more or file a claim for stolen Cash Assistance benefits, visit: nyc.gov/hra/benefitreplacement

Paid Family Leave

Since 2018, New York's Paid Family Leave program has supported thousands of working families. Benefits and wage replacements increase annually with the NY State Average Weekly Wage. Learn more about 2025 benefits at: paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/2025

Tax Credits & Financial Assistance

Empire State Child Credit: Over 1.5 million eligible New Yorkers will automatically receive supplemental payments based on this credit. No action needed. Details: [Additional Empire State Child Credit Payments](#)

Unclaimed Funds: Check for unclaimed money you may be owed at: osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds

Energy & Heating Assistance

Energy Affordability Program: Income-eligible consumers may get discounts on electric/gas bills. Info and forms: [ConEd Energy Affordability Program PDF](#) or call 800-752-6633 (seniors: 800-404-9097).

Regular HEAP Benefit: The 2024–25 season is open. Eligible households can get help paying heating bills. Details: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap

Cooling Assistance: HEAP also covers fans and AC units for qualifying households:

otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance

Health Insurance & Counseling

Qualified Health Plans: Enroll by the 15th for coverage the following month with new cost-sharing savings. Info: nyc.gov/health/healthcoverage or call 347-665-0214.

HIICAP: Free counseling on Medicare, Medigap, and long-term care insurance. Call 1-800-701-0501 or visit aging.ny.gov/hiicap.

Housing & Tenant Rights

Renters Rights: NYC tenants are protected against unsafe living conditions, harassment, and discrimination. See the [Tenant Bill of Rights](#).

Homeowner Handbook: A resource to help NY homeowners manage responsibilities and find assistance. View at homeownerhelpny.org/handbook.

Discrimination Reporting: File discrimination reports by phone at (844) NYS-DHR1 or (844) 697-3471.

Rent Protection & Resources: NYC tenants can check rent increase legality and get help at GoodCauseNYC.org.

Food Assistance

SNAP Benefits: Simplified one-page applications, longer recertification periods for seniors, and no interview needed for recertification. Learn more and apply online.

Health Bucks: At NYC farmers markets, spend \$2 in SNAP/EBT/Summer EBT and get \$2 bonus Health Bucks for fresh produce, up to \$10 per visit. Info: gownyc.org/greenmarket/ebt/nutritionprograms.

Transportation

MTA Reduced-Fare Program: Half-fare benefits are moving to OMNY. New cards should have arrived; continue using MetroCards meanwhile. Check updates at [MTA Reduced-Fare OMNY info](#).

MTA Mobile Sales: Services include reduced-fare applications, OMNY sign-ups, card balance transfers, and lost card reports. Schedule at mta.info/fares/mobile-sales.

Congestion Pricing: Tolls apply entering Manhattan south of 60th St. Discounts and exemptions available. Details: mta.info/discounts and congestionreliefzone.mta.info.

Emergency & Community Resources

Mental Health Hotline: Call 988 for mental health support; call 911 for emergencies.

Community Health Advocates: Help with medical bills and insurance issues at 1-888-614-5400.

NYC Emergency Alerts: Sign up for Notify NYC at nyc.gov/notify or call 311.

Animal Care Centers: Due to temporary dog intake suspension, ACC urges adoption. Visit local centers or website for info.

Curbside Composting: Available citywide weekly on recycling day. Details: nyc.gov/curbside-composting.

Identification

New York Mobile ID: Carry a secure digital ID or driver's license on your phone. Learn more and download the app.

NYC Infrastructure

NYCDOT Street Work Permit Maps: View active street work permits for your district at nycdot.info.

Transportation Updates

Roosevelt Island Red Bus Update: Two Stops Removed to Improve Service

Starting Saturday, November 1, the Red Bus will eliminate two rarely used stops at the southern end of the island:

East side of the Cornell Tech campus
Between Sportspark and Tram Plaza on the west side

Both stops are very close to more active stops—near the east entrance to Sportspark and next to The Graduate Hotel—which will remain on the route.

This change will help buses run faster and more reliably, without limiting access to key locations. Signage will be posted at the affected stops, and riders can continue to track the Red Bus in real time using the Transit app.

[Community Update: October 31, 2025](#)

[Community Update: October 24, 2025](#)

[Community Update: October 17, 2025](#)

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