

# Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Chair of the Assembly Aging Committee, I led a joint hearing to address the growing crisis of elder financial exploitation. Last year over 6,200 cases were reported resulting in more than \$257 million in losses. Expanding technology and AI-driven scams are putting older New Yorkers at unprecedented risk. I questioned the State Office for the Aging on Master Plan scam-prevention initiatives, examined the City Department for the Aging data regarding scams targeting homebound women who live alone, and reviewed guardianship protection proceedings to ensure seniors' rights are protected.

In other updates, the MTA F/M train swap begins Monday, December 8, swapping weekday service between Manhattan and Queens to reduce delays and improve reliability. This change eliminates a merge at Queens Plaza, providing smoother rides for over 1.2 million daily riders on the EFMR lines. Trains will operate on their new weekday routes from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; nights and weekends are unaffected. Riders can view the new service map and more information at [mta.info/fmswap](http://mta.info/fmswap).

With winter approaching, I am sharing information on NYC's Heat Season, which requires residential buildings to meet minimum room temperature and hot water standards. If your building is not meeting these requirements, you can call 311 or file a report online. More on this and other updates are enclosed in this special report.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office if I can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright".

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

**Chair Seawright Leads Hearing on Exploding Crisis of Elder Financial Exploitation**

## STATE OF POLITICS

"More than 4,300 New Yorkers aged 60 and older lost over \$203 million in 2023, averaging \$47,000 per person," Seawright said.

"That is \$557,000 lost every day, or 23,200 every hour, placing New York fourth highest in the nation."



## OUR TOWN

"In my district, we had an older woman come in, and she was completely wiped out of her savings," Seawright said. "We need more preparation, prevention, and education around this subject."



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, led a joint hearing with the Committees on Banks and Children and Families to confront the alarming rise in elder financial exploitation. With more than 6,200 cases reported last year and over \$257 million in losses, experts warned that expanding technology and AI-driven scams are putting older New Yorkers at unprecedented risk.

Seawright underscored that seniors, longtime contributors to New York's economy, deserve strong protections, coordinated investigations, and real support when targeted. Witnesses highlighted critical staffing gaps at Adult Protective Services, weaknesses in reporting, and the urgent need for outreach and education.

The committees will review testimony and advance legislative and budget proposals to strengthen APS and safeguard older adults across the state.

### **State Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen Questioned by Chair Seawright on Master Plan Scam-Prevention Initiatives**



**Seawright Examined City Department for the Aging Data Regarding Scams Targeting Homebound Women Who Live Alone**



## Guardianship Protection Proceedings Under Review: Chair Seawright Questions Justice Charles Troia



## Consider Our Office **YOUR** Resource

### MTA F/M Route Swap Begins Monday, Dec. 8

Starting Monday, December 8, weekday service on the F and M trains between Manhattan and Queens will be swapped to reduce delays and improve reliability. The change eliminates a merge at Queens Plaza, providing smoother rides for the 1.2 million daily riders on the EFMR lines.

Trains will run on their new weekday routes from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. only; nights and weekends are unaffected. Riders can see the new service map and more information at [mta.info/fmswap](http://mta.info/fmswap).

### Stay Warm This Winter – Know Your Rights

New York City requires residential buildings to meet minimum room temperature and hot water standards during the colder months. This "Heat Season" ensures you stay warm and comfortable.

If your landlord isn't meeting these requirements, you can call 311 or file a report online to have the issue addressed. Learn more about NYC's Heat Season rules [here](#).

### Winter Safety Tips for New York City Residents

Winter brings unique safety challenges. Follow these tips to stay safe, warm, and prepared:

#### Fire Safety for Heating Devices

- Space heaters: Use certified units on flat, nonflammable surfaces; keep 3 feet from flammable items; never leave unattended; plug directly into a wall outlet.
- Fireplaces: Have chimneys inspected annually; use a screen and never leave fires unattended.
- Heating systems: Schedule annual inspections for furnaces or boilers; keep vents clear; never use ovens or stoves to heat your home.

#### Carbon Monoxide Awareness

- Install working carbon monoxide alarms on every level, especially near bedrooms.
- Keep generators outdoors and away from doors/windows.

#### Candle Safety

- Use flameless candles when possible.
- Never leave candles unattended or within reach of children or pets.

#### Electric Blankets

- Use UL-certified blankets; replace those over 10 years old.
- Ensure automatic shut-off is enabled and cords are in good condition.
- Turn off blankets before sleeping; avoid layering other blankets on top.

#### Additional Winter Preparedness

- Stock up on flashlights, batteries, nonperishable food, and bottled water.
- Create a family emergency plan and ensure smoke alarms are working.

Following these tips helps protect you and your family throughout the colder months.

## NYC Sanitation's Winter Schedule is Here

The NYC Department of Sanitation has switched to its annual Winter Schedule for the 2025–2026 snow season. With extra staff working overnight, the Department is ready to respond quickly to snow and ice, keeping the City's streets safer and cleaner.

Even when snow isn't expected, night-shift workers may be out collecting trash, recycling, and compost. Residents may notice collection at slightly different times—to ensure your materials are picked up, set them out by midnight on your scheduled day.

This enhanced winter staffing complements ongoing night operations and is part of efforts to reduce street litter and rodent activity. The schedule generally runs through mid-April, with adjustments made as needed.

NYC Sanitation is ready for winter with 700+ salt spreaders and 2,000+ plow-equipped trucks covering over 19,000 lane-miles. For more info, call 311 or visit [www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation).

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# **HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC**

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!



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AT 3:30 PM ATTORNEYS FROM  
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE  
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76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

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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.*



## NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

10AM-1PM

10AM-12PM

10AM-1PM

10AM-12PM

10AM-1PM

### Upcoming Events



Carl Schurz  
**PARK**  
Conservancy



Presents:

# Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing Along in Carl Schurz Park

Sunday, December 7th, 5-6:00pm

East End Avenue & 86th Street

**Cantori New York** Praised by the New York Times  
for its “spirit of exploration,” and “virtuosity and assurance.”

**Mark Shapiro, Artistic Director, Conductor**

**The New York Brass Quintet**

Community Caroling, Hot Chocolate,  
Cookies, and Candycanes!

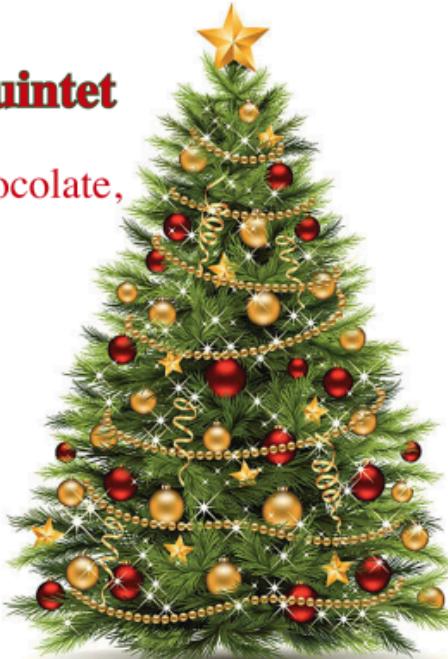


Hot Chocolate Donated  
by The Mansion & The  
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at [www.carlschurzparknyc.org](http://www.carlschurzparknyc.org)  
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[Click here for the songbook!](#)



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# TOY DRIVE



Donate new and unwrapped toys for local children  
through **Thursday, December 11 at the Office of**  
**Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright**

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

Call 212.288.4607 or email

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**Toys will be donated to New York Center for  
Children**



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**HOLIDAY**

*Open House*

Snowflakes, laughter, and holiday cheer –  
join us for a holiday open house to celebrate  
the most wonderful time of the year!

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**4PM-5PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE**

**1485 YORK AVE. (78/79 ST)**

Consider bringing a new, unwrapped  
toy for our holiday toy collection.

**To RSVP:** call 212-288-4607 or email  
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[RSVP Here](#)



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# NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING 2026

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH**

**GREEN MARKET, 82ND STREET  
BETWEEN 1ST AND YORK**

**10 AM - 1 PM**

**NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS**  
OFFICE OF NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT  
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### **PSD Community Engagement Meeting – December 11**

The next PSD Community Engagement Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 11, at 6:00 PM in Good Shepherd Chapel. Residents are invited to join the conversation on public safety topics that matter to Roosevelt Island.

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ROOSEVELT ISLAND

# Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH  
06:00 PM  
MEDITATION LAWN

Rain Date: 12/8

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*Food  
Live Music  
Giveaways  
Santa  
Performances*



NEW YORK  
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Roosevelt Island  
Operating Corporation



ROOSEVELT ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



# Holiday Celebration

WITH A SPECIAL

## Japanese Tea Ceremony



## Holiday Sales & Refreshments

*Experience a bowl of matcha with a tea ceremony demonstrated by David Lavecchia, co-founder of Tezumi and practitioner of the Ueda Sōko school of samurai tea*

## Blackwell House

500 MAIN ST



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# LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

## CHANUKAH IN THE PARK

Grand Menorah Lighting

Sunday, December 14, 2025

5:00 pm Program / 5:30 pm Menorah Lighting

Carl Schurz Promenade

Entrance at 86th St. and East End Ave.



### In Case You Missed It: Past Editions of the Community Report

[Community Update: November 25, 2025](#)

[Community Update: November 21, 2025](#)

[Community Update: November 14, 2025](#)

[Community Update: November 7, 2025](#)

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