

Rebecca Seawright

ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am pleased to share important news for older adults and New Yorkers with disabilities across our community. As Chair of the New York State Assembly Aging Committee, I fought to secure a major expansion of the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) programs as part of this year's State Budget.

For the first time in more than a decade, the income eligibility threshold for these vital rent freeze programs will increase from \$50,000 to \$75,000, helping thousands more New Yorkers remain in the homes and neighborhoods they love. For many seniors and people living with disabilities, this change means greater housing stability, financial security, and the ability to age in place with dignity. While there is more work ahead, I will continue advocating for policies that make New York more affordable and age-friendly for everyone.

Last week, I was proud to vote for Francesco's Law in the Assembly, and this week I was pleased to see the Senate pass this important legislation. By strengthening New York's safe firearm storage requirements, we are taking meaningful action to help prevent tragedies and keep our children, families, and communities safe.

As our nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, I am excited to announce our America 250 Essay Contest for students throughout the 76th Assembly District. Participants are invited to write about an American individual or organization that left a lasting positive impact on our country, or a significant moment or event that helped shape America for the better. Essays must be submitted by September 26, 2026, and the top entries will receive a New York State Assembly Citation. I encourage students to participate and reflect on the people and events that have strengthened our nation and inspired future generations.

In this edition of our Community Report, you will also find information about important upcoming events, including Roosevelt Island Day, our annual Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony, a free

Housing Legal Clinic, benefits screenings, and resources available through our office. As we approach the June 23 Primary Election, I encourage all eligible voters to review the important election deadlines and make a plan to vote.

I join so many of our neighbors in celebrating the incredible success of the New York Knicks. Their hard work, perseverance, and team spirit have united fans across our city and state. Wishing them the best as they continue their pursuit of the NBA championship. Go Knicks!

My team and I remain committed to helping constituents navigate government services, access community resources, and address the issues that matter most. I invite you to join us at our upcoming events:

- Saturday, June 6, 2026, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm – **Roosevelt Island Day 2026** at Firefighters Field, featuring a full day of family fun and island pride hosted by RIOC. Our office will have mobile constituent hours! Rain date: Sunday, June 7, 2026. Enjoy games and inflatables, kids' activities, music, food, giveaways, community booths, and more.
- Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - **Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony** at MSK Rockefeller Research Laboratory Auditorium, 430 East 67 Street (York/First Avenues). RSVP required for security. [Click here](#).
- Sunday, June 14, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - **ACC Mobile Pet Adoption Event** at Carl Schurz Park. 86th Street and East End Avenue.
- Tuesday, June 16, 3:30 pm – **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to schedule.
- Wednesday, June 17, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – **MTA OMNY Service Bus** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). Ask questions or refill your OMNY account.
- Wednesday, July 1, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – **Benefits Screening with LiveOn NY** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). By appointment only. Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to schedule.

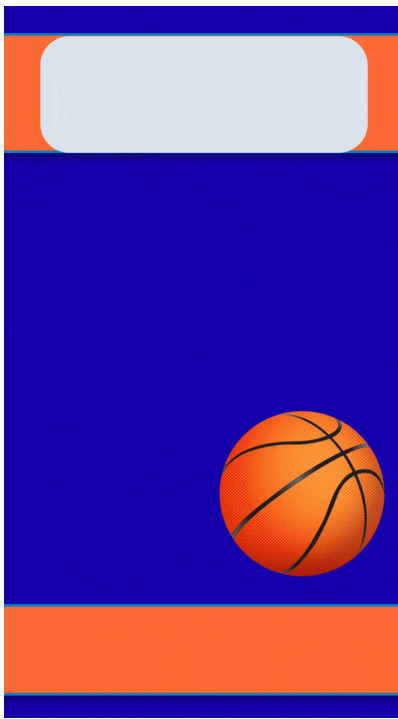
Our office is always just a phone call, email, or visit away.

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OUR TOWN

Seawright Expands Rent Freeze Protections for Seniors

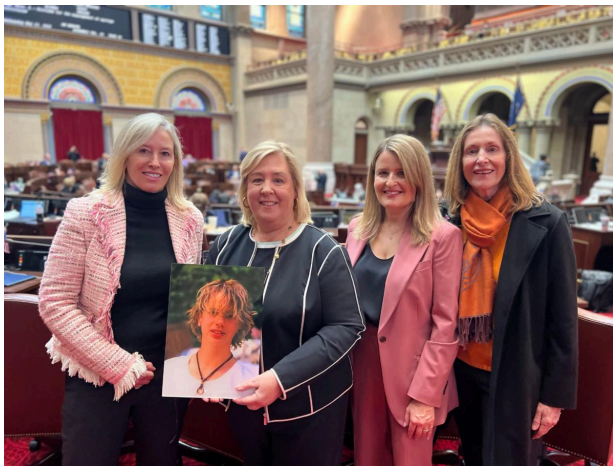
This expansion of the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) programs, passed as part of the state budget, will now need to be opted into by the NY City Council.



State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, who represents the Upper East Side, has secured an expansion of a rent-freeze program for older New Yorkers via the state budget. (Photo: Rebecca Seawright)

Read more in Our Town [here](#).

Seawright Lauds Passage of Francesco's Law in Both Houses



This week, the New York State Legislature passed Francesco's Law, a critical measure to strengthen New York's safe firearm storage requirements and help prevent accidental shootings and other tragedies involving unsecured firearms.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright was proud to serve as a cosponsor of this important legislation, which was inspired by the memory of Francesco Cochran and championed through the tireless

advocacy of his mother, Diana Cochran, and her partner, Jennifer Allsop.

"As a cosponsor of Francesco's Law, I am so glad to see this vital legislation pass both the Assembly and Senate," said Assembly Member Seawright. "Thank you to Francesco's mother, Diana Cochran, and her partner, Jennifer Allsop, whose tireless advocacy in the wake of their unimaginable loss helped make this life-saving legislation possible. This law strengthens New York's safe firearm storage requirements to help prevent tragedies and make New York safer for all. Every life saved is worth the effort."

Francesco's Law now heads to Governor Hochul for consideration. The legislation reflects New York's continued commitment to responsible gun safety measures and protecting children and families from preventable harm.

Team Rebecca at the First Avenue Community Festival



Kevin Wu and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright shared helpful resources at the fair.



Neighborhood activist and filmmaker Todd Stein and his mother, Felicia, visited with Courtney Ferrissey and John McClement for a productive discussion on community issues and the passage of legislation to raise the SCRIE income threshold.



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright joined community activists Faith Fraser and Steve Benathen, District Leaders Kim Moscaritolo and Rebecca Weintraub, and baby Nelly who were sharing information on early voting ahead of the June 23 Primary Election.

SPOTLIGHT ON AGING:

Carter Burden Network Hosts Symposium on Aging in New York City: Finding Care and Support



Constituent Liaison Brynne Schattner tabled at a community event, sharing information for older adults about services available through Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's office, including the office's no-cost notary service, housing legal clinic, rent freeze program, and upcoming Shred-A-Thon.



Consider Our Office Your Resource



IMPORTANT PRIMARY ELECTION DATES – JUNE 2026

Make your voice heard in this year's Primary Election!

June 8, 2026: Last day to update your address for the Primary Election.

June 13, 2026: Last day to register to vote or update your voter registration for the Primary Election.

June 13, 2026: Last day to request a mail ballot online or by mail.

June 13 – June 21, 2026: Early Voting Period- Vote before Election Day at your designated early voting site.

June 22, 2026: Last day to request a mail ballot in person.

June 23, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY!: Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

June 23, 2026: Last day to submit your completed mail ballot.

[Check your registration status here.](#)

[Find your polling place here.](#)

[Request an early mail or absentee ballot here.](#)

New York State Assembly's 2026

Summer Reading Challenge!

In cooperation with the 2026 Summer Reading
at New York Libraries program

UNEARTH A STORY™



Participate in the New York State Assembly's 2026 Summer Reading Challenge and receive a **New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate**! Simply read 15 minutes a day for 40 or more days during July and August, then send a completed form to my office.

Contact my office or see your teacher or librarian for more details!

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AMERICA 250

Assembly Member Seawright

is sponsoring a 250th Anniversary of America essay contest, with awards going to the top entries from schools in Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island.



ESSAY CONTEST

Write about an American person or organization that left a lasting positive impact on our country or write about a significant moment or event that shaped America for the better.



**Send your essay
by 09/26/2026 to:**

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IT'S HOT OUTSIDE!

The Office of Assembly Member Seawright
is a designated

COOLING CENTER

1485 York Ave (79th St)

Open 9:30am - 5:30pm

COME COOL DOWN, HYDRATE, AND STAY SAFE!



**OMNY BUS
STOPS HERE
(79/YORK):**

WED. 6/17, 7/1

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**REFILL YOUR
OMNY CARD**

**APPLY FOR
REDUCED FARE**



NO-COST NOTARY PUBLIC SCHEDULE

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING PHOTO ID
AND YOUR WITNESSES IF YOUR
DOCUMENT REQUIRES THEM

**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.**



**SCAN ME TO
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.

Upcoming Events



**Office of Assembly Member
Rebecca Seawright
&
Animal Care Centers of NYC**

Mobile Adoption Event

Sunday, June 14th | 12-4pm
East 86 Street & East End Avenue



Looking to adopt a new four-legged family member? We're happy to be partnering with ACC to host an Adoption Event with some incredible cats and dogs from ACC! We hope you'll stop by to meet some boroughbreds.

View all available animals at nycacc.org

Adoption events are subject to cancellation due to rain. Please make sure to visit nycacc.org/adoptionevents for updates before heading out to one of our events!

For more information about this free event or any other community concern, please call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov



**Assembly Member
Rebecca A. Seawright**
is hosting the

**2026
WOMEN OF
DISTINCTION
AWARDS**



Tuesday, June 9

from 6 pm to 8 pm

**Rockefeller Research
Laboratories Auditorium
430 East 67th Street
(1st Ave/York)**

***TOGETHER, LET'S RECOGNIZE
THE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN
WHO ARE MAKING OUR
COMMUNITIES STRONGER.***



**Please visit nyassembly.gov/Seawright
or scan the QR code to RSVP for the
Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony.**



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NO - COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING 2026

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH
9 AM - 12 PM

1495 YORK AVENUE
NW CORNER OF YORK AVE & 79TH ST

NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS

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