



In Loving Memory of Connie Alice Seawright

September 17, 1933–August 20, 2026



Rebecca
Seawright
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ASSEMBLYMEMBER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I dedicate this edition of my community newsletter to the loving memory of our dear mother, Connie Alice Dickson Seawright, who recently passed away at the age of 92. I was the third of her four daughters, and I will always be grateful for the love, strength, and guidance she gave to each of us. Her example shaped my life and instilled in me the values that continue to guide my public service. My mother lived by her favorite words:

***“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as
long as ever you can.”***

As I continue serving our community, I do so with my mother’s memory close to my heart and with a renewed commitment to living by the values she taught me. This newsletter is dedicated to her remarkable life and enduring legacy.

In this week’s community update, I share highlights from Governor Kathy Hochul’s visit to the Carter Burden Network, where we celebrated our work to raise the SCRIE income eligibility threshold to \$75,000 and expand support for older New Yorkers.

You will also find information about our upcoming Department of Finance Property Tax and Rent Freeze Clinic, a City Council hearing on SCRIE and DRIE, back-to-school resources, public safety legislation, neighborhood events, and important overnight subway service changes.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can be of assistance.

I invite you to join us at our upcoming events:

- Monday, August 31, 10 am - 2:00 pm - **New York City Department of Finance Property Tax and Rent Freeze 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. RSVP [here](#).

- Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 am – 2:00 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.
- Friday, September 11, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm- **25th Anniversary 9/11 Remembrance East Side Lighting the Way** at the Carl Schurz Park Lower Plaza (enter at East 86 Street and East End Avenue).
- Monday, October 5 at 2:00 pm - **Planning Ahead for Your Pet** at our Community Office, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). Call 212-288-4607 or email SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to RSVP.

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

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Welcoming Governor Hochul to the Carter Burden Network Older Adult Center



The Rev. Matthew Dayton-Welch, Governor Kathy Hochul, Carter Burden Executive Director Joy Salvador, Senator Liz Krueger, and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

It was an honor to welcome Governor Kathy Hochul to the Carter Burden Network and thank her for her steadfast partnership with older New Yorkers. Together, we are advancing historic investments that help older adults age with dignity, independence, and choice in the communities they call home.



Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright thanked Governor Kathy Hochul for their shared work to raise the SCRIE income eligibility threshold to \$75,000—a major victory helping more older New Yorkers remain securely in their homes.



Governor Kathy Hochul delivers remarks to older adults at the Carter Burden Network about New York's historic investments in community-based aging services.

NYC Council Oversight Hearing on the SCRIE and DRIE Rent Freeze Programs

The New York City Council is holding an oversight hearing on Friday, September 18 at 11:00 a.m. on the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) programs. The hearing will be held in person in Council Chambers at City Hall and can also be viewed online at council.nyc.gov — select the “City Hall/Council Chambers” stream.

The hearing will include consideration of legislation to increase the maximum income eligibility limit for SCRIE and DRIE from \$50,000 to \$75,000, implementing the expansion authorized in this year’s State budget. This long-overdue increase will allow more older adults and New Yorkers with disabilities to qualify to have their rent frozen.

Members of the public may [sign up to testify](#) via Zoom Web, Zoom Phone, or in person. [Written testimony may also be submitted](#) up to 72 hours after the hearing has adjourned.

Seawright No-Cost Mammogram Screenings on Roosevelt Island



This week, our office partnered with the American-Italian Cancer Foundation to bring its mobile mammography program to Roosevelt Island. The Mammogram Bus provided convenient, no-cost breast cancer screenings to eligible community members outside the Church of the Good Shepherd. Early detection saves lives, and we are proud to help make this essential preventive care more accessible in our community.



Interns Roxana Margulis and Briana Besanceceny helped constituents sign up for their no-cost mammogram screenings.

Federal Executive Order Update

The New York State Assembly Office of State-Federal Relations recently provided an update on several executive orders issued by the federal administration. These actions address a broad range of policy areas, including:

- Agriculture: Supporting regenerative agriculture, precision farming technology, research, and farm resilience.
- Federal Civil Service: Establishing a new employment category for certain senior policy-influencing federal positions.
- National Security: Strengthening protections against advanced cryptographic attacks and transitioning federal information systems to post-quantum cybersecurity standards.
- Defense Supply Chains: Encouraging domestic sourcing of critical materials and reducing reliance on certain foreign suppliers.
- Customs Enforcement: Modernizing customs procedures, strengthening importer requirements, and improving duty collection.
- Artificial Intelligence: Advancing AI innovation and cybersecurity while establishing standards for assessing advanced AI models.
- Quantum Technology: Updating the National Quantum Strategy and supporting research, commercialization, and workforce development.
- Smithsonian Institution: Directing changes intended to address the presentation of American history at the National Museum of American History.

Residents can review the complete executive orders and other presidential documents through the [Federal Register](#).

Seawright to Host Department of Finance Clinic

Make An Appointment and Have Your Questions Answered!



NYC Department of Finance Assistance In Your Community

Free assistance with:

property tax matters,
parking violations, rent
freeze program, payment
plans, and other financial
services

Must Brings:

1. New York State ID
2. Current lease and
Previous lease
3. 2025 Tax Return



Date:

Monday
August 31, 2026



Time:

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Location:

1485 York Ave, New
York, NY, 10075
(between 78/79 Streets)

RSVP Required:

Office of NYS Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

1485 York Avenue, 212-288-4607

seawright@nyassembly.gov

[RSVP HERE](#)

Remembering Rita L. Popper
A Tireless Voice for Her Community



Photo credit: Dashiell Allen/Upper East Side

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright mourns the passing of Rita L. Popper, a beloved longtime Upper East Side resident and dedicated community advocate.

As an elected official representing the Upper East Side, Assembly Member Seawright had the privilege of knowing Rita through her many years of civic engagement and service on Manhattan Community Board 8. Rita was articulate, passionate, determined, and never afraid to speak her mind. She worked tirelessly on behalf of her neighbors and always stood up for what she believed was right.

A teacher, author, tenant leader, and civic advocate, Rita devoted herself to strengthening the community she called home for more than five decades. Among her many accomplishments, she was proudest of her family, especially her four cherished grandchildren.

Assembly Member Seawright extends her deepest condolences to Rita's son, daughter, grandchildren, family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. Rita leaves behind a remarkable legacy of advocacy, friendship, and community service. The indelible mark she made on the Upper East Side will not be forgotten.

May her memory be a blessing.

**Rebecca
Seawright**
ASSEMBLY MEMBER

**SPOTLIGHT
ON AGING:**

PLANNING AHEAD FOR YOUR PET

PRESENTED BY ROBIN STRASHUN

Outreach, PET, Medical Escort and Volunteer Coordinator | Search and Care



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Create an Advance Pet Plan and an alert wallet card
- Organize essential veterinary and caregiving information
- Identify trusted helpers and emergency backup arrangements
- Explore PET resources and eligibility-based financial support

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 | 2:00 PM

District Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

1485 York Avenue, New York, NY 10075
Between East 78th and East 79th Streets

RSVP

seawright@nyassembly.gov | 212-288-4607

Pet owners of all ages are welcome.

Search and Care: 212-289-5300 | SandC@searchandcare.org | searchandcare.org

Spotlight on Aging: Deliver Holiday Cheer to an Older Neighbor



DOROT is seeking volunteers for its annual Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery, an opportunity to deliver a holiday care package and make a meaningful connection with an older New Yorker through a friendly visit or telephone call.

The East Side package pickup will take place:
Wednesday, September 16, 2026
10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Moise Safra Center
130 East 82nd Street, between Park and Lexington Avenues

Volunteers will pick up a care package, be matched with an older adult, deliver the package, and connect through a social visit or friendly telephone call. The one-time commitment is approximately 90 minutes.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have a valid government-issued photo ID, and complete a brief online orientation. Families with children ages 10 and older are also welcome to participate. People of all faiths, backgrounds, and identities are encouraged to volunteer.

[Register for DOROT's Manhattan Package Delivery](#)

Strengthening Public Safety and Confronting Emerging Threats

New laws now in effect *crack down* on *untraceable* firearms and *unlawful* drone use.

The Assembly Majority is working to **protect** New Yorkers from **emerging threats**.

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright proudly co-sponsored and strongly supported new laws to confront emerging threats before they put New Yorkers at risk. Now in effect, these measures crack down on ghost guns, convertible pistols, and 3-D-printed firearms while strengthening safeguards against unlawful drone use and credible drone threats (Chapter 55 of the Laws of 2026, Parts C and D).

Honoring the March on Washington

Aug. 28, 1963

MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Dr. Martin Luther King's legendary "I Have a Dream" speech still resonates today as we continue fighting for civil rights for all.



Today marks the 63rd anniversary of the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his landmark "I Have a Dream" speech, calling upon our nation to fulfill its promise of equality and justice for all.

As we commemorate this pivotal moment in American history, we recommit ourselves to protecting civil rights, confronting injustice, and continuing the work necessary to make Dr. King's dream a reality.

Calling All Young Artists: "Tapestry of New York"



In honor of America's 250th anniversary, K–12 students across New York State are invited to participate in Tapestry of New York, a statewide art and media project exploring the theme "We the People."

Students may submit original drawings, paintings, collages, photographs, digital graphics, videos, or multimedia artwork reflecting what "We the People" means to them. Approved submissions will be featured in the project's online gallery. All work must be created by the student without the use of artificial intelligence and accompanied by a brief written statement.

Teachers, program leaders, parents, or caregivers may register and submit work on a student's behalf. Submissions will be accepted through May 2027.

[Learn more and submit student artwork.](#)

Give the Gift of Life

More than 8,000 New Yorkers are waiting for a lifesaving transplant.

*Become an organ donor
and give the gift of life.*



Did you know that more than 8,000 New Yorkers are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant? Registering as an organ and tissue donor takes only minutes—and one donor can save up to eight lives.

Learn more and register today:

donatelifenys.org

Consider Our Office Your Resource



Getting Ready for Back to School

The first day of classes for New York City public schools is Thursday, September 10. As students, families, educators, and school staff prepare for the 2026–27 school year, NYC Public Schools has released a [Back-to-School Checklist](#) with important reminders and resources.

Before the first day, families are encouraged to:

- Update their contact information through their [NYC Schools Account](#).
- Confirm that students have completed required physical examinations and immunizations.
- Review transportation arrangements, school-bus information, and eligibility for free Student OMNY cards.
- Check the [2026–27 school calendar](#) for holidays, school closures, and parent-teacher conferences.
- Review school-supply lists and label students' belongings.
- Help students return to a consistent bedtime and morning routine.
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Families should also review their school's policy governing cellphones and other internet-enabled devices. Under New York State law, students may not use personal internet-enabled devices during the school day. Each school will provide families with information about how devices will be stored and how parents can contact students in an emergency. The checklist is available in English and multiple additional languages. Families can also visit the [NYC Public Schools Back-to-School Hub](#) for information about enrollment, transportation, school meals, technology, and after-school programs.

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright wishes all students, families, teachers, administrators, and school staff a safe, successful, and rewarding school year!



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



**OMNY BUS
STOPS HERE
(79/YORK):
WED. 9/2, 9/16**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

REFILL YOUR
OMNY CARD

APPLY FOR
REDUCED FARE

Upcoming Events

LACE UP FOR A GOOD CAUSE

SOCKS FOR SOCCER

AT LEAST 2 PAIRS OF BRAND-NEW SOCKS / PERSON
 Women's socks preferred
 Used or old socks will NOT be accepted

WHY WE'RE DOING THIS
 This project will benefit the women living at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House's Women's Mental Health Shelter, a 24-hour program that addresses the critical issues facing homeless women age 45-and-over living with severe and persistent mental illness. Clean socks are essential for hygiene, warmth, foot health and dignity. By collecting new sock donations and providing permanent storage boxes, this project meets an immediate need while helping the shelter organize and distribute future donations more effectively.

★ Every player on the **winning team** takes home a **prize**.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, August 29th	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Asphalt Green, Upper East Side 555 East 93rd Street, New York, NY 10028

Scan to sign up. Click the tabs at the bottom to switch between team sign-ups, matchups, and solo sign-ups.

SCOUTING PROJECT An Eagle Scout Project for Scouting America, Troop 55



CEREMONY CO-CHAIRS
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COUNCIL SPEAKER JULIE MENIN

PRESENT

25TH ANNIVERSARY
9/11 REMEMBRANCE
EAST SIDE
LIGHTING THE WAY

EVENT DETAILS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

CARL SCHURZ PARK
LOWER PLAZA

(EAST 86TH STREET AND EAST END AVENUE)

ABOUT THE CEREMONY

A continuation of the East Side remembrance tradition begun in the first years after September 11th.

Join neighbors for music, poetry and reflections honoring those we lost and the enduring strength of our community.

WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

UES CommunityUnity Initiative • Carl Schurz Park Conservancy
 Manhattan Community Board 8 • Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal
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WE REMEMBER • WE HONOR • WE STAND TOGETHER

At Roosevelt House: Sam Schwartz and Cary Pepper Discuss AutoKill

Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College will welcome transportation expert Sam Schwartz and playwright and author Cary Pepper for a conversation about their new novel, AutoKill.

The fast-paced thriller explores the intersection of technology, capitalism, climate change, and politics through the perspectives of a climate scientist, a displaced truck driver, and a federal investigator racing to stop a dangerous plot years in the making.

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Roosevelt House at Hunter College

47–49 East 65th Street

The event is free and open to the public. Advance registration is required.

[Learn more and RSVP](#)

EsplanadeFriends

September Events



Andrew Haswell Green Park (E. 60th and the East River)

Live Music Event

Latin Rhythms 9/26 1-4PM

FREE
Ice treats and
FUN kids
activities

Other FREE Events

See Website for sign-up and location

Yoga



9/9 6PM

Birding



9/13 10AM

Fishing Clinic

9/28 5-7PM

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Carl Schurz
PARK
Conservancy

Presents the 52nd

GRACIE SQUARE ART SHOW



**East End Avenue
84th to 88th Streets**

**Saturday & Sunday
Sept. 12th & 13th, 2026
10:00am - 5:00pm**

**Rain or Shine
Free Admission**

www.graciesquareartshow.org

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East End**

50 East End Ave.
(212) 879-8730

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COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MANHATTAN presents

Submission
deadline
Sept. 8

Open Call for Fall Art Show on the Upper East Side



Show Date:

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026

Location:

James Cagney Place

E. 91st Street

Between 2nd and 3rd Ave.

Submit photo samples of your visual artwork by **Sept. 8th** to
go.cb8m.com/artshow or use the QR code on this flyer



FREE to apply and participate
No drop-in vendors at the show!



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An Evening with Author Karan Mahajan at Hunter College

Hunter College's MFA Creative Writing Program will present an evening with Karan Mahajan, author of *The Complex*, in conversation with acclaimed novelist Megha Majumdar.

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

7:30 p.m.

Lang Recital Hall, Hunter North, Room 424

Enter on East 69th Street between Park and Lexington Avenues

[Learn more about the event](#)

Questions may be directed to spevents@hunter.cuny.edu.

Transportation Update: Overnight N/Q/R/W Service Suspension

Upper East Side riders should prepare for significant overnight subway service changes from Monday, August 31 through Friday, September 4.

All N, Q, R, and W train service in Manhattan will be suspended on weeknights from 9:30 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. Riders should allow additional travel time and plan to use alternate subway or bus routes.

Before traveling, visit [mta.info/alerts](https://www.mta.info/alerts) for the latest service information and recommended alternatives.

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

[Community Update: August 21, 2026](#)

[Community Update: August 14, 2026](#)

[Community Update: August 7, 2026](#)

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