



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Mother's Day to all who will be celebrating this Sunday!

Today I had the distinct pleasure of awarding capital funding to the Marlene Meyerson Jewish Community Center to renovate their box office. I am proud to support their important, diverse and engaging programming.

In partnership with the 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct, our office hosted a crime prevention forum on Wednesday to educate seniors on safety, scams, ID and mail theft prevention.

If you are unsure how to use OMNY for reduced fare, please contact our office. We held an information session with Lenox Hill Neighborhood House where senior citizens learned how the new fare payment OMNY tap-and-go system will work.

We broke records at our no-cost shred-a-thon with over 400 attendees on Tuesday at York Avenue and 79 Street.

We celebrated the signing of Sammy's Law to reduce speeds in New York City to 20 miles per hour, which will reduce the risk of death or life-threatening injury due to a crash.

More on our work in the district and in Albany is enclosed in this community update.

Please join us for any of the upcoming events our office is pleased to sponsor:

**No-Cost Thursday Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**Giveaway:** Thursday, May 16, from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).

**Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony:** Thursday, May 30, at 6:30pm at the Zuckerman Auditorium, MSK Cancer Center, 417 East 68 Street (First/York Avenues).

More information on upcoming events, my work in Albany, and our community is enclosed in this report. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

**Phone:** 212.288.4607

**Email:** [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca A. Seawright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'S'.

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

**Awarding Marlene Meyerson Jewish Community Center with  
\$125,000 for Renovations to the Box Office and Theater**



Rabbi Joanna Samuels, Board Member Sheila Lambert, Louise Braver, Chief Executive Officer, Udi Urman, Director of The Lambert Center for Arts and Ideas, and Megan Whitman, Executive Vice President.

## Assembly Member Seawright Hosts Crime Prevention Forum with the 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct



Assembly Member Seawright welcomed attendees to the Precinct and shared an update on her work in Albany.

***She said, “My constituents have shared their concerns about important public safety issues facing our community. From reckless traffic behavior to mail theft, dangerous situations and criminal activity can emerge anywhere. My colleagues and I have worked hard to address these and other concerns through legislative action.”***

Our recently passed 2025 budget secured:

- \$347 million for gun violence prevention and reduction programs
- \$40.8 million to reduce domestic violence and support victims
- \$40.2 million for dedicated retail theft teams within existing law enforcement agencies

- \$35 million to continue the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes program
- \$5 million for the Commercial Security Tax Credit to help business owners invest in retail theft prevention measures
- \$2 million for the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Mobile Museum of Tolerance, which I led the fight for in the Assembly



Detective Nuccio led the presentation focused on senior safety, scams, ID and mail theft.

## OMNY Presentation at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House



Assembly Member Seawright hosted a MTA OMNY reduced fare information session.

As you may have heard, the MTA is shifting from its longstanding MetroCard program to the new digital, contactless OMNY. While the MTA will eventually transition all users from MetroCard to OMNY, you can sign up and participate in the program now. Call our office at 212.288.4607 for more information.

## 400 Shredders Took Advantage of Seawright's No-Cost Shred-a-thon



Over 400 of our neighbors came to shred their old personal documents to help protect their identities and recycle the paper with the New York City Department of Sanitation.



Team Rebecca was on hand to support our neighbors who wanted to shred their old personal documents. Pictured above: Volunteer Sandi, Interns Adam and Colette, volunteer John and Special Assistant Flor de Maria.

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**Statement from ERA's Lead Sponsor Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright on a Lower Court Ruling Blocking the State-wide Referendum on Nov. 5 Ballot**

**Let the Voters Decide!**

“The ruling in Marjorie Byrnes v. NYS Senate, undermines five decades of legal precedent and disrespects the right of all voters to determine their own futures.

Rather than debating the New York Equal Rights Amendment on substantive grounds, which already occurred twice in the Legislature, an anti-choice minority chose to disrupt and delay this long-developing process and prevent approval of the New York Equality Amendment. We will not be bullied by this last minute and desperate subterfuge.

The suit filed in the County of Livingston against majority and minority leadership alleges that the process for amending the constitution was not followed as the required opinion from the Office of the Attorney General was received after the vote by the legislature.

The member making these claims should look no further than the New York State Constitution to see that “Neither the failure of the attorney-general to render an opinion concerning such a proposed amendment nor his or her failure to do so timely shall affect the validity of such proposed amendment or legislative action thereon.” Words matter, especially in our State constitution.

This misguided maneuver is merely a distraction. Leading up to election day there will be opposition from those who do not believe in protections for equality and the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, disability, age, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

In the wake of the Dobbs decision, this last-ditch ploy underscores the urgent need to codify equal rights for all New Yorkers. In spite of this lawsuit and any other attempts to silence underserved and vulnerable populations, the matter of equality will be decided by the voters throughout our entire state on November 5, 2024. Let the voters decide!”

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### **Civics with Students at Convent of the Sacred Heart**



Assembly Member Seawright and Senator Krueger met with Seniors at the Convent of the Sacred Heart for their civics class. The Senator and Assembly Member discussed the NY HEAT Act legislation and other environmental initiatives.



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## **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Speaks at the Urban Resource Institute In Support of Domestic Violence Survivors and Homeless Families**



Seawright spoke to the supporters of the Urban Resource Institute that helps transform the lives of domestic violence survivors and homeless families, with a focus on communities of color and other vulnerable populations.



City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright delivered remarks at the Urban Resource Institute (URI) celebration.



Council Member Farah Louis and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright introduced honorees, Speaker Adrienne Adams and Jean Shafiroff.

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## **Mobile Constituent Services at the Second Avenue Street Fair**



Team Rebecca: Interns Benjamin and Fahad, Constituent Services Liaison Jacob and Intern Nathan.



Interns Fahad and Nathan, Special Assistant Flor, Chief of Staff Courtney and volunteer Barbara.

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**Sammy's Law Reducing Speed in New York City Signed!**



Governor Kathy Hochul signed Sammy's Law as part of the 2025 Budget Agreement. Seawright was a cosponsor and strong supporter of Sammy's Law. After a decade of advocacy, this law will allow New York City to lower its speed limit to 20 miles per hour on nearly every road, which will reduce the risk of death or life-threatening injury in a crash. The legislation was named for Sammy Cohen Eckstein, a 12-year-old child who died in 2013 after he was hit by a driver in Park Slope, Brooklyn.



Families for Safe Streets Co-Founder and Mother of Sammy Cohen Eckstein, Amy Cohen.

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## **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Introduces Disabilities Advocate Mike Schweinsburg to the Assembly Floor**



Mike Schweinsburg lived and worked successfully all over this country, Europe and Africa before deciding 25 years ago to devote his life to activism and community service.

Originally a full-time volunteer for the Anti-Violence Project, Mike turned his attention to activism and community service which led him to Disability Rights advocacy. For over a decade, Mike has been called on to lead or speak at press conferences about disability issues in Albany and New York City.

For 10 years Mike served as a Board Member of the Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled, the pioneer Independent Living Center in New York City

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### **The Knickerbocker Greys Perform Color Guard in the Assembly Chamber**



The Knickerbocker Greys, founded in 1881, is a 501(c)(3) charity and the oldest after school program for children ages 6 to 16 in New York City. Assembly Member Seawright cosponsors legislation in the Assembly to authorize the Greys to use the Park Avenue Armory for their after school program. Legislation was introduced after the Park Avenue Armory moved to evict the beloved youth group that has called the Armory building home for more than a century.

## Congratulations Gabriella Terranova on Completing the Assembly Internship Program



Gabriella is a Junior at the University at Albany of the State University of New York (SUNY). Through the 2024 Legislative Session, she assisted with the Standing Committee on People with Disabilities, introducing legislation and preparing for session each day.

Consider Our Office A Resource

Home Sharing - New York Foundation for Senior Citizens



## Home Sharing - New York Foundation for Senior Citizens

NYFSC's free Home Sharing Program helps link adult "hosts" with extra private spaces in their homes or apartments with appropriate adult "guests" to share their space. One of the matchmates must be age 60 or older. Interested in... [Read More](#)

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## Jobs and Training for Jobseekers



## Jobs NYC

Jobs NYC connects New Yorkers with jobs and job training programs and businesses with free staffing services.

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## A Message from New York City Health & Hospitals to Roosevelt Island:

To protect NYC H+H/Coler from any future flood damage, NYC H+H is currently in the pre-design phase for a new perimeter hazard mitigation system

around Coler Hospital. As we work towards safeguarding the facility's campus, the project team wants to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please feel free to use the attached form to provide any comments you want to share with the project team. Please send your completed form to the project team at [colercoastalresiliency@gmail.com](mailto:colercoastalresiliency@gmail.com).

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Resiliency Project



## COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive information about upcoming public workshops related to the NYC H+H/Coler Flood Mitigation project please provide your email:

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Please use the space below to provide any comments or suggestions that you would like to share with the project team.

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Please return your completed comment card via:

**Email to:**

[colercoastalresiliency@gmail.com](mailto:colercoastalresiliency@gmail.com)

**Mail hard copies to:**

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Stokes Creative Group, Inc.  
1666 Route 206  
Vincentown, NJ 08088

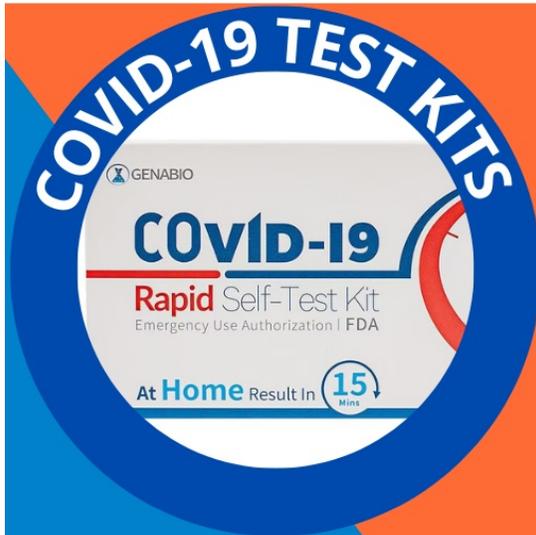
For additional information, please visit the project website:

[www.colercoastalresiliency.com](http://www.colercoastalresiliency.com)



**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**NO-COST  
THURSDAY  
PPE  
GIVEAWAY**



**12:00PM-2:00PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE  
1485 YORK AVENUE  
(78/79 STREETS)**

**212-288-4607**

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**Upcoming Events**



**Rebecca**  
**Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



# NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

2024 UPCOMING DATES:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18 - FIRST AVE & 67TH ST**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 - ROOSEVELT ISLAND**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 - YORK AVE & 91ST ST**

**9AM TO 12PM**

**NO NOTEBOOKS, BINDINGS, OR X-RAYS**

**OFFICE OF NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**  
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**212-288-4607**  
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**HSS**

**Register today!**

Program is free of charge.

# Osteoporosis: Management & Treatment

Thursday  
May 16, 2024  
10:30–11:30 am



## An Online Event

Register online at: [bit.ly/osteoporosis-management-treatment](https://bit.ly/osteoporosis-management-treatment)

For more information: call **212.774.7622** or email us at [communityed@hss.edu](mailto:communityed@hss.edu)

Osteoporosis weakens bones and may not be noticed until a bone breaks. Come learn:

- Who is at risk for osteoporosis
- Symptoms and causes of osteoporosis
- How osteoporosis is treated at HSS
- How to keep bones healthy

Join our print mailing list to be notified of future programming by calling **212.774.7622**.

Or sign up for our email list at [hss.edu/registration](https://hss.edu/registration).

### PROGRAM SPEAKERS

**Troy Amen, MD**

**Hailey Huddleston, MD**

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more information



**HSS** Education Institute

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL  
**Book Ban Campaigns  
Hit 4,240 Titles Last Year**



FOUR FREEDOMS PARK  
CONSERVANCY

*You are cordially invited to join us for*

**a FREE thought-provoking panel discussion  
on the history, impact, and ongoing challenges  
surrounding banned books in the U.S.**

**When:** May 16th, 5:00 - 7:00

**Where:** FDR Four Freedoms State Park

**Panelists:**

**Nick Buron**, Chief Librarian at Queens Public Library

**Amy Mikel**, Books Unbanned Leader at Brooklyn Public Library

**Megan Madison**, educator and author of *Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race*

**Christine Emeran**, director of Youth Free Expression Program at the National Coalition Against  
Censorship

**Moderator:** Katrina vanden Heuvel,  
editorial director and publisher for *The Nation*

**Register Here**

*Free event, registration encouraged*

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Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright

# 2024 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Together, let's celebrate **Women's History Month** by recognizing the extraordinary women who are making our communities stronger.

## Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony

**Thursday**  
**May 30 at 6:30 PM**  
Zuckerman Auditorium  
MSK Cancer Center  
417 E 68 Street  
*Between 1st and York*



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For more information about this or any other community issue,  
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PRIDE

# OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

MAY 30 - JUNE 8, 2024 AT RIVAA GALLERY

THEME: SAFE SPACE

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

**SUBMIT YOUR ART TO:**  
RIVAAPRIDE@GMAIL.COM

**rivaa**  
Riverdale Island Visual Arts Association

RIVAA GALLERY: 527 MAIN ST, NEW YORK, NY 10044

# OUTDOOR ART SHOW

Submission  
deadline  
MAY 17

# open call for NYC ARTISTS



## SHOW DATE

June 22, 2024

Rain date: June 23, 2024

**Location:** James Cagney Place;  
(E. 91st St. between 2nd & 3rd Aves.)

Submit a photo of paintings, photography, or sculptures by **May 17** to [info@cb8m.com](mailto:info@cb8m.com) using “Art Show Submission” in the subject line.

No drop-ins at the show!



**Sponsored by Community Board 8 Manhattan**

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## Manhattan Community Board 8 Calendar

The Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8M) represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. CB8M is comprised of 50 volunteer members who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents, as well as help citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

CB8M reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, including applications for Zoning Text Amendments, building variances and special permits, liquor licenses, sidewalk cafes and street fairs, changes to landmarked buildings or buildings in historic districts, traffic and transportation issues, and more.

Each month, CB8M committees meet to discuss and resolve issues in the community.

Full Board Meeting - 3rd Wednesday  
Land Use Committee - 2nd Wednesday  
Street Life - 1st Tuesday  
Transportation - 1st Wednesday  
Housing - 1st Thursday  
Parks - 2nd Thursday  
Landmarks - 3rd Monday  
Social Justice - 4th Monday  
Zoning and Development - 4th Tuesday  
Youth and Education - 4th Thursday

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## In Case You Missed It: Past Editions Of Our Community Update

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