



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I issued a statement with Senator Cleare to denounce the dismantling of the Federal Administration for Community Living. It is unconscionable that the Trump administration would move to dissolve the US Administration for Community Living (ACL). This is a desertion of 4.6 million New Yorkers and their access to vital services that keep them safe and aging with dignity. We will continue to marshal every resource to protect aging New Yorkers and the quality of life that they have earned.

This week in Albany, we passed legislation to protect New Yorkers from the harms of toxic chemicals in menstrual products. This legislation will hold producers accountable and ensure that we are protecting people and our environment from harmful chemicals.

I am honored to be among AARP-NY's "Women Leaders in Government." As the first woman to serve my district and the lead sponsor of the ERA that voters enacted last November, I continue to draw strength from lodestars like Bella Abzug, Shirley Chisholm, Edie Windsor, and others. In this moment of national peril—when the victories for women's equality they championed are being reversed—may their examples of fearless and principled leadership serve as our rallying cries.

In this special report, you will find updates about our work in Albany, helpful resources, and upcoming events. Join us for an upcoming event we are sponsoring:

Monday through Friday from 10am to 12pm: **No-Cost Notary Public Service** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets).

Wednesday, April 2, from 10:00am to 12:00pm: **MetroCard Sales/OMNY Bus** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). Refill your MetroCard/OMNY card or apply for a reduced fare card.

Wednesday, April 9, from 10:00am to 2:00pm: **Freeze Your Rent Enrollment Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). By appointment only. Please call 212-288-4607 or email [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) to sign up.

Tuesday, April 9 at 3:30pm: **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). To make a reservation, please call 212-288-4607.

Thursday, April 10, from 9:00am to 4:30pm: **No-Cost Screening Mammograms.** The Mammogram Bus will be at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets). For an appointment, please call 212-288-4607.

Wednesday, April 16: **Save the Date! The "Big Shred NY!"** no-cost community paper shredding with AARP at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70 Street. Time and more details to be announced!

As always, please consider our office your resource.

Phone: 212.288.4607  
Email: [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)

Sincerely,



**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

## **New York State Assembly Aging Chair Rebecca Seawright Featured in AARP for Women's History Month**



### **Empowered Women, Stronger Communities: A Legacy of Leadership**

As the first woman to serve my district, I have a few lodestars: Eleanor Roosevelt, Edie Windsor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. And when you enter our Community Office in Yorkville, the first thing you see is a candid photo of Bella Abzug and Shirley Chisholm together. Collaborating. Strategizing. These two singular New Yorkers—and CUNY alums, like me!—catalyzed the feminist and civil rights movements. Their fearlessness, often being the only woman—and in Chisholm's case, the only Black person—in the room inspired and impacted my worldview on equality and social justice. And the way they shifted the paradigm on women and political power was deeply influential when I first began my public service and advocacy.

[Read More](#)

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### **Seawright Statement on Equal Pay Day**



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## **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Condemns Executive Order to Reorganize the Administration for Community Living**

### *Call for Expansion, Not Dismantling, of Critical Senior Support Programs*

The recent executive order dismantling critical components of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) is a direct assault on older adults and people with disabilities who rely on these vital programs. Rather than strengthening the ACL and modernizing services under the Older Americans Act, the federal government has instead chosen to break apart and reallocate these essential programs to agencies such as the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), where they risk being deprioritized or buried in bureaucracy.

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright, Chair of the Aging Committee, said, "Older adults already face housing, food, and healthcare insecurity. It is unconscionable that the Trump administration would move to dissolve the US Administration for Community Living (ACL). This is a desertion of 4.6 million New Yorkers and their access to vital services that keep them safe and aging with dignity. We will continue to marshal every resource to protect aging New Yorkers and the quality of life that they have earned."

This decision comes at a time when the demand for senior services is at an all-time high. The Administration for Community Living was established to ensure that older Americans and individuals with disabilities receive the resources and support they need to thrive. Moving these programs under other agencies risks diminishing their impact and accessibility when they are needed most.

Assembly Member Seawright calls on the administration to immediately reverse this course and commit to strengthening—not fragmenting—the very programs designed to serve the nation's aging population.

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## **Seawright Stands with Downstate ADAPT in Support of a Budget that Achieves the "3 Keys of Independent Living" Housing, Wages, and Services**





Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright said, ***“As Chair of the Aging Committee, I stand with you in fighting for the 3 vital keys to community living! We are working to make non-profit rate reforms to ensure stable care now and into the future. These keys (housing, wages, and services) unlock a safe and independent life for people with disabilities to live with dignity in New York State. You have my commitment that we will not stop fighting for you!”***

## **NEW Pride Agenda, Lawmakers, Advocates Rally to Demand Increase in Funding for Trans Wellness & Equity Fund**

### **Advocates Demanded \$8M Annual Investment for Health and Human Services for Trans and Gender Nonconforming New Yorkers**

As budget negotiations are underway, NEW Pride Agenda, lawmakers, and LGBTQIA+ advocates rallied on Tuesday, March 25, at the State Capitol to demand an increase in funding for the Lorena Borjas Transgender Wellness & Equity Fund (TWEF) as well as other investments in services for transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) New Yorkers. TWEF is the second state-level fund in the country dedicated to trans health and wellness. Since 2022, TWEF has supported more than two dozen trans-led and trans-serving organizations providing critical services for the TGNC community, including health and human services, housing support, workforce development, and more. A total of \$12 million has been invested since its inception. As Governor Kathy Hochul and the state legislature negotiate and finalize the FY 2025-26 budget, advocates demanded that TWEF be expanded to \$8 million annually, up from the current annual investment of \$4 million.

***“I am outraged to see our transgender neighbors and fellow citizens under existential threat across the nation. I am outraged at the rise since November in hate crime violence, at the 700% call volume increase to suicide hotlines, and at the reversal of the most fundamental workplace protections. Furthermore, this community, who had fought so hard to be included in official narratives, is watching their faces and voices erased all over again from the pages of our national origin story. I stand shoulder to shoulder with the NEW Pride Agenda and other advocates to say: In the great state of New York, we will hold the line. This means expanding the Lorena Borjas Transgender Wellness & Equity Fund, increasing funding for housing access, HIV+ assistance, gender-affirming care, and other supports. As Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera did that early June morning at Stonewall, as Lorena Borjas did for decades in Queens, we will hold the line,”*** said Assemblymember Rebecca A. Seawright.

## **Julia Richman’s Talent Unlimited Student Musicians Performed**

## in the Assembly Chamber and on the Million Dollar Staircase



Upper East Side high school Talent Unlimited student musicians and singers performed at the New York State Capitol.



Singing in the gallery of the Assembly Chamber.

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## Supporting Francesco's Foundation and its Mission to Prevent Teen Suicide





Francesco's Foundation advocates met with Assembly Member Seawright in support of Francesco's Law, which establishes violations for the failure to safely store rifles, shotguns, and firearms in the presence of a minor.

## **Assembly Passes Legislation to Restrict the Use of Harmful Chemicals in Menstrual Products**

The Assembly passed legislation cosponsored and strongly supported by Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright to make menstrual products safer by restricting the purposeful inclusion of certain chemicals like lead, mercury, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), among others, in their production. This legislation would restrict the inclusion of these chemicals within menstrual products and, by January 1, 2029, require the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Conservation to set a minimum safe level for these chemicals, which will give manufacturers guideposts to follow when dealing with substances that may not be feasible to totally eliminate from the product.

## **New York Youth Advocacy Day Highlighted the need for After-School Programs Statewide**



After-school programs bridge educational gaps, foster social-emotional growth, and develop essential skills among young people.

**Consider Our Office Your Resource!**

**Aging Spotlight On: Senior Safety**



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# NYPD

19th Precinct

## SAFETY SEMINAR

*For Older Adults*



**Tuesday April 22nd | 1:00 pm**

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House  
343 East 70th Street

Join **19th Precinct** Crime Prevention Officer,  
Detective Anthony Nuccio, for a discussion on  
**Personal Safety**, **Scams**, Mail & Check Fraud, & **ID Theft Prevention**

*In Partnership with*

**Rebecca  
Seawright**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER



LENOX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE  
SINCE 1894



CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION



For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact Detective Anthony Nuccio  
(212) 452-0630 or [Anthony.Nuccio@nypd.org](mailto:Anthony.Nuccio@nypd.org) at least 72 hours prior to the event.

# **FREEZE YOUR RENT ENROLLMENT CLINIC**

**WED. APRIL 9  
WED. APRIL 23**

**10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**1485 YORK AVENUE  
(78/79 ST.)  
TO RSVP**

**CALL 212-288-4607  
OR EMAIL**

**SEAWRIGHT@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**



## **Who is eligible:**

- Are 62 years old +
- Live in a rent regulated apartment
- Have a household income of \$50,000 or less
- Spend more than 1/3 of your income on rent

## **Document checklist:**

- Government issued ID
- Federal or state income tax returns with all schedules and 1099s.
- Current and prior leases, signed by you and your landlord.

[Sign up here](#)



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**  
is seeking nominations for the

**2025  
WOMEN OF  
DISTINCTION  
AWARDS**



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

For a nomination form or more information about this or any community issue,  
contact Assembly Member Seawright at [seawright@nyassembly.gov](mailto:seawright@nyassembly.gov)

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY:**

**3/31/25**

via email to [seawright@nyassembly.gov](mailto:seawright@nyassembly.gov).

Keep an eye on my website for details about the  
2025 Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony.



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

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Nominate a Woman of Distinction



# NO-COST NOTARY

Monday - Friday

10am-12pm

1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)



**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**

**A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL  
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE SESSION  
WITH ATTENDEES.**

**RSVP REQUIRED:  
CALL: 212-288-4607**

**EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**



**SCAN ME TO  
RSVP!**

*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.*

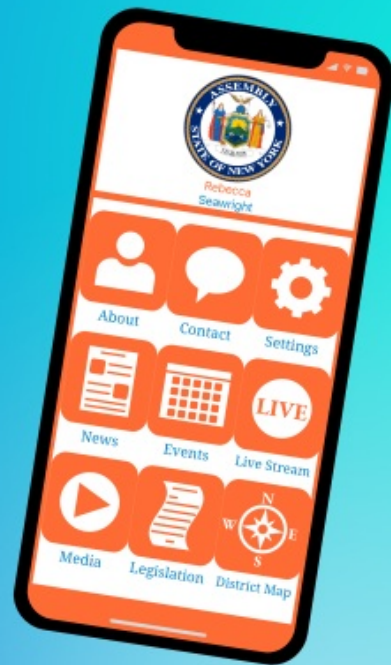


# Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's App is Live!

Stay Up-To-Date with the latest:

- News
- Events
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- Media

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## Resources

### Cash Assistance Benefits Skimming Alert

Beware of attempts to steal your EBT benefits electronically through skimming or phishing. To learn more and file an online claim for stolen Cash Assistance benefits, go to <https://on.nyc.gov/on.nyc.gov/benefitreplacement>

### New York's Paid Family Leave Program

Since first launching in 2018, New York State Paid Family Leave has provided critical benefits to improve the lives of tens of thousands of working New Yorkers and their families. In addition to ongoing enhancements, the wage replacement benefits continue to increase in line with the New York State Average Weekly Wage. Click here to learn how Paid Family Leave may be able to help you and your family in 2025. Visit: [paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/2025](https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/2025)

### Empire State Child Credit

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is issuing supplemental Empire State Child Credit payments to over 1.5 million low- and moderate-income New Yorkers. The 2024–2025 New York State budget provides for an additional payment to eligible taxpayers based on the Empire State child credit. If you qualify for a payment, you don't need to do anything; we will automatically calculate and send you a check for the amount you're entitled to. For more details, visit [the Additional Empire State Child Credit Payments](#).

### Energy Affordability Programs

The NYS Energy Affordability Program provides income-eligible consumers with a discount on their monthly electric and/or gas bills. You may be enrolled automatically if you receive benefits from a government assistance program. For more information, visit [this ConEd webpage](#) and click the "download form" button in the Energy Affordability Program box (or click [this link directly to download the pdf](#)). Or call 800-752-6633; the seniors-only direct line is 800-404-9097, M-F, 8:30 am–5 pm.

### Regular HEAP Benefit

The 2024-25 Regular HEAP benefit reopened January 25, 2025. Find out if you may be eligible to apply for programs and services. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year to help you pay for heating your home. Visit: [otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/)

### Health Insurance

New Yorkers can enroll in a Qualified Health Plan by the 15th of the month for coverage starting the 1st of the following month and benefit from new cost-sharing reductions for additional savings. Visit [nyc.gov/health/healthcoverage](https://nyc.gov/health/healthcoverage) or call 347-665-0214 to connect with an enrollment counselor and get more information.

## **HIICAP**

Approximately 500 trained HIICAP counselors located in local offices for the aging across the state are available to answer New Yorkers' questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage programs (managed care), Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medigap, and other health and long-term care insurance. Counseling is also available through a toll-free HIICAP helpline at 1-800-701-0501. Visit: <https://aging.ny.gov/health-insurance-information-counseling-and-assistance-program-hiicap>

## **Renters rights**

In New York City, tenants have many rights relating to the safety and quality of their housing. Tenants should expect to live in safe, well-maintained buildings that are free from vermin, leaks, and hazardous conditions. [Laws protect tenants from harassment and discrimination](#). For more information on tenants' rights, please see the [Tenant Bill of Rights](#).

## **Homeowner Handbook**

Homeowner Help NY offers a comprehensive guide to help New York homeowners navigate the responsibilities of homeownership and access available resources in their time of need. To view the handbook, visit <https://homeownerhelpny.org/handbook>.

## **Property Tax Exemptions**

It's time to renew property tax exemptions, including SCHE, DHE, and the Clergy Exemption, for the 2025-26 tax year. The deadline to renew is March 15, 2025. Visit [nyc.gov/contactdof](https://nyc.gov/contactdof) or call 311 for details.

## **Mental Health Hotline**

There's a three-digit phone hotline, 988, for mental health. Call 911 for mental health emergencies.

## **Mobile ID**

Ever forget your wallet and wish you had your ID on you? Now you can with New York Mobile ID! Just download the app, and a highly secure digital version of a state-issued driver license, learner permit, or ID will be on your smartphone whenever you need it. [More info here](#).

## **NYCDOT Street Work Permit Maps**

The NYC DOT provides a street work permit map for our district so New Yorkers can have access to any active street work information in real time. You can view the map here: <https://dmv.ny.gov/id-card/mobile-id-mid>

## **Attention MTA Reduced-Fare customers**

Your half-fare benefit is moving to OMNY! Look for your new Reduced-Fare OMNY card in the mail soon and [check this page for updates](#). Continue to use your Reduced-Fare MetroCard in the meantime.

## **MTA Mobile Sales**

Services offered at mobile sales vehicles

- Get help with a Reduced-Fare application
- Get more information about OMNY and sign up
- Transfer MetroCard balances (full-fare and Reduced-Fare to OMNY account)
- Report a lost/stolen Reduced-Fare MetroCard
- Ask our team about any OMNY-related issues

Note: Mobile sales buses and vans are making credit card transactions for OMNY only. You can still buy a MetroCard using cash. Check this site for the sales bus schedule: [www.mta.info/fares/mobile-sales](https://www.mta.info/fares/mobile-sales)

## **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits**

New changes include providing a simplified one-page application form, allowing older New Yorkers to recertify their benefits for 36 months instead of 24 months, and eliminating the interview requirement for recertification. To learn more about SNAP and apply for benefits, [click here](#).

## **Unclaimed Funds**

Check to see if you or someone you know may have unclaimed funds via this tracker by NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli: <https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?fbclid=IwAR2JRsjGd4zt7CdT5aw5NQibqIoud2O141dOubqPWOjooIlaO8Qi7xxTFw>

## **COVID-19 resources**

You can order four COVID tests (for free, including shipping!) at [this website](#)! To see the latest data and key metrics on COVID-19 in New York City, check out the [NYC Department](#)

[of Health's website](#). Vaccine shots are also available in pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, and doctors' offices.

### **Community Service Society of New York**

Need healthcare assistance or an advocate on your side when dealing with a medical bill, insurance denial, or a confusing notice? Call the Community Health Advocates hotline at 1-888-614-5400 and receive help today!

### **Congestion Pricing discounts and exemptions**

Vehicles entering Manhattan streets at or below 60th St will be tolled. Most E-ZPass users will pay \$9 during peak hours or \$2.25 overnight, once daily. Discounts and exemptions, such as the Low-Income Discount or Disability Exemption plans, are available—learn more at [mta.info/discounts](https://mta.info/discounts). Update your E-ZPass account to ensure accurate toll rates and credits. For details, visit [congestionreliefzone.mta.info](https://congestionreliefzone.mta.info).

### **Animal Care Centers of NYC need your help!**

Due to a temporary suspension of dog intake, they're calling on the community to step up and adopt. If you're ready to welcome a furry friend into your home, visit a local ACC Center or [check out their website for more details](#).

### **Emergency Preparedness**

NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) will keep you informed and prepared during emergencies through the Notify NYC alert system. Sign up at [nyc.gov/notify](https://nyc.gov/notify) or by calling 311.

### **Curbside composting**

Curbside Composting service is now available to ALL NYC residents citywide. Compost is picked up every week on your recycling day.

Visit: [www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/curbside-composting.page](https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/curbside-composting.page)

## **Upcoming Events**



# NO-COST MAMMOGRAMS

## *The Mammogram Bus*



American-Italian  
**CANCER FOUNDATION**

will be at our Community Office

**1485 York Avenue**

**APRIL 10, 2025**

**9:00am to 4:30pm**

For an appointment please call

**212-288-4607**

### **Eligibility:**

Women age 40 to 75 currently living in New York City  
No Mammogram in the past 12 months

No co-pays required and deductibles are waived  
Uninsured patients also welcomed

Medical Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services

Funded by a grant from the NYS DOH Cancer Services Program  
Additional funding provided by the generous support of the JALBCA, NBCF,  
NYC Council, NYC DOHMH, NYS Senate, MCHF,  
RAR Foundation, and individual patrons.

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# Open Call for Spring Art Show on the Upper East Side



**Show Date:**

**May 31, 2025**

*Rain date: June 1, 2025*

**Location:**

**James Cagney Place**

**E. 91st Street**

**between 2nd and 3rd. Ave**

Submit a photo sample of your paintings, sculpture, photography, or crafts by **April 21st** to **info@cb8m.com** using "Art Show Submission"

**FREE to apply and participate**  
**No drop-ins at the show!**



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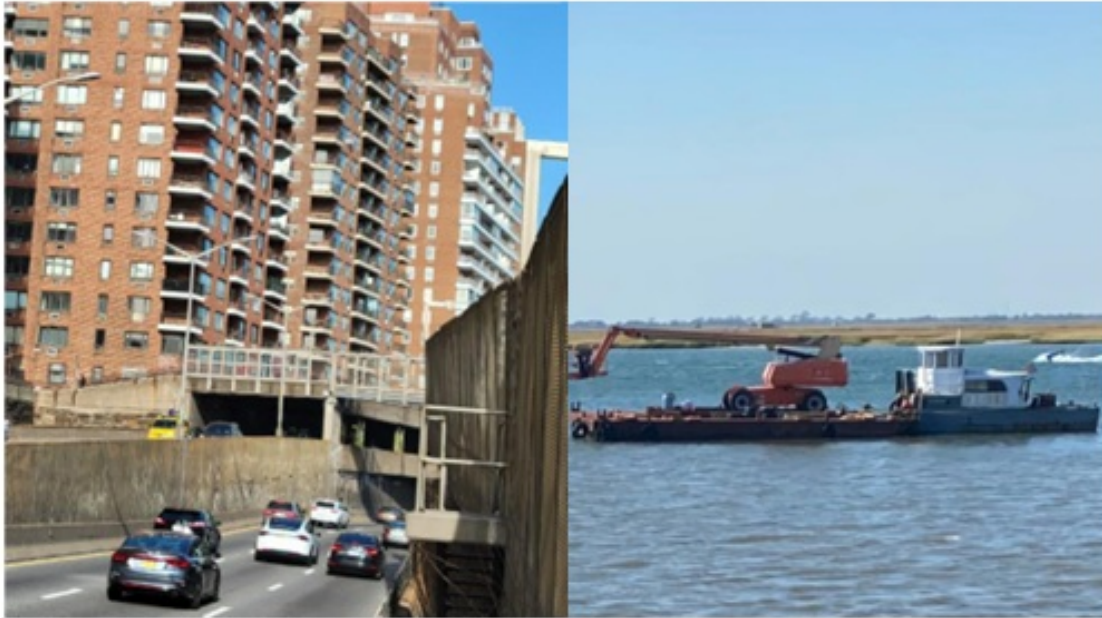
## Construction Advisory

**FDR Promenade Inspection**

# Important Notice

On or about **Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** through **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**, the NYCDOT Division of Bridges will conduct an inspection of the FDR Promenade structure using a barge with a manlift from 81<sup>st</sup> to 90<sup>th</sup> Street between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Travel lanes will not be impacted during this time.



**FDR Drive 81<sup>st</sup> to 90<sup>th</sup> Streets**

**Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Daytime**

For questions or concerns please reach out to our Community Liaison,  
Moises Reyes at (917) 942-6430 or [FDRPromenade@gmail.com](mailto:FDRPromenade@gmail.com).

For all NYC non-emergency services, including inquiries regarding NYCDOT construction projects, dial 311.

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