



Tune in this Sunday, July 20 at 10:30am or 3:30pm on NY1!

Seawright Discusses Master Plan for Aging on NY1's In Focus with Cheryl Wills



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week, I was interviewed by Cheryl Wills for NY1's IN FOCUS, airing this Sunday, July 20, at 10:30am and 3:30pm. Tune in to hear our updates on the recently released New York State Master Plan for Aging, the caregiving crisis, aging-in-place initiatives, and more!

It was a pleasure to speak at Community Board 8 and discuss our legislative and budgetary accomplishments from this session.

In our community, I toured the Gillen Brewer School, a special education school with a good mission to help students with a range of language-based learning disabilities (LBLD) to learn and become self-advocates.

Included in this report is more information on important water safety tips and cooling centers, including our office, which is a designated "pet-friendly" cooling center.

Please join us for a community event our office is pleased to sponsor:

- **No-Cost Notary Public Service** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets)
Mon, Wed, & Fri from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Tues, Thurs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Tuesday, July 29, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm: **Town Hall on Combating Antisemitism** at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street (First/Second Avenues).
- Wednesday, July 30, at 3:30 pm: **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). To RSVP, please call 212-288-4607.
- Tuesday, August 5, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm: **19th Precinct National Night Out** at St. Catherine's Park (67th/68th Streets & First Ave.).
- Wednesday, August 6, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: **MetroCard Sales/OMNY Bus** at the Community Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78th/79th Streets). Refill your MetroCard/OMNY card or apply for reduced fare.

As always, please consider our office your resource.

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Email: SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov

Sincerely,



REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



Combating Anti-Semitism:

A Community Town Hall for Action

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
331 E 70th Street (First/Second Ave.)

RSVP: 212.288.4607
SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov
Scan the QR code



**Seawright Discusses \$45 Million in New Funding, Legislation
Passing Both Houses to Protect Older Adults, and the State's
New Master Plan for Aging at Community Board 8's July Meeting**



Seawright Tours Gillen Brewer School Providing Specialized Education



Rebecca Skinner, Head of School; Erin Pick, Director of Development; Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright; Joan McNaughton; and Bill Villanova.









Happy Birthday to Special Assistant Lynda Smith!



Water Safety Tips

As summer heats up, remember these water safety tips

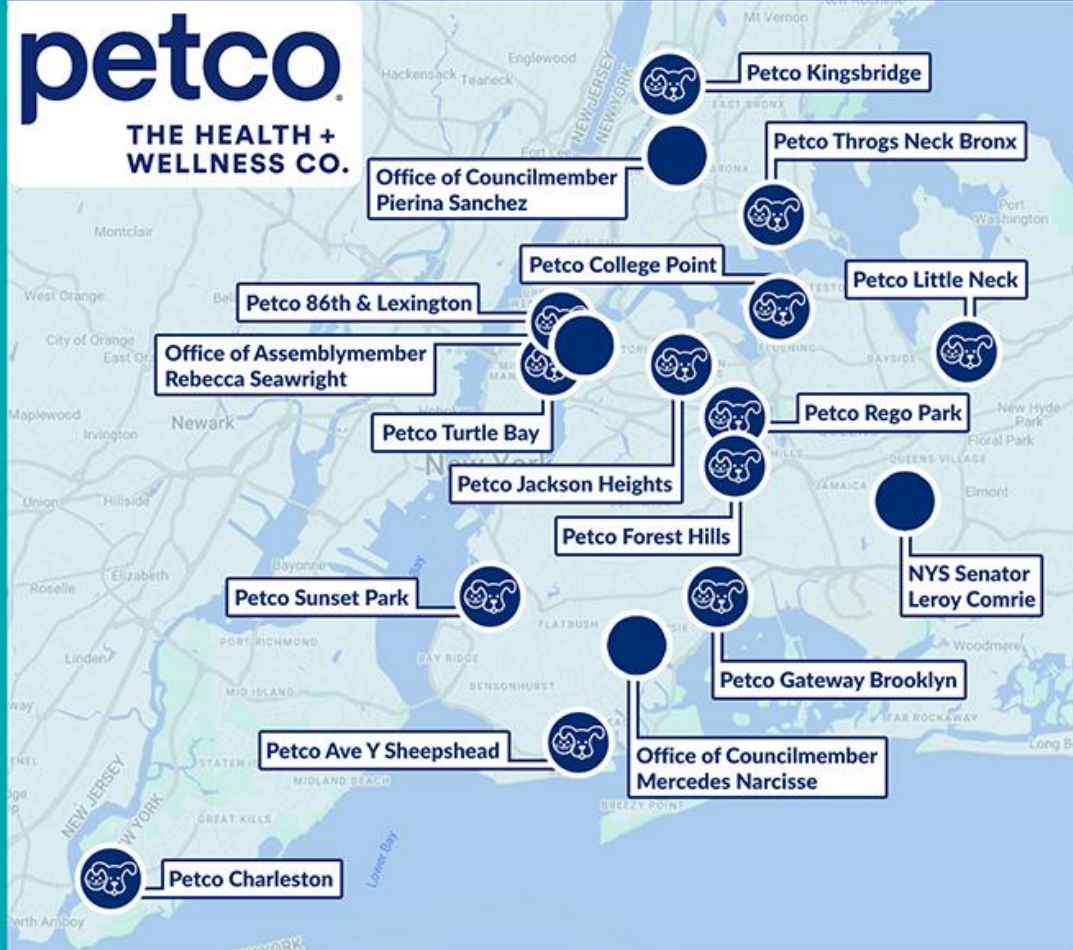
-  **Never swim alone**
-  **Always wear a life jacket while boating**
-  **Swim and operate a boat sober**
-  **Keep a close eye on kids in the water**
-  **Be aware of river currents, ocean rip currents and approaching storms**
-  **Wear sunscreen and reapply regularly to protect against harmful UV rays**

Water safety isn't optional; it's essential. Whether you're at the beach, pool, or lake, taking a few simple precautions can help ensure we all have the tools to stay safe this summer. For more water safety tips, visit: [redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety.html?srsltid=AfmBOoqtM8Ao2jacWUrm5yiei7BUZZ01i_U6lg-OyyOOno2zVrD6AZ_-](https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety.html?srsltid=AfmBOoqtM8Ao2jacWUrm5yiei7BUZZ01i_U6lg-OyyOOno2zVrD6AZ_-)

Cooling Centers and "Pet-Friendly" Cooling Centers

Petco Partners with NYC to Offer Cooling Options for Pets!

For more info, visit finder.nyc.gov/coolingcenters/locations and sort by Pet Friendly



BEAT THE HEAT! When it's very hot, air conditioning will help keep you and your pets safe. If you don't have air conditioning, find a cool place to visit nearby, like a friend's place or an NYC cooling center.

Petco is partnering with NYC to offer cooling locations for New Yorkers with pets!
For more info, visit finder.nyc.gov/coolingcenters/locations and sort by Pet Friendly!
Please call ahead before visiting. Hours and policies vary by location.



The Office of Assembly Member Seawright is a designated Cooling Center

**1485 York Ave (79th St)
Monday to Friday**

Consider Our Office Your Resource



METROCARD/OMNY BUS

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

WED. 8/6 & 8/20

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

REFILL YOUR
METROCARD/OMNY
CARD

APPLY FOR
REDUCED FARE

Resources

New York State Division of Human Rights Announces Modernized Discrimination Reporting Process

The New York State Division of Human Rights announced the launch of a new call center allowing New Yorkers to file a discrimination report via phone with a call center agent for the first time in the Division's history by dialing (844) NYS-DHR1 or (844) 697-3471. The call center is staffed by trained professionals who will provide real-time interaction to callers and process discrimination reports on their behalf. This critical enhancement to the Division's complaint intake process will reduce paperwork for New Yorkers, increase access to live support, and make the agency's intake procedures more efficient.

Farmers Market Incentive for SNAP Recipients



Farmers markets nationwide offer incentives to shoppers who use SNAP to purchase local food, yet it all started here in NYC over ten years ago. **Health Bucks are \$2 coupons sponsored by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at all NYC farmers markets. Spend \$2 in SNAP/EBT/Summer EBT, and receive a bonus \$2 Health Buck up to \$10 per visit!** This incentive stretches a SNAP budget and encourages shoppers to spend more of their monthly food assistance allotment on fresh produce from the market. Spend \$2 in SNAP/EBT/Summer EBT, and get a bonus \$2 Health Buck up to \$10 per visit at all Greenmarket and Farmstand locations.

Health Bucks are accepted at all Greenmarket and Farmstand locations for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Learn more about the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Health Bucks program here: www.grownyc.org/greenmarket/ebt/nutritionprograms

At GoodCauseNYC.org, a brand-new website, NYC tenants can enter their address and answer a short set of questions to determine if their apartment unit is eligible for protections and access resources to fight back against an unjust rent hike or lease nonrenewal. The site also includes a rent increase calculator to help renters determine if their rent hike is considered "unreasonable" by the law.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can cover the cost of fans and air conditioners for eligible New Yorkers. To find out if you qualify, visit: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance.

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 nyc.gov/site/hra/help/benefitreplacement.page

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

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; DTF 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/

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 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 statewide 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: 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 homeownerhelpny.org/handbook.

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's license, learner's 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://nycdot.info/>

Attention MTA Reduced-Fare Customers

Your half-fare benefit is moving to OMNY! Your new Reduced-Fare OMNY card should have arrived in the mail, but you can [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

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: osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?fbclid=IwAR2JRsjGd4zt7CdT5aw5NQiBqIoud2O141dOUbqPWOjooIlaO8Qi7xxTFw

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://www.mta.info/discounts). Update your E-ZPass account to ensure accurate toll rates and credits. For details, visit congestionreliefzone.mta.info.

Animal Care Centers of NYC needs 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 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

Upcoming Events



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU



NYPD 19th Precinct

FINANCIAL SAFETY SEMINAR



**Protect
Yourself
From Fraud
& Scams**

**Wednesday
July 23rd
5:30 – 6:30PM**

Citizens Bank
1510 2nd Avenue
East 79th Street & 2nd Avenue

SPACE IS LIMITED! YOU MUST RSVP BY WEDNESDAY 7/16/25

Email: Anthony.Nuccio@NYPD.org to reserve your seat.

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



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August 5, 2025 4-7 PM St Catherine's Park

1ST AVE & 67TH/68TH ST

RAIN LOCATION: THE PARISH OF ST. VINCENT
FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & ADULTS!
FREE TO ATTEND. ALL ARE WELCOME!



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Roosevelt Island
Operating Corporation

RIOC WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

RIOC Constituent Services Department

The Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation Constituent Services Department is aimed at addressing community issues directly and encouraging more personal interaction between the corporation and the Roosevelt Island community.



Schedule an Appointment

524 Main St

Mondays and Wednesdays
10AM to 4PM



Schedule online



Schedule by phone
(212) 832-4540



Schedule by email
info@rioc.ny.gov

Drop-in Hours

Fridays 11AM to 2PM

Roosevelt Island Older Adult
Center (Senior Center)
546 Main St

Summer Movie Series



JULY 11TH: INSIDE OUT 2 (PG)

JULY 18TH: GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 3 (PG-13)

JULY 25TH: THE WILD ROBOT (PG)

AUG 1ST: WICKED (PG)

A series of four films shown at Southpoint Park on a 40-foot screen, includes food vendors selling on-site, pre-film music and on-screen slide presentations.

Rain Dates: August 8th & 15th

SOUTHPPOINT PARK

EVENT START: 7:00PM

MOVIE START: SUNSET



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