



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Israel-Hamas war continues to weigh heavily on our minds and our neighbors have shared that disturbingly some people are tearing down and covering the signs posted about hostages labeled “kidnapped” with the sticker “occupier.” It is reprehensible to deface posters of innocent civilians and further harm the families who are already suffering. New York State has launched a new hotline and online form to combat hate and bias and keep our communities safe. New Yorkers impacted by hate or bias are encouraged to call 844-NO-2-HATE hotline or fill out the online form at [forms.ny.gov/s3/DHR-Bias-Incident-Form](https://forms.ny.gov/s3/DHR-Bias-Incident-Form).

I was honored to be at the White House when President Biden awarded the National Medal of Science and National Medal of Technology & Innovation to 21 outstanding Americans including Weill Cornell College Professor Gregory A. Petsko.

Early voting for your city representatives and state constitutional ballot measures starts this Saturday, October 28. You can look up your voting site and a sample ballot [here](#).

Enclosed in this report you will find more community updates, information on new laws taking effect, resources including halloween safety tips, and upcoming events.

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Sincerely,

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**

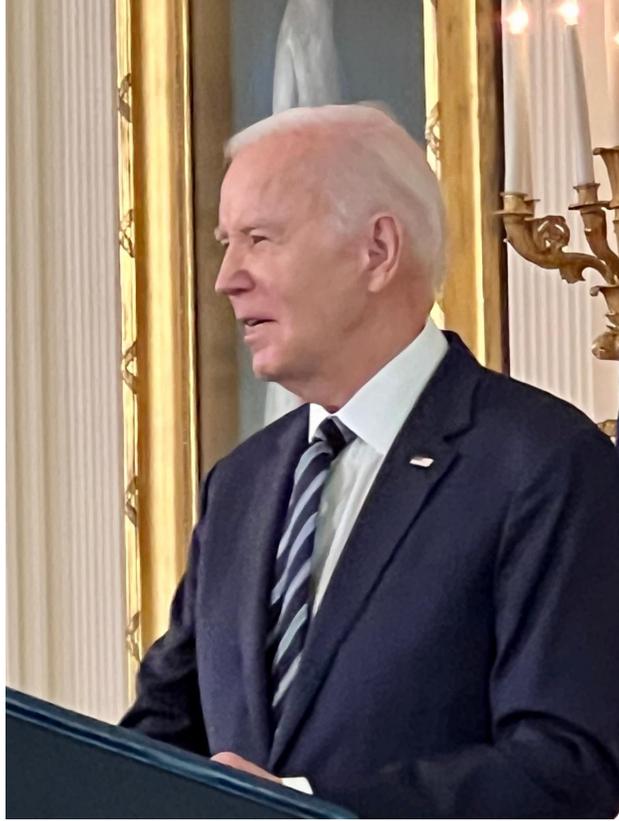
**Assembly Member Seawright Joined President Biden to Recognize the National Medal of Science and National**

## Medal of Technology & Innovation Awardees from the 76th Assembly District



Assembly Member Seawright visited the White House and was honored to join President Biden at the National Medal of Science and National Medal of Technology and Innovation Ceremony recognizing the outstanding contributions of 21 Americans including Weill Cornell College Professor Gregory A. Petsko!

The National Medal of Science was awarded to Dr. Petsko of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital for advancing our understanding of neurodegenerative diseases like ALS, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's. His role in founding structural enzymology, along with his commitment to educating the public about brain health, have empowered people around the world and raised the ambitions of our nation regarding aging with dignity.



The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, the 46th President of the United States.

**Seawright Kicks Off Disability Pride 2023 In New York City  
As Featured In...**

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.**



The Viscardi Center advocates and Dr. Chris Rosa, President and CEO. (pictured in the center, Rebecca Seawright (left) and Dr. Chris Rosa (right)).



Center for the Independence of the Disabled New York advocates.

## Assembly Member Seawright Delivers Remarks at Ribbon

# Cutting on New Center for People with Disabilities Named After Life's WORC Founder Victoria Schneps-Yunis with Mayor Adams and Journalist Geraldo Rivera



Victoria Schneps-Yunis, Founder of Life's WORC surrounded by her family, elected officials and advocates.



Board Chair Lynne Koufakis, Life's WORC Founder Victoria Schneps-Yunis, Mayor Eric Adams, and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.



Assembly Member Seawright spoke about Vicki Schnepps, who is the namesake for the new building. She said “As the “Godmother of the Disability Movement,” Vicki has long advocated for better treatment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in state facilities. She began her advocacy as a heroic mother, when she discovered the abuse and neglect her child and many others faced at Willowbrook. Vicki filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of all the victims, leading to Willowbrook’s long overdue closure.”

## **Dominican Women’s Development Center 35th Anniversary Gala Honored Assembly Member Seawright with Social Justice Award**



Jay Hershenson, Vice President of Queens College for Communications and Marketing, Chancellor Felix “Felo” Matos Rodriguez, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Rosita Romero, Executive Director of DWDC, and event co-chair Jean Shafiroff.

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright was one of four individuals honored by the Dominican Women's Development Center (DWDC), the largest independent, Dominican-founded organization in the United States with the mission to empower all women and communities to advance gender equality and social justice.

## Seawright Hosts No-Cost Paper Shredding at East 92nd Street and First Avenue



Team Rebecca: Nathan, Flor de Maria and John.



## Carl Schurz Park Halloween Howl



Assembly Member Seawright announced the small dog category at the halloween costume contest for Yorkville pups.



Special Assistant Jacob Plottel, York Prep student volunteer Gavin, Hunter College Public Service Scholar Ishrat, Assembly Member Seawright and John Jay College Intern Nathan.



Seawright shares dog waste bag giveaways at her resource table.



Consider Our Office A Resource!

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Rebecca  
Seawright

 ASSEMBLY MEMBER



# Halloween Open House



Tuesday, October 31  
12:00PM-4:00PM

Community Office  
1485 York Avenue  
(78/79 Street)



Raffles, costume contest  
and treats!  
(Pets welcome)



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## Halloween Safety Tips

### #1: Make sure trick-or-treaters can see and be seen.

Give children a flashlight to light their way.

Have everyone wear light-colored clothing. Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags so kids are easier to see in the dark.

Use flame-resistant costumes.

### #2: Children should never trick or treat alone.

Plan the trick-or-treat route in advance.

A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children door-to-door in neighborhoods.

### #3: Walk only on the sidewalks, not in the street.

Walk, don't run.

Look both ways before crossing the street, and cross only at the corner.

Don't cross between parked cars.

Never walk through alleys or cut across yards. Only cross the street in designated crosswalks.

Adults should use extra caution if driving. Trick-or-treaters are excited and may forget to look both ways before crossing.

### #4: Accept treats at the door - never go inside.

It's not only vampires and monsters children have to look out for. Be cautious around animals, especially dogs.

### #5: Make sure a grown-up checks the goodies before eating.

Make sure to remove loose candy, open packages and choking hazards.

Discard any items with brand names that you are not familiar with.

### #6: Leave the pumpkin carving to adults.

Small children should never carve pumpkins. Instead, let them draw a face with markers.

Use a flashlight or glowstick to light the pumpkin instead of a candle.

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**Free at-home  
COVID-19 tests**

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The federal government relaunched its free COVID-19 at-home tests program. Households can receive four free rapid tests delivered directly to their home. For more information and to place an order, visit <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.

## New Laws Taking Effect



Our new law fines telemarketers \$20K every time they violate the Do Not Call registry rules. If you're on the list and still get calls after 31 days, file a report here: <http://donotcall.gov/report>



Background checks on ammunition purchases will further lower the crime rate, and make our neighborhoods more safe and secure.

## Upcoming Events

**SATURDAY**

September 9, 1-4 pm - *Cuarteto Guataca*  
Latin Jazz Band with *FREE Salsa Lessons*

October 14, 1-4 pm



Memorial Sloan Kettering  
Cancer Center *Co-sponsor*

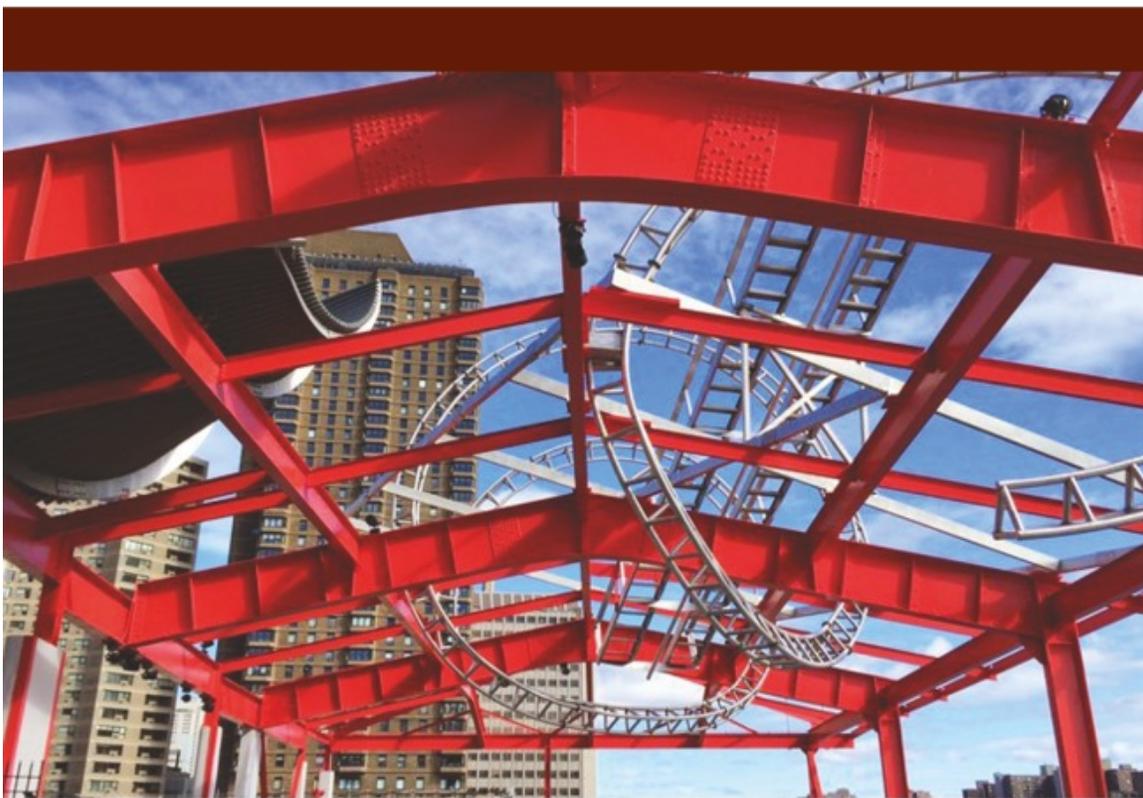
*Gene Casey & the Lone Sharks Band*

October 28, 1-4 pm - *Noiz R & B Band*

**FREE  
ICE CREAM!**

# AUTUMN AT AYCOCK!

**Live Music at Andrew Haswell Green Park**  
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# **HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA AND PARADE**

11:00AM  
-3:00PM

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**SOUTH POINT PARK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

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**PARADE STARTS AT 10:45AM AT CAPOBIANCO FIELD**  
**FOOD TRUCKS | PUMPKIN PAINTING | MUSIC | FUN AMUSEMENTS**

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RAIN DATE: 11:00AM-3:00PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29



Scott Hamilton CARES Foundation

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ASSEMBLY MEMBER



# NO-COST COMMUNITY SHREDDING

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
ROOSEVELT ISLAND MOTORGATE  
TURNAROUND (688 MAIN STREET)**

**9AM TO 12PM**

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

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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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